

# Around the Ridges

And a bit beyond

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## IN MEMORY OF JOYCE ANN ROFFEY 29/1/1946 - 12/12/2015

Joyce, was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 1946 in Mackay to parents Royce and Edna Long. Her family later moved to Walter Hall in Mount Morgan and then to Lawgi where Joyce's Father worked in the Railway. Joyce had a younger sister, Colleen, born almost 5 years after Joyce. Sadly her baby sister only lived for 12 hours. In her early years, Joyce attended Mt Scoria State School. One of Joyce's fondest memories during these young years was the Queen's Coronation Ball in 1953, which was held at the Lawgi Hall. It was a rather large and very special occasion for the district. Joyce always fondly remembered her mother and father icing the cake, which was a replica of the Queen's crown and was the prize for the crowning of the Queen of the Ball. Sadly, only 7 weeks later, her mother passed away suddenly. This was obviously devastating to Joyce as she was only 7 years old. Joyce then moved to Rockhampton to live with her Aunt and Uncle and her three cousins. She kept in contact and remained very close to her father, whose work often took him away. Joyce attended Frenchville State School from half way through grade 2 and then later transferred to Berserker State School in grade 4. She went onto North Rockhampton High School where Joyce took a Commercial course in Sub-Junior and Junior.

When Joyce left school at 15, she worked as a Stenographer at Rickart's Bakery for 3 years. When Joyce turned 17 she was able to trade the pushbike for a Morris Minor affectionately named "Betsy". This enabled Joyce to go to Mount Morgan more often on weekends where she spent time with her Grandmother. Her grandmother taught her how to do fancy work. Joyce had also learnt to knit and crochet and was a very competent sewer. When Joyce was 18, her father remarried and she gained two new sisters, Margaret and Patricia. Joyce later took up a position at Rockhampton General Hospital for 4 years where she worked in Medical Records and Outpatients Departments.

Joyce attended the YMCA Dances where she met Alan Roffey. They married on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1968 and moved to "Alandale", Garnant. Karen was born two years later in September 1970 and Noel was born in October 1973. Joyce attended the local Handcraft Group at Ridgeland and later joined the Ridgeland QCWA for which Joyce was Treasurer on three occasions and Secretary once. Joyce made many lasting friendships through her years of service with the QCWA.

Even though Joyce was unfamiliar with farm life, she settled into farm life very well. While Alan would be carrying water for the dip, Joyce who had never ridden a horse previously, would ride an old quiet mare called "Bracelet". Joyce and Jack, (Alan's cattle dog) would go out and muster. Well, Jack did the mustering, Joyce and Bracelet went along for support. After the cattle slump, Alan started growing grain crops and when necessary, Joyce thought nothing of driving a tractor ploughing and planting all day when there was a need for two tractors to be operating. She fitted all this in whilst chasing school buses, going to tuckshop, looking after her children and keeping a household. Joyce was a real home body and her DIY skills were pretty good. It didn't matter how mammoth the task, whether it was painting/wall papering/tiling or concreting she would take it on and any job she tackled would look brilliant. Joyce had three favourite hobbies: sewing, playing her beloved organ and gardening. Joyce sewed clothes for the whole family along with curtains, bedspreads, and even the odd motorbike or tractor seat, or whatever else the cattle might have chewed a hole into.

Her sewing exhibits graced the sewing section at the local Ridgeland show for many years and she was rewarded with many prizes for her troubles, including the "Cotton Creations Competition", where Joyce also won second place at the CQ Sub-Chamber in 1998. Joyce was an avid gardener of all things ornamental. She enjoyed tending her fruit trees and her vegie patch. Joyce was a Steward for the Horticulture and Agriculture sections at the Ridgeland Show (it was always considered a special day on the yearly calendar) and this was one of the many things that Joyce and Karen enjoyed doing together. Joyce was a keen exhibitor both with her plants and home grown produce. She taught herself to play the organ, and could belt out some pretty good tunes. Joyce was also a fabulous cook. Her sponge cakes were to die for and, along with her chocolate cakes, they very often took out prizes at the Ridgeland Show. Joyce also loved her pets and has always had ginger cats and black dogs.

Sadly, in August 2011, Joyce was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer and even though her initial surgeries and treatment all went well, the disease returned 18 months later. She endured the many cycles of chemotherapy over the next 2½ years, but in May of 2015 Joyce began to decline. Joyce was a truly beautiful person, a gentle, loving and kind soul who was a quiet achiever. She was "Jack of all Trades" and master of them all. She always thought about others and above all else she loved her family.

*Alan, Karen & Noel would like to thank everyone for their love and support throughout Joyce's illness and for their kind words of sympathy in our great loss.*

### HAM CROQUETTES serves 4

50g butter

4 shallots, finely chopped

1/3 cup plain flour, plus 1/4 cup extra

600mls milk, warmed

150g ham, shredded

1/3 cup finely grated parmesan

2 eggs, lightly beaten

1 cup bread crumbs

Vegetable oil, for deep frying

Which months always have a Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in them?

Those that begin on a Sunday

In a saucepan, melt butter. Sauté shallots until softened. Mix in flour and cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in milk. Cook, stirring, until mixture boils. Simmer 3-4 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in ham and cheese. Season. Cool, cover surface with plastic wrap. Chill 2 hours. Roll tablespoons mixture into logs.

Dust in flour, shake off excess. Dip in egg then crumbs. Chill. Deep-fry croquettes in batches 2-3 minutes each. Drain on paper towel.

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in by the 11th of every month**



### Shave for a Farmer

The Ridgeland and District Sporting and Agricultural Asscn Incorp would like to thank everyone who supported **Nathan Warnock, Ashley Moore, Maurice McQuillan and Charlie Goodwin** in their effort to raise money for Shave to save a Farmer. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January we held a BBQ fun night where the boys had their heads shaved to raise money for the Drought Angels. On the night 10 other guys stepped up - namely **Clinton Frankish, Greg Thompson, Gavin Hinz, Gavin Connor, Luke Stanke, Ben Connor, Tyler Spackman, Ashley Hinz, Lindsay Hinz, Mitch Hopper** and shaved their heads following an auction on each one.

A big thank you must also go to Denis and Erica Sedgeman for being our hairdressers, Julian Laver for commentating and auctioning and to Luke Stanke for providing the music.

As it was close to Australia Day we also had a **Swaggy competition** which was won by Karen Salmon. (Pictured with Leonie Thompson, Diane Bull and Robyn Edmestone)

A multi draw raffle and auction of donations was held and we are very pleased to announce that **\$14,000.00 was raised on the night.**

**Vic Edmestone** participated by shaving his head (he had not had a haircut for 3 years) for Prostate Cancer.

**Archer Park Rail Museum - Family Fun Day Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016 - 9am - 1pm. Entry \$2 - Adults and over 14 years and Kids under 14 years are Free Tram ride: \$2.50.** Come and ride the Tram, enjoy the International Dancers, see the Classic and Vintage Cars. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and morning teas of Scones with Jam and Cream. There will be Kids face painter, Military Museum display, miniature train display and much more!

# What's Happening this Month?

## Notices

### Stitch and Chat Group

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

### Ridgелands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn 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 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

### QCWA Ridgелands Branch

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month, commencing at 9.30 a.m. Contact Joyce 4934 5120. For further information.

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**Around the Ridgелands newsletter committee would like to thank Big Colour Works for printing our newsletter every second month for free. If you need something printed, please support Big Colour Works.**

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**Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Association** are holding a '**Meet the Rockhampton Regional Council Election Candidates'** public meeting on the **7th March 2016** at 7:00pm Alton Downs Hall Everyone Welcome.

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**Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Association** meetings for the **2016** year will all be held at the Alton Downs Hall. The dates are:-  
2nd May  
1st August  
7th November

*Did you know that GEORGE was Don Bradman's middle name.*

## Community Notices

The Alton Downs Hall will be holding **DANCES** on the following dates:-

**29<sup>th</sup> April**

**29<sup>th</sup> July**

**30<sup>th</sup> September.**

Music by Gary Stickley. Raffles, novelty prizes and supper.

Everyone Welcome

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**Cent Sale at Alton Downs Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00 p.m.**  
**Great prizes and afternoon tea.**

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**QCWA Ridgелands branch will be holding a Mother's Day Afternoon tea on the 1<sup>st</sup> May.**

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**Ridgелands & District Rodeo & Show Asscn will be holding their annual camp draft commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March to the 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

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**Ridgелands & District Sporting and Agricultural Asscn Incorp will be holding their annual show on the 28<sup>th</sup> May.**

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**Cancer Afternoon Tea and raffles on the 21<sup>st</sup> August at Hilary Chippendale's home.**

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What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?  
*A thesaurus.*

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**Call Centre Conversation:**  
**Customer:** 'I've been ringing 0800 2100 for two days and can't get through to enquiries, can you help?'  
**Operator:** 'Where did you get that number from, sir?'  
**Customer:** 'It was on the door to the Travel Centre'.  
**Operator:** 'Sir, they are our opening hours'

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What is the only mammal that can't jump? Elephant

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What bird can fly backwards?  
Hummingbird

## Celebrations



**Happy Birthday**

To all the residents in our community who are having a birthday:

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

### **Alton Downs Dump Hours** **September to April**

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 3pm - 6pm.

Free disposal of Green Waste at Alton Downs.

### **FARMBUTCHER**

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**Old Local Council Elections 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**have you checked your enrolment?**