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Kenilworth - Maleny Road to get upgrade!

For years Maleny-Kenilworth Road has been in poor condition and have not kept up with the ever increasing volume of traffic flow.

Another part of Maleny - Kenilworth Road is about to undergo an upgrade. The 1.5km stretch between Fritz Gully and Jager Drive is about to be upgraded at a cost of some \$2.6 million dollars.

This section of road was constructed in the early 1950's and has served the area very well, however the road has of recent times deteriorated rapidly and is now in need of a safety upgrade.

Contracts have been let to widen the road to more than twice its current width, rehabilitating the road surface and replacing the old timber bridge over Fritz Gully with a new concrete structure.

Nicklin MP Peter Wellington said residents had been pushing for the upgrade for years. The upgrade will significantly improve safety for all road users, not just locals but also for the hundreds of tourists drive that road each weekend."

The current upgrade is scheduled to be finished by September.

It is expected that this will be the first of about \$15 million worth of improvements along the road were scheduled for the next few years.

Further roadworks at Reesville Road were scheduled to start later this year and design for improvements to the section between Cambroon Creek and Booloumba Creek Road was underway.

Crowds for ANZAC day service in Maleny just continue to grow!

ANZAC Day 2009 marks 94 years since the Australian landing at Gallipoli and as usual is a day when Australians remember the courage and patriotism of men and women who have resisted oppression and fought for freedom.

A crowd estimated at between 2500 and 3000 attended the

10.30a.m. ANZAC Parade and Service on the banks of Obi



Creek, Maleny. The numbers continue to grow as there is a revival in Australian patriotism.

The solemn part of the ceremony was followed with a luncheon at the Maleny R.S.L. Hall.

"Lest We Forget"



Photo Above shows Naval Cadets leading the Returned Servicemen
Photo below shows part of the large crowd at the 2009 ANZAC service



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Truthful Jones Tells...



that he was told that a petty thief, a teacher and a lawyer die in a plane crash and go up to Heaven's gates together.

When they get there they are stopped by St. Peter, who says: "Sorry, it's crowded up here, you need to answer a question correctly, or else you can't get in."

He looks at the teacher, and asks her: "What was the name of the famous ocean-liner that sank after hitting an iceberg?"

"Oh, that's easy," the teacher replies, "the Titanic."

So St. Peter lets her into Heaven. Next he turns to the petty thief.

"How many people died on that ship?" St. Peter asks.

"Oooh, that's tough, but I saw the movie, and I think it was 1,500."

St. Peter steps away and the thief walks into Heaven.

Finally, St. Peter turns to the lawyer and says: "Name them."

MORALE; Irrespective of ones station in life there are always times when it does not appear that everyone gets an equal go at the benefits that life presents.



Blackall Range
Woodworker's Guild

To read a copy of the Club's latest newsletter simply click on this logo when connected to the internet. You will be taken to the index page of the Club's web page. Pick the relevant date.

Cheers Pres Dave

First electricity & now water

Water is one of the most emotive and sensitive issues in the privatization debate. As a staple of life any move to privatization raises concerns that water will become more expensive for low-income households.

As from July 2007 the retailing of electricity and gas in south-east Queensland was completely opened up to free market competition. This privatisation was to ensure competition that would keep the price of electricity from rapid cost escalation.

The present State Government did this inspite of the apparent failure of a similar scheme in South Australia in 2004 where experiences showed that power industry privatisation led to higher prices for households and industry and resulted in increased blackouts through lack of critical infrastructure maintenance.

Now steps are being taken by the State Government to complete a similar scheme with the South East Water Grid. This privatisation can only lead to similar results with water supply system.

Sunshine Coast Regional Council Mayor Bob Abbot says if the south-east Queensland water system is privatised then consumers could be hit with ever-spiralling price rises, as they have with electricity. Cr Abbott continued, "consumers could expect "constant increases over six to eight years"".

The Queensland community requires that the basic supply of affordable electricity and water should be a humanitarian right of all Australians.

Whilst Local Councils have paid for the majority of water assets The State Government has deliberately undervalued Sunshine Coast's water assets meaning that local ratepayers will not only miss out on "millions of dollars" in future water revenue but the ratepayers could end up paying higher costs to maintain that system.

The question might soon be; "What can I afford - electricity to run my home or water to drink? Do you think that that question is a "bit over the top?" Consider it again in another 10 years.

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Transport back at the Maleny Police Station

Since the opening of the Maleny Police Station in 1952 until about 2000 the Maleny Police Station attended to the Department of Transport needs of the Maleny Community.

With the introduction of the Queensland Government Agent Program in the early 2000's Queensland Transport transactions were taken over by the Hinterland Business Centre in Coral Street, Maleny.

This organisation ceased completing these transactions in September 2008.

As from Monday April 20th Queensland Transport transactions along with a range of other Queensland Government transactions are returning to the Maleny Police Station.

To be able to attend to the new business there have been some interior modifications to the Police station, although no additional space has been allocated. This will make the new arrangement very crowded in the present building.

The new agent, Judy Phipps, has joined the QGAP network of 70 government service counters located in rural and remote communities across the state.

Offices hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 2pm. Phone 5429 629 3.

There will be no change to existing Queensland Transport drivers' licensing hours. Just beware of the changed parking conditions - please read the parking signs.



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:-

To the Blue 4WD Ute who just had to spin tyres and fishtail as it travelled down Maple Street towards Obi Creek near Riverside Shopping Centre about lunchtime on Thursday of last week.

No point - no brains.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Eggs poached on Tomato

- quick & easy warm meal for those in a hurry.

Ingredients

- * 4 eggs
- * 1 teaspoon butter
- * Small tin undiluted tomato soup
- * Salt and pepper

Method

Bring tomato soup to the boil and pour into a greased dish in oven.

Add butter, break eggs and drop into dish.

Place in a hot oven for 6 minutes until eggs are set.

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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Clear finishing that front door which will take weather!!!

One of the frequent problems that face home renovators is "how can we maintain a lovely timber door that is exposed to the weather, but we do not want to hide the grain in the timber?"

There is a product available that will give a good clear but strong waterproof coating to that unique front door, that product is manufactured by Norglass Laboratories and is called "Weatherfast Varnish".

It is super high gloss finish with maximum levels of U/V inhibitors and stabilisers for areas of extreme exposure.

Not only is it ideal for that door but also for other areas such as panelling, hand rails and general varnish work.

It is though not suitable for floors

or traffic surfaces.

Is it easy to apply?

Well, follow the instructions on the tin and you should have no trouble. New bare timber must be dry, well sanded and have the dust particles within the grain removed by clean rags soaked in methylated spirits.

Previously varnished timber (in good condition) should be sanded thoroughly to a flat state then wiped over with a lint-free cloth in methylated spirits.

Cracked or peeling varnishes must be totally removed back to a clean dry timber state.

by brush to work the product into the timber surface. Thinning the first coat is not normally recommended, but if carried out care must be taken to allow additional time for drying due to the added solvents (24hrs minimum).

Light sanding (with the grain) between a further 3 coats should be a reasonable base structure for finishing.

Following this a minimum of a further 2 coats should be considered essential where exposed to long periods of strong sunlight.

It comes in a high gloss finish. The area of coverage per coat is approximately 12 sq m per litre. Cleanup of the product is with Mineral Turps.



It is available at the Paint Place, Maleny.

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The first coat should be applied

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Who remembers the old days;



The Milkman delivering raw milk to your door in a metal galvanised dipper or jug with a hinged lid...

Even in Maleny until early 1980's

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A brief insight into the history of Maleny & District and other things..

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History of the Witta Cemetery and Mitchell the Aboriginal

To the north-east of Maleny is an area called Witta.

Witta, was first settled by German immigrants around the late 1880's. once known as Teutoburgh in the 1880s.

The name Teutoburgh came from a nearby German mission. Witta. In 1916, due to anti-German sentiment associated with the Great War, the town was renamed Witta.

Depending on who tells the story there appears to be some difference of opinion about the name Witta. The most common explanation is that the name was derived from an Aboriginal word (either wutdah, meaning red cedar, or wetya, meaning

dingo.) Hence the non-German pronunciation. Another explanation is that the named after Witten which is a university city Westphalia, Germany.

Witta is a residential area. There is little else in the area. It was once had a very strong dairy industry. It also once had a school, however that school has long since closed down and students from the area travel by bus to schools in nearby Maleny.

One thing that Witta does have that nearby Maleny, the larger township does not is a cemetery. A walk around that cemetery gives a snapshot of the history of the whole area.

Scattered across the cemetery are the names of the first German families who settled at Witta.

In fact the Witta Cemetery came about as a result of a generous donation from the Van Dryke family in 1898.

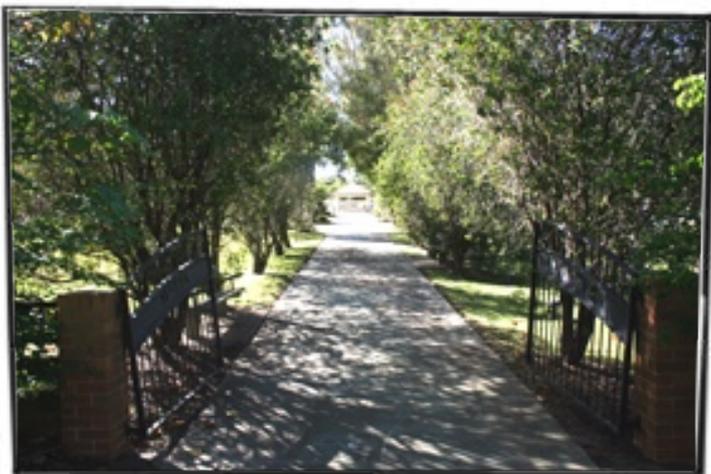
The first aboriginal to be buried in the Witta Cemetery was "Mitchell the Aboriginal". Mitchell was a member of an aboriginal group which was part of the Durandir tribe.

He worked throughout the Sunshine Coast hinterland for a number of early settlers. Whilst working for a settler family at Peachester he saved the life of the young son of the settler family. The young lad had a burst appendix. There were no local doctors, the closest being at the Brisbane Hospital. (Now Royal Brisbane Hospital). It was believed that the lad would certainly die without medical treatment.

Mitchell carried the young lad to Coochin Creek from where a steam ship loaded with timber travelled daily to Brisbane.

Mitchell stayed with the lad until he was well enough to return to his home

Following his death in September 1919 Mitchell was buried in the Witta Cemetery. It was very uncommon for an aboriginal to be buried in a



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“white man’s cemetery” in those days.

The then Landsborough Shire Council attended to the burial.

This occurred after Harry Warne, (Grandfather of Hilda Penny who still lives in Maleny), who was Chairman of the Council at the time is said to have said to a council meeting; “If any aboriginal deserves to be buried in a white-man’s cemetery it is Mitchell.”

Local wood-worker, Ludwig Tesch built the coffin for Mitchell at the time. such was the communities feelings for Mitchell.

conjunction with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council commemorated the refurbishment of Mitchell’s headstone which is still in the Witta Cemetery.

The ceremony was attended by Councillors, Tim Dwyer, Deputy Mayor and local Councillor, Jenny Mckay.

place for a final resting place, under the gum trees and overlooking the Witta Sports Ground where young people meet regularly to fight that most important battle of all - a sporting contest.



Much work has been completed over the past few years to make this final resting place even better.

The ceremony heard from Ms. Beverley Hand and Alex Bond, members of the Gubbi-Gubbi tribe.

Much of this work has been done by locals Colin Carbery and Frank Rough with support from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. Both these people come from local pioneer families.

The “Mitchell Project” was co-ordinated by the Maleny



At the time Mitchell’s headstone was the biggest in the cemetery and remained as the biggest until today.

On Wednesday April 22nd, 2009 the Maleny Historical Society in

Witta Cemetery is nestled in a quiet country location. What a

Historical Society Committee.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Unit Pricing

Interested parties have until 20 April to lodge a submission into the establishment of a unit pricing code.

Unit pricing refers to the display of the price of goods per unit of measure (for example, per 100 grams or per kilogram).

Work is underway for the development of a code of practice for the national unit pricing policy. The aim is to ensure shoppers can compare the cost per unit of products that are comparable but are packaged with differing volumes.

Submissions are invited to assist with the development of the code, which is due for completion by July 1 and will be implemented on December 1. The closing date for submissions is 20 April 2009.

The draft code released recently is available at: <http://www.treasury.gov.au/contentitem.asp?NavId=037&ContentID=1503> .

For further details about making a submission for the code, visit: www.treasury.gov.au/contentitem.asp?NavId=037&ContentID=1503

Rural Awards

The new Australian Outback and Rural Awards has been launched, to recognise the high achievements of Australians who live outside major cities.

Nominations close this year on July 10. The winners will be announced at a special gala event in Canberra in September.

For more information about the awards competition, visit www.awardsaustralia.com

Seniors Forum

I encourage seniors and their families to consider attending the 9th annual Fisher Seniors' Forum and Expo, which will be held on May 22 at the Lake Kawana Community Centre from 1.30pm.

Please call my office on 5443 3555 or 1300 301 981 (toll free) to book your place.

The topic this year revolves around staying healthy and active and the financial challenges of the current economic climate.

Attendance is FREE and attendees will receive a FREE satchel of items such as a notebook, health

information, and service guides.

School Anzac Events

Local schools that organised Anzac Day commemoration events should consider entering the Anzac Day Schools' Awards 2009 – entries close on May 30.

National winners in the primary and secondary school categories Prizes can win prizes of up to \$2000, while state winners receive \$1000. There are also several other special awards.

Categories include the best veteran and community involvement, best use of technology, best innovative activity, best historical research and best commemorative art.

For details, visit: www.dva.gov.au/commemorations/education/awards_competitions <http://www.dva.gov.au/commemorations/education/awards_competitions

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