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Our Thoughts

We are very thrilled at the increasing number of people who visit our web site: www.hinterlandgrapevine.com

The daily number varies from day to day but it is quite pleasing to see some regular visitors from different parts of the world returning regularly to our site. Presently we are receiving between 700 and 1500 visits per day.

A couple who visit on a very regular basis are readers from Rogers, Arkansas in the U.S.A. and Richmond in North Queensland.

If either of these readers notice this we would like to hear from you. Maybe you could tell us a bit about your daily lifestyle.

It is hoped that through this web site a history of our area will grow so that those who come in the future can learn a little about our community.

Wood Expo Returns

The Maleny Wood Expo is back! This two-day family event on May 3rd and 4th at the Maleny Showgrounds between 9am and 5pm each day.

2007 saw the Wood Expo missing after a very successful year in 2006 with as many as 10,000 people passing through the gate, but 2008 sees its return.

Again it will have something for the whole family from rustic bush furniture to contemporary design, the Sunshine Coast Hinterland's premier event showcases the region's finest wood artisans.

One of the popular displays each year is a demonstration by students from the Deception Bay High School. These enterprising and talented young people demonstrate their wood-

craft skills and showcase their products.

Not only will it be wood and fine furniture but also award winning local wines and yummy fruit ice-creams, together with fresh fruit beverages made and supplied by locals.

You will also find ways to live sustainably, including coming to terms with limited fossil fuel supplies, is possibly the biggest challenge facing us as a species.

There will be plenty of free onsite parking at the Maleny Showgrounds, so make your way to the front gate and you'll be guided to a car park.

For any further information contact Steve McLeish on 0428 674 335.

Maleny Show Society Photographic Competition

The Maleny Show Society will conduct a 2 day Photographic Competition during 30th and 31st May. To enter the competition all camera buffs have to do is to take their photos on the showgrounds during those two days of the Show.

Categories include Action - Rodeo, Show Jumping, Wood chopping Etc., Human Interest: eg Pavilion exhibits, Trade, Sideshow, People in general, Animals; which is self explanatory.

The prize pool is \$500 donated by the Rotary Club of Maleny.

Entries will close on June 13th 2008.

Information from Secretary Ph 54942008. or

email malenyshowsociety@bigpond.com



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Truthful Jones Tells...



that he returned to Ireland for the second funeral service in 10 years for the same woman, a neighbour when he lived there.

He recalls how at the end of the first service, the pall bearers were carrying the casket out when they accidentally bump into a wall, jarring the casket. They heard a faint moan. They open the casket and found that the woman was actually alive!

She went on to live for ten more years, and then dies. Once again, a ceremony is held, and it is to this one that Truthful is attending.

At the end of the ceremony, the pall bearers are again carrying out the casket. As they carry the casket towards the door, Mick, the husband cries out, 'Watch that wall!'

Ed: The moral of this story is that one should never make the same mistake twice in a lifetime.

With Winter comes winter fashions

Simply Stylish owner, Diann Weightman is presenting a display of this winter's fashions at the Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital at 9.30am on Wednesday April 23rd at a morning tea.

There will also be a raffle with some wonderful prizes.

More importantly the proceeds from this event, including a sale of the floral arrangements on display from the Maleny Floral Art Group will go towards the fundraising target of the hospital.

Entry to the morning tea will be only \$10.00. Bring some friends for a great morning out. Further information is available from Diann Weightman at Simply Stylish on 5494 4177.

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

In answer to one of our Witta Readers we submit the following information:

Where can you stop a paint color?

Question: Our family room is an open room with walls that lead down the hall then down stairs into the foyer. Do we have to paint all of this or is there a stopping point?

A : *Your question is a good one, though a little hard to answer without seeing your layout. However, in general, it is difficult to stop a wall treatment on a continuous wall surface like the one you have described.*

If there is any sort of natural break -- such as an archway, an angle, a corner, or whatever -- you could probably stop it there. Or you may be able to put up a piece of molding at some point -- say at the place where the stairs begin. You'd have to try it in your space to see if it would be acceptable.

Your paint job will look the most finished and coordinated when there is a continuous color in any open space. However, if that isn't possible, then try to paint up to the most natural breaking point. In your case it may be one of

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the walls in the foyer at the bottom of the stairs.

Choose a paint color that will fit into the color schemes of all of your rooms -- family room, hallway and foyer.

Note that even if you do paint all of the walls using one consistent color, each room doesn't have to look the same. For instance by using a creamy tan paint, the family room furniture might use dark green and tan fabrics, the hall could have botanical prints with greens, tan and white, while your entryway could be tone-on-tone beige and tan. In this case the paint color is one of the elements used to tie all three areas together.

Hope that helps and good luck on your project!

*For more information about paint or "how to hints" click here to go to the **Maleny Paint Place** web page.*

*Don't forget that we are now at **Shed 6 / 14 Lawyer Street, Maleny.** There is plenty of parking outside the door.*

Paint Place, Maleny



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

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Come Clean with wood... it is official

Winter is just around the corner and this winter is believed to be colder than recently passed winters. Electrical heaters are thought to be an efficient way of keeping our house warm but a wood burning stove or heating fireplace bathes the room with a rich, soothing warmth that no other energy source can equal. The fire's radiance gives a welcome embrace as

With its all-natural ingredients, wood is a hearty tonic for winter.

If you thought burning wood was the most efficient way to heat your home - think again. A recent report from the Australian Home Heating Association, in partnership with Landcare Australia, shows that wood heaters emit less CO2 into the environment than all other heating methods.

Despite some views, wood is the most efficient way to heat your home with comparatively little damage to the environment, as shown in the graph above.

In January 2007 the Australian Consumers Association said, "Because of the Australian diversity in population covering urban and country areas, people will always burn wood for economic reasons.

Many people in regional areas do not have access to alternative fuels such as natural gas.

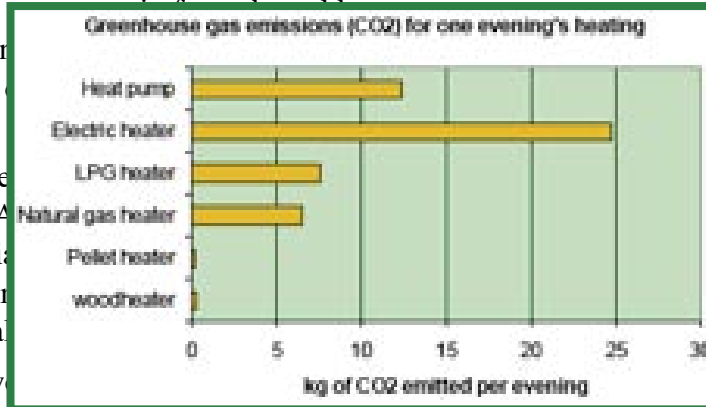
As far as CO2 emissions are concerned, firewood is regarded as being CO2 neutral compared to other high emission sources such as Electricity."

The wood heating industry represents the only economical form of heating which uses a renewable energy form. There are clear greenhouse benefits relating to the sustained production and use of wood, as atmospheric increases of carbon are greatly reduced relative to fossil fuels like gas or coal.

The report shows quite dramatically how low greenhouse gas emissions are for firewood and wood-pellets,

provided the firewood is from a sustainable supply.

It also states that there is an estimated 3 per cent annual decline in wood heater use across Australia, leaving a negative impression on our environment. If half these people are switching to natural gas and half to electricity, then the annual increase in greenhouse emissions is 173,000 tonnes of CO2.



study2 back this claim stating that wood heaters are the most efficient way to heat your home [from sustainable wood]. They would be avoiding the greenhouse gas emissions stated above, but they would still emit some.

FOR BETTER BURNING

Use well-seasoned wood. Split the wood into 15-20 minutes after each addition.

1. Use kindling wood and firelighters to get the fire started.
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4. Never use petrol, kerosene or oil to start the fire.
5. Don't close air supply totally overnight; a little air avoids a lot of smoke.

So on with those wood fires and out with the air-conditioners..

True, it takes a little extra effort to tend to a wood fired fireplace, but like tending a garden or home cooking a meal, you are always rewarded.



Mum's favourite Recipes

Three Cheese Risotto

- easy meat meal p[ut on and leave...

Ingredients

- * 500gm lean steak (cheaper cut such as round steak, stewing steak is okay) -
- * 2 tablespoons flour -
- * 1 teaspoon mustard (because I don't like mustard I have never included this) -
- * 1 teaspoon salt -
- * 1/2 teaspoon tomato sauce -
- * 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce -
- * 1 1/2 cups water

Directions

Cut meat into squares and place in casserole; mix all other ingredients together and pour over the meat and cook in a moderate oven for 3 hours.

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Message from Peter Slipper, M.H.R

Pete in the Park

Peter Slipper, M.H.R. will be holding an informal sausage sizzle in Mill Park, Simpson Street, Beerwah on Saturday, May 3.

This event aims to provide a casual afternoon event where local residents have a chance to meet me and discuss local issues. With so many of us leading such busy lives during the week, with work and school drop-offs and the like, it is difficult to find time for many things.

The sausage sizzle is a chance for local residents to meet their local elected representative. RSVP to his office at 5443 3555 for catering purposes is requested.

Jobs rates

It is a concern to hear that the number of jobs advertised in major Australian newspapers has recently fallen to the lowest level in 14 years. This method of analysing the jobs market may seem primitive but it has long helped provide an indicator for the state of the employment sector in Australia.

Some experts suggest the fall in jobs ads is a result of recent interest rates rises. The SEEK Employment Index, which was released recently, measures the rate of new job ads as it compares to job applications. The index fell by 2.8% in March.

Sex discrimination

A reminder that Australia's Sex Discrimination Commissioner will be holding a series of forums in Queensland on 14-18 April. The "Listening Tour" is seeking input on how best to build a fair and equal society for women and men in Australia.

For further information about the Listening Tour, visit: www.humanrights.gov.au

Wound care

New research projects into wound management will benefit from around \$500,000 in funding.

Over 270,000 older residents suffer chronic wounds, and the research is expected to try to find solutions to treatment and also promote shorter stays in high care hospitals and also improve comfort for sufferers.

The wound management research programme will receive funding through the second round of Encouraging Best Practice in Residential Aged Care Program (EBPRAC). Individual projects will focus on federally-funded aged care homes.

News from Maleny Bowls Club



by Chairman Ian Hansen

For a welcome change, all 4 scheduled games were able to be played last week. On Monday the Men's Monthly Jackpot Pairs were taken out by local players, Tom Jollow & Les Bennett with 2 wins plus 13. The runners-up with plus 16 in the second game were regular prize-getters Ian Garrett & Nev Pedrana of Pelican Waters. The Jackpot of \$125 wasn't won when plus 31 was drawn from the barrel so will be worth \$150 next month. Warwick Mills was the lucky raffle winner.

Tuesday, 30 players contested Jackpot Triples and for the first time to my knowledge, the winners, Dulcie Sperling, Jo Littler & Doug Frawley with 2 wins plus 20, also took out the Jackpot of \$216. The Touchers went to Margaret Ginns, Gail Turner & Bob Caulley while Nev Littler, not to be outdone by wife Jo, won the raffle.

Friday's Social Bowls winners were Cal Thomas & Ian Hansen with a score of plus 14. Only one of the Sponsors' Prize winners was present and this happened to be Jo Littler who took The Maleny Paint prize to cap off a profitable week for the Littlers. Other winners would have been: Craig Porter for the IGA now worth \$120 this week, Tony Gentle for The Full Monte, Joy Peters for Beechwood Bakehouse & John Wildman for QLD Villages now worth \$60 this week. Ewan Sweeting was the lucky raffle winner.

A Barbeque followed the Bowls and was enjoyed by those present. Thanks to the cooks & helpers in the kitchen for all your work.

The field for Sunday's mixed Pairs was a little disappointing but quite a few regulars were away. None-the-less the bowls were enjoyed by all present as there was minimal disruption from rain showers. The winners with 2 wins plus 15 were Olive Frazer & Ewan Sweeting **Continued back page**

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Chopper incidents in Sumatra, 1975



More stories from local mining drilling expert, Maleny resident and author about incidents

that he witnessed during his journeys into third world countries.

When we started the assignment, my rig was out of action, so I was delegated to be the loadmaster for the heli-moves, and designed and built all the slings used on the project. Eventually Airfast, the Australian chopper company, hired ex-Air Force load masters with radio communication, and I went back to drilling. Also I had to design rig modifications for the air lifts and inadvertently one of the modifications caused a helicopter crash on my rig.

To help set the mast on top of the rig I bolted a small frame at the drill head, with angle braces for support. On day shift the chopper was being manoeuvred by hand signals, when the pilot started to drift back and one heli skid became caught in the cross brace.

Unable to explain as we had no radios, Mel the pilot powered up instead of forward, and the chopper crashed onto its back. No one was hurt although the chopper took months to be repaired, and a safety cable was fitted to all chopper skids to prevent any further accidents.

One time Airfast asked me to help check out drill sites, so with Mel (ex - Vietnam) at the cyclic and the chief mechanic (Bob) and myself in the back we set off for the new area. Bob started to run back and forth causing Mel to have a difficult time controlling the chopper, when suddenly a rear window blew out. That sobered us up, and we found out later that Indonesian villagers had climbed the fence around our camp and stolen the emergency food supplies carried on the chopper by forcing that window, which we never did find. Airfast used Huey Ones, the Vietnam era workhorses of the air, and many of the pilots were veterans of that conflict.

Bowls Club Notes Continued

with the husband & wife combination of Bob & Helen Caulley taking the runners-up prize with plus 16 in the second game. Those new red bowls seem to be working really well from what I saw, Helen.

Congratulations to all the winners in the four competitions.

The month of April is a busy one for Bowlers with Bowls scheduled for 3 days both this week & next. There was the usual Jackpot Pairs/Triples on Tuesday, the Triples Day on Thursday & Social Bowls on Friday. The following week is similar with the Ladies Only Day on Wednesday, 16th of April, as well as the normal Tuesday & Friday Bowls.

Also in April is the LifeMembers Day on Thursday 24th of April & the Chaplaincy Charity Day on Sunday the 27th.

As well as all the Bowling Days there is also the "Treasure Hunt Car Rally" on Sunday 20th of April. All the particulars for this day are on the notice-board at the Club & names are required as a Barbeque will be held after the rally.

Please get your names down on the various boards for any or all of these activities if you intend to participate.

Good Bowling All.

This week's Saying

Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

.....Think about it

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