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Dairy thieves caught milking the profits

Maleny Dairies is a small family owned business run by the Hopper Family on McCarthy's Road, Maleny, which has been operating for four and a half years now. A few weeks have now passed since a man and woman entered the factory when there were no staff around and stole products from the honesty fridge.

They have come on numerous occasions and taken over \$180 worth of products.

Spokesman for the Hopper family, Ross Hopper said, "We like to offer this service to our customers but cannot afford for this to continually happen."

Please have a look at the photo and see if you recognise this thief, aged in her 20's. If you do please contact Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

What does she do with all the milk? Surely, somebody must know the thief.



Local soprano stars in variety concert

When Christine Ferraro sang the soprano role in the Sunshine Coast Choral Society's brilliant performance of the Bach Christmas Oratorio last November, reviewer Marguerite Webber wrote: 'Christine Ferraro had quite a small role, which I feel did not give her the chance to show us the extent of her capabilities. She is a welcome addition to the Coast's select artists with international recognition and I look forward to hearing more from her'.

This opportunity to hear more from Christine will come on Sunday 12 August when she stars as the guest soprano in the Choral Society's concert of 'Musical Treats From Around the World'.

She will sing a variety of songs including lighter favourites such as 'Vilia' from 'The Merry Widow', 'Somewhere' from West Side Story, 'Embraceable You' by Gershwin, as well as classics from the great French composer Faure.

Christine Ferraro is one of the many who has come to the Coast for its climate and lifestyle. In 2005, after a life in Melbourne and overseas, she decided to bring her 12-year old son Donald to live in Caloundra - and that is where she wants to stay.

Like many others too, Christine has brought with her a wealth of talent and experience - in this case, a beautiful soprano singing voice, and experience as an Opera Diva, Oratorio soloist and recitalist in Australia, New Zealand Europe and the US.

Originally from Melbourne, she was trained by several eminent singing teachers, including the late Dame Joan Hammond. She

graduated from the Victorian College of the Arts with a Bachelor of Music degree. She is also a highly qualified teacher.

Throughout her career, she has combined teaching music and singing, privately and in schools, with her performance roles, in addition to being a wife and mother.

Her big break as a singer came when as a young woman, she won the Melbourne Sun Aria Competition, and later the National Shell Aria. With her prize money, she travelled overseas to study at the Juilliard School of Music in New York, and Cologne Hochschule die Music in Germany.

Although her career has been based on Classical performance, Christine delights in the lighter side of music too, and she will be presenting both aspects in this concert.

The Choir will be conducted by its new Music Director Adrian King, recently arrived in Australia after a distinguished career in the UK, and accompanied by well-known local pianist, former repetiteur and now guest coach for Opera Queensland.

The Concert will be the Lake Kawana Community Centre, Sportsmans Pde Bokarina at 3pm on Sunday 12 August.

Tickets are \$20, \$18 concession and Early Birds. Children under 16 are free.

Bookings and direct purchases can be made through Jennifer at Northwind Apartments (Mooloolaba) Reception (phone 07 5444 3899) or online at: sccstickets@yahoo.com.au. Tickets will also be available at the door

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Truthful Jones Tells...

I was a bit pensive looking when Truthful Jones arrived last week. I said, "There just isn't enough time to get everything done." He then said to me.



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"When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day is not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

I said, "What is that?"

He said, "A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled in to the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. Again they agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the Empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - God, family, children, health, friends, and favourite passions things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, house, and car. The sand is everything else, the small stuff.

"If you put the sand into the jar first," He continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are Important to you.

So. "Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play With your children. Take time to get medical check-ups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18.

There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled, "I'm glad you asked".

It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

Just goes to show that old Truthful can also be a bit of counsellor so never take people's jovial nature without some real thought.

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Can I Use ACRYLIC Over Oil Paint?

Yes you can. Just make sure the surface is properly prepared by thoroughly cleaning and sanding to remove any gloss finish if necessary. It's how well you prepare the surface before you apply the paint. Proper surface preparation is the secret to every successful paint job.

How Do I Prepare the Surface Before Painting?

You always want the surface to be completely clean, smooth, totally gloss free and dry. Make repairs to all surfaces so they are smooth and free of holes and cracks. Dust all surfaces. If dirty, wash with cleaner to remove grease and grime. If the walls are "glossy", the surface can be made non-glossy by roughening and thus dulling the surface with sandpaper, or by chemically preparing the surface with a "liquid sandpaper."

On exterior surfaces, scrape and remove any flaking paint. Use wire brush on porous surfaces. Surfaces should be clean, dry and free from any contaminants before painting.

Mildew MUST be killed prior to painting. For the best mildew treatment, scrub the surface with a solution of one part bleach, three parts water, plus 3 ounces of tri-sodium phosphate, and 1 ounce of laundry detergent. Wear rubber gloves. Then rinse well with fresh water and let dry completely before painting.

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WOODIES help Aussie Helpers

The Blackall range woodcrafters' Guild prides itself on its participation in community services, which not only keeps the boys (and some girls) off the street; it also assists many local and not so local charities and associations.

When you get a chance, you might like to visit the Nambour General Hospital Chapel, where practically anything timber has been made by the Woodies. Similarly, the Mapleton hall recently benefited from their efforts and on an annual basis, the Salvation Army has received by now, hundreds of wooden toys to distribute every Christmas to needy families in the area.

Each Wednesday morning a group of members, who have earned the title of Woodies' Toy boys, get together to share some ideas and manufacture dozens of wooden toys. So far, the Salvation Army has been the main recipient, and as a rule, the Toy Boys do not start in earnest until mid year.

This year however Dave Bannister, the big wheel behind the Toy Boys stumbled on a cause he thought was well worth supporting. When put to the boys, they all agreed this was a project worth

supporting. The group needing support is Australia Helpers, and Australia wide properly registered charity, with its headquarters in Charleville.

Set up by one individual who almost became a suicide statistic himself, the aims of this charity are to assist traumatically and financially stressed families wherever possible Australia wide.

As in most of these circumstances, the children are the losers, so our boys decided one positive way of alleviating the kids' traumas, was to present them with some sturdy and imaginative toys. No wind-ups, no batteries. By now, our Toy Boys have produce close on a hundred wooden toys. There are new model trucks, cars, steam engines, as well as waddling ducks, stools and more.

Some of our boys will be passing through Charleville shortly to deliver their first load to Aussie Helpers. They hope the children get as much joy from playing with these toys, as they had making them.

Another successful project by the Woodies completed. Next project? Christmas toys for the Salvos.

Why not come along & join.

Maleny Youth now have their own Bus

The Maleny Neighbourhood Centre Committee is now the managing agency for the "Youth on the move bus". This bus is owned by the Caloundra City Youth Partnership.

The 11 seater bus is available to youth groups at a very nominal cost to allow youth groups in Caloundra City, most particularly in the hinterland to be able to travel to events away from the hinterland.

The bus is available, not only to the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre Committee but to other groups. Whilst the cost of running the bus is subsidised by the Caloundra City Council there is a small daily charge to the hiring group. The bus can be driven by a person over 25 years and has an open drivers licence.

To find out more about this bus contact the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre on 5499 9345.

*Don't forget
Smoke alarms in the home
are now compulsory*

Rotary Photographic Competition

The Maleny Rotary Club annually holds a photographic competition with the best 12 photos going into a calendar for the following year.

This year the winner was Paul Jons with a photo titled "Sunset on Curramore Road". Paul takes away \$200 for his efforts. Second prize of \$100 was awarded to Graham Heywood for his photo of an event at the recent Conondale Rodeo. Third prize of \$50 went to Mike Keane with a view from Bergann Road, Witta.

The Rotary Calendars will be available for purchase from September on and cost \$15.00. These have become popular christmas presents to give to family and friends.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Meat Balls

- great for a barbie with a good stubbie....

Ingredients: * 750 grams hamburger meat * 1 egg * 1/4 cup milk * 1 teaspoon salt * 1 cup (2 slices) soft bread crumbs * 1 packet French Onion Soup or the following spices: * 1/2 cup finely chopped onion * Some pepper, pepper sauce, tobasco, whatever * 2 tablespoons snipped parsley * 1 teaspoon oregano

Mix well, shape into 1 inch balls. Fry until brown on all sides.

Sauce: * 3/4 cup brown sugar * 3/4 cup ketchup * Fair amount of tobasco sauce * 1 cup sherry

Mix above together and cook for 30-60 minutes to blend flavour. Add small meat balls and simmer for 30 minutes.

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Maleny Light Horse Troop

The Maleny Light Horse troop has been given this year's honour of participating in the Ekka's Grand Parade on People's Day.

The Maleny Troop is Australia's largest Light Horse Troop and this is an important milestone as the Troop is celebrating a 15 year anniversary and the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Beersaheba.

If you want more information on the Maleny Light Horse Troop you can contact the Troop Secretary, Regine on 5499 9662

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

An insight into Maleny History

Maleny Historian - Harvey Bryce



(Continued from last week)

They first tied him to a flagpole and wanted to know from the timber men what they were going to do with him, said one "hang him along a neck till he was dead".

The blackfeller turned green with fright and wanted to go the Marroochy by buy timber. Word was sent to Brisbane and the steamboat came up bringing an officer to take charge of the prisoner. He was taken on board in handcuffs and these were put inside the anchor chain and it was supposed that he was quite safe. Tommy Piper ran his handcuffs along the chain till he came to a point in the chain and unscrewed it and the first notice the detective had was a plunge overboard. He shot his revolver in vain as Tommy made short dives to the shore and he ran up the bank and disappeared.

He stole a file and filed off the handcuffs. The file was stolen from a timber getters camp.

Tommy Piper disappeared and camped on the lonely waters of OBI Obi Creek, living on fish, possums and other food. He was not seen for fifteen years when he thought it was forgotten. He was caught again but the witnesses were dead, so it was thought better to let it pass. I saw him afterwards and he did not like to be reminded of the Stephens episode.

Some whites used to say to him "my word close up hang time that time" much to his annoyance.

Visit the Maleny Historical Village web site at www.hinterlandgrapevine.com (Community Groups & Follow prompts)

This week's Saying
A closed mind is a good thing to lose.

.....Think about it

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