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Hinterland Businesses to network!

The Maleny and District Chamber of Commerce is about to change names to Maleny Commerce

On Tuesday August 12th they will be holding a seminar at the Maleny R.S.L. Hall between 5.30p.m. and 7.30p.m. to help local businesses network.

President of Maleny Commerce, Stephen Dittman said, "This seminar is part of an ambitious plan to establish relationships with businesses on the coast seeking to work with hinterland businesses."

With the growth of the hinterland section of the Sunshine Coast Maleny Commerce believes that there are new business opportunities arising and so is hosting this event.

It is necessary to register for this event. To register go to the Maleny Commerce web site:

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

These need to be completed by Friday August 8th.

Click here to go to our "Gig Guide" (Must be connected to the internet at the time)

Bush Fire season could turn serious

The fire danger in south-east Queensland for the coming season could be high to very high due to hot, dry conditions, low humidity and abundant fuel.

This follows a period of high rainfall periods and a good growing season. With August and September expected to be a dry period then any westerly winds will help dry out that abundant fuel.

A spokesman for the Queensland Emergency Services Department said, "This could potentially be the worst fire season for at least 15 years."

Those who lived in the area in 1994 can little forget how about 1000 people were evacuated in the Glass House Mountains area during severe bushfires and two wildfires destroyed 5,000 hectares of forest as well as community infrastructure.

This warning comes as a \$166,000 Govt grant is announced to Sunshine Coast organisations to implement measures that help better control bushfires when they erupt.

The funding announcement comes as the region experienced a wetter than normal winter, which will encourage new undergrowth in local

bushland.

With the increase in rural living and dwellings being built in bushland settings more often bushfire is now a major threat in the region. It is important that preparations are carried out in the off season to reduce the potential for damage when bushfire season strikes.

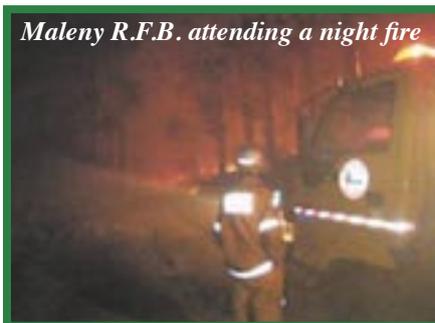
The funding is allocated from the Australian Government Bushfire Mitigation Programme for 2007-08.

Funds are allocated to:

- * Sunshine Coast Regional Council - \$165,000 to create and maintain firebreaks and slash overgrown fire trails in Caloundra; and,
- * Glass House Mountains National Park - \$1250 to help upgrade some 3km of fire trails for the protection of adjoining properties and township. Funding allocated to Queensland Parks and Wildlife.

The funds will improve the effectiveness of local fire breaks and ensure good accessibility to bushfires; these firebreaks will also help fire fighters to get to the seat of the fires more quickly and safely, which will help to greatly reduce potential losses from bushfire.

Maleny R.F.B. attending a night fire



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Truthful Jones Tells...



US that his congregation is presently

redecorating their church. The three parish nuns become extremely hot and sweaty in their habits whilst cleaning the interior after the work was finished.

Mother Superior says, "Let's take our clothes off, and work naked."

The other two nuns disapprove, and ask, "What if someone sees us?"

But the Mother Superior says, "Don't worry, no one will see us, we'll just lock the door."

So the other nuns agree, strip down and return to work. Suddenly, they hear a knock at the door, and grab their clothes in a panic.

Mother Superior runs to the door and calls through, "Who is it?"

"Blind man," a man's voice comes back.

So she opens the door, and lets in the blind man, who turns to the nuns and says, "Great bodies, ladies, now where do you want these blinds?"

Morale: Not everybody sees the same vision of one single situation as the next person.

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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

**Cleaning up after the job
can be just as tough as the actual job**

Interior Painting Hints

Wooden Trim, Doors/Bare Wood/To Be Painted

Surface Preparation

Treat any mildew with a 3:1 water and household bleach mixture, leaving it on for 20 minutes and adding more as it dries. Remember safety and wear eye and skin protection. Always rinse the surface thoroughly.

It is necessary to then dull any glossy areas of wood by sanding with medium (#120) grit garnet paper. Again remember to wear eye protection, dust mask and work gloves.

Then fill any gouges with wood filler; let dry and sand flush.

Fill gaps with quality acrylic or siliconized acrylic caulk, and immediately smooth it flush; allow to dry over night and make a second application if needed; do not sand a caulk.

Remove any dirt by scrubbing with detergent and water; rinse thoroughly and let it dry out. Lightly sand the entire area to be painted with fine (#220) grit garnet paper, then dust off with clean rags.

Priming

Priming is necessary to ensure adhesion, stain blocking and sheen or gloss uniformity.

Prime all surfaces: use a stain blocking primer that is recommended for interior use.

There are a number of Zinzer stain blockers for those particularly stained areas. One is an acrylic stain blocking primer which is excellent for general use, good adhesion, blocks most stains, superior long term adhesion and flexibility. It is the easiest to use and has the lowest odor.

Then there is an alcohol-based (shellac based) stain blocking primer which provides maximum adhesion and stain blocking. It has a moderate odor upon application. It requires alcohol clean-up but is quick drying. Ensure ample ventilation.

The next alternative is an oil-based (alkyd) which gives superior adhesion and stain blocking. It does have a high odor upon application so use with ample ventilation. Use this product if oil-based paint is to be applied. It is best not to leave a primer unpainted

Painting

Always use top-of-the-line interior acrylic or oil-based paint in flat, satin, semi-gloss or gloss finish, depending on appearance desired

Oil-based will provide greater hardness, but may yellow, and will be prone to crack with time

Satin, semigloss and gloss paints will resist dirt and handprints better than flat finish

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Be careful at the money tree.....

The winding roads in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland are among the most favoured by weekend motor cycle riders. Because of their very nature they are exciting to ride. They also add statistics to the road toll and as a result have been recently targetted by police from the Sunshine Coast district traffic branch officers and staff from the state traffic taskforce in an attempt to lower the Coast road toll.

Recently a traffic operation was conducted on Stanley River Road, at Maleny, following a spate of crashes in the area. Superintendent Ben Hanbidge of the Sunshine Coast Police District warned it would not be the last, so who knows the next place to be targetted might well be the "well known money tree", who knows!

The operations target speeding and drink-driving. The operations include an unmarked police vehicle to catch motorists breaking road rules outside of the marked operation area.

"In the recent operation in Stanley River Road police issued 22 speeding tickets and arrested one person for driving under the influence of liquor" Supt Hanbidge said. He continued "Some of the driving conduct witnessed by police was very ordinary to say the least so this type of operation will not be the last in the Maleny area." *This is a good time to take note.*

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 use the bus turn-around in front of the Maleny State High School as a skid pan.

Whilst it might be out of school hours and very little traffic in the area at the time of occurrence one does not know when other cars may drive onto the scene.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Rolling Wave Pumpkin and Ricotta Lasagne
- easy evening meal on these warm afternoons.

Ingredients

instant lasagne sheets # 1 onion # garlic clove
1/2 a pumpkin # pinch brown sugar # some mushrooms # can of crushed tomatoes (410 gr ?) # small tub of ricotta grated cheese # some herbs that you like .. # quick a packet of cheese sauce

Directions

Cut the pumpkin into cubes and microwave until just soft, about 6 minutes chop up the onion and mushrooms and garlic cook until the onions are soft, add tomatoes and salt and pepper and a pinch of brown sugar.

Give a good stir and then add your herbs let it simmer for about 5 minutes divide the cooked pumpkin in half and give it a little mash, not too much, add it to the tomato mix.

Place a layer of the lasagne sheets in your oven proof dish and then a thin layer of ricotta then a layer of your pumpkin tomato mix and a few of the non mixed pumpkin. Continue to layer in that fashion until all the bits are used up but finishing with a layer of lasagne. Then mix your packet cheese sauce to directions on packet and then pour over top, whack on some grated cheese pop in the oven (180 degrees) cook for half an hour or until the top is golden brown then serve with a salad.

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WHY IS IT SO?

YAWNING IS CONTAGIOUS

Have you ever noticed that when people around you start yawning then you start to do the same? Why is a yawn contagious?

The short answer is that we still don't know. But we do know that even thinking about yawning, or listening to this story, can make you yawn. Cats yawn, babies only 5-minutes-old yawn, and even fish and birds go for the big stretch. You're more likely to yawn just after you've woken up - or just before you go to sleep, or if you see someone else yawning.

But why do we yawn?

One theory claimed you yawned if you had too little oxygen in your blood. But you yawn even if you are breathing 100% pure oxygen. Sometimes you yawn if you are tired, but highly-alert athletes often yawn just before a big event. Soldiers will often yawn just before an exercise.

People are most likely to yawn in that first hour after they've woken up, or in that last hour before they go to sleep, or when they're tired, bored, or doing long boring repetitive tasks. People riding on fairly empty trains late in the day tend to yawn a lot.

If you smile, you'll probably get a few people to smile back, but yawn, and the whole room yawns with you. And if you don't believe me, ask yourself if you've yawned at least once during this story. And if you haven't, thank you for being so interested, and have a good day.

Ekka time is here again - will it make you sick

It's nearly Ekka time again and most of us cannot wait to get there to enjoy all the fun of the fair - especially after such a wet Maleny Show.

How often have we found that the Ekka is a great time to spread the flu and other ailments as soon as we get back home.

In an effort to reduce the chances of bringing home an illness to the family Queensland Health has issued a simple message to people planning to enjoy the Ekka is - if you pat an animal, make sure you wash your hands.

Sunshine Coast Public Health Physician Dr Sue Vlack today reminded parents of a few simple steps that they and their children can take to stay healthy at the Ekka.

"Hand-washing is one of the simplest ways to avoid infection, whether spread by animals or other people.

"The Ekka provides a great opportunity for children to gain some experience with farm animals, and by remembering some basic hygiene it can also be a safe experience.

Dr Vlack said, "It is very easy for children to be over-vigorous with

animals, or to put lollies, food or fingers in their mouths after touching animals, while parents are not looking.

"Don't miss the wonderful opportunity that animal farms provide for your children to gain some experience of farm life keeping in mind that hygiene and safety come first."

Ekka health tips

- supervise children while near animals at all times.
- wash hands with soap and water after touching or cuddling animals, (the Ekka will be providing tap water and liquid soap at all animal farm venues).
- wash hands after touching shoes or other objects which may be contaminated with animal waste.
- wash hands before eating and drinking.
- carry disposable wipes for chance contact with animals or manure in other parts of the Ekka.
- wash thoroughly any dummies or toys that fall on the ground before using them again and do not eat or drink in animal enclosures.

If you are going to the Ekka have a great time, enjoy the day, spend plenty of money but come home safe and well.

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This week's Saying
A friend is someone who has the same enemies you have.

.....Think about it

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News from Maleny Bowls Club

by Chairman Ian Hansen

Finally the weather was kind and all the scheduled games were able to be played last week. It was a trifle cool on Monday for the Men's Monthly Jackpot Pairs but the run-away winners were the Mapleton Pair of Mike Curtis and Alain Memanteau who recorded two wins plus 27. The runners-up on countback when two pairs registered plus 12 in the second game were another Mapleton Pair—Ron Usher and Jeff Jordan who won eight ends—whereas Peter Black and Don Stewart only won seven of their ends. The Jackpot wasn't won but local lady Gail Turner won the raffle for the only local win of the day.

Tuesday's Jackpot Triples winners were the heavyweight trio with an international flavour—viz. Terry Halliday, Paul Kemp and Ian Hansen. If you can pick a heavier team than those three I would be surprised. However, there is some conjecture as to whether it was pure, unadulterated skill or intimidation that allowed them to register two wins plus 14. I have it on good authority that the winning lead, instead of wishing the opposition "Good Bowling," whispered quietly "If you beat us, Sumo Wrestling is next." The touchers went to Ray Oldfield, Bob Caulley and Sandra Kapetanic but the Jackpot wasn't won. That local lady, Gail Turner, once again won the raffle.

Friday's winners with the modest score of plus seven were Helga Falcongren and Nev Littler. Two of the Sponsors' Prize winners were present. They were Ian Por-

ter who won the Full Monte prize and Curley Petersen who won the Beechwood Bakehouse prize. The other winners would have been: Maggie Crowe for the IGA now worth \$240 this week, Brett Scot for Maleny Paints and Gillian Mills for QLD Villages now worth \$60 this week. The raffle winner was Jeanette Brown which stopped Gail's run of wins.

Friday evening's BBQ was very well patronised and greatly enjoyed by all present. Many thanks to Ladies' President, Helga, and all her helpers who made the evening such a success both socially and financially for the Club. Remember, the first Friday of the month is BBQ night.

On Wednesday last week, the semi-final of the 2007 Scott Fawkes Memorial Handicap Singles was played. Kay Gesch got away to a big lead early and at 15 shots to three looked all-over a winner. However, her opponent, Ian Porter, had other ideas and wittled the lead away to reach the lead 20 shots to 18. He then increased this to 24 shots to 20 thus needing a single shot for victory, but this was not to be as Kay then took the last two ends by two then three shots respectively to record a thrilling 25shots to 24 victory. Congratulations Kay and commiserations Ian but it really was a great match. Kay now has the unenviable task of playing the so far undefeated defending Champion, Curley Petersen, who considers this competition his very own as in three years so far, he has never lost a match. The handicap favours Kay as her

handicap is plus four and Curley, naturally, is the back-marker on negative eight which gives Kay a 12 shot margin and Curley needing eight shots to reach zero. This year, the event will still be handicap singles but you will have to nominate and the sheet is up on the board in the Clubhouse.

This week there is the usual Jackpot Tuesday and Social Bowls Friday.

Saturday sees the first round of Pennants with Team A playing at Pelican Waters and Team B at Yandina. All the best to both sides. Other events to keep in mind are the Nominated Mixed Pairs on August 10 and the Nominated Mixed Triples on August 14.



**If you've got a beef
take it to the head cow.**

Look out for meningococcal disease

Queensland Health has alerted Sunshine Coast doctors and parents to the symptoms of meningococcal disease after the start of the peak season for the illness.

"Cases of meningococcal illness usually increase each year with the onset of winter and early spring," Dr Vlack said. Disease can occur at any age but is more common in children and young people.

Anyone experiencing symptoms or who considers themselves at risk of infection should immediately contact their local doctor.

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July's rainfall helps out with water storage

Brisbane is claiming it has seen its wettest July since records began in 2000.

Brisbane is celebrating the receipt of 91 millimetres during July, nearly five times its average and Maroochydore receiving 250mm over the same period which is about four times the 60mm July average.

Records held by Pat and his wife Kay who own and operate the Maleny Weather Station show that Maleny is also celebrating with falls of 223mm in June and 203mm in July and all of this in what are meant to be the driest months of the year.

The rain during this period was due to highly unusual low pressure systems forming off the Queensland coast instead of the normal dry westerly winds at this time of year.

Rainfall was generally received over a widespread area of South East Queensland. This rainfall helped to get the South East Queensland water catchments over the average 40%.

Following these falls water restrictions in this pocket of Queensland have been eased.

This week with Peter Slipper M.H.R.



Business Grants

Businesspeople who have innovative projects that help address the impacts of climate change may consider applying for a grant under the Climate Ready Programme.

The programme offers dollar-for-dollar grants of between \$50,000 and \$5million for research and development, proof-of-concept and early-stage commercial activities with a climate change benefit. For further information visit the AusIndustry website www.ausindustry.gov.au or phone 13 28 46.

Business Training

A course designed to help businesses improve their profitability is calling for applicants who may be interested in attending. The "Getting Down to Business 2" course has received funding from the Australian Government. For details, contact Business Training Consultants on 5443 7599 or visit www.scba.com.au/business

Healthy Students

I encourage students from around the region to remain active to keep up their health and fitness.

In association with the Beijing Olympics, the Australian Sports Commission is running several programmes around the electorate to encourage students to be active, in particular to jump, skip, hop, walk and run all the way to China!

To celebrate the 2008 Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games the Australian Sports Commission has provided all children participating in the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program's Journey to Beijing campaign a pedometer so that they can tally their steps and 'walk' to Beijing.

Further information is available from the ASC at ausport.gov.au/aasc

Pension Review

The Pension Review Reference Group is about to conduct a review into retirement incomes, including the age pension.

The inquiry will investigate several areas, including the adequacy of existing support for seniors and carers. The committee will also investigate measures that could strengthen the financial security of pensioners in the future.

Public submissions will be invited following the release of a Pension Review background paper this month.

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