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Witta Rec Club Fun day

The Witta Recreation Club is holding a "fun day" at their sportsground on Sunday March 21st.

There will be a round robin of cricket starting 9a.m.

For nearly 100 years the Witta Club has been connected closely with the local community and cricket was a very important community activity.

One famous Witterite who first played at that ground subsequently went on to play test cricket for Australia. He was Otto Nothling who played both Test Cricket and Rugby Union for Australia in the 1920's.

The Witta Sports Club is about to upgrade their sporting fields and facilities to cater for the growing number of people participating in sports. As a result of that upgrade the old concrete cricket pitch has to be removed.

This fun day is to mark the removal of the cricket pitch and to celebrate the improved facilities that are being created.

This is going to be a great day of fun and friendship so why not go along and celebrate with club members.

For further information contact Judy Cox on 5494 4364.

Montville - Palmwoods Road has had enough

The Sunshine Coast has received more than sufficient rainfall since December 2009 and many people are now waiting for it to clear. In spite of the amounts of rainfall received there has been very little damage or inconvenience.

That is except for the roadway between Montville and Palmwoods which is now closed to through traffic as a result of three large landslips along the winding section of roadway.

Water continues to rush down the surrounding hills and has water-logged the road base causing the roadway to slide away down the hill.

Councillor Jenny McKay said she planned to make sure Main Roads, who had control of the road, made its repair a priority as it is the main road connection between Palmwoods and Montville. It is also a major tourist route to and from the

Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Cr McKay continued, "We did upgrade Razorback Road but it was never designed to take all the traffic. This is going to be quite inconvenient to some people."

Drivers have to be very careful driving. Do not drive through running water across a roadway. You can never be sure what is under that water. That water may be hiding a major pothole or even a landslide that could swallow up the vehicle.

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Maleny hospital gets a new flag...



Local Member for Fisher Peter Slipper presented a new Australian flag recently to Maleny Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. Pictured at the presentation are, from left, Wayne Peters, Dr Ted Chamberlain, Member for Fisher Peter Slipper and Registered Nurse Sally Carn.

Blackall Range Woodies to hold an open day.

Members of The Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc are holding an open day at their workshop on March 13th between 9a.m. and 3p.m.

Their workshop is situated at the Montville Sports Ground which is approximately 3km south of Montville on the Montville-Maleny road.

Members of the public are invited to attend to see some of the activities that this social group of woodworkers.

There will be an auction of woodworking tools at 11a.m. Find out more at their web site at www.blackallrangewoodies.org.au

Two more youths saved from flooded drains

During the last week of torrential rainfall two more young people had to be rescued after being washed along flooded drains in which they had been playing.

One youth in Brisbane and another in Charleville were lucky to be alive, having been rescued by emergency service personnel.

Drains are dangerous places at any time, but more so when areas are receiving torrential rainfall. It is important for young people to understand the dangers that exist as each time heavy rainfall is received we hear of another tragedy or lucky escape.

It may be great fun, but the fun stops when young lives are put at risk.

The volume of water in storm water drains can rise and fall so very quickly and it is easy for somebody to be caught unaware.

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*Who remembers the old days
Using a beer bottle as the hand reel when
going fishing. (Unlike today the fish didn't
seem to know the difference.)...*

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Truth-ful Jones Tells... he heard about



his grandson got his driving permit.

He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss his use of the family car.

His father said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little, and get your hair cut, then we will talk about it."

A month later the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said, "Son, I'm real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get a hair cut!"

The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know dad, I've been thinking about that. You know Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair."

His father replied, "Yes son, and they walked everywhere they went!"

Morale; A little bit of honey will always beat a bottle of vinegar when wanting to get the world to change, even if it is only one task at a time and the victim really wants to benefit.

Maleny school administrator charged with fraud

A senior administration officer from the Maleny State school has been charged with fraud. Most of the fraud related to 10 transactions made by Cavill.

Well respected, Anthony (Tony) Cavill, senior administration officer has been charged with fraud after a police investigation into certain administrative procedures at the Maleny State School. An audit found that approximately \$20,000 went missing from school accounts between August 2007 and February 2009.

Mr. Cavill has been an employee at the school since the early 1990's.

Mr Cavill was sentenced to two years in jail, wholly suspended,

on each of four charges of fraud with which he was charged.

In sentencing Mr. Cavill in the Maroochy District Court on March 4th Judge Robinson said that Mr Cavill had made a full admission to police, entered an early guilty plea and was genuinely remorseful. Judge Robinson continued that he was satisfied Mr Cavill would not offend again.

Mr Cavill was ordered to pay full restitution within a week or he will be jailed for six months.

Judge Robinson said, "It is unlikely that Mr Cavill would find work in his field again, and had brought shame upon his family."

Water stocks now at much higher levels

Only a few months ago water levels in the area were at very low levels.

Today the dam levels in South East Queensland are sitting just under the 97% levels. This is a good sign for Queensland residents as it ensures a water supply for at least the next 3 years without further rainfall.

Baroon Pocket Dam at Maleny is over 105% full and Obi Creek still is running at higher levels into the dam.

Water from Baroon Pocket Dam is still being pumped into the Brisbane water supply from Launders Shute Water Treatment plant and will continue to be pumped into the foreseeable future.

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The health system - is it a change for the better?

The Maleny area is fast becoming a home for retirees and this trend will grow at an even faster rate over the next decade. There is no doubt about that.

One of the biggest concerns to face this group of people into the future is going to be personal health care.

For the past decade the provision of public health care in Queensland, and in particular the Sunshine Coast area has been on the decline and this impacts harshly on the individual as they grow older.

With the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd announcing that the Commonwealth is prepared to take over the funding for 60% of hospital costs and the full cost of primary health care.



This begs the question - Is the hospital system in Australia half pregnant? Why would any government take control of funding for just 60% of health care.

The State governments have all proved that they singularly are unable to provide a "healthy" health system as the rules as they stand today are formulated.

Surely, if Mr. Rudd believed that the Commonwealth could provide a better and more efficient health system throughout Australia, and a Commonwealth system throughout all Australia on the face of it appears to be a more efficient system then why not take over 100% of the system.

The last thing that the health sys-



tem needs is another level of bureaucracy as it is already drowning in bureaucracy.

As Australians are now mobile surely the first step should be an Australia wide information system so that patients health records are available so that any medical treatment that patient receives is appropriate, taking all the medical facts into account.

A consistent standard of medical treatment throughout Australia is also important and this also comes from constant medical records.

This health shake-up is surely a brave move by the Prime Minister and one that has to be given serious thought.

We do need to remember though that the Commonwealth has previously run an Australian wide health system, albeit limited to the military forces, but they handed their hospitals over to the states in the 1980's. The Commonwealth run military health service was plagued by blowout costs as a result of bureaucracy problems.

Local networks having input into local hospitals is not new as Queensland did have hospital boards until the early 1990's when the then labor government disbanded them in favour of a more bureaucracy directed run organisation - supposedly to be more cost efficient.

How will this overhaul change the private health system as we know it today? Will this become more a system for the very rich at the expense of the middle income classes?

Medical practitioners will have a big influence in whether this scheme becomes a success. In past years they have been strongly against any type of



nationalised medical system as they are less able to dictate costs for certain medical procedures. This opposition to anything likely to impede their ability to price set is likely to continue.

There are many unanswered questions to be answered and need to be fully answered and planned in stone before any further elections or referendums.

One thing that Australia does not need as a result of this shakeup of the Australian health system is that this issue is used as an excuse to raise the rate of G.S.T. taxation to 12 or 15% - or any rise at all.

At this time in Australia's history all the balls are in a line for a change in the rate of G.S.T. as all states and the commonwealth need to agree on the rate change and none of the state governments will want to forfeit any of their G.S.T. monies and are likely to present a big push not to do so.

Having said all of that this is a serious problem that has to be faced in the next few years and there is little time left to waste if we as a nation are to get on top of our health system problems.

There will undoubtedly be many hidden agendas being brought to the fore during the discussions. Some parts of Australian society may find some of the proposed changes a bitter pill to swallow.



Not all agendas are in the interested in the wellbeing of the ordinary Australian.

But, so what. When have many of the decisions made at high levels of government been for the good of the common man. On this occasion we need to give this important matter some impartial consideration as what we have now is not working very satisfactorily.

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Pet owners ...be warned

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council is to start a program specifically aimed at ensuring that dogs are registered.

In 2009 there were around 35,000 registered dogs in the Sunshine Coast Council area. In 2010 more than 8,000 of those have not been re-registered. Council Officers will now be moving around the Sunshine Coast area checking for dog registrations.

Owners of unregistered animals can face fines of up to \$200.

Sunshine Coast Council response services manager Ron Thomas said, "Council endeavours to make registration as affordable as possible by offering lower fees to responsible owners who de-sex and microchip their dogs. Dogs that are not registered cannot be easily identified if they are lost or stolen."

If you have any inquiries about animal registration contact 1300 00 7272.

Precinct master plan takes shape

The Maleny Community Precinct master plan is steadily taking shape according to the latest edition of the Sunshine Coast monthly enews.

It indicated that at a recent meeting of the working group, planning consultants and council officers defined the key issues to be resolved during the master planning process.

Priorities include road access to the site, determining the best use of the available flat land and maintaining environmental buffers around the wetlands and the creeks within the precinct.

Additionally, there is a need to determine the best location for Barung Landcare, whether or not one or two sporting clubhouses will be required, and how the development will be staged.

With the issues now identified, everyone is ready to work together to find solutions.

Let's hope that some outcomes are soon seen instead of just hot air.

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.

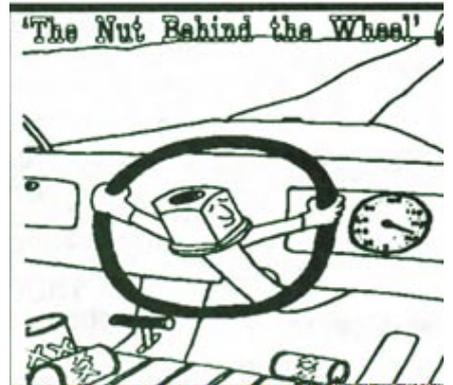
They are not only a danger to themselves but they are a danger to other road users who have no control over the prevailing situation, not through their actions but the actions of the inconsiderate drivers.

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: -



To the young driver of the holden commodorer sedan. He knows who he is - he wears his cap back to front. His lack of consideration to other drivers as he exceeds speed limits in the town area is bound to come to a sticky end before too long. Hope that it is you, not the innocent party that is injured.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Grilled Fish

- Fish again - I don't mind!

Ingredients

- * 1 small whiting, bream or garfish
- * Small piece of butter or some oil
- * 1 lemon
- * 1 tablespoon Maitre d'Hotel Butter.

Directions

Prepare fish. Sprinkle with juice of half a lemon and brush with melted butter or oil.

Place on greased gridiron. Grill 8 to 10 minutes. Place on hot serving plate.

Place Maitre d'Hotel Butter (green butter) on top. Garnish with slices of lemon.

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Blackall Range

Woodworker's Guild

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Cheers Pres Dave



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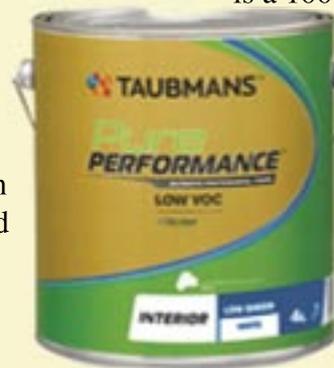
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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Online Fraud

The Australian Federal Police are warning all internet users, including teenagers, that online fraud can impact anyone.

The AFP particularly warned that an increase in the use of social networking websites, which often request highly personal information, can potentially expose users to identity theft.

Identity theft occurs when internet users are not careful and place too much information onto publicly accessible social websites.

For further information, visit www.scamwatch.gov.au or phone 1300 795 995.

Meet Pete in Park

I am continuing my programme of free community sausage sizzles across the electorate in coming weeks.

These are the latest in a series of these sausage sizzles that have proved very popular. The events are designed to give local residents a chance to catch up and chat with me about local issues, in an infor-

mal setting.

The events are planned for Eudlo, Glasshouse and Mooloolah on 10 April and Montville, Maleny, Conondale on 17 April.

If you have any queries, contact my office on 5444 4888.

Seniors Forum

Popular Member of Parliament Bronwyn Bishop, the Shadow Minister for Seniors, is confirmed as the key speaker at the 10th annual Fisher Seniors' Forum and Expo, which will be held on May 21 at the Lake Kawana Community Centre. Please call my office on 07 - 5444 4888 to book your place.

Snakes Alive

All people are urged to be on the lookout for increased activities involving snakes.

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