

Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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IMPORTANT SCHOOL NEWS!!!

Around the Ridges and a Bit Beyond is a community and school newsletter.

The newsletter is produced monthly, and is funded through sponsorship and advertising.

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, please send all material in by the 12th of every month.

Advertising for special events must be submitted two months in advance.

PLEASE TELL US
YOUR STORIES!

We want to hear them!!!! Please send your story, as you are a valued part of our community and this newsletter.

EKINDY -Ridgelands State School is seeking expressions of interest for children to enrol for **eKindy for 2015**. Kindy age children for 2015 would have been born from 1st July 2010 – 30th June 2011. Ridgelands State School is looking to offer the location for students to access this service through the Brisbane School of Distance Education. The eKindy would be run by a qualified kindergarten teacher with days and times depending on the number of children. The program is fully accredited with the Queensland Government kindergarten program. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Brad Carlson at the school on 4934 5518 as soon as possible.

ENROLMENTS for 2015 urgently needed. If you have school aged children or know of any in the area please recommend the school. We are always improving, achieving a top 10% in the state for behaviour practices, 100% completion of Great Result Guarantee indicators and 100% of students at or above National Minimum Standard for Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Numeracy.

Friday 31st October was **World Teachers Day** and gave us an opportunity to recognise the outstanding work of each and every teacher who takes on the responsibility of education. At Ridgelands we are extremely fortunate to have teachers of the highest calibre, whose commitment to seeing each child reach their full potential is second to none. To Mr Carlson, Mrs Balmain, Mrs Paddison, Miss Hillard, Mrs Hiron and Mrs Kennedy, we thank you for your contribution each and every day, which in turn makes Ridgelands State School such a wonderful place.

BEST SPEEDING EXCUSE EVER

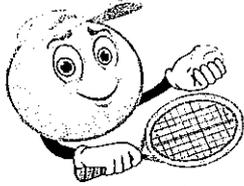
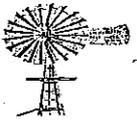
When asked by a young patrol officer, "*Do you know you were speeding?*" This elderly woman gave the young officer a huge ear to ear smile and stated: -

"Yes, but I had to get there before I forgot where I was going."

The officer put his ticket book away and bid her good day!

(Save this for future use!)





RIDGELANDS TENNIS CLUB NEWS

This is an invitation to all you budding tennis players out there. It is time to dust off those unused racquets. We would love to see you playing night fixtures in 2015 and no matter what your playing skills we can cater for you.

We currently play night fixtures on Tuesday & Thursday nights from mid February to mid June and early September – late October. We have four night fixture teams with players being rated 1-4 (according to player skill). It doesn't matter if you can play once a week or only once a month we would love for you to join our tennis family. For more details please contact Club Secretary, Karen Salmon on 0429 968771 (if I am unable to take your call, please leave me a message and I will return your call).

Santa is coming to the Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club grounds on Friday 5th December 2014.



You must *pre register* your child to receive a gift from Santa, the cost is \$5.00 per child. You can register your child at the ADPSC ground on a Friday night or Sunday afternoon or pop into Capricorn Event Decorator at 15 Wandal Road, Wandal.

We require the following details:- Childs Name, M or F & Age.

We will also be having a Christmas style buffet for dinner cost is \$15.00 per adult & kids dinner pack is \$8.00 includes a cold drink (Please pre register for the buffet)

If you require any further information please call Belinda on 0437345265

SOCIAL INDOOR BOWLS

Looking for something to do on a *Saturday night* that's low cost, fun and involves the whole family? The **Alton Downs Hall Committee** holds a social Indoor Bowls evening on the second Saturday of each month **from 7.30pm** in the fabulously appointed Alton Downs Hall. About three to four games are played on a mat carefully rolled out on the polished wooden floor with experts on hand to help you if you are not familiar with the game. Everyone is invited to bring a plate of sandwiches or cake to share over a cuppa. If you are a newcomer to the community this is a perfect opportunity to come along and meet your neighbours in a relaxed, welcoming setting. ** Gold coin entry!

13 Dec 2014 | 10 Jan 2015 | 14 Feb 2015 | 14 Mar 2015 | 11 April 2015 | 9 May 2015 | 13 June 2015

IN DECEMBER 1922:

- The **Wattle Pastime Club** Alton Downs was preparing for a Euchre Christmas Party and Dance with piano music supplied by Miss Shuttlewood
- Christmas drinks such as Bols Gin, Old Soldier Rum and Milton Ale could be purchased from Lambert & Co.
- Residents could stock up on 'Light of the Age' kerosene from Denham Bros. for home lighting.
- Santa was preparing to deliver gifts to the 2728 young children under 4 years of age living in the Rockhampton area.

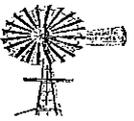
WOMEN'S REVENGE

'Cash, check or charge?' I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse.

'So, do you always carry your TV remote?' I asked.

'No,' she replied, 'but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.'





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A free seminar was run by Rural, Mining & Gas Partner, Melanie Oliver and Solicitor Amy Gudmann on the Arrow Bowen Pipeline on 22 September to discuss how the pipeline could potentially impact properties in the area. Melanie heads the Rural team of specialist lawyers at local law firm Rees R & Sydney Jones who assist landowners in their property related matters, in particular coal seam gas, mining and resumption matters, as well as vegetation offsets.

As you may or may not be aware, a "pipeline" is not always just a pipeline. Under the Petroleum and Gas Act, a pipeline is "**a pipe, or system of pipes, for transporting petroleum, fuel gas, produced water or prescribed storage gases, GHG streams or other substances that the regulation allows**", or part of a thing connected to or associated with the pipeline that is necessary for its operation. *Examples of things that may be included in a reference to a pipeline—*

- meter stations, scraper stations, valve stations, pumping stations or compressor stations
- plant and equipment, machinery and tanks
- corrosion protection apparatus
- communications equipment and towers

Landowners should be careful when they assess the compensation offered to them by Pipeline Companies. Consider including penalty clauses and timeframes for construction and rehabilitation, access to water and future land use.

Rees R & Sydney Jones Solicitors has had a long affiliation with rural clients and we travel to different areas to conduct seminars of interest. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Melanie Oliver on 4927 6333.

JOKES: When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."
"Look in your underwear, Grandpa", he advised ... "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

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RECIPE CORNER

TIM TAM BALLS! - One of the easiest and most delicious recipes ever. Good luck with just stopping at one! To ease the guilt I use Lite Condensed Milk

Ingredients:

- 2 packets of Tim Tam's
- 3/4 can of 395g condensed milk
- Desiccated coconut or grated chocolate

Method:

1. Crush Tim Tams in a blender.
2. Fold in condensed milk.
3. Roll mixture into balls, then roll in coconut or grated chocolate.
4. Refrigerate until firm.

Variations:

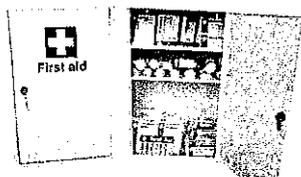
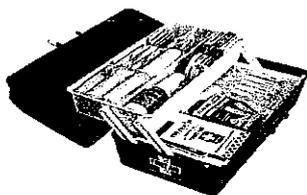
Use cream cheese instead of condensed milk and/or dip the balls in melted chocolate instead of coconut or grated chocolate. You can also make an adult version by adding some RUM, KALHUA OR BAILEYS when you fold the condensed milk in.

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WHEN: 7:00am – 12:00pm
Saturday 13th December 2014
& 9:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday 14th December 2014

WHERE: Alton Downs Hall

If you don't already have a first aid kit, new first aid kits for your home, vehicles and camping will be available for purchase.

**Limited stock available, if you would like to order a kit in advance please call Tarrah on 4928 6505*

It only takes 5 minutes to ensure you have what you need to treat your family in an emergency.

Payment methods available are Cash, Cheque & Direct Debit

Latest tips and tricks from Paul James, host of *Gardening by the Yard*: To prevent accumulating dirt under your fingernails while you work in the garden, draw your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt can't collect beneath them. Then, after you've finished in the garden, use a nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.
To prevent the line on your string trimmer from jamming or breaking, treat with a spray vegetable oil before installing it in the trimmer.

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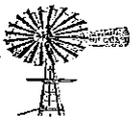
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Fragrant Ideas – Car sweeteners

Essential oil of citrus refreshes stale air, and a little sprinkled on a tissue tucked into the air vents of the car keeps the interior fragrant and fresh. Peppermint and basil oil also smell good, with the advantage of keeping you alert while driving. If you don't smoke, fill the car's ash tray with pot pourri. Open it up and a lovely scent fills the car.





What's happening this month?

Meetings

QCWA Ridgeland Branch meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday every month, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Stitch and Chat Group

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 9:30am. QWCA room, Ph 49 345145

Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Assn Inc.

Next meeting 10th December commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Ridgeland Show grounds.

RIDGELANDS TENNIS CLUB

Night Fixture Presentation Night and Christmas Breakup will be held on Sunday 14/12/2014 commencing at 5.30pm. American Tournament, barbecue tea, everyone bring a plate. Non club members who are interested in playing Night Fixtures in 2015 or who would just like a fun afternoon of tennis are most welcome to attend. (NB. Non-club members please contact Karen Salmon, Club Secretary on 0429 968771 for catering purposes).

Community Conversation

Meeting with Council – Alton Downs Hall 27 November 6.30 pm-8pm (BBQ at 5.45pm) Rockhampton Regional Council wants to know community priorities and rating of services, facilities and infrastructure. **Mayor Strelow & other Councillors will be attending.**

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Event



LICENSED DINNER + CHRISTMAS KAROAKE at Ridgeland Hall

In aid of Hall Funds-Saturday 29th November 2014, 6 30 pm.

Roast Pork, Roast Beef and Vegetables and Dessert
Adults \$15 00, with a lucky meal ticket, Primary school children \$7.00, Sweets \$3.00

Parents place a Gift (suggested limit \$10.00) under the Christmas Tree with your Child's name attached. On the night **SANTA** will arrive to present the gifts.

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Celebrations



Happy Birthday to everyone who is having a birthday in December.

Dawn Gorle
Shardaii Thompson
Andrew Clarke

Wedding Congratulations go to **Deanne Pritchard and Brent Haggarty** who were married at the Rockhampton Rowing Club on September 27th. We wish them all the best for their future.



Engagement

Best wishes go to **Kyle Stanke and Steph Hutcheon** on their recent Engagement. Congratulations.

Sympathy Notice

We would like to extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family of Carly-Mae Pye and to Tim Cook, her loving partner. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Carly- Mae will be forever in your hearts.

Handy Hints

Does anyone else still do spring cleaning before Christmas or is it a thing of the past? If you do, then here are some handy hints for the living area:- **Leather Upholstery** Always test any treatment first on an inconspicuous area. Leather upholstery will remain like new if cleaned and rubbed all over with a cloth dipped in well beaten eggs. Lightly rub marks on leather with equal parts of warm water and white vinegar. Polish with a cloth moistened with unprocessed linseed oil.

Scratches on glass tables - Fine scratches can sometimes be removed by rubbing toothpaste over the surface, then rubbing with lemon juice. Dry with paper tissues before polishing with a soft cloth. *(Taken from Back to Basics – Handy hints for around the home – Joy Laundry)*

FUNNY☺

A lawyer boarded a plane in Gladstone with a box of frozen mud crabs and asked the blonde flight attendant to take care of them for him. She took the box and promised to put them in the crew's refrigerator for him. He advised her that he was holding her personally liable for them staying frozen, mentioning in a very haughty manner that he was a lawyer and proceeded to rant to her about what would happen to her if she let them thaw out. Needless to say she was annoyed by his behaviour. Shortly before landing in Brisbane she used the intercom to announce to the entire cabin "Would the lawyer that gave me crabs in Gladstone please raise your hand?" Not one hand went up.....so she took them home and ate them.

Two Lessons:

1. Lawyers aren't as smart as they think they are.
2. Blonde's aren't as dumb as many folk think



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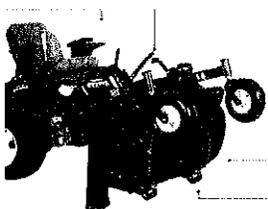
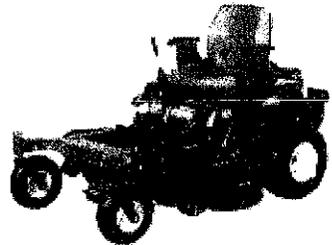
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