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June/July 2025

Community remembers our fallen

The descendants of one of the district's pioneering families shared an amazing war - and love - story as the community came together at Ridgewood Hall on Anzac Day.

Albert "Tab" Greber was a World War II veteran whose name is etched on the Ridgewood Hall Honour Roll along with other locals who served in Australia's armed forces from 1939-45. Tab was in the 2/6th Australian Infantry Battalion that fought off the Japanese in New Guinea including decisive battles such as Milne Bay.

On Friday, April 25, his daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren, joined locals to mark the 110th anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli in World War I.

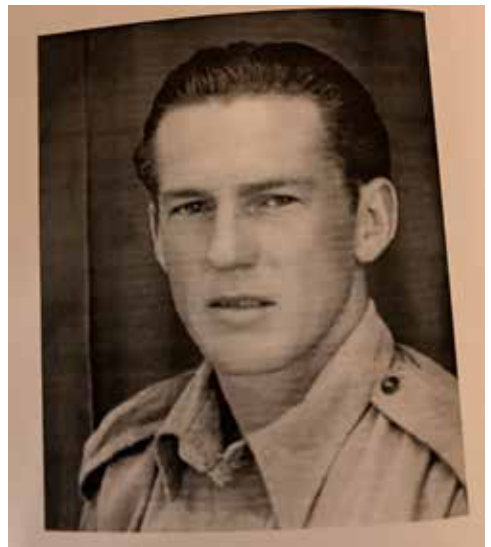
The Hall service was led by committee member David Cramb and Carters Ridge Army Reservist Mark Anthony who shared the history of Anzac Day before leading the prayer and The Ode of Remembrance.

Lyn Fleming, Tab's daughter who lives in Gympie, recalled how her father spent an idyllic childhood growing up on the family's dairy farm at Happy Jack Creek - and it is where he met his lifelong sweetheart Grace White whom he married before heading off to war.

The couple eventually moved to Gympie where Tab worked various jobs as they

raised their four children. They were inseparable until, sadly, Grace passed in 2011, aged 91.

Lyn said her father never spoke much about the war, until eventually he penned his experiences in a book called "How I Saw the Circus" which reflects on his scrapes with death fighting the Japanese Imperial Army during two tours of New Guinea.



World War II Digger Pte Albert Greber

"When we started writing his book, he really started to remember and talk openly about his experiences," Lyn told

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Calendar

JUNE

- 5 Ridgewood Hall Meeting 6pm
- 13 Family Acoustic Night-
Ridgewood Hall (see pg 9)
- 27 Photo Fair- Ridgewood Hall
- 28 Hub Music - Pizza Night 4pm
- 28 Mrs Browns Diner Markets 3pm
- 29 Fire Brigade Training 9- 11am

JULY

- IMBIL Markets every Sunday 8- 1 pm
- 3 Ridgewood Hall Meeting 6pm
- 10 Cooroy Library Session
10.30 am- 11.30 am
"Easy way to sell on Facebook"
(see pg 19)
- 11 Family Acoustic Night-
Ridgewood Hall (see pg 9)
- 12 Noosa Landcare Workshop
9- 2.30 pm Rural Futures Centre
Pomona (see pgs 20-21)
- 25 Ridgewood Hall BBQ
- 26 Hub Music- Pizza Night 4 pm
- 27 Fire Brigade Training 9- 11 am

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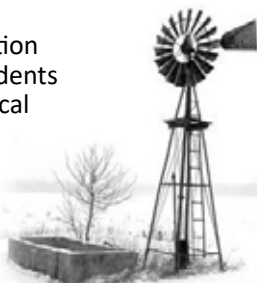
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Letter from the Editor

Hello Community

Thank you to all our contributors who are passionate about their field and want to share stories and knowledge that may be of interest to you. Sharing news of our community. We encourage YOU, our readers to get involved! Share your stories, memories, and ideas with us. Whether it is a local event, a community achievement, or simply something that makes you smile, we want to hear about it.

Our apologies for omitting a number of Advertisers in the last issue. Hopefully, our systems are now in place to avoid this happening again. Thank you for your patience with our team.

Happy reading!

RTR Team - Annie, Narelle & Lyn



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:

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.

President's Report



Well, the first month of Winter is upon us already! Time for the flannelette sheets and electric blankets to make their annual appearance, although the BOM says that we will have a warmer Winter than usual this year!

June is a big month for the Ridgewood Hall as we hold our Annual Photo Fair again. This year promises to be better than ever and Adele Frew and her team are already in full steam mode organising for the event.

Remember, if you would like to enter this year, you can download an entry form from the Ridgewood Hall website:
www.roundtheridges.com

Remember, if you have an event or story that we can print in our Round The Ridges Magazine, please drop us a line to rtr.editor@gmail.com

Short and sweet again this month! See you at the Photo Fair!

Cheers,

Chris Kirkpatrick,

President Ridgewood Community Hall
Committee

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

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

Russell Webber
First Officer
Ridgewood RFB



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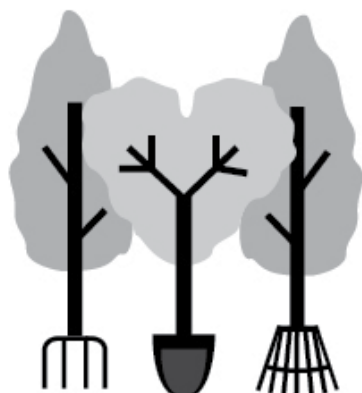
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Tuesday	COR 5.30pm
Wednesday	COR 6.30pm
Thursday	Yoga 9.30am - 11am COR 5.30pm
Friday	COR 6.30am Community BBQ 6pm (last Friday of month)

Belli Park Hall

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Monday	Yoga 6pm
Tuesday	Pilates 6:30pm
Thursday	Wine Time 5:30pm (2nd Thurs month)
Friday	Crop Swap 10:15am (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
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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

Eumundi Hall

Monday	9am Art Group 5.30-6.30pm Capoeira Dance
Wednesday	9am-2.30pm Life Lessons Homeschool Drop-off 5.30-6.30pm Capoeira Dance 6.45-8.00pm Children's Aikido
Thursday	9am-2.30pm Life Lessons Homeschool Drop-off
Friday	9am-2.30pm Life Lessons Homeschool Drop-off 3.30-6.30pm Eumundi Ladies Group
Saturday	8.30-9.30am Adult Aikido

CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER ...

the Gympie Times on her father's 100th birthday on March 5, 2017. "And while his book talks about some terrible events, they are brief, but he spends a lot of time highlighting the good things, the bright side of life."

Tab passed away in November, 2017. Appropriately, under the Ridgewood Roll of Honour, there's also another memorial - a small family plaque dedicated to Tab and Grace Greber, marking a life of love and service.



Tab's medals include the 1939-45 Star, Pacific Star, War Medal 1939-45, and Australia Service Medal 1939-45.



Stephen Birch, Kelly Jacobsen, Lyn Fleming, Barbara Birch, Denis Birch and Tracey Turner - daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren of Pte Albert "Tab" Greber - reunited at the Ridgewood Hall Anzac Day event. Lyn and Barbara are also nieces of Lac Allan Fraser and Cpl Jim White whose names feature on the Honour Roll.



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A successful sport overseas, Matty and her team are growing the Hobby Horse riding both here and across Australia, organising competitions and helping riders develop their skills to competitive levels.

At Belli Park Hobby Horse musters riders are learning the skills and the rules involved in all sorts of equestrian sports including jumping, dressage and arena games. The Hobby Horse rules mirror those in other equestrian sports, so this knowledge is transferable if the riders are horse owners.

“There are so many benefits to Hobby Horse riding” says Matty Sormani.

“We love watching the riders engage in physical activities and they always welcome newcomers to the group, creating friendships so naturally”.

Some young people are very creative, designing and making their own life-like horses, or making fancy costumes, as well as tack that looks just like the tack that is hanging in Matty’s tack room.

If you would like to join in give Matty or Coralie a call – 0429 870 870 or 0414 830 383. Or you can check out their website www.hobbyhorseriders.com.

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Light refreshments and lunch provided.

Participants are provided take home ID resources. We will have copies of Rainforest Trees and Shrubs field guide for sale on the day, \$50.00 per book. Please bring along a copy of the book if you have one.

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If your pet licks off the treat and leaves the pill, it may be better to crush the pill and mix in a small amount of wet food. For cats the dine creamy treats are handy for this. Please check if the medication is OK to be crushed first. Use a small amount of food so you can observe your pet eating the entire dose of medication - esp in multi pet households.

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2. Manual Method or if medication requires an empty stomach;

- Sit your dog in front of your legs to stop them backing up, or for cats, sit them in your lap or on a table with their back towards you. Or get a helper to hold their bodies.

- Tilt their head back, nose to the ceiling.

- Hold their upper jaw with one hand.

- Hold the pill in the other hand between your forefinger and thumb and use remaining fingers to open the lower jaw.

- With their nose to the ceiling their lower jaw should be easier to open.

- Place the pill far back on the tongue or drop tablet so it falls to the back of the mouth. You can buy a Pill Popper so you don't have to put your fingers in your pet's mouth.

- Close the mouth while continuing to keep the nose to the ceiling and wait for your pet to swallow. You will see their tongue or feel their throat as they swallow. If your pet holds the pill and refuses to swallow try blowing on their nose or if stubborn use a couple of drops of water on their nose. Capsules can be tricky to swallow dry so use a syringe with water to help flush down.

- Remember to reward and praise once finished.

If your pet has been put onto a frequent medication and is difficult to dose, ask your vet if there are other options. Sometimes a liquid is easier, other medications can be made into a paste that can be applied to the inside of their ear.

Extra tip - if your pet is on regular medications use a calendar so you can mark when doses are due and tick off when done.

If you would like Dr Terri to give you a one on one lesson in tableting or to make an appointment, call 0430410283.

MERGING TRADITIONAL FARMING WITH PERMACULTURE

Bridging Generations: Merging Traditional Farming with Permaculture for a Sustainable Future

As a fourth-generation farmer, the soil runs through my blood as surely as it runs beneath my boots. I grew up surrounded by the rhythms of conventional farming—planting, harvesting, rotating, and repeating. My family’s methods have fed communities, supported livelihoods, and carried forward a proud legacy. But in recent years, I’ve found myself caught in a tension between tradition and transformation. Specifically, I’ve been drawn to permaculture and its promise of working with the land instead of just on it.

This internal conflict isn’t about rejecting where I come from; it’s about reconciling what I’ve inherited with what I believe the land—and the world—now needs. I believe we can blend traditional farming practices with the principles of permaculture to create a sustainable and resilient model for the future.

The Value of Traditional Practices

There’s wisdom in the practices passed down to me. Conventional agriculture has taught me the importance of timing, observation, and hard-earned experience. My family’s methods were designed to survive droughts, floods, and unpredictable markets. That legacy is irreplaceable.

But the pressures on today’s farmers are different. Soil health is declining in many places. Climate patterns are shifting. Consumers are demanding transparency and sustainability. Our old methods, while effective in their time, may not be enough on their own.

The Promise of Permaculture

Permaculture isn’t just a technique—it’s a philosophy. It emphasizes designing

agricultural systems that mimic the balance and efficiency of natural ecosystems. This means polycultures instead of monocultures, perennials instead of constant replanting, and a shift from chemical inputs to biological harmony.

The principles of permaculture—care for the earth, care for people, and return of surplus—resonate with me deeply. They aren’t so different from what my great-grandfather practiced in spirit, before industrial agriculture took hold. He composted, rotated livestock, and respected the seasons. What permaculture does is offer a structure for those values, refined and adapted for modern challenges.

Merging the Two: Practical Strategies

So, how can we combine the best of both worlds?

Start with Soil Health: Traditional farmers often till heavily and rely on synthetic fertilizers. Permaculture favors no-till or low-till systems, composting, and cover crops. By gradually incorporating cover cropping and reducing tillage, I can build organic matter while still producing at scale.

Diversify Crops and Systems: Traditional monoculture can be efficient, but it leaves fields vulnerable. Intercropping, companion planting, and food forests—hallmarks of permaculture—can be layered into traditional operations over time to reduce risk and boost biodiversity.

Incorporate Livestock Thoughtfully: Rather than isolating animals from crops, integrating rotational grazing and silvopasture (trees + pasture) supports the land while mimicking natural systems. My grandfather moved cattle from field

to field instinctively; now I can do it with data and design.

Water Management: Permaculture emphasizes catching and storing water on the land. Swales, ponds, and rainwater harvesting can be added to existing fields, reducing reliance on irrigation and improving drought resilience.

Design for the Long Term: Perhaps the most significant permaculture contribution is its design ethic. It asks us to look decades ahead. I now look at my farm not just as a business for today, but as an ecosystem for my children and their children.

Toward Sustainable Outcomes

The merge of traditional and permaculture practices isn't about abandoning the past—it's about evolving it. It's a way to honor the wisdom of previous generations while preparing for an uncertain future. The goal is

sustainability: not just environmental, but economic and cultural too.

Sustainable farming means more than reducing emissions or using fewer inputs. It means creating systems that can regenerate themselves, that support communities, and that bring joy back into the act of growing food.

I don't have all the answers yet. But I know this: the future of farming lies in synthesis, not division. By weaving together what my ancestors taught me with what nature is teaching me now, I believe we can build a farming model that stands the test of time.

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Sticky Date Pudding

INGREDIENTS

340 g dates
2 tsp bi carb soda
120 g butter
340 g brown sugar
4 eggs
340 g self raising flour
1 tsp vanilla essence

METHOD

Boil dates & bi carb soda in 500 mls of water, when cool, add remaining ingredients, pour into a large cake tin and cook for 1 hour at 300F or 150C.

TOFFEE SAUCE

400 g brown sugar
200 ml cream
250 g butter
vanilla essence

METHOD

Mix ingredients together in a pot and cook until golden.

TO SERVE

Cut a slice of pudding and cover with warmed sauce & whipped cream/icecream

or: make muffins and serve with sauce and ice cream or whipped cream.

or: cut a "cone" out of the top of the muffin, pour in sauce, replace "lid" and serve with cream/icecream



Contributed by Robyn Goodall

"I have a very delicious and exceptionally easy recipe for Sticky Date Pudding from a West Australian restaurant named "Flutes". I am not sure if it still exists but the waiting list for bookings for this restaurant used to be months. A TV chef named Ian Parmenter used this recipe on his show and I have found it to be very generous in size (I tend to use it in cup cakes) and the reactions are always excited about the taste."

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