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Our Thoughts

The water pipeline to Maleny is back on the agenda. Back in about 2000 the Caloundra City Council and the State Government were on the brink of constructing a pipeline to the Maleny area to pipe water from the Baroon Pocket Treatment Plant.

This was a \$3 million project at the time.

The Maleny Water Group was formed and fought very hard to defeat this proposal.

Why is it that today this pipeline has become so important that after only a very short time it is again on the agenda?

Was Calacqua's original plan for a pipeline a correct decision? Why was it necessary to have the plan scrapped at that time? Why is that pipeline now needed? Was the Maleny population duped when the plan was cancelled?

Where to from here and how much extra is it going to cost us ratepayers?

RANGE HENS NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Range Hens is on Tuesday April 17th at 6.30pm at Gypsies licensed restaurant, Rainforest Plaza, Maleny, starting with a welcome drink followed by a great meal.

The last meeting was held at Maudy's Restaurant and proved once again to be a great fun night.

Why not go along and meet some new friends.

If you wish to attend this great fun evening give Diann at Simply Stylish a buzz on 54999533.

The answer is in your hands.....

The Easter break has come and gone and mostly we have had a very happy time, enjoyed family around us.

Unfortunately, there are four Queensland families to whom Easter was not so kind. And, over this year I suspect that we will have over 300 families in the same situation. Those are the families that have lost loved ones on our roadways during the year.

Four dead on Queensland Roads in four days - just not good enough. Why has this happened? One cannot blame anyone else but ourselves as drivers.

Talk to anyone who has lost a loved one in a traffic accident and they all tell you that their loss was unnecessary. These are deaths that we can avoid, as drivers if we are serious.

Only last week whilst travelling through the "Ice Box" I was overtaken over double lines by a late model red sedan only to have the driver push in in front of me because of oncoming traffic. This red car then had the brakes jammed on so that it did not collide with the car in front of it. Only a few kilometers down the road the car pulled into a driveway on the left side of the road. What was the purpose of putting a number of innocent people at risk?

It matters little what the Government, the police, the council or anyone else does, this problem can

be solved only by the person actually holding the steering wheel.

Why is it that people appear to lose all sense of danger when they get into the driver's seat of a vehicle on a road. It is obvious to me that it is not necessary to have a brain to obtain a driver's license.



Maybe we should start to look at other more draconian ways of attempting to make our roads safer,

such things as confiscating the vehicle being driven for repeat offenders, disqualifying absolutely a driver's license with NO CHANCE of having it returned for persistent offenders, official shaming of persistent offenders.

The present methods of enforcement are just not working and the bloodshed just continues. What would the outcry be like if we had lost four dead in Iraq over the last four days. Where are our priorities.

The most dangerous part of any motor car still remains that nut behind the wheel.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Well, what do you think will change the attitude of vehicle drivers? There have to be some practical ways of compelling drivers to drive within their ability. You may have some ideas as to how this problem can be beaten.

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Truthful Jones

Tells... us that we should be sure and cancel your credit cards before you die! This is what happened when his poor mother died recently without cancelling her credit card this past January, and her bank billed her for February and March for their annual service charges on her credit card, and then added late fees and interest on the monthly charge. The balance had been \$0.00, there is now somewhere around \$60.00 in charges. Truthful placed a call to her bank: TJ : "I am calling to tell you that my Mum died in January." BANK: "The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply." TJ : "Maybe, you should turn it over to collections." BANK : "Since it is two months past due, it already has been." TJ : "So, what will they do when they find out she is dead?" BANK : "Either report her account to the frauds division or report her to the credit bureau, maybe both!" TJ : "Do you think God will be mad at her?" BANK : "Excuse me?" TJ. : "Did you just get what I was telling you . . . the part about her being dead?" BANK : "Sir, you'll have to speak to my supervisor." **Supervisor gets on the phone:** TJ : "I'm calling to tell you, my MUM died in January." BANK : "The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply." TJ. : "You mean you want to collect from her estate?" BANK : (Stamer) "Are you her lawyer?" TJ : "No, I'm her son." (Lawyer info given) BANK : "Could you fax us a certificate of death?" TJ. : "Sure." (fax number is given) After they get the fax: BANK : "Our system just isn't set up for death. I don't know what more I can do to help."

TJ : "Well, if you figure it out, great! If not, you could just keep billing her. I don't think she will care."



BANK : "Well, the late fees and charges do still apply."
TJ : "Would you like her new billing address?"
BANK: "That might help."
TJ. : "Witta Cemetery, Witta Rd, Maleny. 4552 Plot Number 69."
BANK : "Sir, that's a cemetery!"
TJ. : "What do you do with dead people on your planet?"

Ed: You may think that this is a bit funny. This exact situation occurred with TELSTRA after the death of my son, who had a mobile phone contract. The upshot was we had to pay out the remaining time on the contract.

So much for "telstra - working for the people" and having consideration for their customers

This week's Saying
A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked.

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A Local link with Maryborough's history

It is amazing how minds think, I had two people contact me this week about a local link with Maryborough's history. Both Mary and Elizabeth were talking about Ian Russell and Anne De Lisle (Russell) restoring Baddow House, one of the original dwellings built in Maryborough about 1883.

Anne de Lisle, formerly of Montville now lives in the historic town of Maryborough, north of Brisbane, with her husband, Ian Russell. Ian is well known and well liked around the Maleny and Montville areas.

Anne and Ian set about to bring Beddow House back from the dead as it had deteriorated to such a point where if left for too much longer it would have been past restoration.

This turned into a job of both love and despair as one problem after another had to be confronted and the financial cost continued to grow as a result of some of these unforeseen problems.

In spite of this the pair continued and the final result is that an important part of Maryborough's and indeed, Queensland's history has been restored to its original glory. This included the iron railings that were removed during the second world war so that the iron could be used as part of the war effort.

For those interested in history, Maryborough is a great place to spend a weekend. There is so much history there for a regional city. It is worth mentioning that on the last weekend of the month the parklands in the centre of town is a hive of activity, including the Maryborough Brass Band recitals and a model steam engine display.

On the Saturday night you can do a historical meal tour and a tour of the cemetery. All good fun and very interesting.

You can read more about Anne DeLisle at this website:
<http://www.annedelisle.com/>

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Try this for a little adventure

Here is something to think about as a little adventure one Saturday afternoon. I found this web site and it is worth a little look.

Ralph Tuijn, a Dutchman is rowing from Peru to Brisbane. He left Peru in March, 2007 and he expects to arrive in end-September.

The goal of the "ZEEMAN OCEAN CHALLENGE" is to cross the Pacific Ocean at its widest point - solo. The 16,000-kilometer crossing will not make use of any motorised or wind-related power. This extreme challenge will take between 7 and 9 months to complete and will be non-stop, without re-supplies or any other support.

Ralph is presently about 1200 kms into the journey and has ONLY 10,630 kms to go ...who is counting. You can follow this journey on the below mentioned web site;

<http://www.zeemanoceanchallenge.com/index.php?language=EN>

Maleny Relay for Life

A State-wide cancer fundraiser

It is almost time again for the Maleny Relay for Life 18 hour team relay which raises funds for the Cancer Council, Queensland.

This event had its beginning in 2006 and since then has raised in excess of \$22,000.

Cancer Council, Queensland receives NO government funding so all its work is funded from fundraising events. The chance of surviving cancer gets greater each year and this is because of the work done as a result of this funding.

This year the actual relay is on October 13th & 14th at the Maleny Showgrounds but on Saturday April 21st this year's launch will take place at the Community Street Kiosk.

A Craft Project made easy.....

Achieving a smooth paint finish?

Find it frustrating when using a brush to have bristles fall out onto your surface and to have visible brush strokes?

Selleys Spirit brushes are made using Dupont tapered paintbrush filaments to deliver a perfectly smooth paint finish everytime and are guaranteed not to loose their bristles.

Paintbrush filaments are uniquely processed and conditioned to ensure excellent paint release a smooth application on all surfaces.

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Superior quality filaments result in a brush that is easier to clean. Dupont tapered paintbrush filaments ensure Selleys Spirit brushes hold their shape for ease of use and control.

Selleys Spirit brushes come with a 1 year guarantee against manufactures defects so you can be confident that the brush will perform to your highest expectations.

Soak your Selleys Spirit brush in the appropriate solvent for 5 minutes before use to make cleaning easier.

Brushes only apply paint from the tip of the bristles, so only dip the tip of the brush in the paint to avoid drips and runs and to make cleaning easier.

Hang your brush to dry in the packaging provided so it's ready to use for next time. They are available at Maleny Paint Place.

Need Help buying a car?

New or second hand

With Sandra Kelly

Suncoast Auto Brokers can help take the stress out of buying a new or second hand car.

If you agree to purchase the vehicle, a 'Vehicle Registration Transfer Application' form available from Queensland Transport or online will have to be filled out by the two parties, read this form carefully.

You as the buyer are responsible by law for making the transfer within 14 days. This also includes being responsible for all transfer costs such as stamp duty and outstanding registration if the vehicle was registered at a concessional rate, such as senior or veteran.

Beware of the backyard dealer!

Be on guard for this operator who poses as a private seller. One indicator may be that there are a lot of cars lying around his backyard.

They are usually unlicensed and you won't have any chance of compensation if you purchase a dodgy vehicle.

From the finance to the insurance and picking the car. Click on this space to go to their web site.

A Coming Event

The Caloundra City Council will be holding a Maleny Community Precinct Community Options Design Workshop between 10.00am and 2.30pm on Saturday 21st April, 2007. It will be held at the Maleny Showgrounds Pavilion.

The event will be seeking the community's involvement in the development and evaluation of various options for the future use of the Porter's site.

Lunch will be provided, so for catering purposes, please RSVP by the 13 April 2007 on 5420 8998 or email malenycpp@caloundra.qld.gov.au.

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FREE PUBLIC TALK AT MARY CAIRCROSS SCENIC RESERVE

Members of the public are invited to attend the next Free Public Talk.

WHERE: Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve, Education Building 148 Mountain View Road, Maleny.

SPEAKER: Spencer Shaw, local speaker **TOPIC:** "Bush Tucker"

WHEN SAT 21 April, 11.30am-12.30pm.

If interested, please phone the Reserve on 5499 9907 as seats are limited.

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An insight into Maleny History

Maleny Historian - Harvey Bryce



Great Northern Line couldn't climb the Blackall Range

About 100 years ago some smart government officials designed the Great Northern Line. A railway line out of Brisbane headed for Gympie. They must have picked up an old map and drew a line and said "put it there". But, when it got to about Beerwah, and had to climb the Blackall Range through Maleny, the contractors found they had a problem. The train couldn't climb over the range!

All the properties on the proposed track were surveyed, resumed and paid for - so the great train line came to a complete stop until a new route was chosen through Landsborough. It was tunnelled through under Tunnell ridge Road and up the coast to Eumundi.

New problem. The rock was so

hard to work that this line went no further for years. Freight up and down was now railed to Brisbane. The line took butter and cattle etc. from Kenilworth by wagon to the train at Eumundi and returned passengers and freight back. Poor Maleny, the station to be built at Witta never saw a train. The track down suicide to Obi Valley would have been pretty fast down, but nice and slow back up.

Some of these resumed portions were sold back by private sale by the government and reattached to original deeds, but there are still some very thin blocks of land for sale totally land-locked with no access. I'll bet they have great views.

Our current town planners and officials obviously learned a lot from our early planners and are now carrying on the fine tradition.

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

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