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## Rodeo Princess

Just like Christmas, Easter is coming and it is not too far away.

The Conondale Bush Racing Association holds the Conondale Easter Rodeo each Easter Sunday at Smith's Arena, Conondale.

Each year in association with this rodeo there is also the Conondale Dance, which this year will be held on Saturday March 27th at the Conondale Public Hall.

As part of the dance the Conondale community crowns their local Princesses. There are several princesses crowned, they are the Junior Princess, Ten Princess and Senior Princess.

They are also taking nominations for "The Conondale Personality Person". Whilst it is open to both male and females I reckon that this has to be a male dominated category.

Nominations are now being taken for entries in each of these categories. Information can be obtained from Lois White on 5494 4561 or Linda Ferriday on 5446 0221.

Association spokesperson, Lois White said, "A great night of friendship and dancing is guaranteed." She continued, "The music will be provided by The Sunshine Swing Band."

## What a mongrel act

Sporting facilities in Maleny are all well used and are important local assets to our community.

Many hours of hard labour and a lots of community money is spent in providing the best possible facilities for our use.

There will always be somebody though to misuse the facilities provided.



Between the hours of 9.30am and 10.00am on Sunday February 28th the driver of vehicle used the Maleny Rangers Soccer Club fields at the Maleny show-grounds as a skid pan.

As a result of the heavy rain the night before the fields were very wet and soft allow-

ing deep wheel ruts to deface the field.

Maleny Police are investigating this matter. Anyone with information is asked to contact either Maleny Police or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.



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## Internet scammers still at it

As if things are not bad enough for those living on the margins and on low incomes. Fraudsters are not only targetting the richer sections of society, but not are targetting the poorer sections of our community, and some have already lost thousands of dollars that they could not afford to lose.

This is happening via an email being sent out to those people. This scam has been designed to fleece those victims and requires them to sent money to West Africa as advance fee in this fraud scam.

The email indicated that following a recent United Nations meeting a decision was made to compensate poorer members of our society. The recipient is asked to provide basic details in order to be considered for the scheme.

Detective Superintendent Brian Hay of the State Crime Operations Command Fraud and Corporate Crime Group believes this latest scam is particularly cruel.

"To target those individuals who have already lost thousands of dollars in scams is particularly vicious. These are heartless individuals who have no morals or common decency.

"Anyone who receives this email is asked to delete it immediately. The message we are constantly telling people is to never send any personal details to anyone you don't know. If something sounds too good to be true then it generally is." Detective Superintendent Hay said.

Anyone who has been a victim of advance fee fraud is encouraged to report the matter to police, including via the online reporting system located on the police website at [www.police.qld.gov.au](http://www.police.qld.gov.au)

Sending money to unknown people who have canvassed you is a very dangerous move. Similarly sending personal particulars to bodies asking that you verify those detains can also lead to a fraud being committed on you. Take care on the internet and don't give details that you wouldn't give to a stranger in the street or over the phone.



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Cheers Pres Dave



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Christmas.....say no more!...

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## New home for Sunday markets has positive reaction

The Maleny Sunday markets have made a return to the Maleny R.S.L. Hall, Bunya Street, Maleny. Ironically, the markets first started at the R.S.L. hall before shifting to the Maleny Community Centre, Maple Street.

Now the prodical market has returned to the place of birth and if first impressions are anything to go by then the change is a welcome one.



Market regulars, Jenny and Noel Law said that the R.S.L. hall has many benefits over the Community Hall. Mr. Law went on to point out the much brighter atmosphere inside the hall because of the extra windows and glass doors leading to the verandah.

He continued, "The parking is right at the front door and this makes a big difference."

The verandah is well suited to a convenient area to have a seat for a while and partake of a great cup of coffee. There is also a big outside area suitable for stalls selling products such as fresh veges and planted trees.

Tourists coming into Maleny cannot help but to notice the markets on the way into town so that in itself should help to encourage more people to attend.

Inquiries revealed that the number of people visiting the markets have not dropped so the change of venue has not had an effect at this time.

## The "NUT" Award

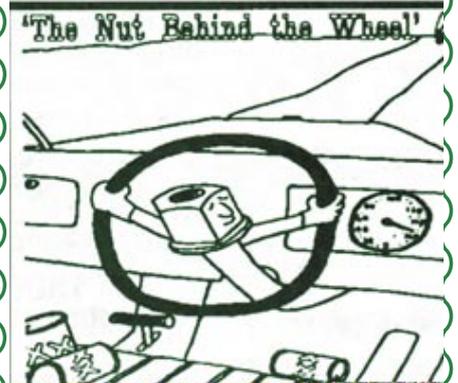
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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 idiot who damaged the Rangers Soccer Club fields at the Maleny Show-ground on Sunday 28th.

A lot of people spend a lot of time ensuring a good field for sports and this idiot damages the fields in minutes.

## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Salmon Pie

- Any meals at home are always great!

#### Ingredients

- \* .5 kg cooked salmon
- \* Squeeze lemon juice
- \* Cooked rice
- \* Salt and cayenne
- \* 1/2 teaspoon anchovy sauce
- \* Mashed potatoes

#### Directions

Remove all bones from salmon; mix with rice, sprinkle with anchovy sauce, lemon juice, and salt and cayenne to taste.

Put mixture into greased pie dish.

Cover with mashed potatoes and brush with beaten egg or milk. Bake in a moderate oven till brown.

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## AHHH, Nostalgia.....

DO YOU LOVE late 50's and early 60's music? Does it take you back to your teenage years, when times were less complicated and when going to dances was almost like being on the set of "Happy Days"?

Well, come experience some of the great music of that era, when Julie Paris (and her fabulous guitarist) perform at the UP-FRONT CLUB, Maleny on Saturday 13th March.

Julie is an "old trouper" from the early to mid 60s who performed at Cloudland, Festival Hall (Brisbane), and on Channel 9's Teen Beat. Still going strong after all this time, she has made Maleny her home, and wants to share the nostalgia of her favourite music era with the locals (and everyone else).

Listen to songs originally performed by Petula Clark, Connie Francis, Brenda Lee, Helen Shapiro, Patsy Cline, Peggy Lee, Dinah Lee, Dusty Springfield, Mary Wells, Ella Fitzgerald, Lulu, Lynne Randell (our own Aussie star) and of course male artists of that era, like Van Morrison, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Buddy Holly, The Searchers, Shakin' Stevens, John Denver, Credence Clearwater Revival and many others.

In each of her 3 brackets throughout the evening, there will be surprises, with each song selected to ensure that you won't get bored with a repetitive rhythm, sound or tone. Lots of variety, lots of great music from from what many people consider the greatest era of music in our time.

Check our Julie's website at [www.flash-back.net.au](http://www.flash-back.net.au). But most importantly, make a reservation at the Upfront Club since seats will be limited.

Come for dinner and stay for the show. The Range News will be publishing full details of this gig in the coming weeks, so look out for it.

## M.D.S. & R.C 2010 dinner another "bloomin" success

The Maleny District Sport and Recreation Club held its second annual "sportsman's dinner" at the Maleny Show-grounds on Saturday February 28th.

The night was a great success and a sellout crowd. The hostess Rachel Jones and MC Simon Denver kept the evening flowing beautifully. The purpose of the night was to Maleny's sport-people and administrators.

### The winners in each section were;

**Junior Sportsperson of the Year** (Rotary Trophy)

Patrick Campbell from the Maleny Swimming Club.

**Sports Team of the Year** (TRN Trophy) Men's District Pennant Team Maleny Bowls Club

**Club Administrator of the Year** (Quota Trophy)

Theresa Campbell Maleny Swimming Club

**Sports Person of the Year** (Peter and Inge Slipper)

Patrick Campbell, Maleny Swimming Club

There were a number of donated items that were auctioned,

raising a substantial sum for the Maleny District Sports Club.

**Photo left: Guest speaker, Australian cricketing legend, Doug Walters was a real crowd thriller.**



**Photo below: Maleny Redbacks U16 cricket team have their photo taken with Doug Walters.**



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## Truthful Jones Tells... he heard about



his niece, a blonde walks into a bank in Brisbane and asks for the loan officer. She says she's going to Europe on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000.

The bank officer says the bank will need some kind of security for the loan, so the blonde hands over the keys to a new Holden SS ute.

The car is parked on the street in front of the bank; she has the title, and everything checks out. The bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan.

The bank Managers and his officers all enjoy a good laugh at the blonde for using a \$70,000 car as collateral against a \$5,000 loan.

An employee of the bank then drives the Holden into the bank's underground garage and parks it there in a high security area.

Two weeks later, Truthful's niece returns and repays the \$5,000 and the interest, which comes to \$15.41.

The loan officer says, "Miss, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely; but we are a little puzzled. We checked you out and found that you are a millionaire. What puzzles us is - why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

The blond replies..... "Where else in Brisbane can I park my car for two weeks in a high security area for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?"

**Morale; Never judge a book by the cover. There can be a lot more between the covers that is not always readily evident to the unsuspecting.**

## Another paint hint

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### **Enamels no longer need to be turps based to give that hardwearing finish**

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## Get big or get nothing

To some the old saying “big is beautiful” has real meaning and one of those people is Queensland Premier, Ms Anna Bligh.

She wants South East Queensland, and that includes the Sunshine Coast area to house more people, many, many more. Under the State Government’s SEQ Plan the Sunshine Coast population is expected to reach 500,000 by 2030 - just 19 years away.

Two areas in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland area, Caloundra South and Palmview alone are expected to increase population by 65, 000 people.

Neither Bob Abbott, Mayor of Sunshine Coast Regional Council nor The Sunshine Coast Environment Council believe that the present rapid population growth is sustainable in this area.

A spokesperson for The Sunshine Coast Environment Council said, “We need to manage the population growth taking into account local infrastructure and the natural resource limits.”

State treasurer Andrew Fraser told

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Australian Associated Press that there would need to be proposals made to limit population growth.

Whilst Premier Bligh wants the rapid population growth she continues to defer promised infrastructure on the coast, just look at the timeline for the proposed hospital at Sippy Downs and the deferment of the Sunshine Coast rail project.

Ms Simpson, the LNP Shadow Transport Minister, said the Bligh Labor Government was pushing high growth targets on to the Sunshine Coast but failing to invest the public transport needed to cope with that growth.

You may well ask, “What has this to do with people who live in the Maleny area?” Well, we will all be competing for the existing public services such as hospitals, transport, schools, roads, water supply and other public infrastructure along with those extra people being invited to live in our area.

Those services are already stretched beyond their limit without any extra demand being placed on them.

That means that the services will be stretched further and the present population will be deprived of those services to a greater extent to what they are now.

If the developers want to increase their profits from further development then maybe they should build the essential infrastructure needed for their particular development upfront or at least as they go - not years after as has been the habit in recent years.

## How much more money can governments waste?

Governments of all levels over the last couple of years have had a great time “wasting” taxpayers money.

Just think of how many projects have been found to be wanting after millions - often in the hundreds have been spent.

Without playing the political game I can think of at least a dozen projects in the last six months where extraordinary amounts of money has been spent and in most cases there have been very few tangible gains to show for these spendings.

It appears that ALL politicians think that the public purse has very deep pockets and there is no end to the constant stream of incoming cash.

I don’t know about you, but money is hard to come by for me. And most small businesses in Maleny are having a tough time ensuring that they stay viable and it is difficult when one sees such large amounts of “our” money being wasted without and real concern to those who control the purse strings.

It is time to end a lot of the unnecessary expenditures.

## What is a Biosphere Reserve

Interested in sustainable development? Heard of Biosphere Reserves? Like to know more about the possibilities?

### What is a biosphere?

A biosphere reserve is an international conservation listing awarded to an area with innovative approaches to conservation and sustainable development. Biosphere reserves can be land-based and/or marine ecosystems and promote a balanced relationship between humans and the biosphere.

A biosphere has three very different but equal aims:

- \* conservation – genetic resources, species and ecosystems
- \* sustainable – development: economic, nature, society / human and culturally adapted
- \* logistic support – including research, monitoring, environmental education and training.

The Madras Action Plan was formulated to enable the active use of biosphere reserves as learning sites for sustainable development, i.e. demonstrating approaches to enhance cooperation between academic, political, practitioner and stakeholder communities to address and solve site specific problems on an environmental, economic and social basis.

Maleny and District Green Hills Fund (Green Hills) will host a public meeting on Saturday 6 March at 10.30am at the Maleny RSL to present information for community members who would like to be part of Maleny's future.

Green Hills has invited Ben McMullen, Project Manager,

Environmental Initiatives with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council to provide an overview of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization's ( UNESCO) Man and the Biosphere ( MAB) programme. Mr McMullen will follow with a discussion on the nomination process for the creation of a Biosphere Reserve.

MAB Programme goals have evolved since it was launched in the early 1970's, though the focus has always been to improve the relationship of people with their environment through research and education.

Today's Biosphere Reserves are more sophisticated and understandably, much more challenged in their pursuit of the ecological, social and economic dimensions of biodiversity loss and the reduction of this loss.

The Sunshine Coast already has one UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Noosa which is Queensland's first Biosphere Reserve and one of the newest for Australia. Mr McMullen was responsible for the development and coordination of the Noosa Biosphere Reserve nomination.

The Noosa community nominated the previous Noosa Shire area as a Biosphere Reserve in 2006 and gained UNESCO approval in 2007.

Green Hills, invites all community members interested in joining an international network of 553 'living laboratories' in 107 countries to innovate and demonstrate approaches to conservation and sustainable development.

If you have any queries about this meeting contact: Henrietta McAlister: [henrietta\\_mcalister@hotmail.com](mailto:henrietta_mcalister@hotmail.com). Ph: 5445 7987

<http://www.greenhills.org.au/>

## Rain - Rain and more Rain

Whilst the summer season has come to an end and whilst it was a wet one it was not the wettest by a long way.

Pat Stacey from the Maleny Weather station said, "There was over 900 mm of rain over the three months of summer. However, it was not as wet as the summer of 2008 when Maleny recorded rainfall of 1,213 mm.

With the continuing rainfall into March three out of four of the Coast's dams have been filled to capacity, with the spillways at the Baroon Pocket, Borumba and Ewan Maddock dams overflowing.

Following this further rain continued to fall with falls at Landsborough totalling 111mm, Beerwah 112, Maleny 110mm and Baroon Pocket Dam 113mm for the 24 hours ending 9a.m. on March 2nd and still heavy rain falls.

Mr Stacey continued, "Most of the rain we have had this month came from an active monsoonal trough line with a tendency to track south and interact with a high pressure system extending from a high over the south Tasman Sea."

Obi Creek is carrying a larger amount of water than usual, but is not as high as the 1999 level at the Maleny library.

The increased rain level has brought about an increased number of potholes in the road surface so when driving around take more care and look out more for those dangerous potholes.

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**This week with Peter Slipper M.P.**



## Care around Pools

The Royal Life Saving Society of Australia has released a checklist of safety precautions for those spending time in and around pools. Of course, the number one tip is that supervision is the key to water safety at the pool.

Here are some other tips to help ensure a safe visit to the local public pool:

- \* Listen to the pool lifeguards.
- \* Obey signs giving advice to swimmers.
- \* Stay away from the deep end, unless you can swim well.
- \* Make sure the water is clear of swimmers before jumping in.
- \* Play safely.
- \* Do not run around the pool edge.
- \* Check the depth markings on the poolside before diving.

## Rain, Rain, Rain

It has been great to see the ongoing rain, which is well and truly filling up local dams and replenishing the groundwater.

While the rain is welcome for the gardens and plants that will benefit from the wet weather, the conditions can be a little tricky for motorists due to slippery roads.

I urge all motorists to drive to reduce their speed and drive to the conditions. The rain is a blessing and it is important that we all play

our part to avoid tragedy on our roads.

## Insulation safety hotline

Just a reminder to those who had foil insulation installed under the Government's failed insulation programme, I urge you to contact the safety hotline as soon as possible to organise a safety check. The number is 131 792.

There are official figures now that insulation installed under the programme has been linked to the deaths of four young installers, some 93 house fires around Australia, around 1000 homes that may have electrified roofs, and 240,000 homes with insulation that is unsafe or substandard.

## Seniors Forum

Popular Member of Parliament Bronwyn Bishop, the Shadow Minister for Seniors, is confirmed as the key speaker at the 10th annual Fisher Seniors' Forum and Expo, which will be held on May 21 at the Lake Kawana Community Centre. Please call my office on 07 - 5444 4888 to book your place.

## To Contact Me

The contact details for my new office are: Ph: 5444 4888 or 1300 301 981 (local call cost) and post: PO Box 1224 Buddina, 4575. My email address is unchanged: peter.slipper.mp@aph.gov.au

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