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Visitor Centre Closure

Sunshine Coast Regional Council Divisional Councillor, Cr Anna Grosskreutz recently reported that she was disappointed with the imminent closure of the Maleny Visitor Information Centre at the Big Wine Barrel on Landsborough Road on the entrance to Maleny.

According to Cr Grosskreutz she was not advised that a decision had been made to close the centre.

Apart from the aspect of the closure of the centre there should be some explanations by council staff as to the circumstances of how and when the decision was made and why was the local councillor not consulted about the matter.

It may well be that the council has very good reason to close the centre and it may be in the good interests of the local tourist industry and the council.

But, it does leave many unanswered questions about how the processes of council are conducted. Maybe the present processes indicate that there is no need for elected local representatives.

Visitor Info Centre at Winebarrel to close at years end

The Maleny Visitor Information Centre situation at the entrance to Maleny at the Big Wine Barrel is to be closed by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council at the end of the 2009 year.

This decision was made by council officers without reference to Sunshine Coast councillor Anna Grosskreutz who represents Division 1 in which the Visitor Information Bureau is situated. As a result Councillor Anna Grosskreutz is fighting to reverse the council's decision.

The Maleny Visitor Information Centre, which was opened in 2006 by the former Caloundra City Council.

Councillor Grosskreutz believes that the thousands of people that use that centre each year won't get that information about Maleny once it is closes.

There is another visitor information centre in the town but it has limited

parking for vehicles, especially ones towing caravans.

"The theory on the closure is that the new multi-million dollar Visitor Information Centre at Glass House Mountais would also provide information on Maleny, Cr Grosskreutz said. She continued, "The council wants to consolidate its visitor information centres across the Sunshine Coast. I am of the belief that they want to streamline the operations and have been reviewing information centres across the Coast. Council Officers think there are too many and they could close Maleny and make the Montville Visitor Information Centre bigger."

She has met Sunshine Coast Mayor Bob Abbot and economic development officers to try to overturn the decision. This decision could be reconsidered with the present Tourism reform process that is presently being undertaken by the Council



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Truthful Jones Tells...

that Senior Constable Bob told him that he was sent to a traffic hazard on Montville Road one day not long ago.

The traffic snarl was caused when a blonde's car got a flat tyre so she eases it over onto the shoulder of the road.

She carefully steps out of the car and opens the trunk. She then takes out two cardboard men, unfolds them and stands them at the rear of the vehicle facing oncoming traffic. The lifelike cardboard men are in trench coats exposing their nude bodies to approaching drivers...

Not surprisingly, this was how the traffic became snarled and backed up. It was then that Senior Constable Bob was called and attended.

Taken aback, Senior Constable Bob approaches the blonde of the disabled vehicle yelling, "What is going on here?"

"My car broke down, Officer" says the woman, calmly.

"Well, what the hell are these obscene cardboard pictures doing here by the road?!" asks Senior Constable Bob.

"Helllllooooo, those are my emergency flashers!" she replies.

Morale: You just never know what is around the next corner - do you?"



Maleny Relay for Life to begin



The Maleny Relay for Life begins at the Maleny Showgrounds on Saturday October 10th at 3p.m. when the traditional walk for survivors begins.

After this lap it is expected that hundreds of other walkers will take part in the "walk for life" over Saturday night. Saturday night at 7p.m. the inspirational candle ceremony will be conducted where tributes in the form of candles are lit to remember those we have lost and to give hope to those who continue to inspire us.

Some thirty teams, mainly registered by local businesses have registered to take part and all monies raised goes directly towards cancer research and other services provided by the Queensland Cancer Council.

Cancer was once a "death sentence" but today as a result of the continuing research nearly 70% of detected cancers are treated successfully.

For further information contact Dot Billingham on 0418 727 789.

Chaplaincy Day at Maleny Bowls Club

The Maleny Bowls Club is the location of the next fundraiser for the Maleny Chaplaincy Service. The social day will be on Sunday October 18th starting at 11a.m.

Karen Heading is now taking nominations for teams of four. If you want to be involved but don't have a team then still ring Karen and she will ensure that you get a game.

The cost of the day will be \$15.00 each and this includes green fees and a sausage sizzle. There will be a licensed bar operating on the day.

Karen can be contacted on 0418 761 507



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*Who remembers the old days
Making a canoe from galvanised roof
sheets oofing with black bitumen...*

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How dangerous will be our Maple Street?



Beautification to the bus stop in front of Cooke Park are now well under way after a slow start. The footpath has been widened and bus shelters are being built along with a number of beautification improvements.

The width of the roadway in that area has been reduced by some 2 metres on the bus stop side of the road. This will force parked buses 2 metres closer to traffic travelling towards Landsborough along Maple Street.

There will be no extra width on that side of the roadway for any misjudgements by drivers. There will also be no visibility for people, mainly passengers from the buses who wish to cross Maple Street.

Just how much more dangerous will this section of Maple Street be as a result of the actual design of this project?

Mum's favourite Recipes

Steak & Kidney Pie

- an all time favourite



Ingredients

- * 1kg bladebone steak
- * 2 kidneys
- * 1 large onion
- * 1 tablespoon flour
- * Pepper and salt
- * Pastry

Method

Remove all fat from meat and cut into pieces, 1/2 inch square. Remove skin from kidney and cut into small pieces. Add onion (cut up roughly).

Nearly cover with cold water. Mix flour (and a teaspoon of gravox if lied) in a cup into a paste with cold water. Add to meat, kidney, onion and water in saucepan. Season with pepper and salt. Bring to boil then allow to simmer gently for 1 1/2 hours, or till meat is tender.

Place on pie dish. Cover with pastry and bake in oven until pastry is golden brown.

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 aged female driver of the small white sedan who last Wednesday - mid morning travelled from Maleny to Landsborough whilst travelling at about 40 - 50kph holding up a long line of traffic.

Perhaps you could have considered pulling over from time to time to allow traffic to pass. This is a 2 way consideration - traffic had to follow all the way.

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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

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

Bring on that heart attack!

Whilst David Holmes was driving along he felt chest pains. So he immediately drove himself to hospital. When he arrived he was forced to park on the road and was treated for a heart attack.

A kind nurse left a note on the windscreen saying it was an emergency and that David's daughter would pick the car up later. Despite the note, a pitiless parking attendant slapped a parking ticket on David's car.

Despite an appeal to the local council, the £40 fine was not cancelled.

Coffee and craft for cancer

Ametharius Coffee and Crafts of Montville is hosting a jewellery workshop in aid of cancer research on Wednesday morning, 21st October.

Lesley, your host, is a recent tree-changer immigrant from Brisbane. She says "I am so lucky to live here, I just feel I have to share my good fortune any way I can" Lesley will make her café available for any local community group or charity to hold meetings or fund raisers. This one is close to heart as she knows many people who have suffered from cancer.

Frances Harper of Jubeadilation will be your tutor for the morning. All the materials for your neck-

lace, plus morning coffee and cake are included in the \$29 price.

You will make a beautiful necklace in colours of your choice, learning how to wire wrap beads in this fun and relaxing morning. If you can't make it, but would still like to support the cause, drop into Ametharius Coffee and Crafts (near the top of the hill in Montville) and buy a raffle ticket to win one of Frances's jewellery pieces.

Places at the workshop are limited, so book now at Ametharius Coffee and Crafts, or ring Frances on 5494 9817, or visit Jubeadilation's website www.jubeadilation.synthasite.com.

It is official - Traveston to go ahead

Traveston Crossing Dam just south of Gympie is one step closer to being built following the state's coordinator-general, Colin Jensen giving his approval for it to be built.

Construction is set to commence in 2011 subject to 1,200 conditions.

The dam to be built on the Mary river at Traveston Crossing is estimated to cost about 2 Billion dollars with about six hundred million already spent in planning and land acquisition.

Final approval is still required from the Federal Government Environment Minister, Peter Garrett but this is expected to be given in view of the extensive list of conditions.

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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Paint that concrete floor - there are a few tricks...

Painting concrete is very popular these days. You can paint the concrete surface one color, patterns, or even paint a mural. Painting concrete can give you a great looking finish that can last for many years. But before you begin to paint the concrete you have to make sure you prepare it correctly.

Here are some steps to take to properly prepare the concrete for painting.

- * The first thing you have to do is clean the concrete surface for water issues. Try to get leaking or seeping problems fixed before you begin to paint. The paint will never dry if the cement is wet or even damp. If the concrete floor is soaking wet let it dry or at least 1-4 weeks before you start to paint. It may help to use a dehumidifier, fan, or blower to dry the concrete. If you rush the drying process will make it so there will be a lot of work later, so you have to be sure that the concrete surface is totally dried out.
- * Thoroughly clean the surface of the concrete. Make sure you sweep and then vacuum the concrete surface and then inspect it for stains. If the surface has grease or oil you can use kitty litter to absorb the residue from grease or oil. Sprinkle some of the kitty litter over the surface, let it sit for at least an hour, and then sweep it up.
- * If there is any oil and grease that remains use an oil or grease cleanser. You can find

these specialty cleaners at Maleny Paint Place.

- * When the surface is clean check it for any irregularities. If there are cracks then you will need to patch them and smooth it out. Make sure when patching that you let the patching material dry completely before you begin to paint. If there are any bumps or the surface is uneven sand the area down.
- * Using either a wire brush or high sander (using 80 grit sandpaper) rough up the surface of the concrete. You can do this with a light sander but you have to make sure to sand the entire concrete surface. Sweep it off completely.
- * Prime the concrete surface with a primer made especially for stain blocking. In order to do a thorough job priming you may have to apply two coats. Let the primer completely dry before you begin to paint. When the primer is dry you are ready to paint the concrete surface.

Tip: You have to be sure that the interior concrete is completely dry. If there are any water issues you need to take care of the problem before you refinish the concrete floor.

For the top coat use a water based product by Taubmans Paint called "Ultra Pave". It comes in a large range of colours.

Should you be worried about how slippery the surface will be then you can add a special anti-slip powder.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Maintain exercise

Australia held "Walk to Work" day recently, which is designed to encourage people to make the extra effort to walk to work if the opportunity is available, so as to maintain fitness levels.

While many people today lead very busy lives, it's important to ensure that we all do some physical activity during the day to safeguard our health and fitness.

The organisers of the "Measure Up" campaign which also includes TV advertisements, notes that some 25% of adults are obese and another 37% are classed as overweight – these are shocking statistics and need to be addressed.

Health professionals encourage us to do at least 30 minutes of exercise per day. I encourage anyone who has concerns about their health and fitness to start slowly with a simple walk around their neighbourhood. This can be increased as your fitness increases and your enjoyment grows.

For details of the Measure Up campaign, visit www.measureup.gov.au

The "Walk to Work Day" is promoted by the Pedestrian Council of Australia. For details, visit www.walk.com.au/wtw/

The Constitution

The Constitution is a set of rules for governing Australia. It came into being as a result of Federation in 1901 as an agreement under which six of the seven Australasian colonies came together to become States in a federated nation.

New Zealand opted not to join but the Constitution makes provision for New Zealand to be included if it changes its mind.

The Constitution has a special status in that it cannot be changed in the way that ordinary laws can be changed and it overrides other laws. It is divided into eight chapters that outline the rules for The Parliament (including the House of Representatives, The Senate), The Executive Government (Governor General, ministerial appointments, etc), The Judicature (the federal judicial system), Finance and Trade, The States, New States, Miscellaneous, and the rules for altering the Constitution.

The Constitution can only be changed by a referendum of the Australian people with a majority of people in a majority of states and a national majority voting in favour.

The guidelines within the Constitution may have been based on tradition or a law or number of laws.

Census at School

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has announced it is running the "CensusAtSchool" project annually from 27 January 2010.

The CensusAtSchool is run with the aim of improving statistical literacy and is designed to be used to enhance subjects such as maths, geography, science and information technology.

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