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## Will water prices increase dramatically - just like electricity prices did.

**A**s from 2010 the Sunshine Coast Regional Council will combine with the Moreton Bay Council to form one water distribution and retailing authority to take over responsibility for water and sewerage in their council areas.

This change comes as a result of State Government legislation passed recently to bring these councils in line with other councils in the South East Queensland area.

This is a further step in privatising public utilities. This was commenced by the previous Beattie labor government. At the time Mr. Beattie said that it would be a more efficient way to run these utilities and would save consumers money.

The promised savings have just not eventuated, in fact electricity prices have risen dramatically since electricity distribution was privatized. Instead of local governments being responsible for all aspects of water and waste water, now we'll have three vertically integrated entities

providing distribution and retailing across South East Queensland, plus the four horizontally integrated bodies that look after bulk water and the water grid. As a result of this latest change councils will lose their state government infrastructure subsidies.

The main concern to consumers is that by setting up whole new bureaucracies to manage water will come at a huge cost that consumers will have to fund.

Local councils will be sharing the profits of the new water entities but have no guarantees on the revenue they will receive. Councils are effectively losing control of water, even though they nominally own these new authorities.

Member for Buderim Steve Dickson has raised his concerns about the Bligh government's motivation in creating the new structure.

"They are trying to claim that this new model is more efficient, but the Sunshine Coast, through Aquagen, has always had extremely effective water management," Mr

Dickson said.

Mr Dickson continued, "It is hard not to believe that the government is once again misleading Queenslanders, telling us that we are going to have a more efficient system, but in reality setting up a structure that will let them sell off water like they have other assets. My concern is that once again the community will be paying for the Bligh government's dodgy decisions. Worse still, water - our most precious resource - could end up being sold off to the highest bidder."

### Water Restrictions

South East Queensland residents will be able get the hose out again as tough drought-induced water restrictions are lifted as from December 1st.

Residents will be able to water their gardens and wash cars with hoses before 10am and after 4pm on any day except Mondays.

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## Truthful

### Jones Tells...

that his elderly neighbour, Paddy feared that his

wife, Becky, was getting hard of hearing. So one day Jack called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked. The GP made an appointment for a hearing test in two weeks, and said that meanwhile there's a simple test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the state of her problem.

Here's what you do, said the Doctor, "Start out about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response.

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and Paddy is in the living room. He thinks to himself that he is about 40 feet away. "Let's see what happens," he mutters.

Then in a normal tone he asks, "Dear, what's for supper?" No response. So Jack moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet from Becky and repeats, "Dear, what's for supper?"

Still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from Becky and asks, "What's for supper, dear?"

Again he gets no response. So he walks up to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away.

"What's for supper, dear?"

Again there is no response. So he walks right up behind her.

"What's for supper, dear?" She replies, "For God's sake, Paddy For the FIFTH TIME I SAID CHICKEN!"

Morale: Often we see problems in others but not in ourselves



## Maleny has a connection with "The Apprentices" to air on Channel 9 next Monday night - 9.30p.m.

Following the success of the American version of "The Apprentices" with Donald Trump there is now an Australian version of the show.

The Australian Apprentice is the ultimate reality series as a group of aspiring young businessmen and women go head to head in a competition that will see one person secure a six figure salary and the opportunity to work under Mark Bouris, one of Australia's leading businessmen.

This show appears on Channel NINE television on Monday nights at 9.30p.m. On Monday November 9th contestants have to pit themselves against each other to sell art. Ben Frost, son of Jack and Carolyn Frost of Maleny is an artist and it is his art that was used in this show.

Ben, now a professional artist previously lived and was educated in Maleny. You will get an insight into the style of art Ben provides as a professional artist.

Jack and Carolyn are better known as the owners of Irish, Scottish and Heraldic shop at Montville.

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## They beat any pre-school kids

Believing that we elect our parliamentarians to represent us and to put policy into place to ensure the most efficient administration of the state of Queensland.

To facilitate this the Queensland population pays a large amount of money in taxes.

A few days ago I decided to listen to a direct broadcast from Queensland State Parliament. Well, I was dismayed at the type of information being discussed and the way that it was trivialised. The topic being discussed on this occasion was whether it should be an

offence to lie to parliament.

Apparently, it is not an offence for a politician to lie to parliament. Previously it was an offence but had been decriminalised by Premier Anna Bligh at the time of the serious questions being asked of politician, Gordon Nuttall.

Information supplied by both parties was trivialised and those involved acted in a childlike manner. Even the Speaker of the house made some rulings that one would have to question his reasoning. If it wasn't serious it would be funny!

## The "NUT" Award

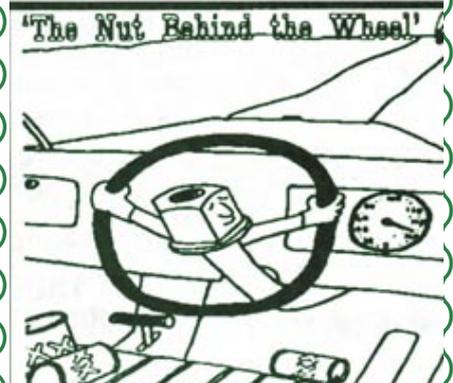
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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:-

To the young female driver in the white Hyundai Getz travelling towards Montville from the direction of Maleny - mid morning on the 29th Oct. Not only overtaking at inappropriate places but using a mobile phone at the same time.

## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Pot Roast

- usually cooked for a Sunday dinner.

### Ingredients

- \* Roast \* 6oz butter \* 3 medium parsnips \* 8 small onions
- \* 1/4 cup plain flour \* 3 tablespoons tomato puree \* Herbs
- \* 3 large carrots \* 2 Tablespoons tomato paste \* 3lb tomatoes
- \* 4 medium potatoes \* 3 beef stock cubes or stock \* Salt and Pepper

### Method

Heat butter in frying pan, add meat and brown on all sides. Remove meat from pan. Add to pan diced parsnips, peeled whole onions and peeled potatoes, cut in half.

Saute gently until vegetables are golden brown. Remove from heat. Add remaining butter to pan, add flour and stir over high heat until flour is brown. Remove from heat, add water and stir until combined.

Add crumpled stock cubes, tomato paste, herbs, salt and pepper. Return pan to heat and stir until sauce boils and thickens.

Put meat into large saucepan, pour sauce over, bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer gently 2 hours.

Add prepared vegetables, simmer further 30 minutes. Keep meat and vegetables warm on serving plate. Bring sauce in pan to boil until thickened.

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

## **Bad news comes in trees!**

If a tree fell on your car and you escaped death by mere inches, you might think that you would get some sympathy from your local council.

Sadly, no such compassion was forthcoming when one family suffered just such a fate under the parking Taliban of Wychavon District Council

Nicky Clegg from Stoulton, near Pershore, was driving along the Bromwich Road with her 82-year-old mother and her 11-year-old son when without warning a tree crashed on her car.

Miraculously they escaped death but the car ended up with a crushed bonnet, smashed windscreen and broken wing mirrors.

Police dragged the wrecked car to the side of the road and told Nicky that it was fine to leave it there and she could pick it up the following day.

But when Nicky came back the next day, she was astonished to find a parking ticket on the window.

## **Berrsheeba Day commemorated at Maleny R.S.L.**

The 92nd anniversary of the charge of Beersheba in World War I was commemorated at the Maleny RSL.

The Battle of Beersheba took place on 31 October 1917, as part of the Sinai and Palestine campaign during World War I. The highlight of the battle was the now famous charge of the Australian 4th Light Horse Brigade, which covered some six kilometres to overrun and capture the last remaining Turkish trenches, and secure the surviving wells at Beersheba.

Member for Fisher Peter Slipper said the event recognised what was one of the most dramatic and spectacular events in Australia's war history. "These men risked their lives to charge headlong into machine gun fire in order to secure the strategic city of Beersheba in Turkey and they succeeded, and their courage and abilities in achieving such a feat are worth commemorating," Mr Slipper said.



Photo Above: Inspecting a sword used by Brig. Gen. William Grant as he led the charge of Beersheba are his grandsons William Grant and Falkiner Hewson and local Member of Parliament Peter Slipper (far right).

On 31 October 1917, 800 soldiers of the Australian Lighthorse defeated the Turkish forces and captured the wells of Beersheba in what has been described as the last successful cavalry charge in military history.

The ceremony at Maleny included a parade through the main street, which also featured members of the local Maleny 5th Light Horse Troop, complete with uniforms as worn in the battle.

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*Who remembers the old days  
Coming home after a feed of mulberries  
and all parts the body covered in purple  
stain, especially feet.....*



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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

## Woodies Christmas market

The Woodies Christmas Market is being held Saturday and Sunday 7th & 8th November in the St Mary's Hall on the Village Green, Montville.

It will be a great opportunity to buy some great woodwork to use as Christmas presents!

The Woodies create some great wooden products that would make even that someone special happy.

Why not go along and have a look at the fine quality products on display.

## This weeks Special

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to the correct percentage - please check your owners manual and make sure of the pressure setting on the unit. Then a short trial spray is recommended on a piece of cardboard - then away you go.

Also don't forget spare swirl valves for your power sprayer - please refer to the accessories section.

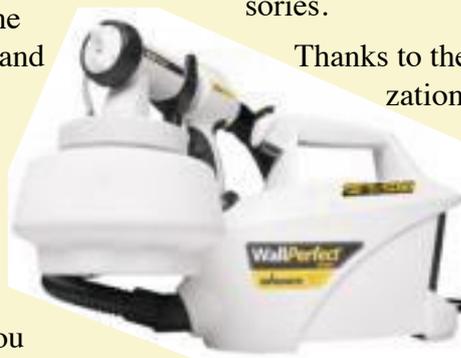
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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



## FREE Energy Assessment

I recommend to everyone to consider booking a free assessment of their home's energy and water usage.

The assessments are available now under the Australian Government's "Green Loans Programme", and provide homeowners with a report outlining tailored recommendations for improvements to energy and water usage. Assessments are free, and can help save on power and water costs.

This is an ideal 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, while also helping a local volunteer group.

At present, Ross is offering to donate \$20 to the Maleny 5th Light Horse troop for every booking made that mentions this column. Ross Smith can be contacted on 5494 7110 or 0419 669 175.

## Internet Protection

It may be a surprise to know that young people spend as much as 65

per cent of their time online being involved in some sort of social interaction.

With this in mind, it is important that parents and guardians do all they can to ensure that our young people are safe from potential harm while online.

For more information on cyber-safety plans visit [www.dbcde.gov.au/cybersafetyplan](http://www.dbcde.gov.au/cybersafetyplan)

## Great Australians!

Nominate a local hero for a Fisher Community Australia Day Award.

Recipients are recognised for their contributions in the areas of community service, industry and commerce, the arts, sport and recreation, and for their work with seniors' groups, sporting clubs, youth organisations, and welfare and community support organisations.

Nomination forms for the 2010 ceremony are available from my electorate office or by phoning 5443 3555 or 1300 301 981 (toll free within Fisher).

Go ahead. Nominate a local hero!

## Day for Daniel

The Day for Daniel held on Friday 30 October is a reminder of the need for all members of the community to be aware of the need to maintain a watchful eye over each other.

As the organisers said, the day aimed to be fun while also promoting the message of working for the safety and opportunity for our children.

I congratulate all of those who took part in what is an important day on the calendar.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was created by the parents of missing teenager Daniel Morcombe, who went missing in December 2005 from a Woombye bus stop.

For further details about The Daniel Morcombe foundation, visit [www.danielmorcombe.com.au](http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au)

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**Maleny Paint Place - 5494 2002**

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