

Around the Ridges

And a bit beyond

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Apology – Due to circumstances beyond our control the January Newsletter was not delivered for some three weeks which would have then overlapped into February. Our committee decided that rather than receive two newsletters close together we would not print one in February. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused to our readers and advertisers. A lot seems to have happened since January with Elections, Cyclones and now Easter is only three weeks away. We hope that everyone is recovering from Cyclone Marcia and that life is returning to normal. Mother Nature certainly showed us that she meant business.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Holy Easter and hope that you all enjoy whatever you decide to do.

Make the most of the Easter break and spend time to something you enjoy. Life is too short to let it slip by us.

On the 25th April the Alton Downs and Combined District Remembrance committee will be holding this ANZAC Day Dawn Service at 4.28 at the Alton Downs Hall, followed by a gun fire breakfast. This year is the 100th anniversary of World War 1 and the committee have been working hard on researching photo's and details of all the soldiers who serviced from the surrounding district. All the photo's that we have obtained will be framed in honour of these men and unveiled following our dawn service. **The following poem written by AB Patterson "We're All Australians now" (AB Paterson's open letter to the troops, 1915) that tells us why Anzac Day is so important.** Please take a moment to read.

Australia takes her pen in hand
To write a line to you,
To let you fellows understand
How proud we are of you.

From shearing shed and cattle run,
From Broome to Hobson's Bay,
Each native-born Australian son
Stands straighter up today.

The man who used to "hump his drum",
On far-out Queensland runs
Is fighting side by side with some
Tasmanian farmer's sons.

The fisher-boys dropped sail and oar
To grimly stand the test,
Along that storm-swept Turkish shore,
With miners from the west.

The old state jealousies of yore
Are dead as Pharaoh's sow,
We're not State children any more --
We're all Australians now!

Our six-starred flag that used to fly
Half-shyly to the breeze,
Unknown where older nations ply
Their trade on foreign seas,

Flies out to meet the morning blue
With Vict'ry at the prow;
For that's the flag the Sydney flew,
The wide seas know it now!

The mettle that a race can show
Is proved with shot and steel,
And now we know what nations know
And feel what nations feel.

The honoured graves beneath the crest
Of Gaba Tepe hill
May hold our bravest and our best,
But we have brave men still.

With all our petty quarrels done,
Dissensions overthrown,
We have, through what you boys have done,
A history of our own.

Our old world differences are dead,
Like weeds beneath the plough,
For English, Scotch, and Irish-bred,
They're all Australians now!

So now we'll toast the Third Brigade
That led Australia's van,
For never shall their glory fade
In minds Australian.

Fight on, fight on, unflinchingly,
Till right and justice reign.
Fight on, fight on, till Victory
Shall send you home again.

And with Australia's flag shall fly
A spray of wattle-bough
To symbolise our unity --
We're all Australians now.

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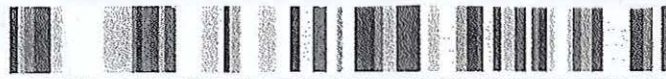
PLEASE TELL US YOUR STORIES! We want to hear them!!!!

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

MANGO WEIS Bar Recipe

Ingredients: 1x400g tin condensed milk
600 mls thickened cream
3-4 mangoes

Method: Beat the cream to just before it peaks,
add condensed milk and beat until combined.
Puree mangoes.
Line a tin with baking paper.
Spread mango puree on the bottom and
cream mixture on the top.
Freeze for several hours, then cut up and enjoy!



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The Wet Season and Our Region: Control and Containment for noxious weeds.

The wet season is the start of the re-germination process of many different crops, which unfortunately includes noxious weeds such as Lantana and Parthenium. Rockhampton Regional Council's Pest Management Unit is urging residents to act now to get a handle on noxious weeds. The best form of weed control is prevention! Treat weed infestations when they are small, restricting their ability to establish. It is important to have a long term strategy for weed control as some seed banks can remain dormant for at least four years, even after the mature plant has been treated.

Successful long-term declared plant control requires planning, working methodically and ensuring follow up control and maintenance is ongoing. Rockhampton Regional Council has a weed sprayer available for residents within the Region to utilise on their property for a deposit and a per day fee. More information on how to prevent weeds can be found on Council's website at www.rrc.qld.gov.au. Alternatively, contact Council's Pest Management Unit on 07 4932 9000 to have a discussion on what strategy is most appropriate for your residence.

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What's Happening this Month?

Events

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

Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Assn Inc.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.
Next meeting 8th April commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Ridgeland Show grounds.

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

The Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Asscn meetings for 2015 are as follows:-

Alton Downs Hall – May 11
Ridgeland Hall – August 3
Alton Downs Hall – November 2
Everyone Welcome

Alton Downs Polocross and Sports Club are open on Friday nights from 6.00 p.m. for Meals and Bar

2015 Australia Day Award.



Congratulations to Alex Reid for his 2015 Sportsman of the Year Australia Day Award for his services to the Alton Downs Polocrosse Club and Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club.

In 2014 Rob Chippendale won the Community Service award. Not bad for our small district! Pictured are Rob Chippendale and Alex Reid at the 2015 ADPCSC Australia Day activities proudly wearing their medals.

Community

Notices

Alton Downs Hall Committee

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

Ridgeland Campdraft & Cutting

Ridgeland Showgrounds
3rd, 4th, 5th April 2015
For all enquires -
Belinda Ellrott: 0749 345131 (campdraft)
Regan Lyons: 0749 345689 (cutting)

Ridgeland Play/Mothers Group

is held fortnightly on a Wednesday at the Ridgeland State School starting at 9am.
Anyone with little ones under school age are welcome to attend.
We have a room with play and educational things for the kids and they are also able to play on the equipment outside. **Next dates March 18, April 1, April 29.** Please bring a small plate of food to share.
Contact Savina on 0427 253 553
All enquires please call or email Savina Sala-Tenna on Mobile: 0427 253 553
E: savinasala.tenna@bigpond.com
We also have a Facebook Group: "Ridgeland's Play/Mothers Group".

Celebrations

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

Jenny Reeve
Jill Fry
Katie Bull
Jenny Dendle
Alex Reid
Peter Hunt
Casey Laver
Alison Alick
Keallan Thompson
Eden Chippendale
Dave Alick
Sandy Gorle



Congratulations.

Bryan and Alana West (née Zimpel) of Capella, formerly of Alton Downs, welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Heath Lionel West on the 9th of February.

QUOTES

The first to apologize is the bravest.
The first to forgive is the strongest
And the first to forget is the happiest.....
You don't realise how many people you dislike, until you try to name a baby.....
Q: *Who earns a living driving their customers away?* A: *A taxi driver.*
Q: *What do you call a crocodile with GPS?* A: *A Navi-gator.*

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Take this opportunity to discuss:

- Work Council has completed in your area recently
- Major projects Council is currently working on
- Update on the priorities listed by your community

Alton Downs and Surrounding Areas

Date: 9 April 2015

Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm (BBQ starts at 6.00pm)

Venue: Alton Downs Hall, Corner of Ridgeland
& Nicholson Road. No RSVP necessary.

For more details call Community Engagement Officer Wade Clark on 4936 8577.

If you cannot attend a meeting please note that all information will be provided online at www.rrc.qld.gov.au - Our Region - Community Engagement Regional Voice, or by calling 4932 9000 or visiting a Customer Service Centre in Rockhampton, Gracemere or Mt Morgan.

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