

# Around the Ridges

And a bit beyond

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## CONGRATULATIONS are In Order

Congratulations to newly appointed 2016 Rockhampton State High School Vice-Captain **LACHLAN WARBY** from Alton Downs.

Also to **GEORGIA BRENNAN** who won the primary category of the Morning Bulletin's Young Writer Awards for April with her story of Esme the 14 year old Brahman cow.

## PETER CRAIG RECEIVED HIS BIRTHDAY WISH!!!!

Peter Craig received more than enough contributions from his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations to achieve his bucket wish of a helicopter ride.

Matt McCamley, Sterling Helicopter Services, Eulogie, Dululu, very generously made room in his schedule for this flight. Peter has known Matt since Matt was a very little boy and was comfortable with the 17 years of flight experience he has. Matt is also the son-in-law of Sid Hoare.

On Friday morning about 10 am, for about 70 minutes, Matt and Peter flew around the districts of Jambin, Goovigen, Wowan, Rannes, Westwood and over Oakey Creek before returning to Eulogie.

Peter was born in Wowan, grew up at 'Craleigh' Goovigen and sold farm machinery for Milne Bros Rockhampton for over 30 years. He thoroughly enjoyed these areas from a 'hawks-eye' view – a very different viewpoint than he was used to from the ground. He was sad to see the country so dry.

Peter's previous experience of small aircraft had been many years ago in a four seater fixed wing plane that took him and a couple of others from Thangool airport to Gympie for a meeting. Therefore, though a little anxious, Peter was eager to experience this different way of flight and was very glad he did.



Submitted by Debra Richards, daughter of Peter Craig

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It is produced monthly, and is funded through sponsorship and advertising.

Advertising for special events must be submitted two months in advance.

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**

**JOB VACANCY:** Carol is looking for a CLEANER in Alton Downs, phone 0427 770 048

**the Ridges newsletter committee will be holding a community meeting at the Alton Downs on Wednesday 8th<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the continuation of our community newsletter.**

Our working committee exists of three - all work on a full time basis and are finding it hard to find the time necessary to produce this newsletter. With some extra help and some new ideas, we may be able to continue. The only qualifications needed are computer knowledge and a willingness to continue this newsletter. Should you be interested please email your details to [ridges@hotmail.com](mailto:ridges@hotmail.com) or come along to our meeting.

*was the second country in the world to give women the right to vote in 1902.  
NZ was the first.*

### **PLAY DOUGH RECIPE (no salt)**

Children play with play dough they often squeeze and stretch it, as well as poke, twist, pound and roll. This is in the development of their sense of touch and fine motor skills. Play dough offers many creative possibilities and can be lots of fun for children (and adults). Parents/carers can show their young children and show them different ways to manipulate play dough, and encourage them to do the same with it themselves. Talking with the children about the texture of the play dough can assist their language development. The advantages of making a homemade play dough are its texture and colour which you can adjust to your children's liking, the natural ingredients, as well as the fact that the children can participate in making it.

**Ingredients:**

2 cups plain flour  
1 cup oil  
1 cup colouring

**Method:**

1. Add the oil to the flour and mix thoroughly.  
2. Add food colouring with water.  
3. Gradually add and mix in enough of the water to make a soft dough.  
4. For an extra kick you can add nutmeg or cinnamon, or food essences such as peppermint or lemon

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Melanie (aged 5) asked her Nanna how old she was. Nanna replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said "if you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."

usan (aged 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. "Please don't give me this juice again" she said, "It makes my teeth cough."

## **Northern District Ratepayers Meeting & Council's Community Conversation BBQ**

With thanks to Wade Clark from RRC. The Main Issues Raised....

### **Jobs, Growth and the Agricultural Sector**

Mayor asked the community what would be needed to stimulate agricultural growth to support local business and job creation. Various constraints were raised such as the cost of water, economies of scale, access to markets, skills/funding to get people started and if our water is good enough for horticultural production. One entrepreneur outlined they are completing research into aquaponics with CQU and they are looking at potential Jade Perch/Barra/Cobia production.

### **Roads**

1. Glenroy Road—residents raised the issue of road binding and sharp stones affecting tyres and deep ruts being caused by cattle trucks. Council response: Glenroy Rd was graded in July-Sept 2015, an investigation completed recently indicated that some sections are at intervention level and grading is programmed for July 2016. Further inspection to be completed and a traffic count will also be employed to understand if load capacity has changed.
2. Nine Mile Road—residents asked if this could be improved. Council response: There is \$350K allocation in 2015/16 to assist widening of road and \$450K budgeted in 2016/17 FY. This will cover 700 metres of road.
3. South Yaamba Road—resident suggested that if gravel floodway at approx. Ch 22 were raised it would improve flood immunity for local during river floods. Council will inspect.
4. Ridgelands/Nicholson Road intersection, stop sign will be replaced.
5. Malchi – Nine Mile/Nine Mile Road intersection—resident indicated it is too tight for trucks to make it around safely. Council will inspect.
6. Nine Mile Road—resident raised trees need clearing on approaches to Lion Creek bridge to improve visibility. Council will issue works order.

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### **JOKES FOR KIDS**

Q: Why did God make only one Yogi Bear?

A: Because when he tried to make a second one he made a Boo-Boo

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?

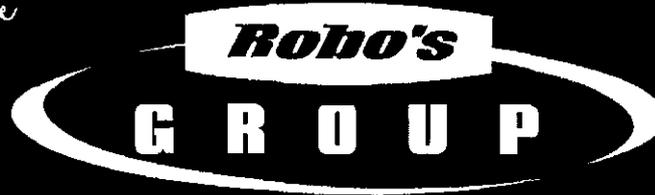
A: To prove he wasn't chicken!

Q: Why did the chicken go to KFC?

A: He wanted to see a chicken strip.

***This May and June the Rockhampton Regional Library will be bringing the Tech Savvy Seniors program to Alton Downs. These FREE courses are run with smaller class sizes and designed to assist seniors with 'everyday' online tasks relating to shopping, banking, business, communication and recreation.***

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#### A History of the Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Show.

A public meeting was held at the Ridgeland Hall on 18 September 1978 to discuss the possibility of buying the Ridgeland Sports Grounds, which was owned by a local family. Fifty two people attended the meeting.

The land was purchased for \$15,000. Twenty-seven months later \$16,500 was raised from donations such as cash donations, cattle, raffles and bar-bar-ques. The district really got behind the cause, as well as many businesses and many ex-residents. When paid off, the deeds to the land were secured.

It was then decided to put on a show for the locals to show their wares such as horses, cattle, cooking, horticulture, school work etc. We hired a merry-go-round and our first show was held on 8 June 1982. It was opened by Arthur Johnson, Chairman of the Rockhampton Show. Up to shire amalgamation we were the only show and museum in the Fitzroy Shire.

Successful shows and government grants have helped build three pavilions, the kitchen, permanent water supply etc. The grounds are used by the Rodeo and several horse clubs for camp draught, cutting, barrel racing and they are also used for birthday and Christmas parties as well as meetings.

The Show has run several fundraising functions over the years, including raising \$14,150.04 for Drought Angels, \$2000 for Breast Cancer, \$3000 for the Helicopter Service and money for several families who have met with mishaps.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May the Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn will be holding their 34<sup>th</sup> annual agricultural show with all the usual Horse, Cattle, Poultry, Dairy goats, Cooking, Handicraft, Horticulture, Agriculture, Photography and Juniors competitions. Goat racing will be held in the afternoon.

There will be entertainment by Tyrone O'Reilly and Fireworks at 7.00 p.m. Great food and Bar opens at 10.00 a.m. till late. Come along and catch up with friends and neighbours.

# 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.

Local Police hunting the 'knitting needle nutter', who has stabbed six people in the rear in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.

### 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.

*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.*

In 1832, 300 female Convicts mooned the governor of Tasmania. It was said that in a "rare moment of collusion with the Convict women, the ladies in the Governor's party could not control their laughter."

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## Community Notices

**Ridgелands & District Sporting and Agricultural Asscn Incorp will be holding their annual show on the 13<sup>th</sup> July.**

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

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin, 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!

### **Fast FACTS**

1. Australia is as wide as the distance between London to Moscow.
2. The biggest property in Australia is bigger than Belgium.
3. More than 85% of Australians live within 50km of the coast.
4. In 1880, Melbourne was the richest city in the world.
5. Gina Rinehart, Australia's richest woman, earns \$1 million every half hour, or \$598 every second!
6. In 1892, a group of 200 Australians unhappy with the government tried to start an offshoot colony in Paraguay to be called 'New Australia'.
7. Australia has the world's highest proportion of migrant settlers in a developed nation with over 25% of Australians born in another country
8. The Wattle was adopted as the national floral emblem in 1912
9. Wombat poop is cube shaped! This helps it mark its territory

Murphy says to Paddy, "What ya talkin into an envelope for?"  
"I'm sending a voicemail YA FOOL"

## Celebrations



Happy Birthday

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

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

☺ Q: What did the computer do at lunchtime?

A: Had a byte!

Q: What does a baby computer call his father?

A: Data!

Q: Why did the computer keep sneezing?

A: It had a virus!

Q: What is a computer virus?

A: A terminal illness!

Q: Why was the computer cold?

A: It left it's Windows open!

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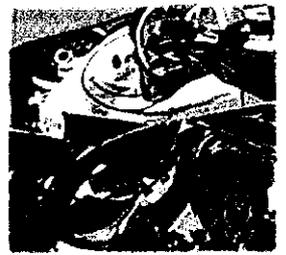
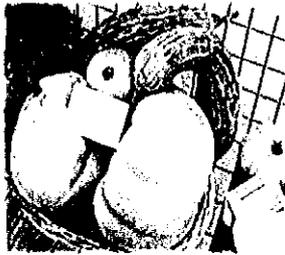
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# Ridgeland's Show 2016



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Stalls & Trade Displays  
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