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Queensland headed for a heatwave says the B O M!

Queensland temperatures are predicted to reach well over 30 degrees Celsius across south east Queensland in coming days.

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) is warning people to keep cool and stay hydrated to avoid heat-related illness.

The signs and symptoms of heat-related illness include: flushed or pale skin; cramps; fainting/collapse; nausea/vomiting; headaches and dizziness; and a rapid pulse, disorientation and/or drowsiness.

Open your windows and doors, and use fans and air-conditioners at home. Alternatively, spend time in an air-conditioned building to keep cool.

If you suspect someone may be suffering from heat-related illness, dial triple zero (000) and get paramedics on the way immediately.

Keep an eye on your elderly neighbours.

Get your tickets now for the 2012 MDSAC Inc Sports Awards Dinner!

The MDSRC wishes everyone a healthy and prosperous 2012.

Clubs are working on nominating their individuals, teams and administrators once more for the 2012 Sports Awards.

Nomination forms are available from gail@mavmuse.com

Nominations close on February 10th. (Please disregard the date TRN published in their last edition, it was incorrect and hopefully, they will attend to that this week.)

The presentation and awards night dinner will take place on Saturday 25th February 2012 at the Show Pavilion

Tickets are on sale for dinner table bookings now, and available from Old Magnolia Lane Gift Shop (next to Mitre 10). Note that the tickets are still \$50.00, great value for a great night out.

Clubs who nominate should be present at the dinner and awards evening; the awards night is always special, and as the major MDSRC fund-raiser for the year, your support of the evening is sincerely appreciated.

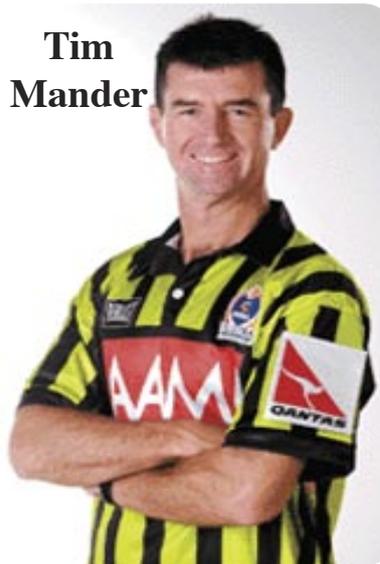
Once again, your chef will be Sherry Wright, with MC Simon Denver and John Mays will serenade you in his unique style.

Your entertaining guest speaker is former top NRL referee Tim Mander, who during his career was in charge of two grand finals and more than

300 NRL games, earning a name for being fair, even-handed and making accurate decisions under incredible pressure.

MDSRC will be holding a general information session regarding the nomination process and how to get the most out of your nominations on Wednesday 25th January at the Bowls Club

Tim
Mander



5.30 pm.

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Maleny RSL Sub Branch

Dodgy Brothers & Shonky Sheilas Bus Trip



The next Dodgy Brothers and Shonky Sheilas RSL Bus Trip is on Tuesday February 14th, 2011. The location at this time is undecided. As soon as Uncle Chris and the team advise of the location for the day then we will let you know.

Lunch will be served "somewhere" in the traditional manner.

The bus departs town at approximately 8.45am and returns at 2.30pm. The fare \$5pp bus only and lunch cost is just \$10.

Lunch is all pre-arranged and monies collected on the bus.

These trips have become very popular so it is highly suggested that you book to ensure that you get a seat.

To make a booking ring the Maleny RSL, phone - 5499 3717.

The Maleny RSL is also holding a trivia nights on Saturday 18th February 2012

Why not attend and test your knowledge against some of the best minds in Maleny. Quizmaster Ray Oldfield kicks off the night at 7.00pm. Be there a little earlier to ensure you don't miss a question and work on the table quiz. There are general knowledge questions and numerous spot prizes throughout the night.

Bring along your own nibbles, there is a licensed bar. Entry to the night is just \$5.00.

Team consist of 6 to 8 people and if you don't have a team, one will be found for you. You are bound to make new friends.

News from the Maleny SES Group



Can you survive after a storm!

If you and your family were isolated by a severe storm or flood, would you have enough food and water for three or more days? What if there was no power or access to telecommunications?

If you're unsure of the answers to these questions, please take the time to complete your emergency plan now and have your emergency plan kit ready so that you can in fact survive a disasterous storm.

The Maleny SES Group trains on Monday Nights at the SES HQ in the showgrounds (the big green building on the left). Training starts at 7pm (be there at quarter to seven just to be early) and finish about 9.30 pm.

Why not become a member of the Maleny SES Group.

Follow Maleny SES on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/malenyses>.



**FLOOD STORM
EMERGENCY
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Mum's favourite Recipes

Tomato Soup with cheesy garlic dippers

Ingredients

- * 400.0g can cherry tomatoes
- * 1.0 tbsp caster sugar
- * 100.0ml vegetable stock
- * 2.0 tbsp mascarpone
- * dash each Tabasco and Worcestershire sauce
- * few torn basil leaves (optional)

FOR THE DIPPERS

- * 1 medium ciabatta roll, halved
- * 1 garlic clove, halved
- * 125.0g ball mozzarella cheese, shredded

Directions

Put the tomatoes, sugar, stock and sauces into a medium pan with some salt and pepper.

Bring to a simmer and cook for 5-10 mins. Stir in the mascarpone and blend to a smooth soup.

Return to the pan and keep warm while you make the dippers.

Heat the grill to high and toast the ciabatta until golden. Rub with the garlic, season, then top with the cheese and grill until melted and golden.

Slice into fingers and serve with the soup, sprinkled with the basil, if using.

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. Sometimes this is because they are not aware that road rules change from time to time.

One of our readers suggested that we should have a quick refresher of some of those rules.

The most dangerous thing about travelling in a motor vehicle is still the "NUT BEHIND THE WHEEL".



If I can turn into a driveway across a single continuous centre line, why can't I do a U-turn?

A single continuous centre line is used in potentially dangerous situations, to restrict traffic manoeuvres.

A right turn into a driveway or road takes a shorter time to complete than a U-turn. A driver doing a U-turn may cause vehicles in the new direction of travel to slow unexpectedly, potentially creating a safety hazard.

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Local naturalist Grant talks nature

Spangled Drongo - "*Dicrurus Bracteatus*"

Just before New Years eve I noticed a bit of a commotion between the currawongs, magpies, noisy minors and a pair of spangled drongos on the other side of the hedge at the back of the house where I live.

It settled down after a few minutes, but further on in the day I noticed that a spangled drongo was continuously darting back and forth into the hedge to a constant chirping sound.

It was still going there next morning so I went to take a look and what did I see? In the hedge sitting timidly was a young spangled drongo, all fluffy, half feathered and as hungry as. On the left side of its face below the eye it showed signs of minor scarring and it had very short tailfeathers.



Obviously, it had fallen from its nest or perhaps it was to be someone's dinner from the day before. Who knows?

For the next 2 days it was under constant watch, except when asleep, by both parents, either one at a time or both.

Anywhere from 5 to 10 m from the young, the parental birds would dash back and forth collecting insects from mid-air or from the foliage of trees nearby. They continued feeding it until it was full again.

I managed to get a number of shots of the young but I was also cautious as not to upset any of the birds in any way. I even managed a photo of the young ones snoozing.

The following morning he had somehow moved into next door's yard. I could still hear the bird chipping away, but in the afternoon I was outside and noticed a parent and young on an overhanging branch of a tree in the back yard.

I managed one good shot of the pair of them, but upon cropping the photo I noticed it was another young one for this had tail feathers developed and looked fine



on the left side of the face.

So there you go, nature is just full of surprises and even as I write this the parents are still feeding the one with no tail feathers.

After breeding the spangled drongo will migrate either north or south and will go as far as New Guinea and are known throughout Asia, India and South Africa.

They are easily spotted by their unique fish-tail like feathers and their metallic blueish-greenish feathers. They are a very agile bird.

I first noticed these birds in 2007, then again in 2008 and I took a couple of shots of a pair with a young one in Coral street, Maleny.

They were feeding the young with one parent feeding the young with the aid of a talon across the young's neck.

Now I know a bit more about this beautiful bird.



About the Author

Long termed Maleny resident, Grant Meyer loves photographing insects, animals and native flowers.

Over the coming issues he will bring us some photos of some of the natural scenes that he has witnessed along with an explanation of the story surrounding the photo.

The story is often as interesting, if not more than the photo.

The photos shown in this series of stories are taken by Grant and are available for sale from him.

He can be contacted on mobile phone 0404 606 677.

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Sunshine Coast Regional Council Waste Removal Service for the infirmed

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council provides a waste removal service available for those too infirm to put out their own wheelie bins. There is no extra charge for the service but there are some criteria.

Waste bins must be within 60m of curbside or waste service point and there is no other person in the house available to put out bins. If a person qualifies, they should obtain an application form, have their GP complete the necessary confirmation and submit the form to Council.

There is no retirement village service.

The Council requests that any customers enquiring about this program should firstly contact Customer Service on (07) 5475 7272.

Maleny RFB Roundup



with

Donna & Norm Lewis
Volunteer Community
Education Officers

Security of your home is important - but!

We are always being told that the security of our home is of vital importance, but some additional facts must also be considered.

While a security door may keep intruders out, it can also trap occupants during an emergency and prevent access by emergency services.

Check these safety tips:

Make sure the location of the security door key is known and accessible to all occupants so people inside can leave quickly or allow swift access by emergency services

Check that steps to the house are in good order with handrails on both sides. Fix non-slip strips to the steps to reduce the risk of falls.

Minimise clutter on the front verandah, patio or porch for ease of access or exit.

In the entry area, shiny, slippery floors, wrinkled carpet runners or dim lighting can cause a fall. Therefore, consider your family, emergency services personnel and others who make regular house calls, such as Meals on Wheels and Blue Care, so they are not at risk.

By checking these simple things around your home the overall safety of you and your family is greatly improved.

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Here is an opportunity to win a room makeover from Paint Place

Win a room makeover from Paint Place. There are 5 x \$200 gift cards to be won.

To enter simply cut and paste the web address below into your browser and follow the prompts.

This is a great opportunity to make that room look just the way you would like it to look.

Simply upload a photo of your room and explain why your room needs a makeover.

This competition is open until January 31st, 2012.

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Time to have your say on the future of Residential Home Parks

It has been nearly twelve months since consultation forums were held with stakeholders within the residential park sector and the Member for Glass House, Andrew Powell MP, has welcomed the release of a discussion paper that encourages comments and submissions from the public.

"Changes to this sector are a big deal to many people in the Glass House community who have chosen to make a permanent home for themselves in one of many manufactured home parks throughout the Sunshine Coast.

"The residential home park community were outraged in 2009 when legislative changes were introduced into Parliament that were set to have a massive effect on the way of life for residents of these parks and also operational changes for park owners.

"On behalf of very passionate Glass House locals I presented a petition to the Parliament in 2009 that demanded the Government provide better consultation opportunities with the residential park community when considering legislative changes," Mr Powell commented.

Copies of the discussion paper titled 'Residential parks – strategies for encouraging alternative manufactured home sites in Queensland' is available through Mr Powell's office or www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au/manufactured_homes. Submissions can be made in writing by 31 January 2012 or alternatively a questionnaire can be completed online.

"Over 100 people turned out for the information forum last February which just goes to show how many in our community are affected by and interested in this issue.

"It is important that all of those involved with a manufactured home park have their say on what happens to the future of this style of living," Mr Powell concluded.

Happy New Year from Maleny Grove Retreat

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard



about Something that happened to him when he was on holidays in the Middle East. The authorities were leading a priest, a drunkard and an engineer to the guillotine. They asked the priest if he wanted to face up or down when he meets his fate.

The priest said that he would like to face up so that he will be looking toward heaven when he dies. So, they raise the blade of the guillotine, release it and it comes speeding down and suddenly stops just inches from his neck.

The authorities take this as divine intervention and release the priest.

Next the drunkard comes to the guillotine. He also decides to die face up hoping that he will be as fortunate as the priest. They raise the blade of the guillotine, release it and it comes speeding down and suddenly stops just inches from his neck.

So, the authorities release the drunkard as well.

Next is the engineer. He also decides to die facing up. They slowly raise the blade of the guillotine when suddenly the engineer shouts, "WAIT!!!... I think the problem is right there where the cable is binding!!!"

Morale: Sometimes having too much information can be a dangerous thing for the holder - especially when that person must show his knowledge.

Click here to go to our "Events Guide"

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Maleny Library Coming Events Story and Craft

There will be an event for children between the ages of 3 and 6 to be held in the children's area of the Maleny library on Thursday the 26th January, 2012 between 10.30a.m. and 11a.m.

The event includes sharing rhymes, songs and stories with toddlers, followed by simple craft.

This programme is a free program and bookings are not required. Parental supervision is required.

The library details are: Maleny Library, 5 Coral Street, Maleny - Phone (07) 5435 3100.

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To buy this DVD you simply click on this link when connected to the internet and then look for the search field at the CD Universe tab on the HG Gig Guide web page.

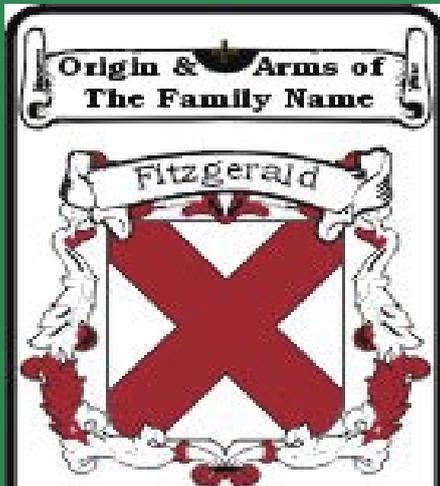
At the CD Universe web site enter the film title into the search box and it will take you to the shopping cart.



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LET US FIND OUT
A BIT ABOUT OUR
SURNAMES



**Origin & Arms of
The Family Name**

The Fitzgeralds of Ireland are said to all descend from the famous Maurice, son of Gerald, who accompanied Strongbow in the Anglo-Norman invasion in 1169. Gerald was constable of Pembroke in Wales and was married to Nesta, Princess of Wales. Fitzgerald means 'son of Gerald' - the prefix from the French *fils* meaning 'son' - becoming *Mae* in Irish hence the use of *MaeGearailt* as the Gaelic form of the name. Two of the most influential families in Ireland were Fitzgeralds, the Dukes of Leinster of Maynooth, Co. Kildare, known in history by their earlier titles of Earls of Kildare, whilst the Munster branch headed by the Earls of Desmond, were destroyed as a great family in the wars of the sixteenth century.

For further information about your clan contact Jack Frost - his web address is:

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2012 WOOTHATHA PRIZE ATTRACTS SIGNIFICANT SPONSORSHIP

Thanks to the support of committed sponsors Forestry Plantations Queensland, Landcare Queensland and Wasabi Marketing, Maleny, prize monies for the Wootha Prize will increase significantly in 2012.

First Prize of \$2,500 is generously sponsored by Forestry Plantations Queensland, with Landcare Queensland offering Second Prize of \$750 and Wasabi Marketing, Third Prize of \$500. A \$500 People's Choice Award, sponsored by Forestry Plantations Queensland, will be on offer for the first time in 2012.

Judges will also nominate artists to receive the coveted Design Excellence and Craftsmanship Awards.



2011 Woottha Prize Winner
Sandra Skodnik

The Woottha Prize forms the feature exhibition at the annual Maleny Wood Expo, held at the Maleny Showgrounds in early May, and in the past has attracted entries from as far away as Western Australia.

The 2012 competition theme - "One Door" - is open to artistic interpretation, and entries may be contemporary or traditional in design. All works must be constructed of sustainably harvested Australian timbers, or recycled or weed timbers, and may incorporate other mediums.

The Maleny Wood Expo is also accepting applications from woodworkers interested in having a site at the 2012 event.

2012 Woottha Prize Application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.malenywoodexpo.org.au>

Both Woottha Prize and Exhibitor Application forms can be accessed by contacting Steve McLeish on 0428 674 335 or steve@malenywoodexpo.org.au

Applications for the 2012 Woottha Prize competition are due at the Barung Landcare office in Maleny by Friday 24th February.



**MALENY
BOWLS CLUB
FRIDAY**

SOCIAL BOWLS

Why not join as a social member and enjoy all the benefits of the club?

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The Musings of an old codger!

Christmas is over and another year has already started. Many of us now are awaiting the arrival of those credit card statements to see just how much we owe the banks.

Both individuals and governments are getting further and further into debt.

Governments are forced to sell assets, lose sovereignty, and place citizens in poverty to repay their debt.

Banks create money from nothing and demand it back, together with unnecessarily high interest.

They encourage waste of money so that they can profit from the interest.

Over the past three years there have been a number of interest rate drops, but have you noticed that there have been no drops in interest on credit cards.

Until we as individuals and our governments learn to live within our financial means our standard of living will progressively sink further and further behind.

Governments can overcome their problem by increasing and feestaxes on the individual, but the majority of individuals can only survive by learning to be more financially responsible.

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

What will 2012 bring in paint colour trends?

One of the most difficult parts of the painting process is actually getting the colours right.

In short no colour is the wrong colour because we are all different and some colours appeal to some of us whilst other people dislike that same colour.

For an idea about what colour personality you have you can go to the web link below and take the test: http://www.facebook.com/paintplace.colour?sk=app_216932091693746

When choosing colour consider who is going to live in the home and what are their likes and



dislikes.

When using paler shades, paint the ceiling the same colour as the walls; It will give a modern, streamlined look.

However, when the big gorgeous bolds enter the house, a lighter ceiling is the way to go.

White is a crisp accent for darker shades and always looks fantastic.

At Paint Place stores you can pick up some great colour brochures which match colours for more tips and ideas.

The 2012 colour trends will include a lot of yellows and greens as well as the tones of deep golds and soft silvers.

Did you ever use such colours on your walls? It might give you a surprise just how well they can look.

If you are unsure if a colour will suit you always consider getting a sample pot to test in your own environment. It is not ideal to choose a colour simply from a colour card, unless you already have a strong idea about the colour for which you are looking.

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Nine lives lost on Queensland Roads in the first 12 days of this year

Road Safety to most of us might be a regular thought as we drive about our business and lives, but unfortunately we have already lost nine lives in the first twelve days of 2012.

This is already two more deaths than for the same period last year, remembering that last year the toll was greater than the year before.

Almost all of these accidents could be avoided with some patience and common sense.

Whilst investigations are continuing into these accidents, early indications are that speed, drink driving, fatigue and not wearing seatbelts – the ‘fatal four’ – may well have contributed.” Police believe that of

all the contributing factors - fatigue is most likely the major cause.

Unfortunately, the ones who are most effected are the family that is left behind to mourn the loss.

The Maleny area has not been spared during this period from some of our residents suffering from the after effects of serious accidents.

With a busy period still to come with people returning home so that their children can return to school it is time to have another think about our road habits.

To reduce road accidents can only really be done by drivers changing some of their habits.

The Sunshine Coast Council Free Bus programme considered a success!

Over the Christmas - New Year 2011 - 2012 the Sunshine Coast Regional Council sponsored a FREE Bus Programme.

“During the fourteen days of the programme more than 250,000 passenger trips were made.” said Councils Transport Chair, Cr. Vivien Griffin.

From figures released following the same programme in 2010 - 2011 the number of trips made increased by just over 50,000.

Cr. Griffin said, “The programme provides hassle-free transport

around the coast for both residents and visitors.

It is hoped that the programme will encourage locals who normally do not consider public transport to change their minds.

Maleny residents could access the coastal transport system through the local public transport bus that runs to Nambour and Landsborough

This programme is funded basically through the council’s public transport levy which is on all Sunshine Coast council rate notices.

Local Councillor to seek re-election!

Cr Jenny McKay, the sitting Division 5 Councillor for the Sunshine Coast Regional Council has stated her intention to re-contest the March local government elections.

Division 5 which includes Maleny and surrounds is the biggest geographical division in the Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

For those seeking further information Cr McKay can be contacted on 5441 8372 or through the council web site at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

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