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Coast is boring for youth

"If you are under 18 and want to have some fun, you either need \$300 to \$400 or you have to go to the Gold Coast."

That is the view of the Sunshine Coast councillor, Christian Dickson.

What is it that our younger generation want to do? If you look around there are many sporting bodies, arts programs, facilities such as skate parks, BMX tracks, bike parths and other facilities providing for the young.

That is not to mention our great beaches and natural bushlands and national parks.

Local council provides organised events at "The J" at Noosa. There is also a youth program run by Council in Caloundra Road, Caoundra. The Sunshine Coast Regional Council website allows for a search for facilities provided by council in the Sunshine Coast area.

Many community youth organisations have their own transport to provide a means of getting around the coast.

In previous years younger people learnt to make their own fun - fun that was not illegal nor overly annoying to others. This helped to foster lifestyle skills. It not only gave a degree of independence but taught people some sence of self-reliance.

What more is needed? Is it a matter of our young people being bored or just unwilling or too apathetic to get involved in organised events.

Man stabbed during road rage incident

At about 1p.m. on Wednesday 25th a man was stabbed following a road rage incident on Kenilworth / Maleny Road, Boolumba Creek. The incident occurred when it is alleged that a car was tailgated. This caused the occupants of both vehicles to stop their vehicles and alight to discuss the matter.

It was subsequently revealed that the incident actually had started earlier in the day following an incident at the offender's house when the victim, Rhyan McIntyre allegedly yelled obscenities at the offender, Justin James Lait. These people were thought to have been known to each other before this incident.

Lait had taken a kitchen knife with him when he left his home to discuss this incident with McIntyre.

Police and ambulance officers were called to the scene to attend to the incident.

McIntyre was airlifted to the Royal Brisbane Hospital where he underwent emergency surgery to treat stab wounds to the sternum area. The knife has sliced the injured mans liver. He remains in the intensive Care Unit.

Lait faced Ipswich Magistrates Court on Friday 27th November charged with acts intended to cause grievous bodily harm. He was remanded to appear again on January 20th. Lait was released on bail into the custody of his brother who lives in Lowood.

Don't forget the Maleny street party

The Maleny Christmas street party is on tonight (December 4th) starting at 5p.m. in Maple Street. As a result Maple Street will be closed to through traffic between 5p.m. and 10p.m. Alternate routes are via Teak and Tamarind Street or Coral Street, Maleny.

Along with the food stalls, kids rides, face painting and other fun events there will be entertainment for both young and old alike with music provided by "The Express", Haden Hack Band and "Laura-Jane Thompson.

Funds raised will be given to the Maleny Hospital to help purchase important equipment to benefit us all.

See you there - don't miss the fun - it will be a great night of fun.

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Truthful

Jones Tells...

that one day last week he was at Maleny Butchery shop when a dog walks in and the butcher shoos him away. About 5 minutes later he comes back with \$10 and a note saying "2kgs of steak" surprised the butcher reluctantly takes the money and hands him a bag with the meat.

As the dog left the butcher closed down the shop and decided to follow it. The dog gets to the bus stop in Maple Street and waits. Soon the bus arrives and the dog pulls a ticket out of its collar, gives it to the driver and hops on.

The man follows him to see what was going to happen. The dog got off of the bus on Balmoral Road and began to walk still not have eaten the meat. Finally the dog walks up to a house over the road from Maleny Cheese factory and sets the meat down.

The dog backs up and charges and slams into the door. He does this about twice. Finally a man opens the door and starts yelling at the dog calling him stupid and retarded.

The butcher finds this horrible so he talks to the man and says "STUPID?! This dog went to my shop, paid for meat and took it on the bus finding his way back home perfectly. HOW IS HE STUPID??"

The man then replied saying, "Yes, that's all great but he forgot the key the 3rd time this week!"



Maleny water supply at risk

Whilst Maleny residents were to come under South East Queensland water restrictions as from December 1st there is now real reason for them to comply. Maleny's water supply is now at risk as the weir on Obi Creek stopped running some time ago.

In spite of the recent light falls of rain the Obi Creek has been unable to top up the town weir thus creating a shortage of water for town supplies. Whilst Baroon Pocket Dam at Maleny supplies water for the Sunshine Coast area there is no connecting pipeline to bring water to Maleny.

Residents currently use around 230 litres a day on average and for the last week of November 2009 the average litreage per person was 222 litres. Queensland Water Commission expects Maleny residents to use less than 200 litres a day. The pre-drought individual average was more than 300 litres, but residents embraced the water

saving message and consumption quickly dropped below 140 litres, and stayed there for 12 months, but has been rising for the last 12 months.

A spokesperson for the Queensland Water Commission said today that; "Maleny will be connected to the South East Queensland water grid in 2010 with the completion of an 8.8 kilometre water main from the water treatment plant at Landers Shute to Maleny township. The security of the township's water supply will be assured by this construction.

This project is expected to cost \$4.5 million dollars. Contractor tenders closed in September and construction was expected to start in December 2009.

The present town reticulated water system was not designed or constructed to cope with the present town population growth or water usage levels.

Fire Bans

now in place!

Nobody can doubt that the presnet weather conditions have brought about extreme fire dangers.

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) says fire bans will remain in place until midnight on December 7 in central and southern Queensland as well as parts of north Queensland.

Drivers are reminded that it takes only a discarded cigarette butt from a vehicle can start a serious bush fire. Take care and be careful with fire.



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Another festival headed to Woodford!

The Queensland Folk Federation, organisers of The Woodford Folk Festival are pleased with the news that music festival Splendour in The Grass is moving from Byron Bay to Woodfordia, the site of the Woodford Folk Festival, for 2010.

Woodford Folk Festival's Director Bill Hauritz said "Having one of Australia's premier contemporary music events at Woodfordia will be a privilege. Splendour is one of the best managed events I have observed, they are responsible, caring and disciplined organisers. We can expect the best.

Woodfordia currently hosts two major annual festivals, The Woodford Folk Festival and The Dreaming, Australia's International Indigenous Festival.

Amanda Jackes General Manager of The Queensland Folk Federation is "extremely pleased to have

Splendour at Woodfordia. This gives us a great opportunity to show the capabilities of the site.

Over the past 15 years we have been working hard to progress the 400 acre site into a unique festival parkland, this has entailed spending in excess of \$9 million dollars on infrastructure to create a comfortable and green festival experience for our patrons."

Moreton Bay Regional Council has been supportive of the move. Mayor Allan Sutherland said: "We have worked hard to attract this signature celebration of music and culture to Woodford, an area that already has the runs well and truly on the board when it comes to hosting quality music festivals."

Splendour in the Grass has grown to a three day festival for 2010 and runs from 30th July to the 1st August.

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:-

those drivers who continue to use their phones whilst driving their vehicles.

People can be seen any day not only in Maple Street, Maleny but in most other roads in the area. People don't take warnings about how dangerous this habit is for drivers.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Cream curry dip

- great for those nibbles with christmas drinks.

Ingredients

- * 4oz tasty cheddar cheese
- * 1 medium-sized onion grated
- * 1 level teaspoon curry powder
- * 1 teaspoon butter
- * 1 cup cream
- * 3 dessertspoons lemon juice

Method

Melt the butter, add onion and curry powder, stir over low heat until the onion is soft.

Put aside until cold, whip cream until thick but not stiff, fold in cheese, onion and lemon juice until thoroughly combined.

Who remembers the old days

The family all singing around the piano as your Mum played the favourites of the day...



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**You would know
you had a bad day
if you got a
parking ticket as
described below**

Trucking rediculous!

It was a normal day for truck driver Michael Collins, who was on his way to collect a skip in London's Belsize Park.

But then, without warning, his truck lurched as the road beneath him collapsed. Unbeknown to Michael, a burst water main had caused the road to give way, creating a deep hole where the front wheels of his 17-tonne truck became stuck.

While he was waiting for his lorry to be rescued, a passing parking attendant appeared.

To the astonishment of nearby residents and despite Michael's protests, she stood on tiptoe and whacked a parking ticket on the trucks windscreen, uttering the immortal words, "You can appeal".

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Queensland Government asset sale now underway

In the mail recently a brochure was received about the State Government sale of assets. The State Labor Government is determined to continue on with plans to sell the Queensland goose that lays golden eggs.

The Government intends to sell-off of about \$15 billion worth of state government assets in an attempt to fill the Budget deficit created over the past couple of years. "All proceeds will pay down debt held by the GOCs concerned and debt held in the government sector," Mr Fraser said.

The first assets to go will be Forestry Plantations Queensland. Non-binding bids have been invited by late January for those assets, followed by due diligence and binding bids by March and a final contract by June 2010.

Other assets to be sold are Queensland Motorways which has the tolling rights on the Gateway and Logan motorways, but not the road or infrastructure, Abbot Point Coal Terminal, Queensland Rail's coal transport business and assets. What is the one thing that all of these entities have in common - they make a profit. The unprofitable sections of those organisations such as city rail and maintenance on the road network are being retained by the government. These sections are not wanted by private industry.

Surely this is a short term gain for a pain that will be felt by the next generation.

The State Labor Government was not up front before the last election about the asset sell-off. The government obviously then knew that this sell-off was going to happen.

Apple iMac Slim, all-in-one design

Setting the highest standards for elegance and simplicity, the all-in-one iMac packs all its components — from processor to video camera — into an astoundingly thin, anodized aluminum frame.

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Cheers Pres Dave

Water restrictions now in force!

Permanent water conservation measures are now in force in the Sunshine Coast area. Those restrictions allow watering of gardens only before 10am and after 4pm, except Monday when it is banned outright. Only with a twist or trigger-handled hose can be used.

Town water can only be used to wash cars, houses, pets, courtyards or patios "efficiently and only when necessary".



Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

**Painting no longer needs to be
a smelly occupation**

Over the past few years there has been much research completed by all paint companies to make their paints more environmentally friendly. Oil based paints are gradually being replaced with a much friendlier water based product.

Taubmans Paints and the National Asthma Council Australia (NACA) have partnered for another year to help reduce asthma and allergy triggers in the home environment.

Two of their products, Taubmans Easy Coat and Pure Performance are both approved by the NACA's Sensitive

Choice programme, which helps sufferers identify products that will not trigger their asthma or allergy symptoms.

According to the NACA, over 2 million Australians suffer from asthma, one of the highest rates in the world. Asthma and allergy symptoms may be triggered by exposure to mould and bacteria.

Both Easy Coat and Pure Performance utilise Microban® technology, which provides antibacterial protection and prevents the growth of mould, mildew and fungus on painted surfaces. It is ideal for high

humidity areas such as kitchens and bathrooms.

These products cater for customers with special needs and the Sensitive Choice blue butterfly on their labels make them easy to recognise.

They are available at Paint Place, Maleny, 6/14 Lawyer Street, Maleny.



This weeks Special

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Christmas Wishes

Once again we have reached the end of another year – and it is time to both reflect on the past twelve months and begin setting goals and making preparations for what we hope to achieve in 2010.

The Christmas festive season gives us a chance to rest and recharge the batteries, while making the most of opportunities to spend quality time with our relatives and our closest friends. It is a time to forget the many worldly demands that can make our lives so hectic and to reaffirm our dedication and love for each other. I believe this is one of the most important features of this holy season.

It goes without saying that we should always be mindful that the festive season is also a time to remember and celebrate the real reason for our Christmas celebrations – that is the birth of Jesus Christ. His life on Earth provides us with the perfect example of what it means to truly love, support and care for our fellow man.

This special season gives me the opportunity to pass on my heartfelt

thanks to everyone for their support during 2009. Inge and I would like to wish you all a restful, enjoyable and Holy Christmas and an extremely prosperous and successful new year.

As always, I look forward to again working hard throughout the year ahead to deliver strong representation for my constituents.

Offshore income

The Australian Tax Office is urging those with undeclared overseas income to contact the Tax Office and sort out their affairs. The ATO says the offer remains open until 30 June 2010.

The ATO is continually expanding its ability to trace fund flows around the world to identify people with undeclared income – including those with highly complex and sophisticated arrangements.

The ATO has advised that there is nothing wrong with holding an offshore account or investing overseas as long as the account holders pay any Australian tax due, but has urged those in this position to “contact us before we contact you”.

There’s a much higher price to be paid later if we discover undeclared income through an audit process.

Penalties can be as high as 90 per cent, and the ATO will seek prosecution in serious cases.

Details about making a voluntary disclosure is available at www.ato.gov.au

Home Energy Assessment

Free assessments are available for energy and water usage at our homes.

This is an opportunity for local homeowners to get an idea of where they’re at with regards to energy and water use, and get advice on how they can improve, which can in turn help save on power and water costs.

To book an assessment, contact the Australian Government Green Loans Programme on 1800 895 076

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- ⇒ **Landscapers**
- ⇒ **House Painters**
- ⇒ **Electricians**
- ⇒ **Plumbers**

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

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Impact Painters - 0429 640 732

Maleny Cheese Factory - 5494 2207

Maleny Print & Copy Centre - 5494 2888

Maleny Paint Place - 5494 2002

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