

Around the Ridges

And a bit beyond

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Local WW1 Wandal soldier Patrick Bernard Dwyer

A Mother Never gives Up Hope

This Red Cross file from World War 1 demonstrates the difficulty the families faced and the heartache they suffered while they waited for news of their loved ones who went missing in war.

Remember that in 1914-18: No mobile phones, Few phones (in towns mostly), No radio (although wireless communications were developed during the war), Morse Code was used for messages, No aircraft, Dirt roads, Few vehicles – horse and buggy. Only communication was by mail which travelled by boat or Telegraph/cable and in Australia by train and the mail took weeks to travel. The battles were not widely reported here as any check of The Morning Bulletin of the time will show. Spelling and phrasing is retained :----

Mrs Harriet G. Byrne
American Red Cross
2 Place de Ravoli
Paris

May 26th 1919

Dear Madam,

With reference to the enquiry, on behalf of his Mother which you forwarded to us for 1178 Gnr Patrick Bernard Dwyer, 4th L.T.H. Bty. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have returned the photograph to Mrs Dwyer and have also sent her all available information concerning her son.

Yours faithfully D S (Miss) Secretary

To the Sisters of Mercy
Bois France

February 26TH 1919

Dear Sisters

I am writing a Few lines to you asking for Your assistance to help and find my son he has beenig (been) Missing since the 3 of May 1917 Twelve months after that date I herd (heard) He was killed at the Battle of Bullicort now Dear Sisters I heard that my son is not killed I find out that he is in a hospital somewhere In Belgium and that he lost his memory and that my boy has no memory of his home and I suspose that accounts for him not writing to me.

Dear Sisters he has beening a good Living Boy. His is a C (catholic?) We allways Call him Paddy his right name is Patrick Bernard Dwyer his father name Is Patrick Dwyer his mother name is Elizabeth

Dear sisters I would be ever thankful To you If you would make enquiries about My Boy which I know you will When You will read this letter ands I will keep Praying to God and his blessed mother to Help you find him If he is living Dear Sisters If you do find him cable (telegram) me back the news and I will pay for the

cable and If he is in need of any help (help) him I will pay you back or do you think he would be sent home to Queensland to be near his own home oh sister pray Do what you Can for me to find Him I am sending you his description in a note hoping you will give me All the help you can and that your enquires will go through Belgium and France Thanking you for the trouble I am giving you for I know your enquires will be only a pleasure (?)

Dear Sisters I am giving you the description of my Son: Hair Black, Eyes Brown Height 5 feet 4 ins Age when he left hom in 1915 (?) Scar on his right Shin and he had a sort of double nail on the finger. His little finger When he left home he had good teeth with what we call a white spot on the front tooth. I am All So (also) sending his photo But I would like to be send back to me again Hoping dear Sisters I will have good news from you and If you find my son be good to him of cus Sister I hope to hear from you soon from you sincear friends Mr and Mrs Dwyer and family

The Secretary
Wounded and Missing Enquiries Bureau
Australian Branch
BRCS
54 Victoria St
London SW1

In the Fiels (Fields)
France
July 25th 1917

Dear Madam,

In answer to your letter recently received, enquiring for particulars etc of no 1178 Gnr P B Dwyer, I regret that I am unable to give you any information that would be of any use to you for identification etc. Mr Dwyer had only been in this unit a short time, when he went into the line on the night of May 2nd at Bullecourt and he was not seen again the following morning, after explosions had taken place there, and I cannot hold out any hope of Gnr Dwyer having been taken prisoner or being alive at present. I regret that I am not able to enlighten you with other particulars

I remain yours faithfully

Bdr W g Moir no 554

**LEST WE FORGET ANZAC DAY 2016 Alton Downs Dawn Service 4.27 am at
Alton Downs Hall**

Peter Craig of Ridglands Road is having an **80th birthday** celebration at the North Rockhampton Bowls Club 3 Glenmore Road on Saturday **23 April 2016** for anyone who wishes to attend.

In lieu of a gift purchase of your own meal and drinks is requested. Peter's birthday is actually Wednesday **20 April 2016** and his mobile number is **0427 341 166** or email peter-craig1@bigpond.com. For catering purposes please ring **Deb 0439 342805** or email debrich@iinet.net.au if you can attend either the **3:00 pm afternoon tea or 6:30pm evening meal. RSVP Wed 20 April 2016.**

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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**

ANZAC SQUARES

Ingredients.

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 100 grams butter
- ½ teaspoon bi-carbonate of soda
- ¾ cup sugar
- ¼ cup golden syrup
- 1 tablespoon hot water

Method.

Preheat oven to moderate 180 C. line a shallow 28x28 centimetre tin with baking paper. Sift flour into a large bowl, add sugar, oats and coconut. Make a well in the centre.

Combine butter and syrup in a small pan. Stir over low heat, until butter has melted. Stir until mixture is smooth. Remove from heat.

Dissolve soda in hot water, add immediately to butter mixture, stir until foamy. Add to dry ingredients and stir until well combined. Spread mixture in prepared tin.

Press firmly with the back of a spoon to smooth surface. Bake for 25-30 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool in tin. Using the baking paper, lift out and cut into squares.



The Original Mother's Day Proclamation Julia Ward Howe -1819-1910

Countries around the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, several countries, including the United States, Italy, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, and Turkey celebrate it on the second Sunday of May.

The origins of the official holiday go back to 1870, when Julia Ward Howe – an abolitionist best remembered as the poet who wrote “Battle Hymn of the Republic” – worked to establish a Mother's Peace Day. Howe dedicated the celebration to the eradication of war, and organized festivities in Boston for years.

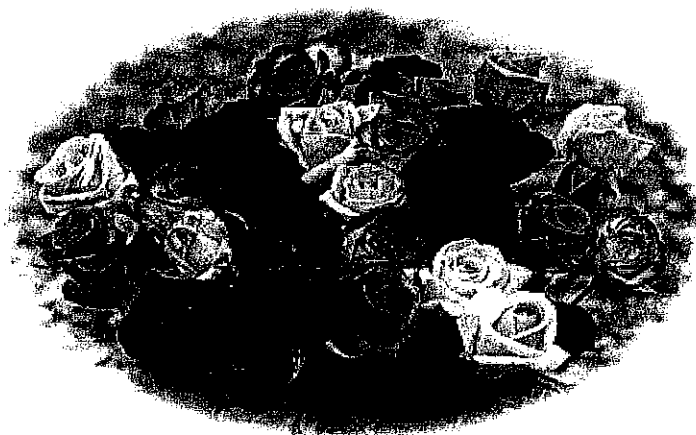
In 1907, Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, began the campaign to have Mother's Day officially recognized, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson did this, proclaiming it a national holiday and a “public expression of our love and reverence for all mothers.” Today's commercialized celebration of candy, flowers, gift certificates, and lavish meals at restaurants bears little resemblance to Howe's original idea. There is nothing wrong with that. But here, for the record's sake, is the proclamation she wrote in 1870, which explains, in her own impassioned words, the goals of the original holiday.

Everything Mom

How did you find the energy, Mom
To do all the things you did,
To be teacher, nurse and counsellor
To me, when I was a kid.

How did you do it all, Mom,
Be a chauffeur, cook and friend,
Yet find time to be a playmate,
I just can't comprehend.

I see now it was love, Mom
That made you come whenever I'd call,
Your inexhaustible love, Mom
And I thank you for it all.



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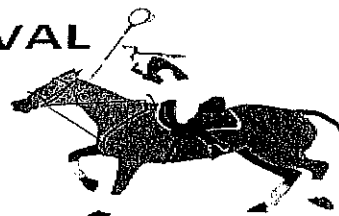
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14th and 15th May 2016



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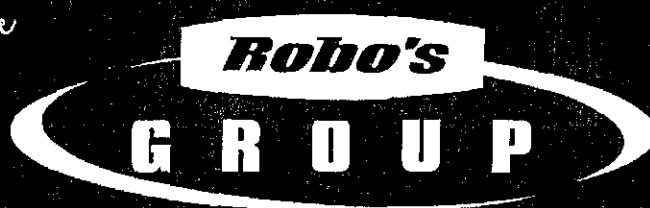
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What's Happening this Month?

Notices

Stitch and Chat Group

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

Ridgeland's & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Ridgeland's Show grounds. **Next meeting 11 May 2016.**

QCWA Ridgeland's Branch

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

RIDGELANDS HALL THANKYOU

The President and Members of the Ridgeland's Hall Committee wish to thank the **Ridgeland's Rodeo Committee** for the opportunity to cater at the Annual Camp draft held on the Easter Weekend. This is a major fund raising occasion towards the upkeep of the Hall. Thanks to the volunteers for their valuable assistance during the long weekend. Thanks also to the public for their patronage.

Fitzroy Norther Area Ratepayers Association meetings for the 2016 year will all be held at the Alton Downs Hall. The date are:-
9th May
1st August
7th November

Community Notices

Alton Downs Hall

A Dance will be held at the Alton Down Hall on 29th April 2016. Music by Gary Stickley. Raffles, Novelty Prizes and super. Everyone Welcome.

Cent Sale

Alton Downs Hall.
Saturday 16 April at 2.00 p.m.
Great Prizes and afternoon Tea.

QCWA Ridgeland's branch will be holding a Mothers Day Afternoon tea on the 1st May.

Around the Ridgeland's 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

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure" ☺

A woman called our airline customer-service desk asking if she could take her dog on board. "Sure," I said, "as long as you provide your own kennel." I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around, and roll over. The customer was flummoxed: "I'll never be able to teach him all of that by tomorrow"

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to all the residents in our community who are have a birthday:-

Margaret Stewart
Peter Craig
Vic Edmestone
Sharon McQuillan
Maurie McQuillan
Ann-Maree Dyer
Ian Oates
Peter Lawton
Tristan Kipling

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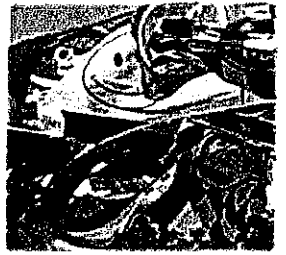
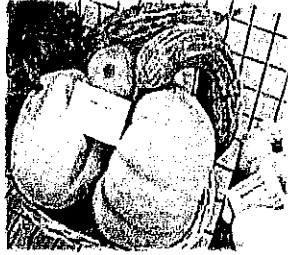
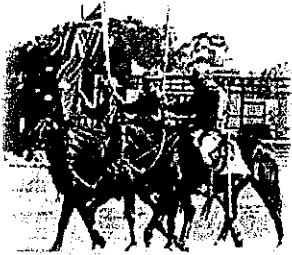
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Saturday, 28th May



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Goat Racing
Liberty Horses

Tyrone's Fire Performance

Ridgeland's Showgrounds

Starts 8:00 am

Grand Parade & Opening 2:00 pm

ADMISSION

Adults	\$8.00
Pensioners/Sec. Students	\$5.00
Primary School Children	Free