

Around the Ridges

And a bit beyond

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Alton Downs man - GEORGE GOODMAN TURNS 100!

Long-time Rockhampton resident, George Goodman, will turn 100 in August this year and family and friends will gather with him at his Alton Downs home in Harding Road to celebrate the occasion.

George was born in Rockhampton on **9th August 1915**. He was the eldest son of Henry and Edith (nee Cross), who were living in the Stanwell district. George attended the Stanwell State School, but left when he was about 13 years of age. By 14 he was chopping scrub on his parents' dairy property, situated halfway between Stanwell and Dalma. So began a lifetime of hard work, from which he never shied, a quality, which was to earn him the respect of neighbours and those, with whom he worked. It was this quality, which enabled the development and improvement of the numerous properties, worked by him and eldest son, Henry, in the latter part of his life.

On 10 August 1936, one day after he turned 21, George married local Dalma girl, **Jess Reid**. The old Reid family home at Dalma is still standing. George and Jessie had met at a Dalma dance following the annual district picnic. George was a keen tennis player and likes to recount the matches he played with lifelong friend, Roy "Bluey" Jones. They were a formidable pair and always relished the chance to get the best of the teams from Rockhampton. George Hassel was another of the talented Dalma players, with whom George played.

George and Jessie bought their own dairy farm at Dalma. It was originally a soldier settlement block owned by Eric Russel. Henry, the eldest child was born in the following year. He was followed by four more children, Margaret, Olive, Jim and Noel. George and Jessie sold the first property and bought another from Jack Sullivan on the Dalma to Stanwell Road. Although it was much larger – about 5000 acres – the quality was not as good. It would have been more suitable for beef cattle.

In the early 1950s the family lived for brief periods in Yeppoon, Pomona and Stanwell. While in Yeppoon, George worked for the Forestry Dept and then for the Harbour Board as Chief Fireman on the dredge. The stay in Pomona was short and the family moved initially back to Yeppoon and then to Stanwell. George got a job 'navvying' for the Railways. Shortly after this, in 1954, the family moved to Haynes Street, Park Avenue. This was the period, when George worked on the poison train. It was work, that George enjoyed and he has often commented that it was the best job he ever had.

Meanwhile, George's parents had also returned from Pomona, but were struggling on their dairy property at Belmont, which they had bought from the Todd Family at the end of 1953. In 1954 they suffered a major flood and Brucellosis hit the herd in the following year. In 1958 George bought the property from his parents. He ran the farm with his eldest son, Henry, who by this time had completed his course at Gatton College. It was a big commitment for a young man. Henry was 21 at the time. There was no money for wages, just the occasional pocket money.

George, Jess and the family were on the Belmont property until 1966, when they sold the farm to Fred Smith and moved into a house in Knight Street Park Avenue. The house block would later become part of the new highway. George and Henry started at Fields Meat Works in 1967. George worked in the freezer rooms, Henry as a boner. Not long after, George bought a property between Hedlow and Bondoola Creeks halfway between Rockhampton and Yeppoon. It was on the road into Mount Wheeler, the site of some early gold discoveries. The dairy farmer had turned to beef.

In the following years the two meatworkers used their weekends to improve a number of properties in the Central Queensland area, before selling them and purchasing another. From Bondoola they moved to Garnet, part of the property previously owned by Bruce Blanche. Then followed periods at Dalma, South Yaamba, Moura, "Hillview" at Glen Geddes and "Buradoo" at Baralaba. "Salisbury", just north of Yaamba was the last time they worked cattle. George had long ago retired, but had not hung up his riding boots. He was still riding his Appaloosa mare, Missy, when he was 92. In 2008 George and Henry ended their cattle rearing days and moved to Alton Downs, dividing the property into five blocks and keeping a 25 acre block for themselves.

George and Jessie were to suffer the loss of their two youngest sons, Jim from leukaemia and Noel in a car accident. Jessie, herself, died in 1981 at the relatively young age of 67.

George has always been an avid reader and gets through at least a book a day. Many a title in the city library bears his initials GG on the inside cover. Family members know that if you dare to take them on in a game of 500, he and Henry are tough opponents. The extended family has grown over the decades. "Pop", as he is affectionately known by his family, heads a family of three children, eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. He has always been a proud resident of the Rockhampton district.



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Congratulations George from all of us!

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RIDGELANDS HALL NEWS

The President and members of the Ridgeland Hall Committee wish to thank the Ridgeland Rodeo Committee for the opportunity to cater at their Annual camp draft held during the Easter weekend. It was a very successful weekend for the Hall committee and we trust the Camp draft was equally as successful. Thanks to the many volunteers for their help with the catering. This is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the public for their patronage and support.

RIDGELANDS SHOW NEWS

The Ridgeland Show Committee has recently held the 33rd Annual show. It proved to be a wonderful success. The Show was officially opened by Mr. Arthur McDonald, Past President of the Central Queensland Sub Chamber of Agricultural societies. He was on hand to present **Honorary Life Membership Badges to Robert Bishop and Ken Stewart**. These two members are foundation members of the Show Committee and have continuously worked for the betterment of the show and are both still actively involved in the running of the show. Congratulations and well done Robert and Ken!!!!

RECIPE CORNER

Lemon Butter

60g butter
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup lemon juice
3 large eggs, beaten

Method:

Place sugar, butter, beaten eggs and lemon juice in a double saucepan.
Add two strips of lemon rind(optional)
Cook gently until mixture is thick and no egg taste remains.
Remove pieces of rind. Cool slightly before bottling.
When cold store in refrigerator.

From Disorder in the Court:

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

THANK YOU

The **Alton Downs Hall Association Committee** would like to thank every-one who contributed to the construction and funding of the upgrades to the existing toilets to include the new disabled toilet. The construction of the new toilets would not have been possible without the assistance of our local community supporting the fundraising efforts of the Alton Downs Hall Committee. Funding the majority of the costs were the **Gambling Community Benefit Fund** and the **Rockhampton Regional Council**, their contributions are greatly appreciated.

The Alton Downs Hall Committee also thanks **Brett Louttit of Hotondo Homes Rockhampton** for working in with the hall committee's schedule during construction and completing the work on time. The inclusion of the disabled toilets is the final stage, together with the access ramp and its roof to enable the entire community, including the elderly and disabled residents and visitors, to utilize all the facilities.

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What's Happening this Month?

Community Notices

Stitch and Chat Group

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 9.30 a.m. Ridgелands QCWA room. All welcome Phone 4934 5145.

Ridgелands & District Sporting & Agricultural Assen Inc.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Ridgелands Show grounds. Next meeting 5th August.

QCWA Ridgелands Branch

Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday every month, commencing at 9.30 a.m. Contact Joyce 4934 5120. for further information.

Cancer Afternoon Tea

Hillary Chippendale is holding a Fundraising afternoon tea at 119 Chippendale Rd, Ridgелands on the 16 August, commencing 1.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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Community Notices

Date Claimers

Christmas Karaoke

Christmas Karaoke in aid of Ridgелands Hall Funds.

Saturday, 28th November, 2015.

6.30 pm. At the Ridgелands Hall.

All Welcome.

Tart & Trivia Night

Friday 18th September 2015

7.30pm All welcome.

Alton Downs Hall

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Jokes

A blonde man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts: "Did you find the shampoo?"

He answers, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do... it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."

Alton Downs Dump Hours

May to August

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Free disposal of Green Waste at Alton Downs.

Gardening:

Time now to plant annuals such as petunia, carnations etc ready for spring. Winter is also a time to take hard wood rose cuttings. To strike dip in honey and put into a good quality potting mix and keep moist. Now that we have had a little rain it is easier to remove weeds and to mulch the garden. Free mulched Council green waste is limited to a large trailer load or up to five tonnes per project and must be self-loaded. Hay is available locally just ask around.

Celebrations

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

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Edgar Frankish
Glenda Jones
Nev Milner
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..... **More laughs:**

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
WITNESS: No. ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure? WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?
WITNESS: No. ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy? WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor? WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?
WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.