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Maleny Credit Union merger rejected!

The Maleny Credit Union was established in 1984 under the umbrella of the Maple Street Co-op in 1984 to bring a sustainable banking system to the Maleny Community.

The Maleny Community has been abuzz for some months after it was announced back in January, 2011 that there was a move to merge the MCU Sustainable Banking with the Brisbane-based Credit Union Australia. It was explained that the merger was to ensure that benefits of being part of a larger organisation would be in the best interests of the customers.

CUA has also been consistently awarded by the industry and as a result was considered by the MCU Board to be the best solution for customers of the Maleny Credit Union.

Following a meeting at the Maleny Community Centre on Saturday June 25th speakers from both sides of the decision put their views. Following this the proposal was put to the vote. The merger of the Maleny Credit Union and Credit Union Australia was rejected by a vote of members. The poll recorded that there were 637 saying no to the merger against 464 who wanted the merger to go ahead.

Some members were not sure that the commitment by Credit Union Australia that "continued commu-

nity focus" was enough to allow the merger to proceed.

Credit Union Australia's CEO Chris Whitehead said, "A merger, particularly one which results in a change of name is just as much about an emotional decision as it is about its economics or financial aspects."

"One of the perceived reasons why this merger proposal was rejected is the fact that the MCU re-invests money back into the local community and there is no guarantee that this would continue." said one vocal objector at the meeting. He continued that the uncertainty about how ownership of the MCU Office building, which is owned fully by the MCU would be handled was also of a concern.

Another member attending indicated that he thought that a merger with another organisation would eventually be inevitable.

A section of the crowd broke out in cheers when the vote numbers were announced by board chairman Alan Harrington.

Credit union board members indicated that the MCU would not have a sustainable future if the merger did not go ahead. This was due to limitations of its current capital base and the increasing complexities and cost of governance, compliance and management.

Some of the benefits of being

part of a larger organisation were increased access to products and services.

Strong Credit Unions are important to the Australian banking system as they provide some competition to Australia's big banks.

This vote has caused some more hostility between groups within the community with some members attending the meeting called for the sacking of the board.

Council to stay with Unity Water

The Sunshine Coast Council has decided to stay with Unitywater as the distributor of the areas domestic water.

Mayor Bob Abbott said that this decision was made because of the conditions placed on the council by the Premier, Ms Anna Bligh. The take-back scheme did not include the taking back of bulk water, did not reinstate the 40% subsidy and would not reduce water charges.

It is believed that the upfront costs for council would be in the vicinity of \$50 million if the water was to be taken back.

The offer for councils by the State Government to take back control of water was impossible from the beginning.

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Could this be the Bruce Highway?

Daily we read complaints about the state of our roads. Spare a thought for the drivers on this highway in Yugoslavia - no one hears them complaining about the state of their road. And traffic is heavy!



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Sunshine Coast Council to assist the AGL Action Rescue Helicopter

Sunshine Coast Council has announced that it will support the AGL Action Rescue Helicopter in the 2011/12 budget.

The emergency chopper service, which undertakes more than 1000 missions every year at a cost in excess of \$7.5 million each year. A number of these missions have been made in the Maleny area. The medical crews can be transported quickly to the scene of major traumas and this increases the chance of accident victim's survival.

Along with a direct donation of \$58,508 subsidy the council is committed to ensuring that the service receives ongoing support at Sunshine Coast Airport in the form of a contribution of \$16,000 towards site rental at the airport, which is owned by the council.



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 drivers and passengers of the vehicle on McCarthys Road near the I/s Bunya Street who on the night of Thursday 16th June persisted in doing wheelies at the intersection and knocked out the give way sign.

"Nearly got the shotgun out" said one resident.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Lamb Shanks

- I always loved them!

Ingredients

- * Coles Tuscan Meatball Recipe Base
- * 4 Lamb Shanks
- * 1 tablespoon olive oil
- * 400g can of Coles Italian Crushed tomatoes
- * 2 large carrots, peeled.
- * 1/3 cup pitted Kalamata olives
- * 1 medium sized sweet potato, peeled.
- * 3 medium potatoes, peeled.
- * 6 shallots or 2 brown onions – peeled and thickly sliced
- * 2 Zucchini, thickly sliced
- * 3 stalks celery, thickly sliced

Directions

Cut all vegetables into large chunks, at least one inch long and set aside.

Heat oil in a large heavy based pan. Brown shanks, add onion, cook for 2-3 minutes to soften.

In a separate bowl, mix together recipe base mix and tinned tomato. Add one tin of water and mix to combine. Pour over shanks. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Loosely cover with lid, reduce to lowest heat and simmer gently for 2 hours

Add cut vegetables (excluding onion & olives) and continue to simmer for one additional hour or until vegetables are cooked and meat peels easily away from the shanks.

Stir through olives 10 minutes before serving.

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Power Prices to continue to hurt!

The Australian Energy Market Commission has warned higher infrastructure costs will cause household electricity costs to rise across the country. Those price rises are likely to be up to an increase of 30% between today and mid 2013, which is just 2 years away.

The cost of electricity has escalated since the state government privatised the industry in 2007.

More than a third of Queensland families are already struggling to pay for their essentials. Many families on lower incomes feel that the only option for them is to use less electricity, even though many thought that they were already being sparing in their use of electricity.

Electricity is just one item that will have families struggling to pay their bills.

There is also an expected permanent increase of approximate 10 - 14 cent per litre increase in the cost of fuel. Interest rates are also expected to rise by approximately 1% on home mortgages. Then there are the other utility price increases - water, gas, rates.

It is estimated that there will be an approximately \$3000 increase in the cost of living in the next 12 months, a new financial year burden that could push many people, especially those on pensions and lower incomes to the brink.

Maleny Singers presents "The Merry Widow"

The Merry Widow is Coming for you soon!

Maleny Singers and the Maleny Performing Arts Orchestra join the bDifferent Dance Academy to bring you a great musical.

Lehár's luscious score waltzes back in a new production brimming with ball gowns and fans, top hats and tails. Hanna, the wise and beautiful widow, and Danilo, the lofty idealist. They squabble and flirt even as the music reveals their perfect harmony. Will this obstinately unromantic couple ever get together?

This production

recaptures the original turn-of-the-century glamour with a dash of twenty-first century artistry.

Well, you can find out at the Maleny Community Centre on Saturday 23rd July at 6.30p.m. followed by Friday July 29th at 6.30p.m. with afternoon performances on Sunday 24th and 31st of July at 2p.m.



The Musings of an old codger!

The recent budget announcements meant to drive Queensland forward into 2012 have come up with a couple of measures that should make one think about where Queensland is heading.

Buyers of new homes or units will be eligible for a \$10,000 grant on top of the home buyers grant for properties valued up to \$600,000, contracted between August 1, 2011 and January 31, 2012. At the same time the \$4000 regional home buyers grant, which was brought in to stimulate regional Queensland is to be discontinued.

This is stated to be introduced to stimulate the building industry which, apart from a couple of areas dominated by the mining industry is presently in a serious decline.

On the other hand it was announced that there would be an increase in the cost of selling or buying a home with a 125 per cent hike in stamp duty on the family home. It should be noted that there is no mention of a restricted time period on this cost increase.

These decisions in total do not appear to have a logical thinking for the long term benefit of Queensland. Meanwhile the building industry and associated businesses are struggling.

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The Maleny Singers
with
The Maleny Performing Arts Orchestra
and
The bDifferent Dance Academy

Present

**THE
MERRY
WIDOW**

**Maleny Community Centre
(Licensed Bar)**

**Gala Opening Night: Sat 23rd July 6.30pm
tables: 8 to 12, bring a food hamper, tickets \$30.00**

Table Bookings and general enquiries 5494 2584

**Evening Performance: Fri 29th July 6.30pm
tickets \$25.00 / \$20.00 conc. children free**

**Matinee Performances: Sun 24th & 31st July 2.00 pm
tickets \$25.00 / \$20.00 conc. children free**

**Tickets for Evening & Matinee performances from
Maleny Visitor Information Centre, 23 Maple St.
Maleny**

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Truth-ful Jones Tells... he heard about last Sunday



when he went to mass. The Priest was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building.

Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," the Priest said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the Priest paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "Advance Australia Fair."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Morale; Getting a regular job sometimes is just a matter of being in the right spot at the right time, but more often it being a quick thinker and looking for the best outcome for the employing organisation.

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Maleny Library Coming Events

Enriching our lives!

This is a free talk about Fairies, Animal Kingdom, Crystals.

This presentation will be made by Angel Starr

Those attending will experience an uplifting and inspiring free talk. They will also experience a deeper connection with Mother Earth.

This event will be held in the Maleny Library Meeting room between 10a.m. and 12.30p.m. on July 15th, 2011.

Whilst this is a Free event bookings are essential.

Bookings can be made by phone on contact number (07) 5435 3100.



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Fully insured - Local painters.
Every job treated as a master-piece.

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MALENY BOWLS CLUB FRIDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

Find out who is "King of the Week"

...get a free drink at the club each day of the week.

Must be there Friday afternoon to win for the next week.

Why not join as a social member and enjoy all the benefits of the club?



Common sense means paying attention to the obvious. This is not as easy as it sounds. We all have vivid imaginations, and we tend to get lost in our fantasies.

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Do you want to buy "Quincy Jones: 50 Years In Music" on DVD

This Montreux concert from 1996 was put together by the American music legend to celebrate 50 years of making music and features guest appearance by many of the artists that he has worked with over the years.

Also included is a conversation with Quincy at Montreux in 2007.

Quincy Jones has dozens of Grammys to his name and a career that has seen him work with some of the all-time greats in the music world--Michael Jackson and Frank Sinatra are just two of the high-profile clients who have called on his services. This concert celebrates Jones's 50th year in the industry, and was staged in Switzerland at their annual Jazz Festival. Stars such as David Sanborn and Phil Collins joined Jones on stage as the talented musician covered a broad range of styles, making this a night of touching tribute and gloriously uplifting music.

To buy this DVD you simply click on this link when connected to the internet and then look for the search field at the CD Universe tab on the HG Gig Guide web page.

At the CD Universe web site enter the film title into the search box and it will take you to the shopping cart.

LET US FIND OUT A BIT ABOUT OUR SURNAMES

Over recent times there has been a resurgence in the popularity of researching ones family history.

Local, Jack Frost of the Irish and Scottish Shoppe which is located in "Connemara Cottage", Montville has already done much of the work on Irish, Scottish and English names.

Jack also specialises in supplying Heraldic Family Name products as Keepsakes/Souvenirs or for use at Family Reunions.

As manufacturers, they also provide their range of heraldic products from their workshop in Maleny.

All products can be supplied 'standard' or adapted to include both your family Arms or Clan Badge, with a suitable notation as to details of your Family Reunion, where product so provides.

For further information about your clan his web address is:

<http://www.irishscottishshop.com.au/>

Origin & Arms of The Family Name



Boyd is said to be a descriptive name from the Gaelic *buidhe* meaning 'fair' or 'yellow'. The Manx name comes from *Mac Giolla Buidhe* 'the yellow-haired youth's son'. The original fair-haired man is said to be have been Robert, nephew of Walter, the first High Steward of Scotland. The name is also argued to be of Norman or Saxon origin, the first Boyds being vassals of the Norman family of de Morvilles for their lands around Largs and Irvine. First recorded was Robertus de Boyd who witnessed a contract between the Lord of Eglinton and the burgh of Irvine around 1205.

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YOUR CLUB BRAINS!

Maleny's Sport & Rec and Service Clubs are invited to challenge each other at

THE INAUGURAL

“Maleny's Brainiest Club” sporting & general knowledge Trivia Night!!

where: Maleny RSL Hall

when: Sat 2nd July 6.00 for 6.30pm

cost: \$5.00 per head

(Quiz masters: Ray Oldfield & Simon Denver)

**Bar opens at 6.00pm
bring your own munchies**

Space is limited & the competition will be fierce!
Book your table NOW - tables (max 8 seats) available

PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES GALORE!!

Bookings: email gail@mavmuse.com ph 5494 2956

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Maleny RFB Roundup

with

Donna & Norm Lewis

Volunteer Community Education Officers



The Maleny RFB would like to thank the Uniting Church of Maleny and their church council for their recent donation (from the concert they organised) of \$1200 given in support of our operations.

No doubt the money will be put to good use as we ready ourselves for a fire season. More hoses and couplings on order in readiness and our transfer pump has been serviced (locally) and is fully operational after a quiet couple of years.

Our two light attacks (The Nissan Patrols) are now fitted with new diesel pumps from QFRS as an upgrade across the State. The medium attack (Isuzu) will also get a new diesel pump fitted over the course of the roll out.

QFRS have also supplied and fitted fire curtains in the cab of our medium appliance a built in fire safety protection for the crew in time of potential flash over.

Norm and I have been continuing on with presentations: Mainly Prepare, Act, Survive encouraging people to prepare themselves and there properties in the event of bush fire threat.

Now is a good time to test and practise with your equipment around the home.

Do the hoses reach far enough around the house?

Can you start the pump?

Can you reach the gutters? Can someone help with this?

If so we can put you in touch with the right people.

Are the gutters free of leaves?

Do you have plugs that fit for your downpipes?

Now is the time for rural residents to prepare for the next fire season.

Scammers seeking donations on behalf of BreastScreen Australia

A spokeswoman for Queensland Health Department is warning people to be aware of potential hoax callers requesting donations claiming to be from BreastScreen Australia.

Dr Jeannette Young who is Chief Health Officer for Queensland Health said Queensland Health had received reports of a hoax caller asking for donations to raise money for women who needed accommodation while having treatment for breast cancer.

“The callers are making false claims they are ringing on behalf of Breast-Screen Australia,” Dr Young said.

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- * Chat, email and send instant messages safely

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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



This weeks Special

Wattyl Trademax

W.T.B. - Int/ Ext - L/S

4lts - \$44.00

(Must mention this add to get special price - Normally \$49.50)

Let us quote on that paint job now -

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Picking that painter for your important job!

Last week we spoke about how to pick a reliable and professional painter to do your important painting job.

There are a number of LOCAL professional painters working in the Maleny area. There is no real reason to seek a painter from outside of the local area.

Once you have decided on your painter it is just important to ensure that you both know exactly what is being included in the job and at what price.

The way to ensure that is to have a contract between yourself and the painter.

The Contract

A contract should be written - to protect and outline the expectations of both parties. The degree to which the contract should be written - is dependant on the size of the job. In larger jobs, it may be prudent to have your Solicitor vet all contracts.

1. What is the exact nature of the work to be carried out?
2. Specify the individual rooms,

the surface preparations, primers and number of paint coats required, type of paint - brand, quality and colour.

3. Are any major repairs necessary and who is responsible for their fixing.
4. When is the job to start and what is the expected completion time?
5. Is there to be a penalty clause for non-completion by due date?
6. Pricing and payment schedules should be clear, with completion milestones of when part payments are due.
7. Who is responsible for any permits necessary?
8. Who is responsible for any left over paint disposal and cleanup after completion of the job?

If you are having trouble finding a professional, call Maleny Paint Place Place of 6/14 Lawyer Street, Maleny who will put you in contact with a preferred and trustworthy contractor.

Paint Place, Maleny



6/14 Lawyer Street,
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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Bronwyn Bishop guest at Seniors' Forum

The annual Sunshine Coast Seniors Forum will be held again this year on 29 July.

This is the 11th annual Seniors Forum, and will again include various expert speakers – including Shadow Minister for Seniors Bronwyn Bishop - and displays from around 30 organisations that assist seniors in the community.

To RSVP for the event or for further details please contact my office on 5444 4888.

Flood Insurance Inquiry

The Parliament Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs is conducting an inquiry into the insurance industry during natural disasters, particularly the industry's response to the 2010/2011 extreme weather events.

The Committee is seeking submissions and comments from those impacted by natural disasters.

For further information, the "Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs" can be contacted at 02-6277 2358, by email at spla.reps@aph.gov.au or at the website www.aph.gov.au/insurance

The committee has also launched an on-line survey aimed at people

who have made a disaster-related claim in the past five years. The survey can also be accessed at www.aph.gov.au/insurance

Bruce Highway petition

I have launched a petition calling for the Australian Government to widen the Bruce Highway to six lanes between Caboolture and the Sunshine Coast.

I have spoken in the Australian Parliament on the issue numerous times and also written to the relevant Minister and the Prime Minister about the issue.

It is very important that we get upgrades to the highway to ensure it is as efficient and safe as possible and able to meet the demands of our growing population.

The petition attracted 391 signatures over two days at the Maleny Show and it is now well over 400.

I'm urging concerned Sunshine

Tolls on the Gateway bridge to rise!

Just a reminder to those who travel to Brisbane, either for work or other commitments as from Friday July 1st, 2011 the toll fee on the Gateway Bridge will rise to \$4.00 in each direction.

Trips to Brisbane, especially for those who have to do it daily are becoming very expensive.

Coast residents to make an effort to add their names to the list so we can put pressure on the Government to address this vital need.

The petitions are available for signing at my office at the corner of Point Cartwright Drive and Nicklin Way, Buddina, and also at the office of Andrew Powell MP, 70 Maple Street, Maleny. Business-people who are keen to have a copy of the petition in their offices/outlet can contact my office at 07-5444

We can supply the names and phone numbers of the following "RELIABLE" tradespeople.

- ⇒ **Landscapers**
- ⇒ **House Painters**
- ⇒ **Electricians**
- ⇒ **Plasterers**
- ⇒ **Plumbers**
- ⇒ **Colour Consultants**

More will be added to our list as time goes on and we are satisfied that we can recommend their services with confidence.

Click here when connected to the internet to go to a new website for Maleny Tradespeople.

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Support your local Businesses

Local Businesses offer support and services to you and your business. They also provide local employment. Why not support them.

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