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Covering Queensland's Sunshine Coast Hinterland



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## *Our Thoughts*

One cannot understand how those who looted some flood damaged homes in Emerald.

This is a very un-Australian behaviour. Australians are supposed to dig in and help each other during these difficult times.

The victims have been through enough with having their homes inundated by water and most likely could not imagine that they would be robbed as well during this difficult time.

Let us hope that those responsible are soon apprehended.

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## Mooloolah Pony Club Sign on Day

Have you ever thought about joining a pony club? Well, here is the chance..

The Mooloolah Pony Club sign-on day is tomorrow, Saturday 2nd February between 9am - 12 noon at the Mooloolah pony club grounds.

Why not go along and have a look at the fun of pony club.

Mooloolah Pony Club members welcome riders of all ages and all abilities.

For more info phone either Eileen on 54947748 or Jayne on 54788171

## Lifeline's next volunteer Telephone Counsellor training course starts in February

SUICIDE, family breakdown, domestic violence, stress and burnout, emotional problems and mental health are only some of the issues that Lifeline's team of Volunteer Telephone Counsellors respond to on a daily basis, while serving on the 24 hour Crisis Line, according to Jon Dachs the co-ordinator of the Telephone Counselling Service.

Lifeline on the Sunshine Coast receives approximately 500 calls per month on its 13 11 14 crisis line. These are handled by the Volunteer Telephone Counsellors, who usually do a four hour shift every fortnight and an overnight shift every three months.

In order to meet the continuing demand for Volunteer Telephone Counsellors, Lifeline conducts two training courses each year. The next course

will be an evening course, starting on Thursday 7th February 2008 and concluding on 5th June.

All training will be conducted on Thursdays between 5.45pm and 9pm at the Lifeline Client Services Centre at 37 Duporth Avenue, Maroochydore.

The cost of the first 8 weeks of the course is \$345.00 or \$295.00 concession. There is no charge for the second part of the course. The cost includes all training manuals and workbooks. Those who are accepted into and complete the second part and are assessed as competent to be telephone counsellors will be offered a reimbursement of \$100.00 after successful completion of 6 months of Clinical Practice.

A brochure can be obtained by phoning Lifeline during business hours on 5443 5366.

## Community shows appreciation

No show was complete without Mrs Gerry Cole at the show kitchen counter. Mrs Cole has spent 60 years volunteering with a number of Maleny community organisations. 84 year old Mrs Cole is well known not only for her community work but as a dedicated nursing sister at the old Maleny hospital. Mrs Cole was named Citizen of the Year at the recent Fischer electorate Community Australia Day awards.

Other Maleny residents to receive awards were Chris Brooker and Beverly Hand who received awards through the Caloundra Council's Australia Day Awards. Both people are passionate about their communities and have worked hard at supporting their various community organisations.

Communities would be lost without the effort put in by all volunteers.

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## Truthful Jones Tells...



us that his local priest, Father Flarity was returning to Australia from his annual trek to the Vatican when a distinguished young woman also on the flight from Rome asked him, "Father, may I ask a favour?"

Father Flarity replied, "Of course, what may I do for you?" The young woman said, "Well, I bought an expensive woman's electronic hair dryer for my mother's birthday that is unopened and well over the Custom's limits, and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it through customs for me? Under your robes perhaps?"

Father Flarity said, "I would love to help you, dear, but I must warn you: I will not lie."

"With your honest face, Father, no one will question you." said the young woman.

When they got to Customs, she let the priest go ahead of her.

The official asked, "Father, do you have anything to declare?" "From the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare."

The official thought this answer strange, so asked, "And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?"

To which Father Flarity replied, "I have a marvellous instrument designed to be used on a woman, but which is, to date, unused."

Roaring with laughter, the official said, "Go ahead, Father. Next!"

Truthful believes that this shows that an honest face will impress more than beauty any time.

*Click here to go to our "Events Guide" (Must be connected to the internet at the time)*

## Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

*Mould or mildew is the formation of black, grey or brown spots or areas on the surface of paint or caulk. With the continuous period of wet weather we have just had and some warm days we will see mould forming, especially in bathrooms and kitchens*

*completely removed.*

### Solution

- \* *First test for mildew by applying a few drops of bleach to the area; if it can be bleached away, it is probably mildew.*
- \* *Remove all mildew from the surface by scrubbing with a household bleach solution (1 part bleach, 3 parts water). Be sure to observe safety precautions - wear rubber gloves and eye protection. Rinse thoroughly.*
- \* *To protect against further mildew, use an ultra premium quality acrylic paint. These paints tend to have more mildewcide than do lower quality paints and will resist the formation of mildew.*
- \* *Clean the surface as needed with a bleach or detergent solution. Consider installing exhaust fans in high moisture areas.*

### Possible Causes

- \* *Warm, moist, humid conditions (bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms)*
- \* *Use of an alkyd or oil-based paint, or lower quality acrylic paint*
- \* *Failure to prime bare wood before painting*
- \* *Painting over a surface from which mildew has not been*

### *This weeks Special*

**Paintit Low Sheen - Int W.T.B. by Wattyl**

**6 lts - \$39.95**

**Paint Place, Maleny**



12 Bunya Street,  
Maleny. 4552.

**Ph 54942002**

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Click on the word Paint on the right hand side of page.

*For more information about paint or "how to hints" click here to go to the **Maleny Paint Place** web page.*

## Charity dollars go a long way toward helping local sick kids

For the second year in a row ANZ is holding "Blue Week" across its retail branch network. Staff at Nambour ANZ have come together to raise funds for a very worthy cause the Children's Ward at Nambour Hospital.

There are many ways to be involved in 'Blue Week'. Staff, Local Businesses and Customers are being asked to donate new toys. Other ways people can be involved are purchasing Blue Showbags by making a donation at the Nambour ANZ Branch.

This incredibly successful fundraiser raised over \$15000 last year for the Sunshine Coast Community. Last year it was great to raise so many funds for local community groups. All the staff love getting dressed up in our Blue costumes and getting involved in all the events.



Five days later, sitting under the revolving fans in the relaxing bar of the El Nuevo Mundo, were the two groups of mainly expats who had been at the centre of the siege of the La Presa Linda. The effulgent Penny was at one table with the five engineers, while at the adjoining table were the three seismologists, Fernando and Marina, plus Luis, Linda-pa and Willie. Sitting up on Penny's lap was Tomasino, grooming his uneven whiskers. He had dined royally, as they all had, and he gazed regally at his nemesis, Pepé the hovering waiter, who could barely contain his chagrin at the feline insouciance.

That morning they had all had a picnic with the 25 Santa Marta orphans, and the orphans and the girls had 'easily' beaten the five engineers in the tug of war competition. They were almost as sleepy as the sleeping children when they returned to the city, so all enjoyed their own siestas before the evening party.

That party progressed so happily, punctuated by delighted squeals from Penny and anguished squeals from Pepé, whenever he was

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swiped at by Tomasino for territorial invasion. Penny was told that the dam would be completed within six months and the project then handed over to the government. She was satisfied and happy that all that could be done would satisfy the social needs of the people, especially the children. Their health, their education and their future. She was leaving San Cristobal the following



*This is the final chapter in our serialisation of the adventure "La Presa Linda" written by Jervis Sparks.*

day, to enjoy a holiday on Las Islas Galapagos.

The engineers had been lucky to be able to checkmate their problems in this relatively remote country without intensely opinionated local newspaper columns, loud and stupid oratory in talk shows, and herds of stampeding lawyers litigating over their fees.

As the irrepressible Chepé proclaimed, "they would have been as welcome as a prostate check-up".

The whole affair, before, during and after, never became public knowledge, despite whispered speculation over the years. That speculation receded then faded out, as people succumbed to new and more relevant problems of existing in a country which had not changed.

In reality, only the dam was a success in the whole drama. Zihuanava's eruptions subsided, and eventually again became dormant, while the queen also slumbered. At the university campus, more pawns evolved, stridently excoriating. In the hills, rebels plotted.

## Epilogue

Twelve months later, the five engineers were again together, half a world away, drinking beers and discussing their new project, a dam on the mighty Mekong River. Another sleepy tropical capital, this time in S-E-Asia. All agreed that this project should be a snap, nothing like the El Cristobal situation of multiple crises.

Then Lars produced an email he had just received, and read it aloud,

*"Hello dear Lars, and all you other wonderful guys, I do miss you all, and also Tomasino. Where are you now? Still in Central America?"*

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## The "NUT" Award

It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

They are not only a danger to themselves but they are a danger to other road users who have no control over the prevailing situation, not through their actions but the actions of the inconsiderate drivers.

Each week we will bring you the contender for the weekly "NUT" award - that is the weakest part of the car's safety - "The Nut behind the wheel"...

Let us see if we can do our little bit to improve road safety around our town.

If you know the person mentioned please have a quiet word to them.



This week's award goes to: - the various cars that just "had to" park in the bus parking zone at the Maleny Primary School on the first day of school.

It is unfortunate that those inconsiderate parents didn't think about other children as well as their own.....

## Sunshine Coast Hinterland is a diverse area and needs strong voice

Winston Johnston, a Division 5 candidate, says, 'A community seen as divided will struggle to get its needs recognised in the new regional Council.'

'The new Councillor,' he says, 'must be able to present a strong case for the unique needs of our hinterland.' Division 5 is the most diverse division, with 17,380 voters and over 8 towns.

Mr. Johnston, a previous Landsborough Shire/Caloundra City Councillor for nine years to 1991, was born at Maleny and has lived in Landsborough, Maleny and Woombye. He has driven on every road in Division 5 over the past 55 years and regularly travelled the area during his successful career as an insurance broker. He has recently retired from active business.

'Someone strong and articulate on strategic planning is needed.' Mr Johnston says. 'It is going to be difficult and challenging to convince other Councillor's of the unique needs of our hinterland. It will certainly take a professional mindset and specialized skills to restructure the needs of the entire region into one united organization.'

Apart from his time as a former Councillor, Mr. Johnston was a member of the following boards: Caloundra/Maroochy Water Supply Board, Sunshine Coast Tourism and Development Board, Sunshine Coast University Site Planning Committee, Maroochy Hospital Board.

Mr. Johnston, a recipient of an "Excellence in Business" award, is a principal of Your Insurance Broker, one of Queensland's largest general insurance brokerages and his brokerage is listed as one of the Top 400 privately owned businesses in Queensland.

'A major factor in the success of both my business and Council careers, has been my ability to listen to people's needs. This willingness to listen, together with strong negotiating skills and a lifetime of experience, in dealing with a diverse range of residents throughout the hinterland area, gives me the confident belief, that I can competently represent the people of Division 5.'

## Maleny 5th Light Horse and T.S. Onslow parade on Australia Day

TS Centaur Naval Reserve Cadets and the Maleny Light Horse paraded for the Flag Raising ceremony at Maleny R.S.L. on the Australia day 2008.

The Maleny Light Horse Troop and The T.S Centaur paraded through the main street of Maleny then paraded at the R.S.L cenotaph for the flag raising ceremony.



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## La Presa Linda

*I have just heard that there is going to be built a huge dam across the Mekong River. How can they do that? It will destroy the farms and livelihoods of so many poor people. Next week I am flying over the stop it. Wish me luck. Love, Penny”.*

They all raised their eyebrows, then their glasses, and all grinned.

At that precise moment of profound silence, and 300 kilometres to the north, a band of ragged but heavily armed men, were also formulating a plan of action. Their target too, was the new dam to be built on the Mekong. They called themselves the Maoist Mekong Army of Liberation.

Editor: Thanks to Jervis for permission to reproduce this adventure novel. One feels that some of Jervis' own adventures are written into this story.

Jervis is well known around Maleny and he presently writing his next adventure.



## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Beef Burgers

- easy Sunday night meal.

**Ingredients** 1kg minced beef - 1 small onion, chopped finely - 2 cloves garlic, chopped - 2 tblsp barbecue sauce - 2 tblsp Worcestershire sauce - 2 tblsp fresh parsley, chopped - 1/2 cup breadcrumbs - 1 egg, lightly beaten - 1 large onions, sliced - 6 slices cheese - 2 tomatoes, sliced - 6 bread rolls - 1/2 lettuce

**Method:-** Put beef, small chopped onion, garlic, sauces, parsley, breadcrumbs and egg into large bowl and Mix until combined. Shape mixture into 6 burger patties. Cook burger patties on barbecue until browned on both sides, cook large sliced onion as well. Add sliced cheese to the top of burgers for 2 minutes or until melted. Split and toast rolls, then add lettuce and tomato, burger patties with cheese and onion.

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**Maleny Paint Place - 5494 2002**

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## Need Help buying a car? New or second hand

**S**uncoast Auto Brokers are always there to help you when buying a new or second hand car.

Contact them on

**1300 365 352**

*Sports Sign On*  
**Suncoast Hinterland Softball Association has a sign-on day on Saturday 2nd & 9th between 9am - 2pm at Amart Sports, Kawana.**

**There are teams for both junior and senior players.**

**For further info call Karen on 0422204661**

*.....Why not give it a go this year.*

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