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Our Thoughts

Just because we have had some important falls of rain does not mean that we should forget about our water wise ways.

Water is our lifeblood and there are going to be periods of "water in abundance" and not much water" so we should use our water wisely.

In the future Australia's weather is only going to keep getting drier so we need to get used to it.

DID YOU KNOW?

In Australia, thanks largely to the increase of credit cards that for every person in the country it has got to the stage now where more than 12 cents in every dollar is going on repaying outstanding interest on debt, let alone paying the debt down. This is up from a level of two cents in the dollar some 15 years ago.

People are now paying a larger proportion of real income to repay the interest on their debt than at any time in the last 120 years.

Is there any stopping us getting into this huge credit trap and subsequent inevitable downfall.

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Wet weather doesn't ruin festival

They met the challenge, worked their socks off, had fun and came up trumps yet again.

Days after the close of the 2007-2008 Woodford Folk Festival, organisers and the huge volunteer force are still celebrating the huge success of the event that had been plagued by wet weather.

Many of them are now working hard on the festival deconstruction – not as much fun and perhaps somewhat sad, but it's a job that has to be done.

A drop of rain has never deterred this determined band of festival folk, and neither did it dampen the spirits of festival-goers who came in record numbers of season campers, and day visitors over the first four days.

Even the renowned Fire Event, the official closing ceremony, was acclaimed as one of the best yet despite its huge cast having to perform in trying conditions. But at Woodford, the show always goes on whatever the challenge and as long as it is safe to do so.

All up, the festival attracted an aggregate audience of 128,000 people over the six days – a figure that pleased the organisers.

"It's a tribute to all the volunteers who worked so hard and stuck through to complete the job in difficult conditions," said

festival director Bill Hauritz.

This festival, while revealing the amazing wealth of entertainment talent that abounds in Australia, also dug up some international jewels who played Woodford for the first time.

French band Babylon Circus, a high-energy, all-action gypsy ska outfit that seems to pump adrenaline into audiences, became an instant favourite for festival dance fiends.

Meanwhile, Taikoz, a group of Australo-Japanese drummers, had everybody's heart beating with electrifying shows that demonstrated their mastery of complicated taiko rhythms.

Aussie bands Toothfaeries and Doch had festivalgoers leaping.

But in a festival showcasing more than 2800 performers and 500 acts, everyone's experience is unique because it's just physically impossible to see everything. Judging by the look on most festival-goers' faces, it would seem that everyone had found their own piece of magic. For at Woodford, there's magic in every corner, just waiting to be found.

Now, the organisers are already putting on their magic thinking caps, working out how to weave a wondrous spell over the next Woodford Folk Festival.

Start counting - it's only about 354 sleeps

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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

PREVENTING & RESOLVING EXTERIOR PAINT PEELING

Exterior paint peeling is seen when a dry paint film loses adhesion with the underlying finish or substrate. It can be localized or widespread, random or repetitive. Substrate condition and preparation are essential for the coating to develop a strong adhesive bond to the surface.

PREVENTING EXTERIOR PEELING

Substrate integrity should be sound and intact. If this is not the case, removal of the existing layers may be required before prep work can begin.

Clean

All surfaces need to be free from dust, grime and contamination. This includes dirt, chalking and mildew. Scraping, sanding, wire brushing and pressure washing are all methods used to clean and prepare surfaces for painting. Project specific techniques will need to be determined. Be sure to let the surface dry thoroughly before painting, as paint cannot adhere to a wet surface.

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with sheen does not promote good adhesion of the next coating of paint. Dull the glossy surface using sandpaper (120-150 grit), making sure to remove all sanding dust. When the surface is clean and dry it is ready to be painted.

Surface and Air Temperatures
Temperatures play a major part in the drying of a paint film. Hot surface or air temperatures may cause a coating to dry too quickly, not allowing the film to establish an adhesive bond with the substrate. Cooler temperatures (less than 50 degrees) will slow down the drying process causing the coating to emit dryer components without actually drying. A poor adhesive bond will result in peeling. It is usually best to paint when surface and air temperatures are 50°F-90°F.

Moisture

Another major factor in the drying and adhesion of a paint film is excess moisture. This will slow down or extend the drying time of a coating. If the underlying paint, primer or substrate was not thoroughly dry, the next coat may have trouble bonding. Exposing the substrate to high humidity shortly after painting could negatively affect adhesion and create appearance problems as well. This is often seen on older homes with inadequate vapor barriers and insulation in the exterior walls. Interior humidity actually permeates the wall cavity and condenses on the back of the outside wall, leading to peeling of the exterior paint.

RESOLVING EXTERIOR PEELING PROBLEMS

Surface adhesion must be in-

spected. Depending on conditions, underlying finishes may be where the problem begins. Testing adhesion in other random spots of a peeled surface should be done to assess the overall adhesion. Re-prepping surfaces after removal of existing coats will require the area be roughed and cleaned again before re-application.

If you suspect interior humidity is the problem, either lower the inside humidity (using vents, etc.) or create a non-permeable vapor barrier to keep the humidity out of wall cavities.

For more information click here:
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Truthful Jones Tells...



- us that last Saturday
- he was at the Irish
- Club with Paddy and
- Mick and they were
- standing at the base of the club
- flagpole, looking up. A blonde
- walks by and asked what they
- were doing.
- “Paddy: We’re supposed to find
- the height of this flagpole, but we
- don’t have a ladder.”
- The blonde took a spanner from
- her purse, loosened a few bolts
- and laid the flagpole down. She
- pulled a tape measure from her
- pocket, took a few measurements
- and announced that it was eight-
- teen feet and six inches.
- She then walked off.
- Mick said: “Now, to be sure, isn’t
- that just like a blonde! We need
- the height and she gives us the
- length.”
- Now when I told Danny from
- Noosa about it he didn’t believe
- me. He said it would have been a
- brunette - not a blonde.

This weeks notices brought to you by Maleny Paint Place

Maleny Bowls Club honours "Bill"

The Maleny Bowls Club has held an important social position within this community over many decades.

It was a place not only for a good game of bowls but an important social outlet.

Long time Maleny resident, Bill Penney has been a strong supporter not only of the Maleny Bowls Club but of the bowling community of the Sunshine Coast, having been a past president of both organisations.

Today he is a life member of the Maleny Club and this

week has also had the honour of being named as a Club Patriarch.

Bill's wife, Glad Penney has also had a long association with the Maleny Club having been a ladies past president and is presently the Maleny Ladies Bowls club patroness.

Keeping it all in the family, Bill and Glad's son in law, Wayne Peters is presently the club groundsman.

Bill is presently ill in the Maleny hospital suffering a serious illness but was well enough to receive this award. Congratulations Bill.

The "NUT" Award

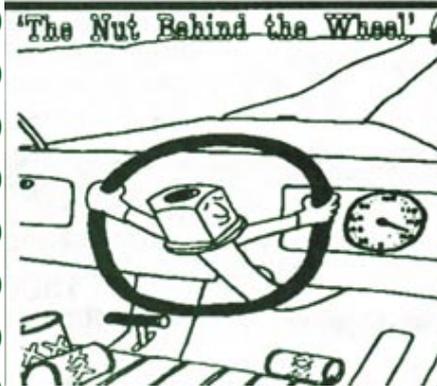
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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 inconsiderate drivers who continue to park in the "No Standing" Zone in Coral Street, Maleny in front of the laundromat. This is a blind corner and there have been several near misses of "head on" accidents caused by the inconsiderate drivers who illegally park there.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Wok fried pork & mushrooms

- ready in about 15 minutes!

Ingredients

1/3 cup char siew sauce : 2 tblspn mirin : 1 lime, juiced : 2 1/2 tblspn peanut oil : 300g cup mushrooms, sliced : 300 g pork fillet, trimmed and thinly sliced : 200 g snow peas, trimmed : 1 tblspn water : Steamed rice, to serve

Method

Combine char siew sauce, mirin, lime juice and 3 teaspoons of peanut oil in a jug and mix well.

Place mushrooms and pork into separate bowls. Pour half the marinade over mushrooms and remaining marinade over pork. Toss well to coat.

Heat a wok over high heat. Add 1 tablespoon oil and heat until hot. Add the pork and stir-fry for 5 - 6 minutes or until tender. Remove.

Add remaining 3 teaspoons oil and mushrooms to wok and stir-fry for 1 minute.

Add snow peas and water, cover with a lid and cook for 20 seconds. Add pork and stir-fry for 30 seconds or until heated through.

Serve with steamed rice.

* Char siew sauce is a thick, sweet Asian sauce. Hoi sin sauce is a suitable replacement.



Fidel disengaged his runabout from the barge and slowly motored to the shore, obscured by trees, then

Chapter 13 + 14

Fidel just grabbed her and un-

ceremoniously pushed her to his boat, dumped her in and returned to the barge, where he retied the tow rope.

Taking the strain, he slowly dragged the barge into midstream and so continued downstream. Inge knew that to jump overboard was not an option, as the river had myriad whirlpools, and rather dangerous occupants, which included piranha

rebel crew were all asleep, surrounded by empty aguardiente bottles, as it had been a virtual holiday outing for them. With a curse, he cut the rope and, unencumbered, opened the throttle for a down river dash to freedom and safety. And ultimate failure.

That surge through the breached volcanic barriers across the three streams added to the normal fast flow of the Lempira, doubling the flow rate, especially through the narrow ravine section upon which they were now travelling.

This wall of water with its detritus of logs and pumice, smashed overwhelmingly into the rudderless and powerless barge, instantly overturning it, while dumping its cargo into the broiling water. There were no survivors. The dynamite, still in the boxes from when it was stolen from the numerous illegal artisanal gold mining camps around the base of the volcano, bobbed along with the bodies. The explosives were harmless, as the detonators required for blasting were separate, and in their steel safety boxes were slowly tumbling along the bottom of the river, ten metres below. To touch off, they would need an electric charge, and that was never to be.



We continue with our serialisation of the adventure "La Presa Linda" written by Jervis Sparks.

Jervis Sparks is an international drilling consultant and local Maleny identity.

His profession takes him all around the world, mostly to most remote areas. This has given him an insight into an adventurous life style.

He has previously written a number of technical books and articles for industry magazines and also a book on his life's adventures.

Now he has written a purely fiction adventure novel and we are pleased to be able to serialise it over the next few weeks.

A full copy of this book will be available from the "Hinterlandgrapevine Online" web site in the "Stories of Interest Section"

crept along the bank and surveyed the layout. He could see Inge, when he ascertained that she was alone, calmly walked to her tent.

"Hola chica, want to go on a trip down the river"?

Although startled, Inge responded that she was busy, not having a clue who this stranger was. But

and anaconda, neither of which she had seen, but of course had heard all the exaggerated legends and myths.

Looking back later to check the hawser, Fidel saw to his horror, in the distance upstream past the barge, an ominous wall of brown water racing downstream. His

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LA PRESA LINDA (Continued)

Within site of the dam, Fidel angled to the river bank and quickly dragged Inge ashore. His run-about, the dynamite, the barge and the greatly reduced surge smashed into the coffer dam, so massively constructed that it did not rupture. The dynamite, later collected, although soaked was still dangerous, so it was buried, along with the bodies of the nine rebels. No grave markers, no blessings. They did not leave their footprints in the sands of time. Their misadventure, conceived on shouted slogans of bravado and misplaced hope, had failed dismally. The art of losing isn't hard to master.

Chapter 14

The village of Lindacita was quiet. Too late for the dogs, too early for the roosters. The two students Miguel and Manuel, with their leader Carlos and the other rag-tag students had lugged their pipe bombs, under the fence and to the base of the dam. They edged their way to a rarely used maintenance door, and slipped inside the massive turbine room. Not one had realised that Zihuanava had erupted.

Chepé knew however, and was in the turbine room, checking that all the safeguards were still in place so that if a huge surge in the level of the Lempira occurred, the turbines would be safe. At this stage only one turbine was in operation as it was a testing period before the penstocks would be finally opened when the main coffer dam was blown. It would be powered off if in any danger. Also known as the machine room, there were a total of

five generators

Penny was with Chepé, and she had come to Lindacita to help with any evacuees who required assistance. Chepé told her that Willie was flying over the campesino villages monitoring them, and would radio in when assistance was required.

They did not hear the students above the hum of the turbine, so were caught unawares when two people with AK-47s leapt at them, ordering them to raise their hands. An AK-47 tends to discourage disagreement and urge compromise. "Two Yankees" snarled Carlos, "and here we have a Gringa. She will make a great sacrifice for our revolution". His grin was on loan from the Devil. Then followed his repetitive invective, which seemed all that Carlos had ever contained in his head, to vent his blinkered hatred.

Listening to the fulminating rhetoric of the student leader, Chepé did not know whether he was in the realm of madness, fiction or fact. Irrationality and unbridled venom, with the usual dogmatic answers for fascistic nonsense. Chepé did know however, that the ideology of Marxism had been so discredited by its misuses, that it has lost almost its legitimacy in modern society. It was fast becoming a shibboleth.

Penny was bound, then roughly dragged up the ladder to the top of the dam and out onto the observation platform, along with the heroes of the moment, Miguel and Manuel, who carried one of the guns. The door was dogged shut

behind them, not that Chepé could take any action facing an AK-47. Those heroes of the moment on the platform were never to know that their last seconds before eternity, were inexorably on a countdown.

Weighing 4.3kg, the AK-47 fires 600-700 rounds per minute with an effective range of 400 metres. The most widespread weapon in the world, it is certainly the favourite weapon of all terrorists. Kalashnikov built the first Automat Kalashnikov in 1947, copied from a Nazi model, and 30 million AK-47s were manufactured before the factory closed. They are still being manufactured, especially in Asia and the Middle East.

The three girl students, nervously began placing the pipe bombs among the turbines, which would be lit at the signal from Carlos, a sustained burst from the Kalashnikov.

Cal had seen the students and the trussed Penny on the observation platform and raced down to the turbine room to gain the fastest access up to it, knowing that more students would be inside and planting their bombs. The information passed on by Linda-pa followed the script they had envisaged, although the situation on the observation platform did not have Penny in the equation. He approached the turbine room from another entrance, and summing up the situation, felled the gunman with a knockout karate chop. With Chepé, they then overpowered the three crying girls without further resistance, then secured them with plastic handcuffs. The pipe bombs were collected and carefully boxed, then

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This week's Saying
New billies don't make a good tea.
.....Think about it

Our worst Drivers

Every two weeks a person dies on Sunshine Coast roads last year and a further 104 people received substantial injuries.

Authorities have tried ways in which to reduce this terrific toll but have failed. In the proceeding years the toll has been reduced but much of this was made possible by increased safety standards being built into new cars and road improvements.

Inspector Peter Flanders of the Sunshine Coast Traffic Branch said that a new traffic plan throughout the Sunshine Coast will see the worst 10 drivers in each area being targeted.

Will your name be included in that list? If so, you may be in for some surprises that you may not enjoy or expect.

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LA PRESA LINDA (Continued)

the police were summoned.

There would never be a Kalashnikov cannonade, and those four remaining students, later spending many years incarcerated behind bars, never found out why not, nor were they ever told of what happened during that fateful day on the observation platform.

To be continued next week

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