

Round the Ridges celebrates its 40th anniversary!

You can read the first Newsletter (photo on right) calling for volunteers to assist in creating the first 'Round the Ridges publication on page 14 & 15.

Below are snippets of previous editions of the RTR including 2015, 2017, 2023 and 2024.



Monthly magazine for Ridgewood, Carters Ridge, and personal



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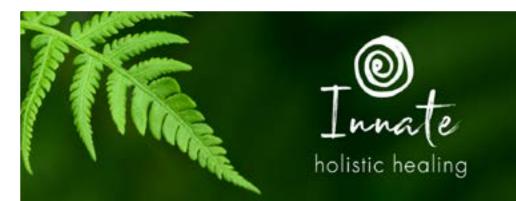
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## Community Calendar

### December 2024

Every Sunday Imbil Markets every Sunday 8am-1pm

Friday 13 December Christmas in Cooroy

Saturday 14 - Tuesday 24 December Christmas Craft at Gympie Regional Libraries - more on pg 39

Sunday 15 December Ridgewood Hall Drinks on Deck (bring nibbles to share!)

Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day

Please note, there is no Ridgewood monthly community BBQ this month. We will see you in the new year.

### January 2025

Every Sunday Imbil Markets every Sunday 8am-1pm

Saturday 25 January The Hub at the Ridge Community Music + Pizza Night, 4pm-7.30pm

Saturday 25 January Twilight Markets, Mrs Browns Diner

Sunday 26 January Australia Day

Monday 27 January Public Holiday (Australia Day)

Friday 31 January - THEME: Food from around the World Monthly Community BBQ. Ridgewood Hall, 6pm (bring a plate to share)

## 'ROUND THE RIDGES

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

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### Letter from the Editors

### Dear Reader,

Although we are at the end of the year, this is only the second issue of 'Round the Ridges' that has been produced by Annie, Narelle and me. To be honest, prior to RTR, I had zero experience in producing and publishing content and it's a little intimidating that our 2nd publication is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the RTR!

For those who don't know me, I'm Chloe, aged 32, and have recently moved to Ridgewood with my fiancé, Nathan, at the start of February 2024. I currently live in Brian Jones' house, and I know many people in our community knew Brian as a strong pillar in the community. Prior to moving to Ridgewood, my life's backdrop was the city as I've previously lived in five Australian states as well as spending two years in Toronto, Canada.

I've been reflecting on the changes that have happened in my life, this year. I've gone from the convenience of having a grocery store two minutes down the road from my house and being open until 10pm every night to now, where I must pick up all my groceries prior to 6pm or else we have no food in the house. However, the biggest difference I've seen between living in Sydney and living in Ridgewood is the community. From the moment we moved in we had our neighbours from Belli Beef and Chimney Hill Beef saying hello to us along with Don Johnson who showed up one day wearing a half-buttonedup shirt, scratching his belly and

introducing us to his very colourful language ... but it's not Ridgewood without Don.

It was Adele Few, my neighbour and dance pal, who twisted my arm to join the Photo Fair committee, which at the time I thought would be a 'small town event' but I was blown away with the large turnout. The winning photographs could easily appear in magazines and galleries! This led to Chris Fitzpatrick twisting my other arm to join the 'Round the Ridges' editorial team and now I'm the person who creates the layout for each issue. Are my arms made of rubber? Depends on who is doing the pulling.

Although I've only been here for less than a year, the community does make it feel as though we've been here forever. It's amazing that this is the 40th anniversary of 'Round the Ridges', a small magazine for locals run by local volunteers. My goal for this magazine is to continue for another 40 years but we cannot do this without our readers' support and contributions. Our team is always looking for new content to add to the 'Round the Ridges' and if you have any tips, ideas, opinions or even if you just want to share some exciting news, we would love for you to submit this to rtr.editor@gmail.com

2024 has been a wonderful year and I hope it was the same for everyone else. I wish you all a safe holiday season and we look forward to continuing the 'Round the Ridges' in the new year.

Chloe

# WE WANT TO HEAR STORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY!

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



If yes to any of the above, please email your Word document article contributions (200-400 words) or your feedback to: <a href="https://www.nc.action.org">rtr.editor@gmail.com</a>

### WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

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## **President's Report**

I don't know why it is but when it comes time to write my report for the next publication of the 'RTR', my mind goes completely blank and I sit here chewing over what to write that might be interesting. I am assured that this has nothing to do with age (I have just had a milestone birthday) as I know of famous authors who suffer the same writer's block! Anyway, I'll push on and hopefully it will come to me!

In early October we held our Annual General Meeting followed by a General Meeting. It was great to see a good turnout there and there was plenty of discussion about our Hall and the events we hope to run in the next few months. At the AGM we saw some of our committee members resign their positions to make room for new blood and we have succeeded in electing some great new faces to the hall committee! Their names and contact details are in the edition of the 'RTR'. Please feel free to contact any of the committee members if you have some ideas that you think would be great for the community that we can run at the hall.

The recent storms have been quite severe, and I hope that our community members haven't suffered any damage. I was out riding through some of the small towns in our region with my brother-in-law from Tasmania and there were numerous trees down across the roads and the roads themselves were covered in leaf litter and branches. I am sure that it was not only the roads that had tree damage and, in spite of the damage, the rain was a welcome reprieve. I would like to take

the opportunity to put out a call for new members for our local Rural Fire Brigade which is now headed up by First Officer. Russell Webber. as John Sparrow retired after 35 years of volunteer service to our community. Thankfully John's expertise on all matters relating to fighting fires will still remain with us as he continues as a volunteer firefighter. As a volunteer firefighter we can be called out to assist with storm damage as mentioned above so it has guite a varied scope of activities involved. If you think that volunteering as a firefighter might be of interest to you, they would love to hear from you.

My wife. Helen. was down in Maroochydore, facing the frenzy of hectic traffic and endless traffic lights and dropped into the Kmart in the Plaza to pick up a few things, only to be serenaded by Christmas Carols... in mid-October??? Is it my imagination that the retail traders are starting this earlier each year? Nothing against Christmas Carols at all but I thought that they were played to issue in an approaching season! Not two and a half months beforehand! Maybe they do this to remind husbands that Christmas is approaching to give them more time to think about what to buy for their lovely wives?

The BBQ in September saw a Mexican theme where people dressed in their best Mexican gear and brought along Mexican themed food to share. It was a great night and my award for the best dressed would have to go to Greg and Jude Moore. Jude had the Carmen Miranda clothes and hairstyle down to a tee and Greg was fearsome in his Mexican Bandit hat and shawl replete with guns and bullet belt. Amazing as most of the rest of us could only find a sombrero to wear!

We are thinking that the BBQ for January 2025 will be 'Food from around the World', where we will be able to create any dish from around the world and bring along to share on the night! Can't wait for that one! Of course, you will still be able to cook meat on the BBQ to accompany the shared dishes.

The 'Round the Ridges' publication team did a great job with their first edition in September/October which featured several new articles and ideas. Congratulations must go to Annie Bailey, Chloe Leaker and Narelle Cramb for the great work they are doing producing a magazine which is more widely read than ever. Keep your eyes out for more exciting new ideas in future editions. It also reminds me that if you have an idea for the 'RTR' the Editorial Team would love to hear from you. Well, the block finally melted, and this report is done for this edition. See you at the next BBQ or sooner!

In closing, I would like, on behalf of the committee, to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and please stay safe over the holiday season!

Cheers,

### **Chris Kirkpatrick**

President of the Ridgewood Community Hall Committee

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

## 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 - 11amFriday Community BBQ (last Friday of the month)Sunday Sundowners (2nd Sunday of the month)

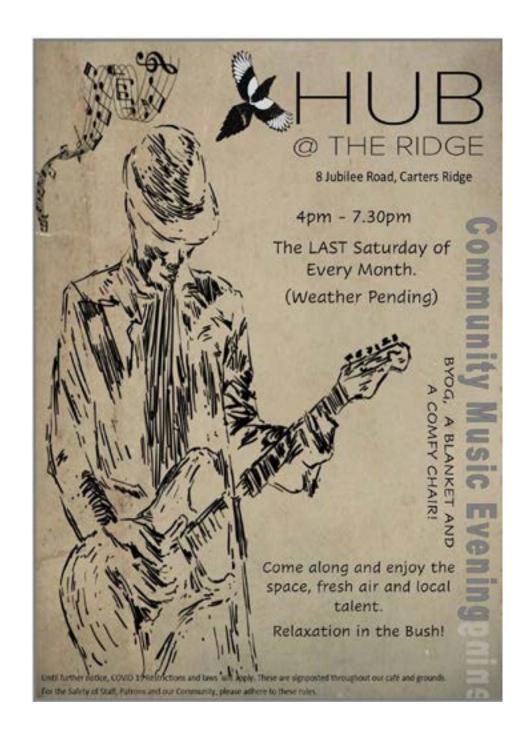
Don't miss the Ridgewood Hall's Monthly Community BBQ, (Last Friday of every month)





SUNDAY SUNDOWNDERS (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!



## **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



### 2024 Ridgewood Commitee 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.



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.

**Meeting Dates:** 

5 December



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## THE REAL AGE OF DOGS

Have you ever wondered how old your dog is in human years? The well-known adage, seven years for every year is not overly accurate. During their first year of life, dogs mature 12-15 times faster than humans. Below is a chart to give you an idea of your dog's age in human years.

DOG'S AGE	SMALL BREED 0-9kg	MEDIUM BREED 9-22kg	LARGE BREED 22-44kg	GIANT BREED Over 44kg
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2	24	24	22	20
3	28	29	29	28
4	32	34	34	35
5	36	38	40	42
6	40	42	45	50
7	44	46	50	57
8	48	51	55	64
9	52	56	61	71
10	56	60	66	79
11	60	65	71	86
12	64	69	77	93
13	68	74	82	100
14	72	78	68	108
15	76	83	93	115
16	80	87	99	122

Call or text Dr Terri on 0430410283 if you would like to book a home visit for your dog or cat. It should be noted that a dog's life expectancy is not determined exclusively by its breed, weight and size. This variable is affected by the following factors as well:

- Lifestyle
- Nutrition
- Type and extent of physical activity
- Genetic factors
- Physiological state (neutered, spayed or intact)
- Place of residence (indoors, outdoors, wild).



### The 1st Newsletter of the RTR - 1984 (supplied by Don Johnston)

# NEWSLETTER

We are planning to produce a regular Newsletter to keep the residents of Ridgewood in touch with the happenings in their Community.

The population of this area is growing rapidly. We would appreciate neighbours advising us of new arrivals to the district so we can add their names to the distribution list and ensure Residents receive their Newsletters as soon as possible, as a welcoming gesture.

In these Newsletters we are siming to cover all the news arising from the meetings and clubs connected with the Holl i.e.

GENERAL HALL MEETINGS: FIRE MEETINGS: BUS MEETINGS: LADIES CLUE: YOUTH CLUE: PLAYGROUP: PATCHWORK CLUB:

As new Clubs are formed, or proposals put forward for new clubs or activities, you will all knew about them if you wish to participate.

Indoor Bowls and a Bart Sight are twosuch activities that have been suggested- let's hear your views on these - if enough people are wanting them, then these activities can be launched.

THE HALL IS THERE FOR ALL THE COMMUNICY TO USE - SO KIEP THE IDEAS COMING IN!

At the last meeting (Family Ficnic Meeting - 8th September) the concept of becoming 'Incorporated' was raised to safeguard anyone participating in activities at the Hall. We have looked into this and have spoken to Linds Wilkinson who has explained this procedure. We have invited Linds to speak on this at our next General Hall Meeting Wednesday 10th October at 7.30 p.m.

Linda is a Representative of the Queensland Recreation Council, and the feasibility of this Community warranting a Playing Field will also be discussed.

with 80 or more children travelling to Cooroy by bus each day, interest has been shown in approaching the Authorities for a School in this area.

These ideas need Community Backing and will be discussed at the next General Meeting. Fleace come along and have your say.

YOUTH CLUE: Will commence on With October 7.30p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Until a parent roster is drewn up, Glenys and Kate are willing to do a few alternate Friday nights. Any extra help, Volunteers or suggestions for activities will be greatly appreciated. Linda Wilkinson will also come slong, on occarsions, to help organize activities and advise on new ideas to interest the children.

High Schoolers - Could some of you please come along on the 12th Oct. as we have a special project in mind requiring your help.

The back-drop for the stege would be appreciated for PATCHMORK CLUB: The back-drop for the stage would be appreciated for the might of the Theatre-Resturant (17th Nov. Enquiries Ph. 476670)..... so get busy stitching and have those squares pouring in. (Patchwork enquiries or Volunteers to help Ph. N.Poulsen 476520)

SKIN AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD: We have had a few reports of big snakes seen locally; also ticks. Forents, please make your children aware of these hazards.

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Tuesday Oth November at the Ridgewood Hall: 11.65 n.m. Cost Approx. \$4.00 \*Lucky Door Priss\*

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We all have a great time - hope to see you there this year!

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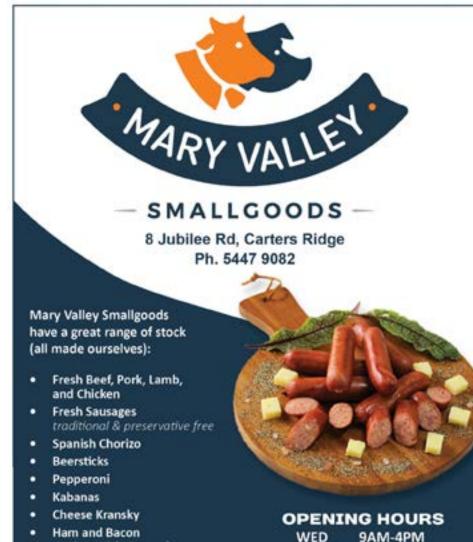
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## The Symbols of Christmas

Christmas is about spending time with family and friends, presents, holidays, feasting and much more. But did you know, that Christmas is adorned with symbols that carry rich stories and traditions? Many of these symbols hold a special meaning. Let us take a look at some of them.

Firstly, the **Christmas Tree.** These evergreen trees symbolised life during the winter. In the 16th Century the Christmas Tree was adopted in Germany with people bringing them into their homes and decorating them with candles. As time went on, the decorations changed to edible treats to baubles and lights. The Christmas Tree is a universal sign of the festive season and the warmth of family gatherings. Have you put up your Christmas Tree? In Australia, setting up your tree on 1st Decmber or the first weekend in December is quite popular.

In the Christian tradition, the **Nativity** scene is a vital symbol of Christmas. It displays the birth of Jesus, together with Mary and Joseph, shepherds, wise men, animals and angels.

The **Candy Cane** was originally straight and white. It symbolises a shepherd's crook. It has been told that in the 1670's the cane-shaped candy became historical when a choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany bent the sticks to make the hook like the shepherd's crook. The Candy Cane was always associated with Christmas. Over time, peppermint flavour has been added along with a range of colours.

The Christmas Wreath is made of evergreen branches symbolising strength and perseverance through the winter months. Its circular shape represents eternity and the neverending love of God. They are decorated with ornaments, ribbons or lights and commonly placed on doors as a sign of welcome during the festive season. Their presence each year serves as a reminder of hope, continuity and the cycle of seasons.

And finally, we have **Santa**! Originally Saint Nicholas of Myra, a 4th Century bishop who was known for his kindness and the secret gifting of coins. He was known as the patron saint of children and was well for his caring of the poor. He is referred to as Father Christmas in England, Kris Kingle in Germany, Babba Natali in Italy, Sinterklaas in the Netherlands and Santa Claus in Australia.

Of course, these are just a few symbols of Christmas. I am sure you can think of many more.

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## **Be Thrifty**

My earliest memory of thriftiness came from my two grandmothers. My maternal grandmother, Grandma, made iceblocks by mixing liquid milk, powdered milk, sugar and malt powder with other ingredients for flavouring. The metal tray that made the oversized milky iceblock 'ice cubes' slowed us grandkids down a bit - the contraption never seemed to co-operate, or we didn't have enough strength to push the lever to release the iceblocks into our eager mouths. We couldn't wait for the iceblocks to partially melt, instead speeding up the process by running the metal tray under hot water. We often got the timing wrong, causing iceblocks to fall into the sink!

Grandma used the very last skerricks of jam to flavour the iceblocks. As kids, we thought that it weird that she kept the almost empty jam jars in the fridge until we tasted the difference in the iceblocks. Yum! I have inherited Grandma's thrifty behaviour, as I always swill out the last bits of sauce or canned tomatoes when I'm cooking.

Unfortunately, others don't understand or appreciate my thriftiness, instead relying on words such as scabby, Scrooge and scungy to describe my actions. I prefer another 'S' word, of SMART! Being thrifty, is the smart way to go. Thriftiness saves you money, maximises available resources and skills, reduces waste, increases your creativity (What can I use that for?), supports the circular economy and could even lead to changing the mindset and actions of others. I am currently enhancing my property by creating a bee-friendly garden. I've already asked for donations of cuttings, seeds, seedlings or plants from others, but let's face it, sometimes you just want to treat yourself by buying something from the local nursery or larger hardware store.

We all know that prices of everything have increased, so I usually make a bee-line (pun intended!) for what I affectionately call the 'sick, dying and almost dead' section where you can purchase plants that are past their prime.

I recently bought two pots of flowering annuals that were reduced from \$8 to \$4 each. They were rootbound and leggy, with wilted flowers and yellowing leaves, but I saw this as an opportunity to engage my super-power of thriftiness. After removing the spent flowers and dead leaves, I discovered that what I thought was actually one plant in each pot was instead two! I immediately did the Maths to discover that this deal was getting even better, as I now had FOUR plants for my investment of \$8.

I am sure that you have your own thriftiness stories, so please email them to rtr.editor@gmail.com so we can share them in future issues. It will be fabulous to read about what you are doing to join the thriftiness movement of reducing, upcycling and recycling. Of course, many of you have been doing this for years – it's just that the rest of society seems to now be taking notice!

Remember: Be(e) thrifty, it's nifty.

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## **Christmas Trivia!**



Not only this is the 40th Anniversary of 'Round the Ridges but this year will also mark 40 years since the song "Do they know it's Christmas Time" was released to the world?

The song was written by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure to raise money for the 1983-1985 famine in Ethiopia.The song was performed by Band Aid - a group made up of popular British and Irish musical artists and it was recorded in a single day at Sarm Wet Studios in Notting Hill, London. The song was a highly successful hit single worldwide raising over \$24 million (USD) for the foundation.

Some of the musical artists included: Bob Geldof, Phil Collins, Boy George, Bono and Adam Clayton from U2, Paul Young, Simon Crowe, George Michael, Sting and Duran Duran. You can watch the original recording video on YouTube today along with the remakes in recent years.

## Belli Park Brain Teaser

Use the supplied clues and the letters in BELLI PARK to solve each brainteaser. Proper nouns allowed. The first one has already been done for you. Some are easier than others. Answers on page 41.

- 1. A bar of wood or metal, used as a support (RAIL)
- 2. Large mammal with coarse fur
- 3. A type of dancing and music
- 4. Dishonest person
- 5. Baleen whales eat these tiny prawn-like animals
- 6. The outer, usually rough, surface of a tree
- 7. Without much colour
- 8. The pointed top of a mountain
- 9. When fruit is ready to eat
- 10. Green leafy vegetable



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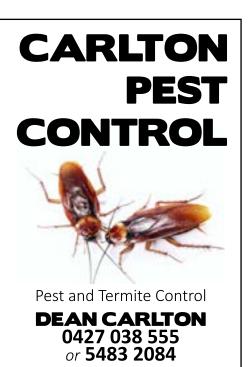


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For the young at heart in our community, make sure to book in for 'Bad Art Night' on Thursday, 12 December. During this workshop we will be helping you create personalised baubles to hang on your tree or give as gifts.

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### **Christmas Maple Glazed Ham**

Author: Nagi | RecipeTin Eats - recipetineats.com.au

Ham Ingredients 5 kg / 10 lb leg ham, bone in, skin on 30 Cloves (optional) 2 oranges, cut into quarters 1 cup (250ml) water

### **Glaze Ingredients**

3/4 cup (185ml) maple syrup 3/4 cup (165g) brown sugar 3 tbsp dijon mustard 3/4 tsp ground cinnamon 1/2 tsp All Spice (or nutmeg)

### Instructions

- Take ham out of fridge 1 hour prior.
- Preheat oven to 160°C (140°C fan). Arrange shelf in lower third so the ham will be sitting in the centre of the oven (rather than in top half of oven).
- Place the Glaze ingredients in a bowl and mix until combined use whisk if needed.
- Remove ham rind (skin): Run small knife around bone handle, down each side of the ham, and under the rind on the cut face. Slide fingers under the rind on the cut face of the ham, and run them back and forth to loosen while pulling the rind back. Use knife if needed to slice off any residual rind.
- Lightly cut 2.5cm / 1" diamonds across the fat surface of the ham, about 75% of the way into the fat. Avoid cutting into the meat.
- Insert a clove in the intersection of the cross of each diamond on the surface (optional).
- Place the ham in a large baking dish. Prop handle up on edge of pan + scrunched up foil so surface of the ham is level
- Squeeze the juice of 1 orange (4 quarters) over the ham. Then place them
  along with the remaining orange into the baking dish around the ham.
- Brush / spoon half the glaze all over the surface and cut face of the ham (don't worry about underside, glaze drips down into pan)
- · Pour the water in the baking dish, then place in the oven.
- Bake for 1.5 2 hrs, basting very generously every 30 minutes with remaining glaze + juices in pan, or until sticky and golden.
- Use foil patches to protect bits that brown faster than others press on lightly, caramelisation won't peel off with the foil.
- Allow to rest for at least 20 minutes before serving.
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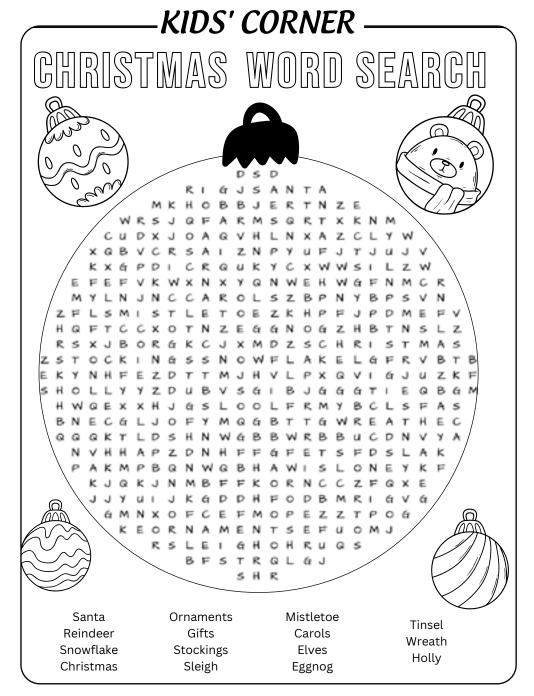


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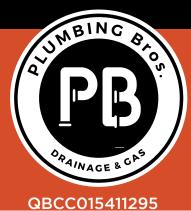
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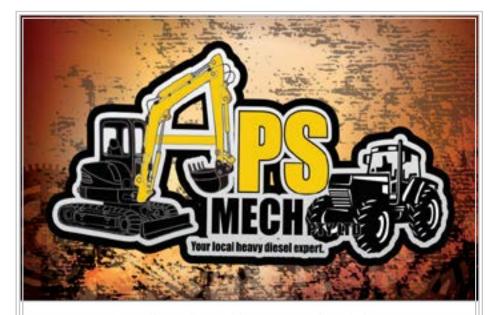
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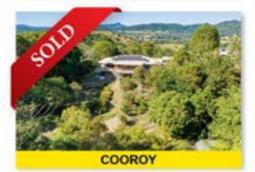
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