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Is it a tax or is it a laugh?

There is no doubt that our weather patterns are changing. What is in dispute is "What is causing this change?"

There is no doubt that we have to make changes to our lifestyle to ensure that our world as we know it continues on for generations to come.

Our government is hell bent on introducing a scheme to penalise the use of all non renewable energy sources.

The financial institutions and managerial companies

will make money out of the administration of this scheme and many will see this as a potential money spinner. These companies will ensure that they can engineer into it all sorts of problems down the track to ensure they get maximum profits.

It is easy to say that those who live on lesser amounts of wages will be recompensed so only big businesses will actually pay the penalty.

Make no doubt about it, for better or worse every person

will be worse off as a result of this scheme as the big businesses will only pass on their increased costs, and on top of that the government will get extra money as there will be gst paid on the increased costs.

There are many ways that our governments, of all levels can work towards creating better environments.

There are a number of environmentally friendly schemes that could be alternatives to this new tax that are being curtailed or abandoned.

Potholes continue to grow!

It is no surprise to any of us that we have just come through one of the wettest springs and summers in memory.

There have been many by-products of that wet weather, not the least being the increasing occurrence of potholes causing problems on our areas 3500 kms of council owned roads and they will continue to do so for some time to come. Council crews are working full time on repairing those potholes as their locations become known to them.

The huge amount of water that fell over the last six months has substantially raised underground water tables and that water is now looking for ways to re-surface.

This combined with the constant grind of traffic using a stretch of saturated road over a period of time

will ultimately develop a pothole - and that hole itself may develop quite suddenly.

"Any attempt to permanently re-surface a road while the saturated base remains would prove to be short-lived until such time as the road base underneath them is totally dried out.", said Mr Netherton, council's Civil Works Manager.

"Council asks that motorists be patient on Coast roads and drive to local conditions for a safe journey," Mr Netherton said.

A police spokesperson said that the major cause of fatal accidents across the state in 2011 to date have been due to motorists not driving to the conditions.

Any motorist spotting a new pothole emerging should urgently contact council on 5475 7272 or email - mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

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Unitywater to charge 11% on waterbills!

Unitywater supplies water to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and the Moreton Council areas.

Whilst Unitywater had introductory problems with the first water bills that it issued it is speeding up the process of ensuring that they get bills paid on time.

In the past there has been a period of grace for ratepayers to pay water bills to the local council, however that is a thing of the past.

One resident has been told by Unitywater that accounts not paid in full by the due date would attract approximately 11% interest a year.

A Unitywater spokesperson said, "We encourage customers to pay their accounts by installments in advance via direct debit so that

they are not caught in this situation."

On top of the interest charges water usage charges have also increased.

Unitywater customers will pay 52 cents a kilolitre for the first 600 litres of water used a day – up \$0.02 a kilolitre or \$4.38 a year. They will also pay \$1 for each kilolitre above 600 litres – up \$0.05 a kilolitre or 5%.

It is important that ratepayers continue to keep an eye on watermeters to ensure that no leaks occur on the residents side of the water meter. Any water that passes the meter, leak or not will be charged for and the excess amount will also be subjected to that 11% interest payment.



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The good fairy lives, but look out for the devil!

Over the last couple of months we have seen the price of milk - bread and now eggs being slashed by the two major retailing entities in Australia. This might on the face of it appear to be a good gesture to help out the people of Australia who are struggling with continuing price

increases.

Don't let these moves fool you. There is no such thing as a free lunch and these price drops are aimed directly at decreasing competition in the long term meaning that prices will skyrocket. Sooner or later you are going to pay big time. ...Consider your future now!

Mum's favourite Recipes



Lamb pasties

- a great finger food at that B.B.Q.

Ingredients

- * 600g lamb shoulder, diced - * 1/2 cup plain flour - * Sea salt
- * Freshly ground white pepper - * Olive oil - * 1 stick celery, dice
- * 1 large brown onion, diced - * 1 large carrot, peeled and diced
- * 4 garlic cloves, sliced - * 3 tbsp curry powder - * 500ml beef stock
- * 2 bird's-eye red chillis - * 200g pumpkin, peeled and diced
- * 200g parsnip, peeled and diced - * 200g celeriac, peeled and diced
- * 6 sheets savoury shortcrust pastry, cut into 20cm circles
- * 1 egg, lightly beaten

Blind-baking pastry: For a better result when blind-baking pastry, take two lengths of foil, fold double, spray underside with olive oil and place foil on top of pastry shell. Push foil firmly into base and sides of pastry; this will help it cling to shape of pie plate and prevent shrinkage. Trim foil until it is 3cm above pastry top, curving it inwards slightly. Add rice to weigh pastry down and push again into corners of pie plate. Ensure there is less rice in the dish centre. This will help pie shell cook evenly.

Method

When pressing the pastry around the filling, try not to leave air inside so the pastie keeps its shape when cooking. Preheat oven to 200C. Dust lamb in flour and season. Heat a little olive oil and brown lamb pieces. Add onion, celery, carrot, garlic, curry powder and chillis and cook until soft, about 10 minutes. Add stock and simmer, stirring regularly, for 90 minutes or until lamb is soft and sauce has reduced and thickened.

Meanwhile place pumpkin, parsnip and celeriac on a baking tray, drizzle with a little olive oil, season, roast 15 minutes in oven. Stir through lamb mix, cool in fridge. Brush pastry circles with egg wash, spoon mix into middle and bring edges together at the top.

Press together with fingers and pinch to seal. Brush with beaten egg.

Bake 10 minutes, reduce heat to 170C, cook 20 minutes or until golden and pastry base is cooked.

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 little red car attempting to parallel park in front of Maple 3, Maple Street, Maleny on Wednesday last about 10.30a.m.

After about 4 attempts the female driver decided to move on.

Is there a problem with parallel parking?

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CWA Expo shows that traditional values are still relevant in a brand new world!



Ever since 1922 The Country Women's Association an association for women has aimed to improve the conditions for women and children and make life better for families, especially those living in rural and remote Australia.

From the 1930's almost all country towns had a vibrant CWA group and Maleny as a country town was no different.

Along with images of The Flag, the slouch hat, and sepia photos of this country's pioneer stock sit the traditions of the Country Women's Association.

Even today Maleny has a very enthusiastic group. The Maleny group is part of the The Nambour / North Coast Division of the Queensland Country Women's Association.

Members of the Maleny CWA are proud to warmly invite other Maleny women to join them at the QCWA Expo from 9.30am – 4pm on Thursday 24 March in the Nambour Hall, located on the stunning new Town Square in Short Street.

When times were tough, when rural Australia struggled to attract funding for essential services, or when Nature challenged us, the Country Women's Association is there for other women and their families – offering friendship, support, physical help and often just 'a cuppa and a shoulder'!

Hasn't that been important over the past few months.

The Country Women's Association is much more than most of us realise.

Local CWA members work to support scholarship programs, medical research, aged care, health and education services. CWA members have a strong voice on issues which concern women through government advocacy, and conducts extensive support work, engaging with International members and communities in need throughout the world.

In 14 local branches, members represent age sectors across 50 and more years, honoring and sharing experiences gained through life including fascinating handcraft skills far too valuable to lose.

Expo visitors will experience first hand the work of

the Country Women's Association. From clown make-up to photography, to inspirational public speakers telling their stories, dressmaking, handcraft, cooking and floral arrangement, visitors can expect something (surprising) for everyone!

Country hospitality will be served, and home made goods will be for sale.

Are you looking to connecting with local women who make a difference to the lives of others then consider joining the local branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association. The Queensland Country Women's Association has a group for younger women that is designed especially for young women either married or single so members of all ages are welcome to join.

For more information contact Division President Joy Coulson. phone: 54425663.



'Members of CWA's 14 local Branches prepare for CWA Expo at Nambour Hall.'



My dear Mum's logical sayings

How to become an adult!

Saying:

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up!"

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Truth-ful Jones Tells... he heard about



the day that he was in Maple Street, Maleny on a busy day, a man hustles across the road near the front of the IGA store.

He just about makes it to the other side before he's hit by a gravel truck.

As he lies dying on the footpath a crowd gathers around.

The dying man says, "A priest. Somebody get me a priest!"

A local policeman is quickly on the scene and overhears the dying man's plea. He checks the crowd, but there is no priest, no minister, no man of God of any kind.

"A priest, please!" repeats the dying man. Then out of the crowd steps a little old Jewish man of at least 80 years. "Mr. Policeman," says the man, "I'm not a priest. I'm not even a Catholic. But for 50 years now I've been living behind in Macadamia Drive next to the Catholic Church and every night I listen to the Catholic litany. Maybe I can be of some comfort to this man."

The policeman agrees and brings the gentleman over to where the dying man is lying. He kneels down, leans over the injured and says in a solemn voice: "B-4. I-19. N-38. G-54. O-72."

Morale: You've just got to love that BINGO you never know when it will be useful!



Have you ever considered installing Solar Power for your home?

Sunshine Coast Libraries and the Sunshine Coast Environment Council's renewable energy project officer, will be presenting easy to understand solar power sessions in March.

Discover how residential solar works, the different types of panels, types of systems, roof mounting facts and much more. Take personal responsibility for your energy reduction and learn some basic steps to reduce it.

Listen as Ian explains the latest science in regard to climate change and our personal carbon footprints.

This is your chance to ask questions of those in the know. The session will take place at the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre, Bicentenary Lane, Maleny on Thursday 24 March, 2.00 pm.

Contact the Maleny Library to book your place.

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Cheers Pres Dave

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Local beekeepers take their Asian Honeybee concerns to Canberra

Any colony of Asian bee or foreign bee arriving in Australia must be regarded as a serious threat. Australian beekeepers are well aware of the risk that this bee is to commercial honeybees in Australia. These bees affect not only honey production but also the natural and vital pollination of other crops, fruits, vegetables and other plants. The exotic intruder is aggressive toward local European bees.

The Asian bee is common in areas to Australia's north, such as Papua New Guinea and South East Asia and since 2007 they have been found in areas of far North Queensland. It is believed that a bee colony has swarmed onto a shipping vessel and survived until the vessel docked in an Australian port.

LNP Member for Fisher Peter Slipper has met with beekeepers in Canberra this week to discuss their campaign to secure government funds to fight the invading Asian Honeybee. He fully supports initiatives that would help eradicate the Asian Honeybee threat.

The trip was led by Maleny bee researcher Dr Max Whitten and Chairman of the Australian Honeybee Council Lindsay Bourke, who jointly describes the Asian Honeybee as potentially devastating not only for the Australian honey industry, but for the agriculture and horticulture industries as well as the lucrative commercial pollination sector.

Dr. Whitten said, "Bees are not only about honey; in fact, that is a relatively small part of what they do. They are a key part of the ecological network and play a vital role in the reproduction of plants everywhere. They need to be supported and assisted to ensure their population survives and thrives. Without our bees our agriculture and horticulture industries would be much worse off and probably would risk complete collapse."

The beekeepers took their concerns to Canberra where they met with Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Senator Joe Ludwig and Member for Fisher, Mr. Peter Slipper to highlight the industry concerns and request government funds to do all that it can through the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to support ongoing attempts to eradicate the Asian bee from Australia.



LNP Member for Fisher Peter Slipper met with Maleny bee researcher Dr Max Whitten and Chairman of the Australian Honeybee Council Lindsay Bourke



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Another Friends of Ebenezer fundraiser

The Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra will once again perform a variety concert at the Maleny State High School Activity Centre. The Orchestra on this occasion will be accompanied by the Buderim Male Orchestra.

The concert will be held on July 24th commencing at 1.30p.m. and is being co-ordinated by Marjorie White.

The concert will also feature the Sunshine Coast Academy of Dance and Dramatic Arts and Ms Bev Hand, local aboriginal story teller.

This follows a successful concert

in 2010 with the funds raised going to the Friends of Ebenezer to help support the Ebenezer Orphanage in Livingstone, South Africa.

Tickets will go on sale in June and will cost \$20.00. What a great way to enjoy the afternoon and make a difference to young orphans at the same time.



This weeks film review

The Wild River (Blu-ray)

In *THE RIVER WILD*, Gail (Meryl Streep), a former river guide, plans a white-water rafting trip to celebrate her son Roarke's (Joseph Mazzello) birthday and patch up her troubled marriage to her workaholic husband, Tom (David Strathairn).

As the family begins their river adventure, they meet Wade (Kevin Bacon), a novice rafter with a magnetic personality.

When the family finds Wade and his friend, Terry (John C. Reilly), stranded and abandoned by their guide, Gail and Tom decide to help them navigate the rapids.

However, family fun turns to terror when Wade and Terry show their true colors--they're really criminals trying to evade the police following a major heist.

To make matters worse, their escape route requires that they run the Gauntlet, deadly rapids where three rivers converge in violently tumultuous waters.

This taut thriller from director Curtis Hanson (*BAD INFLUENCE*, *L.A. CONFIDENTIAL*) features Streep in her first role as an action-adventure heroine, while Bacon is truly menacing as the psychotic Wade, a desperate criminal in over his head.

You can purchase this movie now for \$14.79 + postage and have it delivered to your door.

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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Brush and Roller care and cleaning

To ensure brushes and rollers last longer and maintain their original condition they must be cared for correctly.

Take these few steps and your brushes and rollers will be ready for that next job.

1. Squeeze as much paint as possible from rollers, brushes and trays back into the paint can for future use.

2. Wipe remaining paint from brush or roller onto an absorbent material such as a rag or newspaper. Allow these materials to dry and dispose of with normal household waste.

3. Wash brush or roller in a large bucket with the solvent recommended for the paint used.

4. Wash brush or roller in a separate bucket of warm, soapy water.

5. Buckets of water and/or solvents should be left to rest overnight so paint sediment can settle to the bottom.

When paint has settled water can be poured onto grass or garden. Solvent can be retained for future use. Paint sediment at the bottom of the bucket should be wiped out with an absorbent material such as a rag or newspaper.

Allow these materials to dry and dispose of with normal household waste.

6. Shake out excess water from brush or roller.

7. Special instructions for Brushes. Comb the bristles of

brushes and shape while still wet. Brushes can be stored hanging up or flat, either in their original packaging or in newspaper.

Ensure brush bristle or filament is not stored in contact with anything that can distort its shape.

Special instructions for Rollers
Rollers are best dried and stored standing up to avoid flat spots developing in the nap.

Remember to always rinse roller covers in water prior to use to ensure dust and loose fibres do not contaminate your paint.

Just some simple "Don'ts"

- Do not stir paint with a brush or roller, always use a paint mixer.
- Never let brushes or rollers soak in water for long periods of time, this may distort brush bristle or roller fibres.
- Never let paint dry on brushes or rollers.
- Do not use concentrated detergent or very hot water when washing as this may damage brush bristle or roller fibres.

When taking a painting break simply wrap your brush or roller in a plastic bag or cling wrap to

keep moist and ready to be used as soon as your break is over.

Paint Disposal:

If not disposed of correctly waste paint pollutes waterways and can endanger wildlife. Please ensure you follow this advice when disposing of empty paint cans and waste paint.

- Dispose of rags and newspaper used to clean paint applicators in normal household waste after they have dried.
- Do not wash brushes and rollers in water that flows directly down drains or gutters. Use buckets and dispose of waste water and paint sediment as specified above.
- Empty paint cans may be recycled through a certified recycling depot. Contact the Sunshine Coast Regional Council on 1300 00 7272 for more information.
- Waste paint should be poured into a hole dug into the ground that has been lined with newspaper. The water will drain through the newspaper leaving the paint on top.

When paint is dry dispose of newspaper in normal household waste.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

Wanted: Pyjamas

The Pyjama Foundation's annual pyjama drive has started officially and I have again opened my office as a collection point for this worthy cause.

The Pyjama Foundation has as its main aim to give assistance with reading skills to foster children; however, each year they host the pyjama drive to collect new pyjamas to give to children who for whatever reason are taken into foster care.

A new pair of clean and comfortable pyjamas is comforting for children who find themselves in a strange environment. The Pyjama Foundation is seeking brand new pyjamas in all sizes from baby to adult.

Last year, the organisation collected some 7000 pyjamas; this year it is targeting 10,000.

Pyjamas can be dropped off at my office at the Cartwright Centre, corner of Point Cartwright Drive and Nicklin Way, Buddina, between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Flood Appeal donation

I was pleased to receive on behalf of the people of Queensland and the Premier's Flood Appeal a donation of \$142,000 from the Government of Taiwan and the people of

Taiwan

The cheques were presented to me recently at Parliament House in Canberra, by Dr Gary Song-Huann Lin from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia. The presentation function was also attended by many Queensland MPs and Senators.

The devastation and destruction of the floods were horrific and very emotional for the people of Queensland; and the absolute enormity of the disaster and steep losses have captured the sympathies of people all around the world. The government and the people of Taiwan are good friends of Australia and the presentation of these funds is a wonderfully compassionate gesture that means a great deal to Queensland.

Tourism Grants

Applications are now invited for Australian Government grants for tourism projects.

The "TQUAL grants – Tourism Quality Projects" programme aims to support fresh and innovative initiatives that will stimulate economic growth in the tourism industry.

Some 1 in 5 jobs on the Sunshine Coast are dependent on the tourism industry and it's vital that new innovative projects locally are encouraged and supported, so I urge

tourism bodies to make application to this funding programme.

The TQUAL programme will provide funding of up to \$100,000 for smaller scale projects on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Further information on the TQUAL grants programme is available at www.ret.gov.au/tourism and application forms and guidelines are available at www.ret.gov.au/tqual or by phoning 13 28 46. Applications close 15 April 2011.

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