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## Our Thoughts

We are at Easter, 2007 and another holiday period is about to start.

This is one of the most dangerous periods on our roadways in Queensland. Each year it appears to get more dangerous, and I am not talking about the killing and injuring that we have come to accept but the dangerously high price of petrol.

We all know that the price does not deliberately go up just before a holiday period - the petrol companies tell us so regularly.

The price increase in the last two weeks is a little hard to understand.

I thought that I read that the Australian Petrol companies made record profits last year. I am also at a loss to see how that can be when the high prices were as a result of the price of crude oil. Then again who is "feeding the chooks" now.

Of course, I am sure that our governments want to keep the oil companies honest when that same government takes about half of the cost of fuel as taxes or other fees....

**Have a happy Easter....**

## DON'T FORGET THE CONONDALE RODEO !!!!

*The Conondale Bush Racing Association hold their annual Conondale Easter Rodeo this Easter Sunday at Ian and T Smmith's arena just on the Kenilworth side of the Conondale Bridge. The Rodeo kicks off at 7a.m.*

## Shop locally, it works

Whilst talking to a local business owner last week the subject of shopping locally came into the conversation.

Each year brings more national chains displacing locally-owned businesses throughout our country. We see clones replace unique establishments. People across the country are losing sense of community in their own town, and consider this trend a symptom, but could it be a cause as well?

Also, what are the impacts of this trend on our economic well-being?

It's time to consider the real costs to a community that loses its local business base. Independent local businesses employ a wide array of supporting services.

Opportunities grow for local

service industries such as accountants, insurance brokers, computer consultants, etc.

Local retailers and distributors generally carry a higher percentage of locally-made goods than the chains, creating more jobs for local producers.

In Maleny we are well into the multinational trend. Many people profess to support local small businesses but in the next breath infer that they shop "down the coast".

We should consider each time we spend a dollar, we would do well to weigh the full value of our choices, not solely to ourselves immediately, but for the future we want in our own hometowns.

Do businesses "down the coast" support local community organisations?

## Paint your house - All in one package....

**S**tarting this month Maleny Paint Place can supply everything you need to paint your house, including the painter and some "interest free" finance just to get you started.

With the autumn season already here it is a great time to get those outside painting jobs done.

The service can start with a colour consultancy, a quote for the labour for that particular job, including an estimate of the amount of paint needed, a premium quality

paint and some interest free finance.

This service is all available at a very competitive price.

This is all available NOW from Maleny Paint Place, 12 Bunya Street, Maleny.

It is no longer an excuse that you couldn't arrange a painter, too short of money, can't decide on a colour.

No need to arrange it yourself, just let the staff at Maleny Paint Place organise it all for you.

Can't be easier than that can it?

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## Truthful Jones Tells...



us that a male neighbour of his was driving to work the other morning along the Bruce Highway bear the Caloundra turnoff, he looked over to his left and there was a woman in a brand new commodore doing 100km per hour with her face up to the rear view mirror putting on eyeliner!

He looked away for a couple of seconds and when he looked back she was halfway over into his lane, and she was still working on that damn makeup!!!

It scared him so much that he dropped his electric shaver, which knocked the pie and peas out of his other hand. In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using his knees against the steering wheel, his cell phone fell away from his ear and into the coffee cup between his legs. Coffee splashed and burned "Little John and the twins"- ruined the damn phone and disconnected an important call.

Truthful Jones said that his neighbour told him that, "He can no longer trust WOMEN DRIVERS!!!"

### Fifth Avenue Collection

We create beauty and success

Whilst Easter is upon us, Mother's Day is not far away. Time to start planning your gift for that very special person.

Instead of chocolates and flowers why not give your mother a lasting keepsake.

F.A.C. has released special pieces in time for Mother's Day, as well as the new release of a gorgeous piece for April. I will be holding an Open House on the weekend of April 28th and 29th and will have these gorgeous pieces for you to purchase or you can buy on line from my website. Check out my website to view them.

Also, a range of watches is due out later this month. To book a show, call me on 5494 3933 or click here to go to my web site.

## A Great Cover Up!.....

Concrete slabs, the practical but ugly solution for a building base, can now be given a very beautiful but relatively inexpensive face lift.

The acrylic-based Paving Paint – Ultra Pave – can be applied on both interior and exterior slabs and comes in 65 beautiful colours.

The slab pictured was given the ultimate makeover by applying a subtle stamped pattern to add interest and texture to the surface.

The paving paint can be applied using either a brush, roller or spray gun depending on the area to be covered and the finish required. It is touch dry in only 30 minutes, ready for a second coat after two hours and can be walked on in just six hours.

Designed for both interior and exterior application, Ultra Pave can be used on concrete slabs, masonry walls, driveways, and concrete pavers and dries to an extremely hard wearing, slip-resistant, colour-fast satin finish.

The palette of 65 colours lends itself to any number of contemporary designs using one

## Conondale Easter Rodeo

**Sunday April 8th is the Conondale Easter Rodeo at Ian and T. Smith's arena.**

**This event is run annually to raise funds for the various local organisations. The day kicks off at 7am and goes all day. ....See you there**

or more colours – bold borders, geometric patterns or stamped and stencilled patterns.

Ultra Pave, by White Knight Paints, is available nationally from paint specialists and hardware stores.

For those who have a concrete slab that requires preparation, White Knight also manufactures a non-toxic, citrus based Concrete Etcher that has none of the associated hazardous drawbacks of traditional etchers. It has no toxic fumes, no risk of burns to the skin or clothes, no polluting of the waterways and none of the handling, safety and storage issues associated with acid-based etchers.

Ultra Pave paving paint and Concrete Etcher is available from Maleny Paint Place.

*This week's Saying*  
**It is better go to heaven in rags than to hell in embroidery.**



**This week's Special**  
**Wattyl Paintit Int Low Sheen - WTB**  
**6 Litres**  
**\$39.95**  
**Maleny Paint Place**  
**54942002**  
**12 Bunya St., Maleny**

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## Maleny Bowls Come and Try Day

**S**unday April 1st may be April Fools Day but you do not need to be an April Fool to try out the game of Lawn Bowls.

With many of us now leading a more sedentary lifestyle we need some gentle exercise to keep ourselves in some form of fitness. Well, lawn bowls is a great way to keep somewhat fit but at the same time enjoy some social company with other like minded people from on the Range.

The Maleny Bowls Club committee runs several come and try days each

year with sponsorship from the Caloundra City Council for the "FREE" B.B.Q. lunch.

The April 1st day saw about 40 bowlers, including Local Councillor Dick Newman attend. Many of those attending, including the councillor had had no previous bowls experience but



were sure that they would be back as they enjoyed the social aspects of the day.

The day also allowed the councillor to talk to some of the local constituents whom may not have had the opportunity to talk to him about local authority matters.

The Maleny Bowls Club is just one of the recreational facilities that are available for locals and visitors alike. It is these varied community facilities that gives the hinterland area its personality and makes it such a good area in which to live. Why not join one of these local clubs now.

## We just don't realise how our country cousins are travelling..

We have all know that we are in the worst drought in Australia's history. As a result a real life tragedy is occurring on the western side of the Great Dividing Range as a result of this drought.

Farming families in North Western NSW and South Western Queensland are now in the sixth consecutive year of drought.

As a result of this drought some farmers have had no income for several years and many rely on off farm income, if they can find a job at all.

Sheep and cattle producers can no longer afford to buy feed. The consequence is that this leaves farming families without any cash, not only to feed themselves but not able to maintain their farm for when the drought actually breaks.

As a result of the stress and feelings of total helplessness family breakup and suicide are both becoming very prevalent in farming communities.

We think we are doing it hard here in Maleny, but our country cousins are doing it much harder.

To find out more visit the web site of Aussie helpers by clicking here.

Who knows, you might be able to help. ([www.aussiehelpers.org.au](http://www.aussiehelpers.org.au))

## Need Help buying a car? New or second hand

**S**uncoast Auto Brokers is a company which provides you with a highly personalised service when you buy your next new or quality used car.

When buying a new or pre-loved vehicle you would normally look at private ads ,visit showrooms ,spend all weekend at used-car sales yards or waste endless hours on the internet.

Click on this story to take you to their web site.

## Do you have security problems with your P.C.

With Norton 360 for Windows can give piece of mind about how secure your computer is for 1 Year.

Viruses, spyware, and online identity fraud are all growing problems if your computer is

used on the internet.

Norton 360 offers comprehensive, automated protection with our proven PC Security & PC tuneup technologies PLUS new antiphishing, antivirus , anti-spyware, automated backup,

online identity protection, web site authentication and two way firewall along with 2GB secure online storage.

Norton 360 is available through Maleny Paint Place for \$130.

**See us now.**

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## Jobs from Hinterland Employment Services

Hinterland Employment Service is a local business run by a locally living person, Jenny Jones.

Jenny knows what jobs are available locally and what local employers need. She is also involved in the local community so she hears about qualified people who may be looking for a change in employment so thus she knows where those special people are.

Maleny Computer Centre said, **"Jennies service has saved us a lot of time and energy. We highly recommend her to any other employer seeking the right new staff member."**

For further inquiries either email;

**employment@hinterland.biz**  
or **PH: 54999850**

For advertising on your local web site

[www.hinterlandgrapevine.com](http://www.hinterlandgrapevine.com)

The internet is fast becoming the medium of preference for advertising by local businesses.

Whether you have a web site or not, as a local business person we can help you to get your message out to local people.

There are a range of offers available for getting your message out through the Hinterlandgrapevine Online.

For further information contact Deborah Selleck on 0401 854 000 or send an email to [thegrapevine@westnet.com.au](mailto:thegrapevine@westnet.com.au)

## An insight into Maleny History

Maleny Historian - Harvey Bryce



### Friends laid to rest on Primary School Grounds

About 100 years ago – actually 120 years this month – in 1886 June Dunlop

was buried next to her friend Margaret Hankinson where the Maleny Primary School now stands. The graves can be seen from the footpath behind the fence.

Jane's husband was commissioned to bring out and set up, at Sandgate4, a steam driven sawmill from Scotland in 1855 from Pettigrews & Sons, which is quite a story in itself.

Frances died not too much later and Jane was left with no income and with four young children.

Pettigrews offered her a chance of survival if she was prepared to go to Landsborough (then known as Mellum Creek) and live and work a selection of land at Bald Knob near the Peachester turnoff.

She caught the train to Landsborough and with a few belongings

and four small children walked to the block which was selected by Pettigrews for cedar reserves.

But to hold a selection it had to be resided on continually and cleared of all trees, or the lease would be forfeited.

She lived in two bark huts until young Francis was old enough to work. Then they moved to Buderim. Young Francis, about 16, then selected the block in Maleny where the new Primary School now stands.

Jane became great friends with her new neighbour, Margaret Hankinson, whose husband had also died. Margaret had nine kids (!) and was on Stephen Porter's block (the future Maleny Community Precinct land).

These two women, like so many other pioneers, struggled on, but left a legacy as well respected descendants, many still living in Maleny and marrying other locals.

Visit the Maleny Historical Village web site at [www.hinterlandgrapevine.com](http://www.hinterlandgrapevine.com) (Community Groups)

## Support your local Businesses

**Cadet Employment Service - 5429 6211**

**Glasshouse Country Printing - 5494 6011**

**Hinterland Employment Service 5499 9850**

**Humphries & Fisk Real Estate - 5499 9850**

**Impact Painters - 0429 640 732**

**Maleny Cheese Factory - 5494 2207**

**Maleny Print & Copy Centre - 5494 2888**

**Maleny Paint Place - 5494 2002**

**Partner Foods - 5494 3155**

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**Suncoast Auto Brokers - 1300 365 352**

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

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