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## Another wet April!

**A**s a result of a trough sitting over the Sunshine Coast Hinterland west of Noosa April 2009 starts off with very heavy rain and strong gusting winds.

Information from Pat Stacey of the Maleny Weather Station revealed that continuous rainfall started at 3.00am on Thursday 2nd.

The heaviest deluge was during a thunderstorm between 1.00pm to 1.30pm, when the rain gauges measured 64.8 mm.

The rate of fall peaked at



**Photo Above:** Obi Creek behind the Riverside Shopping Centre on April 2nd, 2009 showing Maple St Bridge showing the depth of water in Obi Creek.

**Photo Right:** Obi Creek behind the Riverside Shopping Centre on April 2nd, 2009

1.30pm with 199 mm/hour. Total rainfall on Thursday 2nd April was 160.8 mm with another 33mm on Friday and 42mm on Saturday. This gets the month off to a wet start with the rainfall already exceeding last month's total of 224mm.

As a result of this wild weather Obi Creek behind the Riverside Shopping Centre ran strongly and almost reached the top of the rear retaining wall of the centre.

At the height of the rain storm McCarthy's Road was closed because of deep water over the roadway and other roads also suffered varying

depths of water creating extra dangerous conditions.

At various locations around the Sunshine Coast motorists either ignored warning signs about the depth water over roadways or failed to take reasonable care and as a result their cars became victims of that water.

It has even been reported that motorists have not only abused emergency service workers for blocking roads covered with water but ignored the warning signs only then to have those same emergency service workers having to go and rescue those motorists.



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## Truthful Jones Tells...

that he recently returned to Ireland for a short holiday and to visit relatives.

His flight was being served by an obviously gay flight attendant, who seemed to put everyone in a good mood as he served passengers food and drinks.

As the plane prepared to descend, he came swishing down the aisle and told us that 'Captain Marvey has asked me to announce that he'll be landing the big scary plane shortly, so lovely people, if you could just put your trays up, that would be super.'

On his trip back up the aisle, he noticed this well-dressed and rather Arabic looking woman hadn't moved a muscle. 'Perhaps you didn't hear me over those big brute engines but I asked you to raise your trazy-poo, so the main man can pitty-pat us on the ground.'

She calmly turned her head and said, 'In my country, I am called a Princess and I take orders from no one.'

To which (Truthful swears) the flight attendant replied, without missing a beat,

"Well, sweet-cheeks, in my country I'm called a Queen, so I outrank you. Tray-up, Bitch."

**MORALE: It pays never to judge a person by what you think their station in life is nor think that you are better than the next person as there is always somebody that will outrank you.**

Photo right: Peter Pamment, of Conondale, was among six local residents to be presented a certificate of appreciation from Peter Slipper MP, for voluntary work in developing nations. Mr Pamment did work in Tonga.



## Hinterland residents recognised for overseas aid work

Five Sunshine Coast residents have been presented with certificates from Member for Fisher Peter Slipper, to commemorate voluntary service in developing countries.

The local residents have spent time in various Pacific Island nations, assisting with projects from building schools through to teaching and assisting local villagers with essential equipment for fishing and the like.

"The local volunteers are among those many Australians who have travelled to countries that are not as developed as our own to assist them in improving their quality of life," Mr Slipper said.

"They often have to deal with harsh weather, difficult terrain and cultural differences, but they soldier on because they are determined and committed to making a difference."

The local certificate recipients

are: Errol and Paula Richardson (Solomon Islands), Judy and Alan Morrison (Tonga) and Peter Pamment (Tonga).



Photo above: Paula & Errol Richardson presented with a certificate of appreciation from Peter Slipper MP, for voluntary work in developing nations. The Richardsons worked in the Soloman Island.

The Australian Government has provided support to Australian volunteers since the 1960s. Since then, more than 12,000 volunteers have been placed overseas with government funding.

"The various aid programmes help to organise local volunteers with particular skills and abilities and place them in locations that have a particular need," Mr Slipper said.

"Our local volunteers are an important part of the overall campaign to help reduce poverty, encourage sustainable development and to develop better cross-cultural understanding of developing nations."



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## News from the Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club inc

### Witta Touch Football Finals Washed Out

Unfortunately, the end of season senior finals had to be cancelled due to the amount of water lying around on the fields after the big downpours during the week.

Although naturally disappointing for the players and families, safety is always paramount on game nights; there are health and safety issues regarding the ambulance access when the fields and approaches are so wet and become inaccessible.

Poor drainage has been an ongoing problem for the Witta Recreational Club for many years and the



committee has put a lot of work into successfully securing Council funding to tackle the issue.

With more playing fields planned for the Precinct within the new sporting complex, players and the club can look forward to a time when the extra fields will enable all weather playing options for their teams.



## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Egg & Cheese Pie

- easy evening meal on these warm afternoons.



#### Ingredients

- \* Eggs \* 2 cups mashed potatoes \* 2 tablespoons grated cheese
- \* Pepper and salt \* Cayenne \* Fine breadcrumbs \* Butter

#### Method

Mix potatoes with cheese. Pepper and salt to taste and a pinch of cayenne if liked. Place in a greased pie dish and make 4 or 5 depressions in the mixture. Break an egg into each, and cover the whole with grated cheese and fine breadcrumbs.

Dot with butter and bake in a brisk oven until the eggs are set and the crust is crisp and brown (about 20 minutes).

Sliced tomato on top is a variation.

## 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: -

those drivers who failed to take notice of warning signs where roadways were covered with water of varying or unknown depths.

Wet roads are a real danger for drivers and total care should be taken - not a guess about the conditions.

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## World of toys at Railway Workshop Museum

On a recent trip to Ipswich it was decided to make a side trip to the Queensland Rail Workshop Museum there.

This museum covers the whole history of Queensland Rail. In doing this it shows great insight into Queensland's history as rural Queensland grew with the spread of rail.

During April this year the Rail Museum is hosting a display of the wonderful world of toys.

This event runs from April 11 to 26th, 2009 except for ANZAC Day.

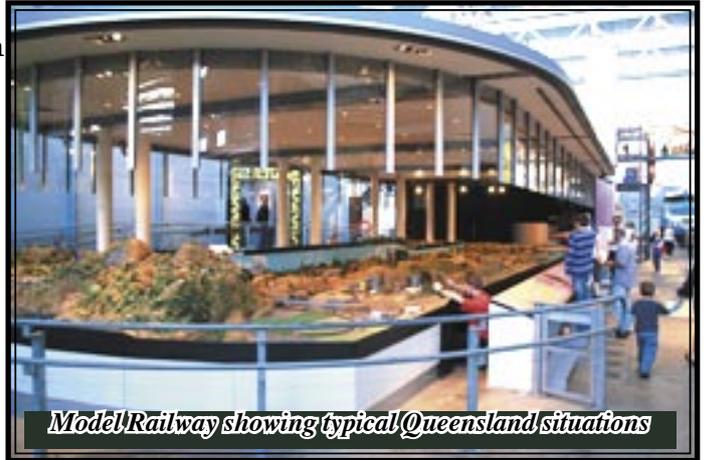
Toyland Express explores the role of trains in children's play through an interactive program of stories, workshops and exhibits.

A major highlight of the event will be the Teddy Bears Picnic on 16 April, where children will be invited to bring their favourite teddy for a picnic on the

Museum's lawn and participate in a range of activities including a teddy bear hunt, storytelling and a teddy parade where prizes will be awarded for the best bears.

Director of The Workshops Rail Museum Andrew Moritz said the Teddy Bears Picnic was one of the new elements that have been added to the 2009 program to further encourage young visitors to use their creativity.

"In addition to the Teddy Bears Picnic, our new Toy Workshop will provide children with an opportunity to create their own wooden toy train, learn new craft skills and gain an understanding of the different parts



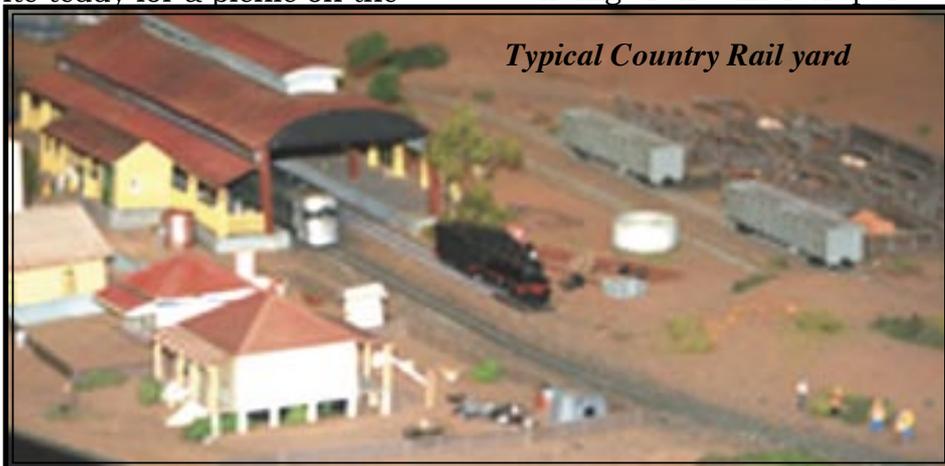
of the trains they see in the Museum," Mr Moritz said.

The school holiday event will also feature storytelling by Henry The Workshops Conductor, puzzles, art and craft activities at the Nursery Rhyme Rattler and the Train Treasures display.

Toyland Express is presented as part of the Ipswich Festival which runs from 16 to 26 April 2009.

The Ipswich Festival is recognised as one of the fastest growing festivals in Queensland with a program of street parades, shows, the Mayor's festival ball, concerts and more.

So if you are looking for something to excite not only your younger family members but older ones as well then this is a great place to visit.



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## Conondale Easter Rodeo

Easter Sunday in Conondale each year is set down for the annual Conondale Rodeo.

This day of horse and cattle action is a lot of fun, but it is also important as a community fund raiser. These funds are used throughout the year to support local community groups and other community needs.

The Rodeo is held at I & T Smith's arena. It is found on the left of Kenilwoth Road immediately on the Kenilworth side of the Mary River at Conondale.

For further information contact Ian Fleiter on 5494 4560. This is sure to be a great day of rodeo fun.



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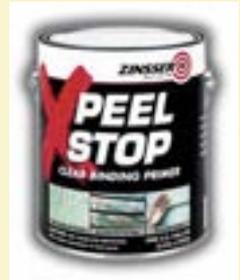
## Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

### **Have you got chalky surfaces and want to paint over them?**

One of the questions that we often get asked at the Paint Shop is how do you fix a chalky surface. If you rub your hand over a surface and a substance comes off onto the hand like chalk from a blackboard then you will not get a satisfactory job if you just paint over it.

Not only this condition but peeling paint is often caused by a moisture problem, paint fatigue or previously painting over chalky surfaces.

Never fear, there is an answer to this problem and it is easily fixed with a product called Zinser Peel Stop. It is a clear binding primer and can be used either inside or outside to form a breathable membrane over questionable or faulty substrates. It forms a tough acrylic film that stays flexible and helps prevent peeling by letting moisture escape. It is also water based so cleanup is easy with soap and water. It can be applied with a brush or roller.



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## Paint Place, Maleny



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News from Maleny Bowls Club  
with Chairman Ian Hansen



Friday's Social Bowls and the first round of the Men's "A" Singles on Saturday couldn't be played because of the recent deluge of rain. Our green-keeper probably won't be able to work on the green so both Tuesday's Jackpot Pairs/Triples and Wednesday's Live Life Villages sponsored Day are in doubt at time of writing.

Last Tuesday's winners were Peter Duffy and John Lewis with two wins plus 11. Peter and John were, in fact, the only players to record two wins---quite unusual.

The Touchers went to Tony Turner, Helen Caulley and Norma Nuttall-Smith and the raffle was won by Bob Wilson whom I was unable to contact so we still owe you a prize, Bob.

The Jackpot wasn't won so will be worth just over \$100 this week.

## Maleny Community Centre Redevelopment Update

Brian Baillie, Deputy President of the Maleny Community Centre Committee today said, "Discussions with the Engineers and Norman Richards the upgrade of the Maleny Community Center stage 1 will not now be completed by the arch Commenceent Date.

This stage includes internal and external removal of asbestos and resheeting of the exterior.

The new schedule now looks like an early April start with finalisation of late June early July."

None of the Sponsors' Prize winners were present on Friday evening. Winners would have been: Brian Emmerton for IGA now worth \$200 this week, Sheila Jollow for the Full

Monte, Jim Cossins for Beechwood Bakehouse and Jeanette Brown for Live Life Villages now worth \$80 this week.

Our Ladies President, Helga Falcongren, organised a basket of delicious Easter Eggs for the raffle on Friday and then had the good fortune to win it.

Lucky you, Helga.

Depending on the weather, there was to be Ladies singles on Monday--highly unlikely, Jackpot Pairs/Triples Tuesday and the Live Life Villages Day on Wednesday but all three of these events must be in grave doubt.

Thursday there was to be the second round of Ladies Pairs and Social Bowls in the afternoon.

Because we are closed over the Easter Break, we usually have Social Bowls and the Sponsors' Draws on Thursday so try and get to the Club on Thursday evening if only for the draws as the likelihood of Bowls appears very slim.

The 16 players in the Men's "A" Singles are asked to play their matches prior to Saturday, April 18th, but use your discretion ---- you are not expected to play Championship Singles on a heavy, unprepared green.

Finally, have a great Easter---I hope the Bunny brings you all the eggs you deserve and hopefully, we can look forward to some decent Autumn weather for the remainder of April and May.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



## Bushfire appeal

I was pleased to be able to assist with the loading of the truck that is taking local donations to the distribution centre for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

The 230 plus boxes of blankets, doonas, jumpers, jackets socks, shoes and other items, gave a very vivid idea of exactly how generous are the local residents who donated goods to the appeal, which was organised and coordinated by the Living Choice Retirement Village at Kawana.

Caloundra Removals should also be applauded as they have donated the transport of the goods from the Sunshine Coast to the Salvation Army distribution centre in Victoria.

It was a great effort by local residents and businesses to assist our southern neighbours in a time of extreme need.

## Anzac Day Commemorations

Schools that organise Anzac Day commemoration events should consider entering the

Anzac Day Schools' Awards 2009. National winners in the primary and secondary school categories Prizes can win prizes of up to \$2000, while state winners receive \$1000.

There are also several other special awards. Categories include the best veteran and community involvement, best use of technology, best innovative activity, best historical research and best commemorative art.

For details, visit: [www.dva.gov.au/commemorations/education/awards\\_competitions](http://www.dva.gov.au/commemorations/education/awards_competitions)

## Digital TV

A government campaign has started that aims to promote the changeover from analogue to digital TV.

From now until the Government's switchover date of December 31, 2013, Australia will be progressively switched to digital TV, region by region."

For more information about the digital switchover, visit [www.digitalready.gov.au](http://www.digitalready.gov.au)

## Easy Pricing

Those who are keen price-

watchers will be interested in the unit pricing initiative that is gaining considerable momentum. Unit pricing refers to the display of the price of goods per unit of measure (for example, per 100 grams or per kilogram).

Work is underway for the development of a code of practice for the national unit pricing policy.

Submissions are invited to assist with the development of the code, which is due for completion by July 1 and will be implemented on December 1.

The closing date for submissions is 20 April 2009. The draft code and further details about making a submission for the code, visit: <http://www.treasury.gov.au/contentitem.asp?NavId=037&ContentID=1503>

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