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To buy a home or not today?

The Federal Government reveals that the rise in the number loans to first home buyers to the highest levels in 18 years is driven by low interest rates and generous government grants.

Some building companies are even advertising that they will "top up" the first home loan by varying amounts of money.

The Housing Industry spokesman said, "Amidst so many negative updates on the Australian economy of late it is encouraging to see owner occupier home lending trending higher."

Owning ones own home has been an Australian tradition for generations.

With interest rates so low and expected to continue to be low for the next couple of years it would appear to be a perfect time to be purchasing a home.

It is important for people intending to purchase a home with borrowed money to consider the re-payments when interest rates again start to rise, as they certainly will do in the near to medium future.

Are we putting a bigger nose around the necks of people drawn into false hopes or beliefs that they can always make the re-payments.

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

Shoes for needy people

Listening to ABC radio recently I heard about the plight of poverty-stricken people in Zambia and their need for some shoes.

The ABC radio breakfast show is attempting to collect 30,000 new or used shoes to help out these Zambians.

Sunshine Coast residents can help raise these 30,000 shoes for the Africa appeal to send them to needy children and families overseas.

You can do your bit by donating practical men's, women's and children's shoes in a reasonable condition and

stored in a plastic bag, complete with shoe size marked clearly on the side.

The plan is to collect as many pairs of shoes as possible over the next three weeks to make a difference to those living in poverty in Zambia.

Shoes can be left at any Sunshine Coast Regional Library so it is easy to drop them into the Maleny or Beerwah library from where they will be collected and transported to Brisbane where a container is awaiting them for transport to Zambia.

Local business finding times are tough

Australia Zoo administration spokesperson has announced that there will be a reduction of approximately 26 jobs at the Zoo.

This is in response to increasingly difficult times being faced by the operation due to the present economic conditions.

The spokesperson continued "Australia Zoo has taken all measures to retain members of the Australia Zoo team, however regretfully the difficult decision has been made to temporarily downscale less than 5% of the team across the business – which equates to 20 fulltime and six casual staff - and push back expansion plans in the

interim."

Inquiries of a number of local operators of accommodation houses reveals that local tourist bookings, especially for mid-week accommodation have been dropping for some time, however the Easter bookings are continuing to be strong.

This all compounds with visitor numbers dropping as the flow-on effect to other businesses also drops.

Another great reason why we all should "shop locally and use local services" to ensure local businesses survive this economic downturn.

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Truthful Jones Tells...

that his neighbours Pat and Mick were at his place having a quiet drink. During this time they were having a very deep and meaningful discussion.

Pat said that he believed that it all Evens Out in life.

He went on to explain;

The Lord often compensates for a person's natural deficiencies.

"You see," he said, "If someone is a bit blind he might have a very good sense of hearing, or if his sense of taste has gone, he may have a keen sense of smell."

"I agree with you," said the Mick. "I've always noticed that if someone has one short leg, the other one is always just that little bit longer."

"Another thing that always puzzled me," said Pat, "how everytime the Lord gets it right.

I have noticed in the local newspaper that people always seem to be dying in alphabetical order."

Morale: If everything in life was just so simple that it could be explained in such a simple way!



News from Maleny Bowls Club

by Chairman Ian Hansen

What is on at the Maleny Bowls Club during April



1. Wednesday, April 1st Men's "B" Singles 3rd Round 8.30 for 9.00a.m. followed by Ladies Day in the afternoon.
2. Friday, April 3rd Social Bowls 2.30 for 3.00p.m. [note earlier start] followed by BBQ names on sheet please for catering.
3. Saturday, April 4th Men's "A" Singles 1st Round 9.00a.m.
4. Monday, April 6th 2nd Round Ladies Singles 8.30 for 9.00a.m.
5. Tuesday, April 7th Jackpot Pairs/Triples 8.30 for 9.00a.m.
6. Wednesday, April 8th Live Life Villages sponsored Club Selected Mixed Triples with prize money for winners, runners-up and Round winners [nomination sheet up at the Club]
7. Thursday, April 9th 2nd round Ladies Pairs 8.30 for 9.00a.m.
8. Friday, April 10th Social Bowls 2.30 for 3.00p.m.

As you can see there are a large number of competitions in early April.

I hope you can keep up with all of them.

Good Bowling to all participants.

The big social event for March was the Trivia Night.

It wasn't very well patronised but there were quite a few members either away or not in the best of health. However, all present thoroughly enjoyed the evening and in a close finish Jeannie Thorn's table just pipped Peter Hulton's by a single question.

Many thanks to Quiz Master, Ray Oldfield, and his markers, wife Lucy and Faye Petersen and also to our barman for the evening, Curley Petersen.

Easter is being targetted for drink drivers!

Sunshine Coast Police have indicated that they will be targetting drink driving throughout the Sunshine Coast area over the coming Easter and school holiday period.

Police from the Sunshine Coast Traffic Unit and other stations will be out specifically looking for drink drivers.

Chief Supt Hanbidge said that police had already commenced promoting the drink driving enforcement action by placing "Are you about to drink and drive?" fliers on vehicles in the vicinity of hinterland hotels recently.

There is certainly more to come!

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Who remembers the old days

You pegged a piece of cardboard to the fork around the back wheel of your bike to sound like a motor....



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Maleny Relay for Life

It is that time of year again when teams nominate for the 2009 Relay for Life celebration.

This Saturday, 4th April between 9.30am – 1.00pm there will be a display & official launch of the 2009 Relay. It will be held in Maple Street, Maleny.

Gather your family & friends and help turn Maple Street purple as the Maleny Business Community joins forces to sponsor the launch.

Purple Shirts, Purple Balloons & Posters will adorn the main street.

The Relay For Life is a unique event where teams of 10 to 15 friends, families or colleagues challenge themselves to take turns to keep a baton moving in a relay style walk or run overnight.

This year's event will be

the third Maleny Relay for Life. The actual relay will be held at the Maleny Show-grounds on October 10th, 2009.

There are no age limitations or fitness requirements – Relay For Life is suitable for everyone and anyone can join in the fun!

Participants can stay for the whole event, camp overnight, or just visit and enjoy the free entertainment.

For more information contact Dot Billingham on 5443 6300.



Mum's favourite Recipes

Split Pea and Bacon Soup

- make 2 or 3 lots at a time & freeze for future meals.

Ingredients

- * Large onion diced - * 2 medium diced potatoes - * 3 bay leaves
- * One tablespoon lemon juice - * 1 cup fresh peas
- * 1 teaspoon dried thyme - * 10-14ozs split Peas
- * 1 diced stalk of celery - * 2 handfuls bacon bones

Method

Place bacon bones, dried peas, onion, celery, bay leaves and thyme in a large saucepan, cover with water. Bring to the boil, place cover on and simmer for 50 minutes till peas are cooked.

Remove bay leaves and bacon bones, skim off any excess fats and add the potatoes and simmer till tender. Then add the fresh peas and continue cooking until peas are hot. Serve hot.

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:-

people who are just too impatient to allow other drivers to reverse into parking sport in Maple Street, Maleny. How uch do you save by overtaking these vehicles attempting to park and at the same time creating problems for oncoming traffic?

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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

What tools are necessary to complete that painting job around home?

“Use the right tool for the job” is an old tradesman’s saying and it is certainly true of painting.

If you are going to do your painting yourself it’s worth spending a little to get the basic tools that will help you do the job properly.

They will pay for themselves when you think of the money you are saving!

Rollers

There is a range of roller covers available and choosing the right one for the job will help you get better results.

Ladders

A good step ladder is a must. Aluminium ladders are lightest and the easiest to move around, but they are usually the most expensive.

Steel and wooden ladders will do the job. A flat or clip on tray will help hold tools and paint cans, giving you an extra hand to hold on with. An extra ladder and a trestle plank is a luxury that will save you many trips up and down the ladder.

This weeks Special

**Taubmans Duraclean
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6 lts - \$66.00

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get special price
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Drop Sheets

Light canvas or calico sheets are the easiest to work with and will last the longest.

Light plastic sheets are inexpensive and should be used only for covering furniture. They are slippery, do not absorb paint, allowing it to be walked away on the soles of shoes, and may be dissolved by some chemical strippers.

Rags

A good supply of rags will help you clean up as you go. For water based paints keep a damp rag handy, for oil based paints moisten your rag with turps.

Paint Pots

These can be bought, or you can make one. An old 4 litre paint can works well, especially if you take out the rim with a good can opener (tap down any sharp edges with a hammer). A paint pot will allow you to carry a smaller, lighter quantity around. And if an accident does happen you’ll spill a lot less!

Scrapers and Knives

A quick look around your hard-

ware store will show you a huge range of scrapers.

Listed below are a basic selection.

Putty Knife: You’ll need one to make filling cracks and small holes easier.

Stripping Knife: A wide bladed knife for stripping paintwork, wallpaper etc. It can also help with filling wider holes and depressions.

Narrow Scraper: Will help you get into corners and confined spaces.

Shave Hook: A triangular scraper blade in a handle, available with either straight or curved blades. Good for curved mouldings and energetic stripping.

If you’re doing exterior work you will also need a brass wire brush and/or a stiff bristle brush.

All these tools and other hands painting accessories are available at the Paint Place, Maleny.

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News from
the Blackall
Range Woodies
with
Pres Dave Bannister

Spare tools for Victoria Fire Victims

One of our Woodies members, Ian Bryce, is driving to Victoria in about a week's time.

He has offered to take down to the fire victims any spare tools which you may wish to donate.

As he will be driving in a sedan he can't take bulky items but serviceable tools would be most welcome.

If you'd like to contribute please leave your items at the Blackall Range Woodworkers shed, Montville Sports Ground by Monday 6th April when they will be collect and packed ready for them to be transported by Ian to Victoria.

News from the

Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club inc



Maleny Swimming Club planning workshop

The Maleny Swimming Club is holding a planning workshop to prepare a Development Plan to provide direction and needs of the club and pool for the next three to five years.

It is to be held on Wednesday night 1 st April 2009 between 6p.m. and 9p.m

As part of this planning process, you are invited to put your ideas for the future of the club's swimming activities and facilities. Who knows, you may not be involved with the club at the moment but could become involved in the future.

This is your opportunity to ensure that the club provides for the Maleny community into the future.

For some help with consideration there is a questionnaire available on the home page of www.mdsarcinc.com

The workshop will be held at the Maleny Swimming Club House, Maleny Centenary Pool, Bunya Street, Maleny.

Refreshments will be provided.

For further information, please contact Joyce Newton on : 5494 4448.

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