

Around the Ridges

And a bit beyond

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The Around the Ridges Newsletter would like to wish the Community a very Happy New Year and trust you are all ready for the year ahead. We will have a new batch of littlies starting school and last years' Grade 12 going off to University or starting their working life in the world. Good Luck to one and all on whatever new adventure you are starting and here we are talking about Australia Day. There goes the first month of the year.

The more you watch the news the more I realise we are "The Lucky Country".

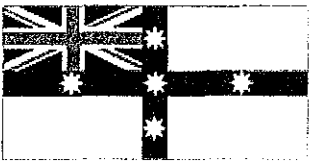
A Bit of Australia Day History <http://www.australiaday.org.au>

The tradition of noticing 26 January began early in the nineteenth century with Sydney almanacs referring to **First Landing Day or Foundation Day**. That was the day in 1788 Captain Arthur Phillip (1st governor), with the First Fleet of eleven convict ships arrived at Sydney Cove, NSW. The raising of the Union Jack there symbolised British occupation of the eastern half of the continent claimed by Captain James Cook on 22 August in 1770.

Some immigrants who prospered in Sydney, especially those who had been convicts or the sons of convicts, began marking the colony's beginnings with an anniversary dinner - 'an emancipist festival' to celebrate their love of the land they lived in. Governor Lachlan Macquarie, the emancipists' friend, made the thirtieth anniversary of the day in 1818 a public holiday, thirty guns counting out the years of British civilization, a tradition Macquarie's successors continued.

In 1826 at the centre of the anniversary dinner, 'Australia' a new word for the continent, entered the list of toasts. The term, recommended in his Voyage to Terra Australis in 1814 by Matthew Flinders, the skilful circumnavigator of the continent in 1801-03, and proposed by Macquarie to a reluctant British government in 1817, was taken up in Australia, especially by emancipists. The most famous of them, William Charles Wentworth with a fellow barrister had established the colony's first uncensored newspaper, the Australian, in 1824.

NSW Ensign of 1832 bearing the stars from the Southern Cross. Source: Ralph Kelly, Flags Australia



By 1938 Australians, still 98 per cent British in background, had, after almost one hundred years, found agreement on the name, timing and nature of the day's celebration they had come to share. The NSW government, seeking to match Victoria's celebration of its centenary in 1934, had chosen as its centrepiece the

re-enactment of Captain Phillips' arrival and flag-raising at Sydney Cove, followed by a pageant. There were also about one hundred other Aborigines in Sydney on that day who had come to present a different view of the celebrations (figure 16). Among their leaders pressing for Aboriginal rights were William Cooper, founder of the Australian Aborigines' League in Victoria in 1936, and Jack Patten, Bill Ferguson and Pearl Gibbs, who headed the Aborigines' Progressive Association, formed New South Wales in 1937. For them and those they represented, Australia Day was a 'day of mourning'. Since 1979, federal government promotion of an Australia Day that was less British and more Australian gave the day a higher profile in the hope of unifying Australia's increasingly diverse population. The tradition of having Australia Day as a national holiday on 26 January is a recent one. **Not until 1935 did all the Australian states and territories use that name to mark that date. Not until 1994 did they begin to celebrate Australia Day consistently as a public holiday on that date.** Debate over the date and nature of Australia Day continues as the National Australia Day Council seeks to meet the challenge of making 26 January a day all Australians can accept and enjoy.

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

PLEASE TELL US YOUR STORIES! We want to hear them!!!!

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, please send all material
in by the 11th of every month

Proof of Identity

Changes to the Queensland Electoral Act now require all electors to show proof of identity in order to cast an ordinary vote at a polling booth. You will need to bring identification with you when you come to vote.

Each of the following is a proof of identity document—

- a current driver licence;
- a current Australian passport;
- a voter information letter issued by the commission;
- a recent document evidencing electoral enrolment;
- an identification card issued by the Commonwealth or State evidencing the person's entitlement to a financial benefit;

Examples — a Commonwealth seniors health card, health care card, Medicare card, pensioner concession card or repatriation health card

- an adult proof of age card issued by the State;
- a recent account or notice issued by a local government or a public utility provider;
- a recent account statement, current account card or current credit card issued by a financial institution;
- a recent account statement issued by a carriage service provider as defined under the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Commonwealth);

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Burglary on 28th December at Alton Downs – can you help?

Thieves have entered a property at the intersection of Ridglands Road & South Yaamba Road, Alton Downs, on the evening of Sunday 28 December. Damage was incurred to the property as well as a laptop, flat screen TV, 3 registered firearms, ammunition and personalised plates (registration number 82 JJT) were stolen during this incident. This was not a quick or quiet job, the offender/s would've had to be driving a vehicle and carrying tools in order to gain access to the locked and secured gun safe.

We are appealing for any witnesses in relation to this matter. If you can provide any information, please call PoliceLink on 131 444 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

Police urge all residents to secure their property to decrease any opportunist crime.

RECIPE

Tropical Salad

- 1 cup Mandarin Oranges
- 1 cup crushed pineapple
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup sour cream



Drain the juice off the oranges and the pineapple. Place the oranges, pineapple, marshmallows and coconut in a large bowl. Pour the sour cream over the top and stir all the ingredients until they are well combined. Refrigerate for half an hour. Enjoy

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WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT? (Taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man, & a grandmother is a lady!

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them...

They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colours of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks.'

They don't say, 'Hurry up.'

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear

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What's Happening this Month?

Events

QCWA Ridgelands 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 9.30 a.m. QCWA room. All welcome
Phone 4934 5145.

Ridgelands & District Sporting & Agricultural Assen Inc.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Next meeting 11th February commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Ridgelands Show grounds.

Alton Downs Hall Committee will be holding a cent sale on the 18th April at the Alton Downs Hall commencing at 1.30 p.m. Every Welcome.

Jokes:

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong.
A tax is a fine for doing well.

Community Notices

Alton Downs Hall Committee

To book community hall, please contact booking officer, Sid Hoare on 4934 1147. Alternatively call, Tom Hoare on 4934 1493 or Joyce Chippendale on 4934 5120.

HELP PLEASE: We are Looking for **JESSIE**, a very old loved Border Collie cross dog. She was lost on Monday, 29 December 2014 when she wandered from Shell Drake Road, Alton Downs. She is registered to Livingstone Shire, with chain collar & tags.

If anyone may have seen Jessie or in the worse scenario found her body, please contact Robyn on 4939 2669 or 0427 277 400.

Congratulations to our local students:

DAVID FOXWELL and **MADISON DYER** – 2015 Captains at Rockhampton High School and to **HENRY BALMAIN** 2015 Vice-Captain. David and Henry attended Ridgelands School and left there for high school in 2010. Well done!

Riddle:

Q: How do bees get to school?

A: On the school buzz!

If cockroaches can survive a nuclear blast... What the hell is in Raid?

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to all the residence in our community who are having a birthday in February:

Krystal Thompson
Dorothy Thompson
Anne Herring
Hayden Thompson
Charlie Frankish
Jenny Prince
Lyn Rosenberg
Strop Rosenberg
Jessica O'Neill
Jesse Laver
Mark Warnock
Maddy Dyer
Lorraine Ryan



Engagement Congratulations

and best wishes for your future go to *Krystal Thompson and Ben Moger* on their recent engagement.



Our deepest Sympathy is extended to Bruce McKenzie and family in the recent loss of their wife, mother and grandmother. Our thoughts are with you.

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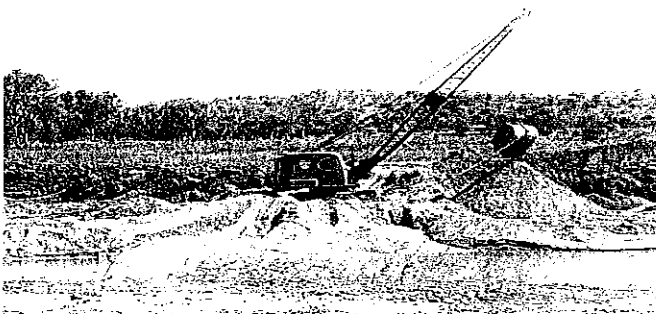
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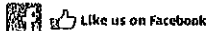
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