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We'll let you in on a secret!

...But don't tell anyone else

If you a lover of a great tasting B.B.Q. sausage then I have found a local product that is the real thing. These sausages are made right here in Maleny fresh every week.

These sausages have been available for about a month at various markets around ther area. They are proving to be very popular with demand growing.

Not only is the demand growing but the number of flavours is also continuing to grow.

On Thursday afternoons Paul, sausage maker extraudinaire, is cooking up a taste test at Watsons Garage, Maleny.

This is a great opportunity to find out just what makes a good sausage and what ingredients are used.

Saintsational Sausages are now available at Watson's Garage, Maple Street, Maleny so call in and have a talk to Simon.

Pity about the football team Paul supports - I suppose no one is perfect.

Can they catch you?

The old vision of crooks being those who run around at night breaking into houses and businesses with masks on so that they could not be identified is now a thing of the past.

This week a conference was held in Brisbane that almost went un-noticed but the subject was one that could spell doom to each one of us.

Recent advances in technology have provided opportunities for offenders to prey on vulnerable members of the community without even knowing them nor even being in the same location.

Technology has allowed the offence of fraud not only to reinvent itself but become more sophisticated.

The impact of fraud on the community was often underestimated and unknown to most of us until we are hit

and often hit very hard.

The two-day conference had the theme "Cybercrime - Secure today, safe tomorrow". The aim was to raise awareness about cyber crime and providing law enforcement and those industry groups at the forefront of technology a chance to share their strategies and initiatives.

No one nor any business is immune. If you own a computer or a phone you could be a potential victim and you could be targetted from anywhere around the world without you knowing.

The Fraud and Corporate Crime Group has a number of initiatives aimed at preventing this crime and educating the public on how to avoid becoming a cyber victim. You can contact them through the Queensland Police Service.

Interested in attending a Formal Masked Ball?

There is a formal "Masked Ball" being held at the Beerwah Community Centre on Saturday July 11th commencing at 7.30p.m.

Cost of tickets is just \$20.00 which includes supper which will be served at 9.30p.m.

Music will be provided by "Swirl and Whirl."



This is guaranteed to be a great night of fun and frivolity.

For more information please email Shane at:
swarnold1@bigpond.com



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Has the world gone mad.....

Truthful Jones Tells... that this is a true story with an excellent outcome. One can only shake ones head!!!

On Thursday, 24th January 2002, Derek Guille broadcast this story on his afternoon program on ABC radio.

In March 1999 a man living in Kandos(near Mudgee in NSW, Australia) received a bill for his as yet unused gas line stating that he owed \$0.00.

He ignored it and threw it away. In April he received another bill and threw that one away too.

The following month the gas company sent him a very nasty note stating that they were going to cancel his gas line if he didn't send them \$0.00 by return mail.

He called them, talked to them, and they said it was a computer error and they would take care of it.

The following month he decided that it was about time that he tried out the troublesome gas line figuring that if there was usage on the account it would put an end to this ridiculous predicament.

However, when he went to use the gas, it had been cut off.

He called the gas company who apologized for the computer error once again and said that they would take care of it. The next day he got a bill for \$0.00 stating that payment was now overdue.

Assuming that having spoken to them the previous day the latest bill was yet another mistake, he ignored it, trusting that the company would be as good as their word and sort the problem out.

The next month he got a bill for \$0.00. This bill also stated that he had 10 days to pay his account or the company would have to take steps to recover the debt.

Finally, giving in, he thought he would beat the gas company at their own game and mailed them a cheque for \$0.00. The computer duly processed his account and returned a statement to the effect that he now owed the gas company nothing at all.

A week later, the manager of the Mudgee branch of the Westpac Banking Corporation called our hapless friend and asked him what he was doing writing cheque for \$0.00.

After a lengthy explanation the bank manager replied

that the \$0.00 cheque had caused their processing software to fail. The bank could not process ANY cheques they had received from their customers that day because the cheque had caused the computer to crash.



The following month the man received a letter from the gas company claiming that his cheque had bounced and that he now owed them \$0.00 and unless he sent a cheque by return mail they would take immediate steps to recover the debt.

At this point, the man decided to file a debt harassment claim against the gas company. It took him nearly two hours to convince the clerks at the local courthouse that he was not joking.

They subsequently helped him in the drafting of statements which were considered substantive evidence of the aggravation and difficulties he had been forced to endure during this debacle.

The matter was heard in the Magistrate's Court in Mudgee and the outcome was this:

The gas company was ordered to:

- [1] Immediately rectify their computerized accounts system or Show Cause, within 10 days, why the matter should not be referred to a higher court for consideration under Company Law.
- [2] Pay the bank dishonour fees incurred by the man.
- [3] Pay the bank dishonour fees incurred by all the Westpac clients whose cheques had been bounced on the day our friend's had been processed.
- [4] Pay the claimant's court costs; and
- [5] Pay the claimant a total of \$1500 per month for the 5 month period March to July inclusive as compensation for the aggravation they had caused their client to suffer.

And all this over \$0.00.

This story can also be viewed on the ABC website.

Truthful asks: Who employs these idiots??

Remember, these "people" walk among us and breathe the same air we do.

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News from the Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club inc



The Maleny Bowls Club is holding a "Barefoot" Social Bowls Day on Sunday July 26th.

The day will kickoff at 12m.d. with a B.B.Q. - sausage sizzle. You will still get home before it gets TOO cold.

This will be a great afternoon of fun and friendship. There is no need to be experienced in playing bowls as there will be plenty there to give advice.

Cost of the afternoon is just \$10.00 per person. The Bowls Club will supply bowls.

Why not get a team together. Better still get some workmates together and challenge a team from your opposition.

This is one great way to prove that your service is better than the the opposition business.

Also on this day at 10.00a.m. the Blackall Range Croquet Club is holding "The Great Croquet Challenge".

This is a challenge issued by club President, Vince Carbery to Simon Denver to to "Come on down to the greens and have a game!"....

Simon has now had numerous croquet lessons, (coaching by the gracious Vince) the date has been set for Simon to front up!

The Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club is also joining in the fun, attending as a club to play Aussie Croquet and displaying their beautiful cars on the day.

The croquet club invites everyone to come along, enjoy the games, the cars, and the beautiful camellia-clad lawns - culminating in a picnic lunch.

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.

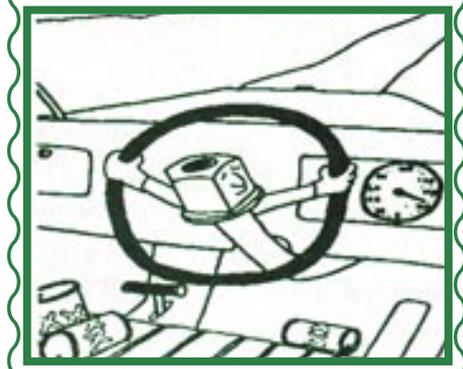
Each week we will bring you the contender for the weekly "NUT" award - that is the weakest part of the car's safety - "The Nut behind the wheel"...

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.

A quick warning to motorists

The State Government has just introduced four Ford Falcon XR6 Turbo sedans - one blue, one green, one purple and one red. They will patrol Queensland roads starting immediately. There will also be an additional 12 unmarked cars deployed.



Mum's favourite Recipes

Casserole Pork Chops

- easy evening meal on these warm afternoons.

Ingredients

- * .75kg pork chops
- * .5 kg apples
- * 1 oz flour
- 1/3 Lt water
- * 1 onion
- * 1oz dripping
- * Salt and Pepper

Method

Peel, core and slice apples and put them into a casserole. Mix a little salt and pepper with the flour and roll the chops in this.

Fry the onion (peeled and sliced) in the dripping and when done, add to the apples in the casserole. Fry the chops till lightly browned on both sides, and place them over the onion. Add the remainder of the flour to the dripping in the pan. Blend well and add the water.

Bring to the boil and pour over the chops. Put the lid on the casserole and bake in a moderate oven for about 2 to 3 hours.

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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

[Click here to go to our "Gig Guide"](#)

(Must be connected to the internet at the time)

"Weightwatchers"

Join Online today and save \$24 on a 3 month plan

[Click here now to go to Online Registration](#)

This weeks Special

Taubmans Duraclean
W.T.B. - Int - L/S

6 lts - \$66.00

(Must mention this add to get special price - Normally \$72.00)

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

A new life for outdoor metal furniture "Don't just throw it away!"

An ingenious method of updating outmoded metal furniture is with a quick spray of a one-coat-only combined primer and top coat.

Old metal screens, ornate chairs and tables, plant stands and room dividers can all be given a modern twist by being given a quick wipe over, sanding off any rust and then spraying with one coat of Rust Guard.

This clever product, by White Knight Paints, stops rust, primes and topcoats in one easy application, therefore saving both time and money.

Rust Guard is the ideal finish for any metal surface inside or out and with a colour offer of about 17 colours any contemporary look can be achieved.

The finish is available in both spray and brush on formats, the spray being ideal for the intricate surfaces of metal furniture.

Epoxy modified resins and anti-corrosion additives in Rust Guard provide excellent durability and adhesion – essential for

any items to be left outdoors and exposed to the elements.

Colours range from white (in matt and gloss finishes), black (matt, satin and gloss finishes) to creams, greys, greens, blue, cherry red and golden yellow. Rust Guard is touch dry in one hour (spray) and in two to four (brush on).

It comes in 250ml, 500ml, one and four litre cans plus a 310gm spray can.

Important to note is that Rust Guard spray paint cannot be used for 'chroming' (the deliberate inhalation of solvents to achieve a 'high'); is lead-free; contributes no CFCs to the ozone layer; is shunned by graffiti daubers; and the cans are fully recyclable.

Rust Guard products and other White Knight products are available at Maleny Paint Place, 6/14 Lawyer Street, Maleny.

Call on in and ask about any painting tasks that you have to do. There is bound to be a product to get that perfect finish.

Paint Place, Maleny



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Maleny. 4552.

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One of our readers sent in some photos that might bring back memories to many of us.



Others would wonder what what they are! Just how quickly things change. The Dick Tracey wristlet phone was only in our imagination and not really thought of as a reality.

How quickly things change.

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

Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly.

Are you an exporter and looking for markets overseas?

Sunshine Coast exporters are invited to attend a FREE function with Australia's new trade commissioner to the USA, said Member for Fisher Peter Slipper.

The gathering with Mr Nigel Warren, who takes up the position of Australian Consul General and Trade Commissioner in San Francisco in July, will be held at Mr Slipper's Maroochydore electorate office on Tuesday July 21.

This is an opportunity for local exporters and would-be exporters to discuss trade issues and opportunities with Austrade's new trade commissioner to the USA.

It is surprising the number of people who either live or work in Maleny who export their products to various parts of the world.

Since 2007, Mr Warren has been Australia's Senior Trade Commissioner Latin America, based in

Santiago, Chile. In July, he takes up his new position as Consul General and Trade Commissioner to the San Francisco Bay area and Pacific Northwest region of the USA.

He also still maintains strong business contacts in South America.

Businesspeople who attend the function will have the opportunity to provide a one-page summary of their business and its export goals, which will be collated and presented to Mr Warren to take with him into his new position.

For details about the function and to RSVP, contact Richard in Mr Slipper's electorate office on 5443 3555.



*Who remembers the old days
The grocer who placed all perishables in
your fridge when delivered to your home...*

Apple iMac

Slim, all-in-one design

Setting the highest standards for elegance and simplicity, the all-in-one iMac packs all its components — from processor to video camera — into an astoundingly thin, anodized aluminum frame.

Click here and follow the prompts to buy NOW



From
\$2599
(delivered to your door)

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Australian Television Content

It was good to hear that all metropolitan commercial TV networks exceeded the minimum Australian content requirements in 2008.

The Australian standard requires that a minimum 55% of content aired between 6pm and midnight to be Australian.

In 2008, Seven Network's broadcast around 64 per cent Australian content; Network Ten averaged 56 per cent; and the Nine Network broadcast more than 60 per cent Australian content.

For details, visit the website of the Australian Communications and Media Authority at www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_100662

Enrol to Vote week

The Australian Electoral Commission wants more schools to register for Enrol to Vote week, which will be held from July 27 to August 2.

The week is designed to encourage 17 and 18 year olds to register

to vote – 17 year old will become eligible to vote on the day they turn 18 – as currently 20% of those aged 18 to 24 are not enrolled.

Schools can register for Enrol to Vote Week 2009 by visiting www.enroltovoteweek.aec.gov.au or by calling 13 23 26 and selecting the Enrol to Vote Week option.

The website has more information about the initiative, as well as a search feature to enable anyone to see which schools in their local community are participating.

Tax Email Scam

With the end of the financial year here, the Australian Tax Office is warning of a fraudulent email that is doing the rounds.

The email wrongly offers taxpayers a 30% reduction in their tax owing and invites people to visit a website and enter their tax file number.

The ATO advises that it never sends emails to people asking them to provide private information, including their tax file number.

It is strongly advised that anyone who receives this email or similar

emails should delete them immediately to avoid potentially falling into trouble with identity theft.

Anyone who has entered their tax file number or personal information on the website should contact the Australian Tax Office immediately on 13 28 61.

There is only one way to happiness, and that is to cease worrying things which are beyond the power of our will.

Talk to us about a Trade-person!



We can supply the names and phone numbers of the following "RELIABLE" tradespeople.

- ⇒ **Landscapers**
- ⇒ **House Painters**
- ⇒ **Electricians**
- ⇒ **Plumbers**

More will be added to our list as time goes on and we are satisfied that we can recommend their services with confidence.

Support your local Businesses

Humphries & Fisk Real Estate	- 5499 9850
Impact Painters	- 0429 640 732
Maleny Cheese Factory	- 5494 2207
Maleny Print & Copy Centre	- 5494 2888
Maleny Paint Place	- 5494 2002

Local Businesses offer support and services to you and your business. They also provide local employment. Why not support them.

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