

'Round the Ridges

Free bi-monthly
publication
for Ridgewood,
Carters Ridge,
and surrounds

An initiative of the
Ridgewood Hall
Committee since 1984

Feb/Mar 2025

Last Christmas Drinks at Ridgewood Hall



The last drink's catch up of the year was on Sunday, 15 December 2024 to say Merry Christmas and goodbye to the year of 2024! Hello 2025!

Left to Right Top Row: Nathan, Mark, Don, Phil, Chris and Kit

Bottom Row: Jane, Verona, Gail and Diane

Christmas in Cooroy

13 December 2024



WHAT'S ON 'ROUND THE RIDGES

Community Calendar

February 2025

Every Sunday

Imbil Markets every Sunday 8am-1pm

Sunday 9 February

Ridgewood Hall Drinks on Deck (bring nibbles to share!)

Saturday 22 February

Twilight Markets, Mrs Browns Diner

Saturday 22 February

The Hub at the Ridge Community Music + Pizza Night, 4pm-7.30pm

Friday 28 December

Ridgewood Hall Monthly BBQ

March 2025

Every Sunday

Imbil Markets every Sunday 8am-1pm

Sunday 9 March

Ridgewood Hall Drinks on Deck (bring nibbles to share!)

Friday 28 March

Ridgewood Hall Monthly BBQ

Saturday 29 March

Twilight Markets, Mrs Browns Diner

Saturday 29 March

The Hub at the Ridge Community Music + Pizza Night, 4pm-7.30pm

WELCOME...

to the new members of our community. Please don't be shy,
come along to our community BBQ and other events.

We can't wait to meet you!

'ROUND THE RIDGES

Thinking of Advertising?

A community publication designed to keep residents informed, promote local events, businesses or trades, and stay in touch.

RTR is published bi-monthly.

Contributions close on the **10th of the month** prior to publication. Issues are distributed in the first week of the publication month.

Download digital copies:
www.roundtheridges.com/newsletter

For advertising or articles:
rtr.editor@gmail.com

AD TYPE	RATE PER ISSUE (paid annually)
FULL BACK PAGE COLOUR (taken)	\$60
FULL INSIDE FRONT COVER COLOUR (taken)	\$60
FULL INSIDE BACK COVER COLOUR	\$60
FULL PAGE B/W	\$30
HALF PAGE B/W	\$20
QUARTER PAGE B/W	\$15

The production of 'Round the Ridges' is supported by a Community donation from



RIDGEWOOD HALL HIRE

The Ridgewood Hall, rich in character and history is a great place for get-togethers. It is affordable and has excellent facilities, including a recently renovated kitchen, quality crockery, cutlery and glassware (for 50 settings), bar, ceiling fans for summer and gas heaters for winter.

Private functions for locals - \$100 hire + Bond

Private functions for those living outside the RTR distribution area - \$250 + Bond

Profit making functions - \$250 + Bond

Not for Profit- Free up to three hours, then \$50 per day

Hourly rate - \$15 per hour

Community fund raisers - rates on application

Bond payments (\$250) are fully refundable once follow-up inspection is completed.



Ridgewood Brainteaser

By Annie Bailey

Use the supplied clues and the letters in RIDGEWOOD to solve each brainteaser. Proper nouns allowed. The first one has already been done for you. Some are easier than others. Answers on Page 39. Good luck!

1. An animal that barks. (DOG)
2. The opposite of bad.
3. Causes wet grass in the morning.
4. Serious, in a bad way
5. This is formed from a mix of letters.
6. Shrek is one of these.
7. A male's name.
8. Do this to a bike or horse.
9. A fishing ____.
10. Walk through this.
11. Old-fashioned way to send money.
12. A sad song of grief, often sang at a funeral

Letter from the Editors

Hello Community

We hope you have had a great start to 2025.

Well, January is gone. You still have another 11 months to fulfill your New Year's resolutions – improve your health, quit work, travel more, start a new hobby and the list goes on.

There is so much happening in our community. Take some time to read the articles, including from a couple of our younger residents who live in our community.

Did you check out the newsletter from 1984 in the last edition of the RTR? All those clubs connected with the Hall – General Hall meeting, Fire Meeting, Ladies Club, Youth Group, Playgroup and a Patchwork Club. Now, in the Hall, we have various activities on a regular basis eg. Monthly BBQ's, Table Tennis, Mahjong, Yoga and our yearly Photo Fair to name a few.

Are there any other activities you would like to see happening in our community?

Chloe has resigned from the RTR team and we thank her for her contribution to our local magazine. We wish her the very best for this year and her future endeavours. As a team, our goal is for the magazine to continue for the next 40 years (even if we aren't here). So, as you the reader, we need your support and contributions. We would love to hear from you:

rtr.editor@gmail.com

Date Claimer: Hub Easter Celebrations

Saturday 19 th April 3 p.m.

Have a great year.

Narelle



WE WANT TO HEAR STORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY!

In the New Year we would welcome your input and feedback on the publication of the 'Round the Ridges.

Do you have a story on?



FARM AND HOME LIVING ADVICE



A BUSINESS OR CLASS TO PROMOTE?



A BOOK OR MOVIE/TV SHOW YOU LIKED?



A RECIPE YOU WANT TO SHARE?



A FUNNY JOKE OR STORY



YOU MAY BE NEW TO THE COMMUNITY AND WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF?

If yes to any of the above, please email your Word document article contributions (200-400 words) or your feedback to: rtr.editor@gmail.com

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

Disclaimer: All advertisements and submission will be published at the discretion of the RTR and may be subject to editorial changes. All submissions received, including photographs, are deemed to be authorised for publication by the contributor who has gained any required permissions to publish. All editorial and advertising in the RTR is published in good faith based on material provided by contributors and advertisers.

President's Report



Well, Christmas, the rest of 2024 and the New Year has blurred itself into history and we find ourselves into the second month of 2025! How many of you made New Year's resolutions on New Year's Eve? I would prefer to say that the resolutions I used to make were simply casual promises to myself that I was under no legal obligation to fulfil – so I don't bother any more.

But time seems to be on overdrive at the moment! Can someone put the brakes on please? If it keeps going on like this, in a few weeks it will be 2026!! I was warned that the older you get the faster time seems to pass and I must say that I now agree with those old people!

It is the season when mowers need servicing, and the grass is growing out of control! I was speaking to a local the other day who told me that he is currently having to mow twice a week. I decided to mow just before Christmas and wouldn't you know it... I hit a stump and wrecked the spindle and a blade, and the grass was only half done!! The shops were closed and so replacing the broken parts had to wait till the week after Christmas. Our outlook was a bit strange over the break with partly-mown grass and the rest blowing in the breeze!

I reckon Ampol should have a fuel depot out this way over summer as they would make a fortune selling fuel to locals desperate to mow. Because of the warm weather and rain, our fire warden says that there are currently few fires to fight but with the grass and

bush growth at this time and in these conditions, we might be in for a few fire fights later in the season.

I am not sure why it is so but when we lived in Mooloolaba for 32 years before moving to Carters Ridge, the weather down there was just 'the weather' but up here the weather has become a major focus. We have found ourselves checking the rain gauge after rain overnight AND recording it as well. It is either too wet, too dry, too humid or simply hot or cold. (Carters Ridge and Frigidwood) Will it rain today? Will we get the storms that BOM has promised and when will those westerly winds stop? I find myself checking the weather app on my phone several times a day and scanning the sky for the next weather phenomenon. Am I alone in this or are there other weather worriers out there?

2025 holds some great things for the Hall! In August our hall turns 90 years old, and the hall committee has plans under way for the celebration of this milestone. We will keep you informed via the RTR and Facebook pages.

Thinking of Advertising?

Our rates are very reasonable!

**Contact us at
rtr.editor@gmail.com for
our latest advertising fees**

There are plans for sip and paint workshops amongst other things so keep your eyes open for these too.

It is great to see so many new people moving into the area and we look forward to meeting you at the next BBQ, held on the last Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome!

Well, mine is short and sweet this time around. I wish you all the very best for 2025.

Cheers,

Chris Kirkpatrick

President, Ridgewood Community Hall Committee.

2025 Ridgewood Committee Meeting Dates

'Round the Ridges and Ridgewood Hall are run by a team of very passionate volunteers. Each month we meet together to discuss content for the next RTR magazine, community initiatives, events and other ways to support our locals. We are fortunate to have our beautiful heritage Ridgewood Hall to get together and come up with new events for the community.



Meeting Dates:

6th February

6th March

3rd April

1st May

5th June

3rd July

7th August

4th September

2nd October

6th November

4th December



On 2nd February 1935 a public meeting was held at Lowe's corner and it was resolved to build a Hall in the District on land made available by the generosity of Mr Peter MacKellar.

Around the Halls

Gheerulla Hall

Tuesdays Qi Gong 5:45-6:30pm
Wednesdays Line Dancing 9-10:30am
 Gold coin donation
Thursdays Exercise Class 9-10am
 Sponsored by Sunshine Coast Council \$5
Saturdays Yoga 8-9:30am \$5

Belli Park Hall

Monday Homeschool Drop Off
Tuesday Pilates 6:30pm
Wednesday Pilates 6:30am; Yoga 5:30pm
 Ukelele Jam 8:30am FREE (fortnightly)
Thursday Wine Time 5:30pm (first Thurs
 of month)
Friday Crop Swap 10am (first Fri of
 month)

North Arm Hall

Wednesdays Physie Ladies class
 9.30am and 6.45pm
 Physie and Dance Juniors and teens
 4-6.45pm
 AcroDance 4:45pm
Thursdays Physie and Dance Juniors
 and Teens 3.45pm-7.30pm
 AcroDance Teens 5:45pm
Fridays Physie and Dance class Ages
 2-72+
Saturdays Yoga 6:45am
 Physie Ladies class 2:15pm
 Physie and Dance Juniors and teens
 9-2:15pm
 AcroDance Juniors 10am and
 12:15pm

Ridgewood Hall

Thursday Yoga 9.30am - 11am
Friday Community BBQ (last Friday of the month)
Sunday Sundowners (2nd Sunday of the month)

*Don't miss the
 Ridgewood Hall's
 Monthly
 Community BBQ,
 (Last Friday of every month)*



SUNDAY SUNDOWNERS
 (2nd Sunday of the month)
 The perfect way to end the
 weekend! Catch up with the
 neighbours, and meet new
 ones. Locals and visitors are
 welcome. See you there!

MARG COCHRANE
property

experienced
agents
get results

0439 989 982



**We love our Mary Valley
 Beautiful place to visit - Great place to live**

**QUALIFIED BUYERS LOOKING FOR
 THEIR NEXT MARY VALLEY ADDRESS**

**There is a strong demand in rural and lifestyle properties
 throughout the Mary Valley!**

**If you would like a no-obligation, no-fee and honest discussion
 about what you could achieve in today's market,
 I would love to hear from you!**

Contact Marg Cochrane Property today!

marg@margcochrane.com.au

Ella Brown - Babysitter!

Hi All!

My name is Ella Brown and as an enthusiastic babysitter, I'm thrilled to talk about my experience and the services I provide to local families. I've lived in the area for 4 years and I've always seen babysitting as an opportunity to provide a loving environment where kids can develop, learn, and have fun, rather than just a job.

When it comes to their children, I know how crucial it is for parents to find someone they can trust. I concentrate on creating a secure and stimulating environment for children of all ages. I adapt activities, like outdoor play and arts and crafts, to the interests and requirements of each child. Along with taking care of them, I also want to encourage their curiosity and inventiveness. I'm determined to be accommodating and flexible because I recognise that family arrangements can change at a moment's notice.

If you're looking for a reliable babysitter who genuinely cares about your children's well-being, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to becoming a part of your family's support system!

Contact Ella at - 0455 341 365



Pet Care with Dr Terri



HEARTWORM DISEASE IN DOGS

Heartworm disease is a serious, potentially fatal infection caused by the blood parasite, *Dirofilaria immitis*. These worms are spread to dogs by mosquitoes, which carry the larvae from an infected animal to a new one. Heartworm disease is not passed in the faeces of infected dogs or by direct contact from dog to dog. Heartworm disease is prevalent throughout Queensland. Risk of disease is increased around times of storms and after floods but is an issue all year round. Anywhere mosquitoes are, heartworm may be present.

SYMPTOMS

Signs of heartworm disease can be subtle or non-existent early on, so if your dog regularly misses or is late getting their regular preventatives, a heartworm test is recommended to ensure your dog is heartworm-free. The presence of heartworm in blood vessels causes inflammation and scarring, which eventually leads to heart failure. Symptoms of severe adult heartworm disease include:

- Coughing
- Reluctance to exercise
- Reduced appetite
- Weight loss
- Swollen belly
- Laboured breathing
- Pale gums.

DIAGNOSIS

A veterinarian can diagnose heartworm disease with a quick blood test.

PREVENTION

The best way to prevent heartworm disease is to give your dog heartworm preventative medication all year-round. These medications can be given as a monthly chew, tablet or spot on, or as a yearly injection that can be given by your veterinarian. Prevention should start when your pup is 8-12 weeks old and continue for life. Please note some preventions can cause issues if your dog is already infected with heartworm disease and require a negative blood test prior to giving.

TREATMENT

Treatment for adult heartworm infection can be complicated, expensive and risky.

Prevention is always best!

Call or text Dr Terri on 0430410283 if you would like to book a home visit for your dog or cat.



Companion Planting in the Vege Garden

With the current high produce prices, many of us are taking to growing our own vegetables to save money and the benefits of companion planting can help produce better yields in the garden.

Companion planting is the interaction between plants growing together and the effects (sometimes good, sometimes bad) they have upon each other. Understanding how this works can help plan your garden and the best approach is to avoid planting together things that are non-compatible and try to plant things that are happy together. In simple terms, a large plant can give shade and shelter to a smaller species that needs shade and shelter, but it can also overwhelm and smother a different small plant that requires an open sunny aspect.

Some plants take a lot from the soil whilst others need very little nutrition and can therefore grow well together as they are not competing directly for their nutritional needs. As well, some plants make deep roots, and some have shallow roots and can therefore grow well together because they are not competing for soil space.

Herbs as companion plants can do a lot of harm as well as good – in some instances they control insect pests while in others they upset the growth of their companions. From the flower garden the French marigold is a useful plant in controlling insect pests and eelworms while lupins have a beneficial effect on the soil making it friable. Gladiolus, however, suppress the growth of peas and beans if grown in their vicinity.



Crop	Companion Planting Tips
Beans	Grow near carrots, cabbages, cauliflower and cucumber. Grow broad beans near potatoes and bush beans near strawberries. Do not grow onions, garlic or shallots nearby as they will suppress the growth of the beans.
Beetroot	Grow near kohlrabi, onions and dwarf beans. Do not grow near runner beans.
Cabbage Broccoli Brussel Sprouts Cauliflower	Plant near tomatoes, sage, thyme, rosemary or potatoes to keep the white butterfly away. Do not grow near strawberries.
Carrots	Grow very well near lettuce and chives.
Cauliflower	Grows well near celery.
Cucumber	Grow under sweet corn plants and near lettuce.
Leeks	Grow near celery and carrots.
Lettuce	Likes to grow near strawberries, carrots and radishes.
Onions	Do not grow near peas or beans. Likes to grow near radishes, carrots & beets.
Peas	Grow near radishes, carrots, cucumber, sweet corn and beans.
Tomatoes	Grow well near asparagus, parsley, cabbage & marigolds. Do not grow near fennel.
Potatoes	Near sweet corn, cabbage, peas and beans. Do not grow near sunflowers or tomatoes.
Shallots	Will inhibit the growth of peas or beans.
Strawberries	Grow near lettuce, spinach and dwarf beans. Do not grow near cabbage.



MARY VALLEY

SMALLGOODS

8 Jubilee Rd, Carters Ridge
Ph. 5447 9082

Mary Valley Smallgoods have a great range of stock (all made ourselves):

- Fresh Beef, Pork, Lamb, and Chicken
- Fresh Sausages *traditional & preservative free*
- Spanish Chorizo
- Beersticks
- Pepperoni
- Kabanas
- Cheese Kransky
- Ham and Bacon *traditional & nitrate free*
- Smoked Tasmanian Salmon



OPENING HOURS

WED	9AM-4PM
THURS	9AM-4PM
FRI	9AM-4PM
SAT	9AM-12PM

Specials and updates will be posted on
www.facebook.com/MaryValleySmallgoods

www.maryvalleysmallgoods.com.au

Book Club with a Twist at Cooroy Library

The Christmas and New Year festivities are over, and the kids are back at school, so now is the time to do something for yourself. If you have always wanted to join a book club but have never got around to it, then this could be the ideal book club for you:

Book Club with a Twist!

What?

We are a small and friendly group of adults who like talking and/or listening to discussions about books, authors, illustrators, characters and word choices. There is NO set reading that you must do (that's the twist!). Just bring along any book that you have read, or are currently reading, to discuss informally. All book genres (non-fiction, historical, romantic, sci-fi, dystopian, thriller, etc) are welcome. If you don't like talking, but prefer to listen, then that is fine too.

Who?

Everyone is welcome.

When?

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at the tables inside Cooroy Library 1pm – 2ish.

Does it cost any money?

Completely free!

The meeting dates for 2025 are:

Tuesday, 11 th February

Tuesday, 11 th March

Tuesday, 8th April (during the school holidays)

Tuesday, 13 th May

Tuesday, 10 th June

Tuesday, 8 th July (during the school holidays)

Tuesday, 12 th August

Tuesday, 9 th September

Tuesday, 14 th October

Tuesday, 11 th November

Tuesday, 9 th December

Want to know more or want to join us?

Email: bookclubwithatwist@hotmail.com

If you are new to the area, this is a really easy way to meet some new people while in Cooroy.

Hope to see you there!





Dr Terri's Home Vet Visits

Stress-free Veterinary Care

Dr Terri King BVSc (Hons) is local a small animal Vet based in Carters Ridge with over 17 years experience. She has a special interest in behaviour and loves to work with cats.



0430410283

Call, Text or Msg on
Facebook @DrTerris
www.drterris.com.au

Pottery Classes & Workshops



Learn new skills in Kerry's fully equipped studio, whilst having fun creating beautiful pieces you'll be proud to take home.

- Small class size
- Ideal for beginners to intermediate
- NDIS participants, home schoolers and group bookings welcome

For more information and bookings please call Kerry on
m: 0401240132 e: hartfiredesigns@gmail.com



The HUB's annual
Christmas Party!



Buy, Swap and Sell!

As a follow-on to my thriftiness article from the previous issue, I thought that I would share information about two opportunities to buy, swap and sell excess goods for FREE. With all the rain recently, many gardens are bursting from their seams, so here is a good chance to exchange your surplus for something that you need. A bonus is that both events encourage you to meet new people, have a chat, and just generally mingle with friendly community members.



Belli Hall (address is 1170 Eumundi Kenilworth Road, Belli Park) – first Friday of every month at 10:15am. Bring whatever produce you are growing in your garden (fruit, vegetables, plants, seeds) or other things like honey, cordial, old bottles etc. If you aren't growing anything, then bake something for our morning cuppa. Everyone is welcome and the crop swap is FREE. Tables are set up inside or outside of the Belli Hall, depending on the weather. If you don't have anything to swap, please come along to swap stories. There is always more stuff on the tables than what people want to take home.



Lawson Shed, next to the Pomona Community House (address is 1 Memorial Avenue, Pomona – opposite the shops in town) – every Sunday at 11am. The tables and chairs are set up for you inside the air-conditioned building so the weather is not an issue. Like the Belli Hall Crop Swap, the Noosa Barter Tribe encourages you to bring along home-grown goodies, home-made goodies, second-hand goods or anything that you think someone may want. You organise your own trades or sales, so please remember to bring plenty of small change! It is usually all over by about 12:30pm, so get there early to set up and see what is on offer. No need to book a table – just turn up! This is another FREE way for you get rid of your surplus.

Article by Annie Bailey



Cooroy-Noosa Genealogical & Historical Research Group Inc.

17 EMERALD ST, COOROY

Family and local history for all
Local, Australian and worldwide resources and databases
Volunteers assist with your research


Open Hours


Tuesday - 9.30 am to 1.00 pm


Thursday - 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Saturday - 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

*For upcoming events see the Calendar on website
Specialist groups meet once a month
Irish, Scottish, English and Writers.*

 genealogy-noosa.org.au

 info@genealogy-noosa.org.au

 facebook.com/cooroynoosagene

 07 3129 0356, 0434 946 360

THAI BEEF SALAD



Ingredients

- 7 oz Beef steak - grilled to your liking
- 1/4 cup Cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 cup Coriander, leaves
- 1/4 cup Mint, leaves
- 1/2 Cucumber, sliced
- 2 cups Lettuce, mixed leaves

Garnish

- 1 tbsp Peanuts, chopped
- 1/4 Red onion, finely sliced

Dressing

- 1/2 to 1 tsp Birds eye or Thai Chilli, sliced
- 2 Garlic cloves
- 1 tbsp Coriander stems, chopped
- 2 tsp Sugar
- 2 tbsp Fish sauce
- 3 tbsp Lime juice
- 1 tbsp Grape seed oil

Dressing

- Throw dressing ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth. Adjust sugar, lime juice and fish sauce to taste. Set aside.

Salad

- Pile lettuce onto plate(s), pile over beef and other salad ingredients.
- Sprinkle with peanuts and garnish with extra coriander and mint leaves if using, drizzle with Dressing.

Serve and enjoy!

What are you waiting for?

Taste the difference that regenerative farming and local sourcing make in every bite.

Subscription Boxes

Our subscription boxes deliver premium, grass-fed beef directly to your door—convenient, fresh, and rooted in regenerative farming.



Guaranteed Freshness

From our pastures to your plate, we guarantee the freshest, grass-fed beef—no hormones, antibiotics. Nothing but nature.

www.bellibeef.com.au



Loyalty Rewards

Earn points with every purchase and enjoy discounts on future orders.



shop now



**BELLI
BEEF**

Join Us...

Ladies Morning Tea at the HUB

Hello HUB family!

We would like to welcome all of our HUB ladies to a morning tea.

Ladies morning Tea at the HUB, Friday mornings from 9am. Come down for a cuppa and cake. Bring a friend or meet new ones.

We can't wait to bring our community together.

Bianca & Deb

Friday Mornings, 9am



Neighbourhood Watch

As a community, it's important that we look out for each other. There have been a number of incidents in the area the past six months and locals are being encouraged to take better precautions when leaving homes, businesses, and keeping their cattle safe.

Always keep an eye out for any unusual activity, unregistered cars or odd characters. If you see any strange behaviour report it to the police immediately. Facebook community groups are a great way to let other community members know.

When leaving your home a great idea is to keep a light on and if you're away, ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your home.

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS ON 1800 333 000 TO REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, OR IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS IN DANGER.



All Day Dining in Restaurant & Coffee Shop | Bar Keno | Bingo Gaming Room Raffles | Live Music Special Events Member Promotions & More!

25 MAPLE STREET, COOROY
WWW.COOROYRSL.COM.AU
5447 6131



Meandering with Debra Gilmour

Have you ever been stung by the Gympie Gympie stinging plant? There's plenty of it around here; it's a waist-high plant with heart-shaped leaves and serrated edges. If you brush against the leaves the sting burns like crazy. The first 24 hours is unbearable, and it can sting for months.

We moved to Ridgewood several years ago. We have a beautifully forested section on our seven-acre property, and we were keen to explore right down to the bottom gully. I suspected this heart-shaped leaf on a plant might be a stinger as I grew up in southeast Queensland and my mum taught me to watch where you put your feet and don't touch big heart or round shaped leaves. Even the dead leaves can sting. But I thought the Gympie Gympie was a giant tree like you see in the Mary Valley, so I wondered what this smaller, metre-high plant was. I mentioned it to a neighbour, and she laughed and said, "Well you have bought Gimpy Gimpy Gully". Oh no!



So, I thought I could pull it out, put it in rubbish bags and throw it in the bin. I put on thick pants, thick gloves and a long-sleeved shirt. I went down the gully where there were dozens of little plants surrounding the bigger bushes. I carefully knelt and started pulling them out. I told my dog, Bob, to sit and stay away from me. I was concentrating on being very careful pulling these little plants out when Bob got distracted and started running around. He bumped into me and my knee landed on a plant. The hairs on the leaves went right through that thick material and I got a burning sting on my knee. It was much worse than any sting I'd had before. It was like a third-degree burn! There was the elephant leaf plant nearby, so I broke some off and tried squishing its liquid onto me, but that didn't help. So, I climbed up the steep hill to the house and looked up Dr Google.



Meandering with Debra Gilmour

As usual there was a variety of suggestions on Dr Google - I decided to try the one where you first put peroxide on the area and then you use hair removal wax strips to pull out the stinging leaf hairs. It was getting late, and the chemist would be shut, and as I didn't have any of these things I suffered one night just taking painkillers. The next day I tried this method, and it helped alleviate the pain a lot. Now I keep the hair removal wax strips in my medical kit just in case. A couple of those stinging hairs stayed in my knee and annoyed me for months. I also had to throw the long pants out as they irritated me when I tried putting them on again even after a hot wash.

Enjoy your meandering walks, but don't touch the Gympie Gympie!



'Round the Ridges is also published online!
www.roundtheridges.com

Your local Printer:

- Business Cards
 - Flyers
- Docket Books
- All General Printing

Proud printers of 'Round the Ridges'



QLD MEDIA PRINT

50 Tallowood Place
Black Mountain
sales@qmp.net.au
0403 052 125



Italian quality and reliability for
over 40 years.



YOUR LOCAL PUMP SHOP

COOROY PUMPS AND SOLAR
07 5447 6832



SUNSHINE COAST & HINTERLAND EXCAVATIONS

DRIVEWAYS, SITE CLAN-UP'S,
LANTANA & SCRUB CLEARING,
FIRE BREAKS, DRAINAGE, HORSE
ARENA'S OR ROUND YARDS.

CONTACT US

CRAIG 0439870686

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The Ridgewood Community Hall Association is seeking new committee members to help facilitate the running of the Hall and its associated community events.

We are looking for community members who live in our local area and are interested in the following positions:

- Events co-ordinator and liaison
- Social media and web manager

Our committee is a group of friendly volunteers who would love to see the committee expand to involve more community members. No experience necessary, you can learn as you go!

If this sounds like something
you'd like to get involved in,
contact Chris Kirkpatrick:
m: 0414 986 582
e: ckirkpatrick330@gmail.com



RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

FROM YOUR COMMUNITY

Don't forget if you need to complete a burn pile on your property you need a permit.

Mr. Victor Hill is the local Fire Warden and can be contacted on **5447 9288** at 7.30am or 7.30pm only to apply for the permit.

You can also contact the Ridgewood Rural Fire Service on **0429 827 275** for fire safety advice.

Stay safe everyone - Ask questions if you don't know.

Russell Webber - First Officer Ridgewood Rural Fire Brigade



EXISTING DWELLINGS FOR OWNERS / OCCUPIERS

From 1 January 2017

When replacing smoke alarms, they must be of a photoelectric type which complies with Australian Standard (AS) 3786-2014.

Existing smoke alarms manufactured more than ten years ago must be replaced. (Note: Smoke alarms should have the date of manufacture stamped on them.)

Smoke alarms that do not operate when tested must be replaced immediately.

Existing hardwired smoke alarms that need replacement must be replaced with a hardwired smoke alarm.

From 1 January 2027

Smoke alarms in all dwellings must:

- i) be photoelectric (AS 3786-2014); and
- ii) not also contain an ionisation sensor; and
- iii) be less than 10 years old; and
- iv) operate when tested; and
- v) be interconnected with every other smoke alarm in the dwelling so all activate together.

Smoke alarms must be installed on each storey:

- i) in each bedroom; and
- ii) in hallways which connect bedrooms and the rest of the dwelling; or
- iii) if there is no hallway, between the bedrooms and other parts of the storey; and
- iv) if there are no bedrooms on a storey at least one smoke alarm must be installed in the most likely path of travel to exit the dwelling.

Smoke alarms must be either hardwired or powered by a non-removable 10 year battery, or a combination of both may be allowed.

DWELLINGS BEING SOLD, LEASED OR AN EXISTING LEASE IS RENEWED

From 1 January 2017

Requirements as for existing dwellings.

Existing landlord's and tenant's obligations regarding the installation and testing of smoke alarms continue.

Property sellers must continue to lodge a Form 24 with the Queensland Land Registry Office stating the requirements of the smoke alarm legislation have been met.

From 1 January 2022

Smoke alarms in the dwelling must:

- i) be photoelectric (AS 3786-2014); and
- ii) not also contain an ionisation sensor; and
- iii) be less than 10 years old; and
- iv) operate when tested; and
- v) be interconnected with every other smoke alarm in the dwelling so all activate together.

Smoke alarms must be installed on each storey:

- i) in each bedroom; and
- ii) in hallways which connect bedrooms and the rest of the dwelling; or
- iii) if there is no hallway, between the bedrooms and other parts of the storey; and
- iv) if there are no bedrooms on a storey at least one smoke alarm must be installed in the most likely path of travel to exit the dwelling.

Smoke alarms must be hardwired or powered by a non-removable 10-year battery, or a combination of both may be allowed.

PRESCRIBED LOCATIONS FOR INSTALLING SMOKE ALARMS

Where practicable smoke alarms must be placed on the ceiling. Smoke alarms must not be placed:

- i) within 300mm of a corner of a ceiling and a wall;
- ii) within 300mm of a light fitting;
- iii) within 400mm of an air-conditioning vent;
- iv) within 400mm of the blades of a ceiling fan.

There are special requirements for stairways, sloping ceilings, and ceilings with exposed beams. These requirements are explained in the *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008*. Penalties may be imposed for non-compliance with the law.

Source documents

- » *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*
- » *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008*
- » *Building Regulation 2006*
- » *Australian Standard (AS) 3786-2014*
- » *Land Title Act 1994*

Want to be featured in 'Round the Ridges'?

Submit your story, photo or be part of our business spotlight!

Send your article to rtr.editor@gmail.com before 10th March 2025 to be featured in the next edition!

Community Garden Undergoes Revamp

The community garden situated out the front of Mary Valley Smallgoods and The Hub, in Jubilee Road, Carters Ridge, has recently undergone a revamp. With the alternating heavy rain and summer heat, the weeds and basil had taken over. Some plants also needed replacing as they had gone to seed and died a while ago.

Ryan, from Mary Valley Smallgoods, said that he was looking forward to the community garden returning to its former glory and welcomed the community to help themselves to whatever was growing. The garden is currently a mix of herbs (basil, chives, oregano, dill, rosemary, thyme, parsley) and some other plants like chilli, elderflower, nasturtiums and marigolds.

Some frequently asked questions:

1. Can I just pick what I want for free?

Yes!

2. Can I return the garden's generosity by pulling out some weeds while I am there?

Yes! Please!

3. Can I plant something in the community garden?

Yes! Just ask Ryan if your plant choice would be suitable.

4. I'm not a gardener, and not really into herbs. Can I still be involved?

Yes! Just keep reading the Carters Ridge and Ridgewood Community Facebook page for updates and requests for different types of assistance.

5. Are there any rules?

Yes! The rules of commonsense and community spirit apply. Take only what you need and will use. Give back by pulling out some weeds while smiling, and let others know how much you appreciate the garden's beauty and generosity. Please put the weeds in the wheelie bins across the road.

If you are disheartened by the weeds growing on your own property, please enjoy and contribute to the community garden at Carters Ridge. Go on, you know you want to!

Article by Annie Bailey



**FREE DELIVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY
FOR ORDERS OVER \$90, OR \$65 VIA MEAT CLUB**

**LOCAL &
ORGANIC**

With Queensland's
largest selection of
*certified organic,
free range and pasture
raised meats.*



**WANT
5% OFF?**
Join our Meat Club
See website
for details

BEEF, LAMB, POULTRY, PORK,
ORGANIC/GLUTEN &
PRESERVATIVE FREE SAUSAGES,
PET FOOD & LOTS MORE

Call us on **5445 2912** or visit
www.sunshinecoastorganicmeats.com.au

 **sunshine coast
Organic Meats**



RIDGEWOOD HALL the centre of our community

Ever since its construction in 1937, the Ridgewood Hall has been the focal point of the community. It was built on land donated by Peter Mackellar, who lived in the house at 50 Happy Jack Creek Road. He owned all the land that you see from the verandah of the hall.

When we came to live here in 1970, the dairy industry was declining, beef cattle were being introduced and then the subdivision of old dairy farms started in the 1970s. This allowed new people to buy cheap land on small acreages to settle in the district. The fact that we had a school bus to Cooroy for both the State School and High School meant that Ridgewood was a wonderful place in which to bring up a family.

The hall was built and maintained by the community. All social activities and meetings were held there. There was no government handout in those days, so money had to be raised for maintenance and improvements.

As fundraising for the hall was necessary, all sorts of activities took place in the hall. Dances were always well attended, not only by the locals but also by those who followed the dances in the local halls, such as Belli Hall that have maintained this tradition. The children went to the hall on Friday night for fun and games; this was organised by a local couple.

A Children's Christmas Party, with presents from Father Christmas, was a yearly event. The ladies of the district met at the hall for tea and a chat and always made salads for the BBQs whenever they were held. At one time there was a patchwork group that created the hanging that you see hung at the back of the stage today. In the

early days of TAFE, we even had a TAFE Pottery class for one year.

We had Theatre Restaurants, which were a great success. A 'Back to Ridgewood' event was held in the 1980s. Past residents of the district returned to celebrate, and Mr King (with his school bus) took many on a trip around the run. I remember one person saying they had never been up Poulson's Road.

The hall has been well used over the years, and may it continue to be in the future. Though the community spirit has waxed and waned over the years, it is still a very important focal point for today's community.

Helga Hill is a long time Ridgewood resident with lots of stories about the history of the Ridges.



**We deliver LPG gas
for home and business,
in 45kg, 13.5kg, 8.5kg BBQ
and 15kg forklift cylinders.**

**We deliver to most areas of
the Sunshine Coast, Blackall
Range and Mary Valley.**

**We are Ridgewood locals,
John & Jan Arnold**

5446 8777



**...SLASHING,
SPRAYING
& MOWING...**

**RING DON JOHNSON
MOB. 0407 479 207**

**HAPPY JACK
LAWN CARE**



CONTACT ANDREW
0422 974 714



happyjacklawn@care@gmail.com

OUR SERVICES

- Acreage Mowing
- Residential Lawn Care
- Green waste removal

Meet a local - Manawa Thomasson

Hello, my name is Manawa Thomasson and I've lived in Carters Ridge for the past 4 years.

I was born inside the house I live in today, however moved overseas before I had the chance to make any memories here. Eventually, after living in California and Barcelona, Spain, my parents' desire to be back home with family overcame them and we packed up and moved to Australia in 2020. Being the 'new kid' at Noosa District State High School was daunting; I had never worn a uniform before, never heard of a tuckshop, and never heard half of the words that were thrown around at break times. Nonetheless, I found friends, liked all my teachers, and quickly got used to being asked about my American accent. High school flew by and before I knew it, talk of the dreaded external exams seemed to overwhelm me and my

friends' consciences, and, although it felt like it would never come to an end, in November of 2024, it was finally all behind us. I anxiously awaited my results, unsure of how I performed. I received several awards from school - a gold academic award, platinum scholar award (having received a gold academic award for every year of high school), and Top of subject awards for Biology, Ancient History, Visual Arts, and Literature. From the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority, I was awarded a Certificate of Academic Commendation for having achieved A grades in all six subjects as well as a Subject Achievement Commendation for having full marks in Literature.



Luckily, my parents have always held the 'as long as you try your best' mentality, and, although they were always there to support me, (including many late night maths tutoring sessions), to me, these achievements signify a cultivated self-discipline that I honestly am quite proud of.

During the last few years of school, I always dreaded the 'what are you doing after high school' question because simply, I had no idea, however I knew that I felt a passion for history, art, and literature that never existed for maths and science. After lots of thought and a little leap of faith, I ended up applying for and getting accepted into a Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) with an extended major of Western Civilisation at the University of Queensland. The degree focuses on investigating what western civilisation is through a wide array of subject matter, including art, philosophy, and music, which appealed to my diverse interests within the humanities field. I'm not too sure where this degree will lead me, but I do know that I love to learn and am so excited to do so in a university setting.

As my first semester commences in late February, my time in Carters Ridge comes to a bittersweet end. I know busy Brisbane will make me miss the quiet hill on which I live, however I'm excited for the immense opportunities that the city provides. In this last month of being a resident of these ridges, I plan on enjoying the mundane parts of life out here; the scenic drives I previously found a pain, sharing a yard with so many animals, and of course, the sweet sound of silence!

Photo below: Manawa and her parents



KIDS' CORNER

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

Dog Breeds

Word Search

P	E	K	I	N	G	E	S	E	G	V	M	B	R	A	H	F	D	X	Y	G
A	E	O	B	M	T	K	H	Z	Z	Z	E	G	R	E	A	T	D	A	N	E
W	W	A	K	A	R	E	H	V	A	H	G	M	P	X	F	W	U	S	R	
E	Z	X	B	C	R	E	E	X	G	E	N	E	T	A	W	O	N	B	A	M
I	V	P	P	O	J	P	N	L	E	T	U	M	A	L	A	M	B	H	I	A
M	L	F	S	L	E	P	E	W	I	V	M	Z	T	A	Y	I	V	U	N	N
A	P	M	F	L	S	I	R	I	L	E	W	H	V	V	P	D	L	Z	T	S
R	O	K	C	I	E	H	I	L	X	I	W	J	H	I	N	N	N	T	B	H
A	O	V	V	E	T	C	N	W	R	D	K	T	Q	S	O	U	X	H	E	E
N	D	X	F	A	L	S	S	J	L	M	G	K	T	S	G	O	N	I	R	P
E	L	I	K	M	A	M	A	X	J	U	K	D	P	O	B	H	A	H	N	H
R	E	I	V	H	M	D	D	M	P	Y	N	A	F	Q	R	T	D	S	A	E
J	T	X	F	X	B	L	B	A	W	R	A	S	R	I	A	E	N	O	R	R
A	S	F	H	N	K	X	K	E	U	S	I	Z	E	F	G	S	U	S	D	D
J	V	A	I	K	K	U	L	N	A	H	N	D	N	Z	G	S	H	A	U	Z
B	N	T	M	M	D	A	R	H	P	B	A	N	O	R	F	A	S	J	P	D
D	S	S	G	O	D	L	L	U	B	K	R	U	H	S	R	B	H	B	H	W
X	F	S	I	E	Y	Z	P	E	X	N	E	P	H	P	L	F	C	W	M	A
I	O	W	R	Q	I	E	D	D	H	M	M	K	E	I	X	T	A	M	X	K
B	N	I	C	Z	V	X	D	S	L	J	O	I	G	R	H	J	D	Y	E	O
W	A	D	A	L	M	A	T	I	A	N	P	P	W	O	H	C	W	O	H	C



- AIREDALE
- AKITA
- BASSET HOUND
- BEAGLE
- BOXER
- BULLDOG
- CHIHUAHUA
- CHOW CHOW
- COLLIE
- DACHSHUND
- DALMATIAN
- GREAT DANE
- GERMAN SHEPHERD
- LHASA APSO
- MALAMUTE

- MALTESE
- MASTIFF
- PEKINGESE
- POMERANIAN
- POODLE
- PUG
- ROTTWEILER
- SAINT BERNARD
- SAMOYED
- SCHIPPERKE
- SHAR-PEI
- SHIH-TZU
- WEIMARANER



© 2022 puzzles-to-print.com

KIDS' CORNER

What do you get when you cross a fish with an elephant?
Swimming trunks!

What sound do porcupines make when they kiss?
"Ouch!"

What do you call a lazy baby kangaroo?
A pouch potato.

How do you make an octopus laugh?
With ten-tickles.

How do you keep a bull from charging?
Cancel its credit card.



Brain Teaser Answers from pg 26:

1. dog
2. good
3. dew
4. dire
5. word
6. ogre
7. Drew/Reg
8. ride
9. rod
10. door
11. wire
12. dirge

Your Local 5-Star Plumbers

We're experts in maintenance plumbing.

We can help you with:

- ★ Blocked Drains
- ★ Grey Water Systems
- ★ Septic Tank & Pumps
- ★ Leak Detection & Repairs
- ★ Gas Installation & Servicing

No call out fees Fast turnaround times.

Available 24/7, 365 days per year.



Call for your **FREE** quote

 **0461 504 792**

Scan here to
visit our website
for more info



QBCC015411295

S Jeal Electrics

Don't get your wires crossed

All Domestic & Commercial

NO SERVICE CALL & FREE QUOTES

Call Stuart **0477 948 805**

Lic 78584

sjealelectrics@yahoo.com.au

COOROORA SCREENS & BLINDS

- Insect screens • Retractable screens
- Security screens
- Blinds - Rollers-Verticals - Romans - Venetians - Panel Glides - Shutters
- Awnings - all types (Fabric & Metal)

Manufacturers of Invisi-Gard 316 stainless steel security screens and doors.

Est 1996 | Licensed QBCC No 704038 | Quality workmanship

Call today for a free quote!
5485 1287 or 0419 655 901

19A Factory Street Pomona
cooroorascreensandblinds.com.au



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS
(In case of emergency)

POLICE, AMBULANCE & FIRE 000
SES 13 2500
FIRECOM (non emergency) 1800 354 621

RIDGEWOOD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE
0429 827 275

First Officer Ridgewood RFB
 Russell Webber 0438 577 944
Fire Warden
 Victor Hill 5447 9288

Current Fire Information
www.qfes.qld.gov.au

All fires larger than 2x2x2m require a permit. These are free of charge.

Ring Victor at 7.30pm or 7.30am

RIDGEWOOD HALL COMMITTEE

President
 Chris Kirkpatrick 0414 986 582

Vice President
 Don Johnson 0407 479 207

Treasurer
 Shona Edwards 0429 044 118

Secretary (Taking up the role in 2025)
 Susan Donald 0467 595 609

Secretary (Current stand in for 2024)
 Adele Frew 0404 450 078

Honorary Auditor
 David Cramb 0427 677 678

Social Media
 Emma Widderick 0455 844 640

Committee Members
 Pamela Campbell Jones
 Scott Norman 0422 340 541

Hall Bookings (more details on pg 4)
 Charles and Kirsten Bollendorff 0414 247 208

LIBRARY HOURS

COOROY (Noosa Library Service)
 Monday to Friday: 9:00am - 5:30pm
 Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

IMBIL (Gympie Library Service)
 Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am - 12.30pm
 Wednesday & Friday: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

JPs & CDs

Need a Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner for Declarations? Contact one of these volunteers or the Cooroy Library.

John Sparrow J P Qual 0429 267 246
 Doug Wiseman J P Qual 0447 164 714
 David Cramb C Dec 5447 9477

RUBBISH TRANSFER STATION HOURS

IMBIL
 Mon, Wed, Fri 8am - 4pm
 Sat, Sun 9am - 3pm
 Tues, Thurs CLOSED

COOROY
 Sat, Sun, Mon 8am - 1pm
 Tues, Wed, Thurs CLOSED

GYMPIE
 Weekdays 8am - 4pm
 Weekends 9am - 3pm

DISCLAIMER: While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter, the publisher, producer, agent and editorial team assumes no responsibility for errors, omissions or for any consequences of reliance on this publication. The opinions expressed in the 'Round the Ridges do not necessarily represent the views of the editorial team or publisher. An advertiser, upon lodging material with the publisher for publication or authorising or approving of the publication or any material, indemnifies the publisher and its editorial team against all liabilities claims of proceedings whatsoever.



- Shower screens
- Windows and doors
- Service work
- Security doors and flyscreens
- Shop Front
- Renovations
- New Builds



WE COVER FROM YANDINA TO GYMPIE AND ALL OF THE MARY VALLEY

Please email sales@scglass.com.au for your free quote today!



Call for details
(07) 5449 0644

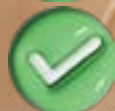
Visit our website scglass.com.au/

Real Estate

Noosa Hinterland Specialist



Care taken | Full service



Local Knowledge



17 years local experience



Acreages | houses | land



Over 100 x 5  reviews



Best results & low fees

Paul Bielby



0437 346 256



www.paulbielbyrealestate.com.au

