

# Around the Ridges

And a bit beyond

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### *Country Show has big appeal.*

The Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Assn Inc would like to sincerely thank all their volunteers for the help and assistance they gave at our recent annual show. Without your help we would not be able to run such a successful community event.

The Morning Bulletin rang a story in their rural life section on the Friday prior to our show and I would like to recapture some of their story as told by Karen Salmon.

It was Karen's country background that led to her involvement in country shows, and in the 32 years that the Ridgeland Show has been running she has never missed one. The 33<sup>rd</sup> show took place on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Ridgeland Show Grounds. Karen is a steward for the agriculture and horticulture sections of the show, but has been a volunteer since she was in year 7 when she helped her mother and other QCWA women in the pavilions.

Over the years our community has changed and when I think back about the agriculture section (in previous years), I can recall when the agriculture stand would be overflowing with fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, more pumpkins than we knew what to do with and grain crop exhibits of corn and sorghum. There were a lot more grain crops grown in the district in the early years of the show, but with years of dry conditions many of our grain producers have reverted to cattle production.

Another big difference is the absence of dairy cows, which were a staple in the early days when dairy production was the big industry locally. Everywhere you went you'd bump into a dairy cow, whereas now we don't have any dairy farmers left in the area.

The atmosphere of our little country show was enjoyed by many as they watched the horse events and judging of the cattle and dairy goats. Once again we had exceptional entries in the cooking, handicraft, horticultural, agricultural, poultry, birds and photography sections and we thank the community for their continued support. It is such a thrill for all competitors to find they have won a prize, especially the children.

Some of the novelty events which are always a big hit are the goat racing, frog and crab races, along with the competitive auction of the carved timber animals and stools. The finale of the night is always the fireworks which are met with a lot of Ooh's and Aah's.

If you would like to see photo's of the show go to our website [www.ridgeshow.webs.com](http://www.ridgeshow.webs.com) or look at our face book page and let us know your thoughts or any ideas for next year.

You might even see yourself!

## RECIPE CORNER

### ZUCCHINI FRITTERS

3 Zucchini, grated, excess liquid drained  
310g can corn kernels, drained  
½ cup self-raising flour  
½ cup grated parmesan  
3 green onions, thinly sliced  
1 egg, whisked  
Vegetable oil, to shallow fry

### Method:

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients. Season.  
In a large non-stick frying pan, heat vegetable oil.  
Place a tablespoon of mixture into pan.  
Fry 1-2 minutes each side until golden and cooked through.  
Drain on paper towel.  
Repeat with remaining mixture.

### Puns for Educated Minds

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

## Tarts and Trivia at the Alton Downs Hall

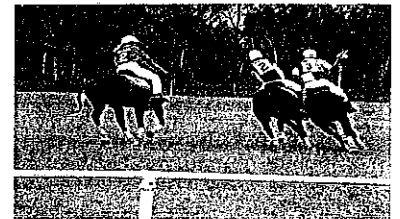
Young and old will be battling it out for Trivia Championship status at the inaugural **Tarts & Trivia Night** to be held at the Alton Downs Hall on Friday 19 June commencing at 7.30pm. With questions ranging from new popular music and TV shows– to Rockhampton's history and quirky facts about the local area – trivia buffs are invited to come out to the well-loved and beautifully appointed Alton Downs Hall, located on the corner of Nicholson Road and Ridgelsands Road at **Quiz Master** and Alton Downs local **John Reeve** will be compering the evening which will be raising funds for the ongoing preservation of the Hall.

### INTERNET FACEBOOK and Information

Check out the '**Alton Downs/Ridgelsands and Surrounding Areas Noticeboard**' on Facebook. The public group was created as a central hub to post all events relating to the local area. It already has over 350 members and keeps us informed from missing animals to what is currently happening. Also check the **Fitzroy Ridges - Fitzroy Northern Districts to the Ridges and beyond** i.e. [fitzroyridges.com.au](http://fitzroyridges.com.au) for all other matters such as events, grants for clubs etc, and road works.

### POLOCROSSE May Carnival was held at the ADPC&SC Waroula Rd:

Congratulations to the Alton Downs Polocrosse Club for running a busy and Successful carnival last month. **22 teams** participated with all age groups well represented over the weekend. Lots of food, drink, fun and social activities and the commentary thanks to the new PA was able to be heard clearly. As the Club has put in light poles (no lights yet) around the fields, hopefully next year we will see night games which should be quite spectacular.



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# What's Happening this Month?

Wrens Hall Assoc  
Friday 31 July  
7.30 pm. Music by  
. Raffles, Novelty  
Dinner will be served.

## Community

### What Group

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
Meeting starting at 9.30  
in room. All

145.

### District Agricultural

Meetings are held on  
Wednesday of each  
month ending at 7.30  
in the Ridglands Show  
room meeting 8<sup>th</sup> July.

### Ridglands

Meetings are held on  
Wednesday every month,  
ending at 9.30 a.m.  
Phone 4934 5120.

Meetings will be holding  
on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30  
in the Ridglands. Contact  
45125 for further  
information.

### Afternoon Tea

Wendell is holding  
an afternoon tea  
at Wendell Rd,  
on the 16 August,  
starting 1.30 p.m.  
All are welcome.

### Domestic Water Supply

Direct supply of drinking water  
direct from  
the sandpipe to your

## Community Notices

### Archer Park Railway Museum Family Fun Day

Our Family Fun Day is coming up again  
in June.

DATE: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015

TIME: 9AM – 1PM

COST: \$2 entry for 14yrs and over  
Under 14yrs free entry  
\$2.50 for a Tram Ride

Come along and have a great day! The  
Purrey Steam Tram will run, Market  
Stalls, vintage cars, live music & dancers,  
Sausage Sizzle & food for sale.

### Archer Park Railway School Holiday Activities

Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
July 10 am to 1pm

Children (18 mths and over) \$8.50  
One adult free per family, Extra adults  
\$5.80

Ride the Purrey Steam Tram and have a  
close look at the C17 Steam loco, Climb  
aboard restored passenger carriages.  
Use the antique phones and other fun  
activities. We have Questionnaire  
Searches for the older children and  
Knockem games for the younger  
Children.

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### Ever Wonder.

Why can't women put on mascara with  
their mouth closed?  
Why is the man who invests all your  
money called a broker?  
Why are they called apartments when  
they are all stuck together?  
If flying is so safe, why do they call the  
airport the terminal?  
Why don't you ever see the headline  
"Psychic Wins Lottery"?

## Celebrations

Happy Birthday to all the residents  
in our community who are having a  
birthday in June:

- Ken Stewart
- Merle Smith
- Adam Bull
- Philip O'Neill
- Kay Milner
- Greg Thompson
- Jeff Thompson
- Ashley Moore
- Merv Moore
- Kelly Shepherd
- Laraine Lawton
- Craig Reid

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# Tarts & TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 19 June

7.30pm

Alton Downs

Hall

cnr. Ridglands Road  
and Nicholson Road,



*Bring a sweet  
or savoury  
tart to share!*