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## And now for the weather

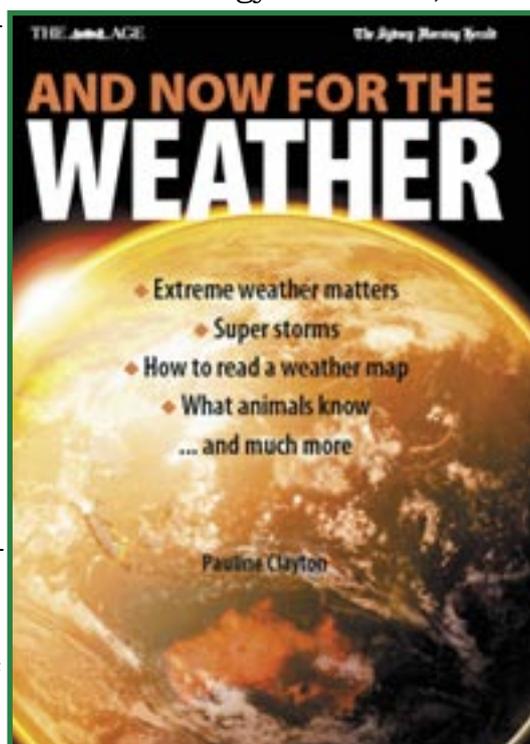
Last Friday local author, Pauline Clayton released her latest book, "And not the Weather". This book gives a simple explanation about Australian weather. Dr. Geoff Love, Director of Meteorology completed the forward of the book. This book is not available in bookshops. Knowing Pauline Clayton it is sure to be a great read. Here is the forward written by Dr. Love.

It's my pleasure to draft a brief foreword to this fascinating book – a book about a broad range of aspects of Australian weather and climate, and about the people who play a part in shaping how we receive information about weather and climate.

Before I comment on the book I feel I should say a little about the difference between weather and climate. Weather is the day-to-day behaviour of the atmosphere while climate is the time average of the day-to-day variability of the atmosphere. Or, as one wit said; climate is what you expect, weather is what you get. And, to complete the definitions, weather and climate together comprise meteorology.

This book then provides

valuable explanations of many of the meteorological phenomena that we read about in newspapers, and see and hear reported on television. There can be no doubt that interest in meteorology world-wide is at an all time high. One example of this interest is the popularity of the Australian Bureau of Meteorology's web site,



which was receiving well over 1 billion hits per month by December 2007, with a hit rate that has grown exponentially since the site commenced operation in the mid-1990's.

It seems to me that there are

at least three reasons for the growing interest in meteorology: Firstly, severe weather events - tropical cyclones, floods, bushfires, droughts and the like - provide extremely graphic television footage, and so we encounter examples of the power of the atmosphere on a daily basis. It is worth noting that around 85% of all disasters are meteorological in origin, and so, for most of us, if we are to encounter a disaster in our daily lives then there is a good chance weather will play a role, and through reading this book, and books like it, we are better equipped to respond in the most appropriate way.

Secondly, climate change is of concern to a growing number of people – and many want to understand how the climate of their region is changing and how that change might affect them. I know that this book does not explicitly tackle climate change, nevertheless it does provide a good account of the impact of climate variability, most particularly in its treatment of drought, and the reader cannot fail to be impressed with the

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## Truthful Jones Tells...



one of his neighbours, a tired businessman complained to his doctor, "What's wrong with me doctor? I feel awful."

"Let me ask you a few questions. asked the doctor, "Do you drink much alcohol?"

"None at all". was the reply.

"What about smoking?"

"No, it's a filthy habit." said the neighbour.

"Do you stay out late?" asked the doctor.

"I'm in bed every night by ten thirty." replied Paddy.

"Well, are you having sharp pains in the head?" asked the doctor.

"Yes I am, all the time." said Paddy

"Just as I thought," said the doctor. "Your halo's on too tight".

Sounds like a couple of blokes that are well known locally.

*This week's Saying*

**A Word of Warning**  
**"Don't talk with your mouth full or people might notice that it's full of bull.**

.....Think about it

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## Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

*A room looks wonderful with a fresh coat of paint.*

### Start Out Right

*You'll enjoy the job more if you get everything together at the start. Organize a tool station in the middle of the area you'll be working in. Gather together your paint, brushes, rollers, hammers, screwdrivers, plastic bags, plastic wrap, rags, paint can opener, and drop cloths.*

### Plan a Day for Prep

*Don't try to get everything done in one day. Use the day before painting day to gather furniture in the center of the room, patch cracks and holes, put blue painter's tape around doors and windows, and cover wall and ceiling light fixtures (light bulbs removed, of course!) with large plastic bags.*

### Clear the Decks

*If you can, remove all the furniture and accessories.*

*Take everything off the walls. If you can't move everything out, place the furniture and lamps in the middle of the room and cover them with a good drop cloth. Be sure that you tape the cloth around the*

### *This weeks Special*

**Paintit Low Sheen - Int W.T.B. by Wattyl**

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*furniture. Then put a second cover of plastic or old sheet over everything.*

### Remove All Hardware

*It may seem easier to paint around door knobs or cabinet hinges, but unless you're a professional, very experienced painter, you're bound to get drips around. So carry around some zip top bags and remove all cabinet knobs and hinges, door knobs, light switch plates and outlet covers, and light fixtures. Place the pieces together in separate bags and clearly mark the contents and location you took them from. This is a great time to clean the hardware! Put them back when you're done painting.*

### Get Yourself Ready

*No matter how hard you try, you're bound to get drips (or more) of paint on whatever you're wearing. Reserve some old, but comfortable, clothes for your painting jobs. Slip-on shoes are easy to take off if you need to leave the room. You won't have to worry about tracking drops of paint into other rooms. When you paint the ceiling, put something over your eyeglasses.*

### Don't Paint Over Problem Walls

*If your walls have holes or cracks, fix them before you start with the paint. We can guide you to the best products for the job, whether they be small or large holes or cracks.*

*For more information about paint or "how to hints" click here to go to the*

**Maleny Paint Place web page.**

## Who to call in an emergency?

**W**e all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than if we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who

should be contacted during emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call.

He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as "ICE".



## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Marinated Octopus Salad

- one of my favourites - tastes better than it sounds.

#### Ingredients

500g baby octopus, cleaned, beaks removed, halved if large - 2 cups red wine - 2 tablespoons oregano leaves - 6 garlic cloves, crushed - 1 teaspoon brown sugar (optional) - 100g mesclun - 1/4 cup torn mint leaves - 1 small red onion, thinly sliced - 1 tablespoon lemon juice - Extra virgin olive oil, red wine vinegar, to serve

#### METHOD

1. Place octopus in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to the boil. Drain octopus, transfer to a bowl to cool.
2. Add red wine, oregano, garlic and sugar, mixing well. Cover and chill for 1 hour.
3. Preheat a barbecue or char-grill on high. Barbecue octopus (see tip) for 2 minutes, each side, until opaque and tender. Transfer to a bowl to cool slightly.
4. Add mesclun, mint, onion and juice. Season to taste. Drizzle with a little olive oil and red wine vinegar, toss and serve.

#### Top Tips (learn from other's mistakes)

- \* If you prefer, ask your fishmonger to clean the octopus for you.
- \* Avoid overcooking octopus, or it will become tough.

## 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 cars that park on the approach side of the pedestrian crossing in Maple Street, Maleny. We have mentioned this previously but those same cars continue to park there. They are a real risk to any person crossing Maple Street. I just hope that it is not me that gets knocked over.

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

Suncoast Auto Brokers work for you in buying a new or second hand car at the best prices possible.

They deal with motor dealers on a regular basis and know how to deal with them.

Contact Suncoast Auto Brokers on 1300 365 352.

## Jobs from Hinterland Employment Services Canvas worker

Manufacturer of 4wd Vinyl product is looking for an experienced machinist. Duties will include sewing vinyl on a machine, some cutting work and heat welding. Radio Frequency Welding experience an advantage. 76 hr fortnight, RDO every second Friday. No weekend work. Own transport is required.

Location: Hinterland Region  
Type: F/Time Hours: 38 hrs

## Canvas Apprenticeship

A F/Time Apprenticeship is available for someone willing to learn a new trade in Canvas Making for motor trimmer. The successful person will be expected to commit to a 3 year Apprenticeship. Must be able to commence straight away some knowledge or interest in learning this trade would be preferred. This position could suit a school leaver looking to learn a new trade. Location: Hinterland Region - Type: F./Time Hours: 38

To express interest in these positions or to receive full job description please forward recent resume together with checkable references by email to [employment@hinterland.biz](mailto:employment@hinterland.biz)

**PH: 54999850**

## A note from your local Federal Member of Parliament (Fisher) - Peter Slipper

Federal Parliament resumes on Tuesday 12 February with the opening of the 42 Parliament. I am committed to ensuring my constituents are well represented and their voice is heard in Parliament and am proud to again have been chosen to represent the people of Fisher.

Did you know -

The opening of a new Parliament is marked by ceremony and traditional practices derived from those of the United Kingdom Parliament.

Some of these practices reflect the historical need to establish and protect the Parliament's right to conduct its business free of interference from the Sovereign. One such practice is that of conducting formal business before reporting the Governor-General's speech. Another is the custom that the Parliament is declared open and the Governor-General's speech delivered in the Senate Chamber.

This occurs in spite of the fact that the House of Representatives is the people's house and the 'house of government', because according to tradition neither the Queen nor her representative, the Governor-General, enters the House of Representatives Chamber during proceedings. In 1642 King Charles I went to Westminster accompanied by armed guards. He entered the Chamber of the House of Commons and attempted to arrest five of its Members. He was unsuccessful and the Members escaped. Since then no Sovereign has entered the House of Commons Chamber during proceedings and this tradition has continued in the Commonwealth Parliament.

## Here is one from our parliamentarians

It is noted that our state parliamentarians have outlawed the people of Queensland from seeing their "representatives" at work.

The speaker, Mike Reynolds has now banned television stations from showing our representatives in parliament behaving at their worse, sleeping, misbehaving like school children and ridiculing other members.

Is this another way of hiding the way in which some of our members behave when conducting business on our behalf.

## This Mayor or that Mayor

The Maleny Business Centre and the Maleny Chamber of Commerce has joined ranks to provide a forum for you to hear how each of the Mayoral candidates see the future for our area. This meeting is at the Maleny Show Pavillion on February 12th between 5pm and 7.30pm. Further information can be obtained from Juianita on 5499 9911.

Nominations for both Councillors and Mayoral candidates remain open until midday on February 19th so there is still time for others to nominate.

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## A.N.Z. Bank, Maleny raises funds for local chaplain

The ANZ Bank, Maleny is raising money for Chris Davis 'Chappy', the Maleny High School Chaplain.

Firstly, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Maleny Inc, they will kick off with a sausage sizzle on 9th February outside the community Centre.

During actual Blue Week, which runs from 18th - 22nd February, they will be holding a 'Guess the Number of Jelly Beans' competition and be selling raffle tickets at the ANZ.

The raffle includes sporting goods and wine. Why not support the local school chaplain.

All enquiries to Denise or Joanne Hoffman - 54942677.

## "Our Heart: Making a Difference through Lifestyle Change"

Do you want to know more about living longer and healthier: Have you ever wondered how to do something about it – and in the process change your lifestyle for the better?

Heart, stroke and blood vessel disease is the major public health problem in Australia, causing more than 35% of all deaths annually. The Heart Foundation has a network of local Volunteer Speakers available to visit your club, community group or organisation to speak about general heart health focusing on the benefits of lifestyle change and practical information on how to go about it.

If you would like to invite a volunteer speaker to your organisation please contact Margaret Richards at the Heart Foundation on (07) 3872 2507.

Or, if you would like to volunteer as a speaker for the Heart Foundation to help raise awareness of heart health throughout the community please contact Margaret Richards on the above number for more information.

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role climate variability has played in shaping Australia.

Thirdly, realtime data and information about weather and climate is more accessible and more accurate than ever before-and this availability of information feeds people's interest. I suspect this book will help address many of the questions this information raises

In conclusion then, I believe it is important that everyone who is curious about weather and climate have access to texts such as this one. That is, texts which that explain in simple terms the "whys" and "wherefores" of a wide range of meteorological phenomena in clear, concise and accurate terms.

I recommend the book to you

(Geoff Love)  
Director of Meteorology

## Support your local Businesses

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<b>Humphries &amp; Fisk Real Estate</b>	-	<b>5499 9850</b>
<b>Impact Painters</b>	-	<b>0429 640 732</b>
<b>Maleny Cheese Factory</b>	-	<b>5494 2207</b>
<b>Maleny Print &amp; Copy Centre</b>	-	<b>5494 2888</b>
<b>Maleny Paint Place</b>	-	<b>5494 2002</b>
<b>Partner Foods</b>	-	<b>5494 3155</b>
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