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Warm clothes for a warm child!

Ranji Chara the Director of the Ebenezer Childcare Trust in Livingstone has reported that the clothes store-room there is bare.

There are now 405 children being cared for by the Trust. In addition to this there is a steady procession of new children coming in from the Saw Mills Area. When they arrive they have nothing and generally are wearing only rags. There is also a pressing need for blankets.

Director of the orphanage, Ranji Chara said, "As winter was soon to be upon them the clothes are needed urgently. And believe me it gets very cold in Livingstone during the winter months."

Ranji is making an urgent appeal for money. This is the most expedient and economical way to handle this dreadful situation she is facing.

Malent resident, Lenore Burton said, "Ranji is most careful handling all monies she receives. As Livingstone has "Op Shops" and Pep Stores (akin to Best & Less) she will put your donation to very good use."

Mrs Burton continued, "Please do not send clothes as it is so expensive to get them to Zambia."

The living conditions for these unfortunate kids is abysmal but the Ebenezer School provides them with 2 nutritious meals daily and well, everything they need for they have absolutely nothing.

The Orphanage is in a position to take only the poorest of the poor and orphan chil-

dren.

Danny Underwood from Danley Constructions in Brisbane said, "We are now in a position to send out a full second container of shoes." That will help with this winter.

The babies in the babies home have been provided for with winter woolies thanks a Gold Coast women's group.

Any donations can be marked 'Clothes' and placed into - **ANZ Bank Maleny Account Name: Friends of Ebenezer Australia Inc. Account No: 486397801 BSB: 014-645**

Or you could send a cheque to the Friends of Ebenezer Australia Inc. at PO Box 49 Maleny Qld 4552 or phone me on 07 54 296 194 for further details.

If you want further information contact Lenore Burton, Director, Friends of Ebenezer Australia Inc of 23 Tamarind Street, Maleny QLD 4552.

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Do you want to follow up your ancestor's records?

Gregson & Weight Funerals has been an Australian family owned and operated funeral business since 1898. The company began as A.F. Weight & Sons at Horsham Victoria, in 1898, with three generations, Alfred, George & Stanley serving that area until 1948. This business then moved to Williamstown, Victoria in 1957 and remained there until 1967.

In 1971 Gregonn + Weight Funerals commenced operation in Caloundra servicing the Sunshine Coast area. Under the supervision of John Gregson and Stan Weight the business flourished and became the most prominent funeral business. Thus a very large number of Sunshine Coast pioneering families were assisted by Gregson + Weight when family members died.

The Caloundra Family History Research Inc. recently set about to record records of funerals performed by Gregson + Weight since 1971.

This group is launching this recording project on Thursday 19th May 2011 at its 18th Birthday Party from 1pm. The group's Patron, State Member for Caloundra, Mark McArdle, will officiate at the Guide Hut in Arthur Street, Caloundra. Guest speakers will include Messrs Royce Gregson, Dick Allchin (RSL Memorial Walk) and Don Wilkie (Coastguard Memorial Wall).

These records will become an important asset for researchers, the index covers close to 20,000 entries and details all funerals conducted by this major firm of funeral directors.

The records include the full name, alias, age at time of death, and funeral location, together with the addresses of the cemeteries and crematoria mentioned in the index. There is also reference to Gregson & Weight's records for further details, if required by researchers.

Cost of the CD-ROM is \$30 pre-launch; \$35 after 20th May 2011 (including postage & packing in Australia).

Anyone wanting a copy of these records can obtain them by emailing any orders to The Caloundra Family History Research Inc. at caloundrafamilyres@y7mail.com. Enquiries can be directed to Valerie Thornton on 075437 3879.

A Mac is as good as it looks.

The NEW iMac has just been released. It features a number of NEW technologies. The Thunderbolt port will give you plug-and-play performance with a whole new world of Thunderbolt peripherals. Thunderbolt pipeline is more than 12 times faster than FireWire 800 and up to 20 times faster than USB 2.0 .



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It is the time of year for hendra virus

The Maleny area has a large percentage of residents who either own horses or have a connection with horses.

The Australian Veterinary Association is warning horse owners to take precautions against Hendra virus as the season for infections approaches.

Anyone working with horses should be on the lookout and immediately report any suspected

cases of Hendra virus infection.

Over the past two years two Veterinarians have died in Queensland after being exposed to infected horses.

The virus is spread by flying foxes.

Common signs to look out for include respiratory distress, frothy nasal discharge, elevated body temperature (above 40°C), and elevated heart rate.

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 mid aged male driver driver of the small brown sedan who was overtaking traffic going down the Landsborough Range on Thursday morning, even though the speed of the traffic was at the legal limit. Maybe leave home 5 mts earlier and you wouldn't miss your train.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Easy Lamb Curry

- This isn't a great tasting meal

Ingredients

- * 125ml (1/2 cup) beef stock
- * 1 large brown onion, chopped
- * 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- * 2 (300g each) lamb eye of loin
- * 2 tbs mild curry paste (Patak's brand)
- * 1 400g can Italian diced tomatoes
- * Salt & freshly ground black pepper
- * Cooked basmati rice, to serve
- * Fresh coriander sprigs, to garnish
- * 1 200g container skim milk natural yoghurt, to serve

Directions

Place the stock, onion and garlic in a medium non-stick saucepan. Cover and bring to the boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low and cook, covered, for 6 minutes or until the onion is soft.

Meanwhile, cut the lamb into 3cm pieces and combine with curry paste.

Transfer the onion mixture to a bowl. Heat the pan over medium-high heat and add a third of the lamb. Cook, tossing occasionally, for 1 minute or until the lamb is just sealed all over. Transfer the lamb to a plate and repeat with the remaining lamb in 2 more batches.

Return the onion mixture to the pan and stir in the tomatoes. Bring to the boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low and cook, partially covered, stirring often, for 6 minutes or until sauce thickens slightly. Stir in lamb and cook, uncovered, stirring often, for a further 2 minutes or until lamb is cooked to medium rare. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Place the rice in serving bowls. Spoon the curry over the rice and top with the coriander. Serve immediately with the yoghurt.

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How do you want to spend the end period of your life?

My dear old mum, in her late 80's, bless her soul spent the last 3 years of her life living what one could only consider to be "not a joyous time". Following a stroke she needed 24 hour care and it was necessary to place her where she could get that care.

Many of us have differing ideas about how we want to live the final years of our life. Irrespective of our personal ideas, it is a good idea to find out all the facts.

A public forum to explore end-of-life issues will be held in Maroochydore on the 15th of May on 1st Floor, Horton Park Golf Club, Maroochydore at 2pm.

The forum aims to inform participants about the services which are available to our ageing population as their health fades, and about the legal authority they have to control what happens to them.

President of the Sunshine Coast Branch of Dying with Dignity Queensland, Alastair Henderson, announced that the forum would have 4 speakers who are experts in their field.

Those speakers are:

- * Associate Professor Dr Rohan Vora, Oncologist from Palliative Care Queensland.
- * Dr Louise Welch from Palliative Care Queensland, Sunshine Coast.
- * Marshall Perron, former Chief Minister of the Northern Territory and architect

of the world first voluntary euthanasia legislation, The NT Rights of the Terminally Ill Act 1996.

- * Solicitor, Byron Cannon from Ferguson, Cannon Lawyers, Maroochydore, who will address legal matters surrounding end of life issues.

Mr Henderson said, "There was understandably a high level of interest in end-of-life issues amongst coast residents. People are living longer and dying more slowly than ever before. Today they want to know the options they have as they approach their final years."

The Sunshine Coast Branch of Dying with Dignity is affiliated with the national organization YourLastRight.com.

That organization strives for legislation to give suffering adults an option of control over the time of their death.

Further enquiries please phone: Alastair or June Henderson 07 54373627.

Environment Levy unchanged

At a special budget meeting last week, Sunshine Coast Council reinforced its commitment to the endorsed Environment Levy Policy and Program and recommended that the Levy remain set at \$60 per annum per rateable property.

Ways to reduce the cost of water!

Following a water leak at their home the cost of water over two periods has cost a reader the price of a small car.

One of the pressures on the individual's budget has been the steeply rising cost of everyday utilities with water being one of the major ones.

Steve Dickson, the LNP Shadow Minister for Energy and Water Utilities said, "The four remaining water entities all paid huge executive salaries which could be slashed. Simply by slashing administration and amalgamating south-east Queensland's bulk water entities the State Labor Government could immediately put \$6 million dollars back into the pockets of water consumers.

He continued, "SEQ Water, Water Secure, Link Water, the Water Commission and the Grid Manager have a combined total of 37 executives on six-figure salaries and the only way that the government can find the money to pay them is through our water bills of course!"

Mr Dickson said an amalgamation under the LNP's four-point plan to limit water price rises, would reduce the number of executive general managers from 17 to 4, board members from 16 to 5 and chief executive officers from 4 to 1.

Sunshine Coast Mayor, Bob Abbot said that it was time for the State Government to end the blame game over water and allow control to be handed back to councils.

He continued that the state has said it would up the wholesale supply by 141% in three years.

"The blame game has gone on too long," he said.

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Local Volunteers awarded

No local community can function without the aid of a lot of people who carry out voluntary work for that community.

Mr Powell said, "It is always pleasurable to be able to name these people who do so much for their communities."

Local state member of Parliament, Andrew Powell is hosting the sec-

ond annual Glass House volunteer award ceremony to coincide with National Volunteers Week celebrations.

The official ceremony was held on May 13th and followed by a morning tea.

Below is a list of award recipients and the organisations they represent.

Volunteers from our area who received awards

Conondale Rural Fire Brigade - Paul Beavis
Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild - George Blowers
Blackall Range Care Group - Gillie Warren
Maleny Blackall Range Lions Club - Graham Bailey
Maleny LNP Branch - Bob Aitken
Maleny Bowls Club - James Leslie Bennett
Maleny District Sport and Rec Club - Gail Denver
Maleny Historical Society - Betty Diefenbach
Maleny Hospital Auxiliary - Margaret Moss
Maleny Swimming Club - Robyn Graham
Maleny Showgrounds Management Committee - Ray Green
Maleny Toastmasters - Margie Richter
5th Light Horse Regiment - Ian Smith
Maleny RSL Sub Branch - Ken and Vicki Smith
Maleny State High School - Fran Tickle
Maleny Meals on Wheels - Judy Hankinson
Maleny Show Society - Robert Hawkins
Maleny Justice of the Peace - Barbara Hays
Maleny Film Society - Nora Julien
TS Centaur - Amanda Cox
Zonta Club of Blackall Range - Gillian Allen
The Range Croquet Club - Neil Lovett
Witta Tennis Club - Garry Martin
Glasshouse Country RSL Sub Branch - Kevin and Margaret Beasley
Glasshouse Mountains Sports Club - Lorna Buxton
Knitting for Brisbane's Needy - Peter and Karen Croke
Glasshouse Country Orchid Society - Noela Frizzo
Glasshouse Mountains Advancement Network - Phyl Medlen
Peachester History Committee - Nessie Pratten
Friends of Bankfoot House - Elaine Reeves
Glasshouse Mountains Rural Fire Brigade - Stephen Rook
Beerwah Neighbourhood Watch - Shelia Williams
Landsborough Rural Fire - Craig Young
Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum - Brian Webber

Federal Government cuts solar rebate scheme

The Federal Government solar rebate scheme is to be cut as from June 30th, 2011.

Whilst the Government is pressing full steam ahead to implement a carbon tax it has cut off what was the most cost-effective means of meeting clean energy targets.

Domestic solar power systems generate electricity from the sun to provide for that dwelling with any surplus being used by other electrical users. Power system owners have the ability to feed any excess power back to the grid for which they are paid 44 cents a kilowatt hour.

With the cost of power increasing dramatically this program had the potential to not only assist residents with being able to overcome this cost, but produce clean, green energy to assist with the problems relating to climate control as solar power is a zero-emission electricity source.

In the recent Federal Budget there was no mention of any projects to foster clean energy sources, however businesses will be penalised for polluting the atmosphere.

There will be a large administrative cost in trading in the CO certificates and money will be made by those corporations, such as banks and stock exchange type organisations who handle the administration.

Mainly, this will be paid for out of consumers pockets - mostly mums and dads who are the final consumers of the goods produced.

Truth-ful Jones Tells... he heard about



his neighbour, a man who had worked hard all of his life and had saved all of his money. He was a real miser when it came to his money.

He loved money more than just about anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die, I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me. I wanna take my money to the afterlife."

So he got his wife to promise him with all her heart that when he died, she would put all the money in the casket with him.

Well, one day he died. He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black next to her closest friend.

When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said "Wait just a minute!" she had a shoe box with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket.

Then the undertakers locked the casket down and rolled it away.

Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in the casket."

She said, "Yes, I promised. I'm a good christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him."

"You mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket with him?"

"I sure did," said the wife. "I got it all together, put it into my account and I wrote him a cheque."

Morale; When it comes to money who said women were slow. They know the value of a cheque book.

Rainbow's End Art Show

Months of wet weather have allowed time for lots of painting.

Six local artists from the Blackall Range Visual Artists will be exhibiting in St Mary's Hall, Montville.

The group includes Ellie Anderson, Nicole Depczynski, Philippa Hume, Joyce Little, Marianne Reardon and Kate Websdale.

After a very successful exhibition last year, they are confident that this coming show will be of the usual high standard but even more exciting.

Why not join the artists at the RAINBOW'S END at St Mary's Hall, Montville on May 21st and 22nd from 10:00am to 4:pm daily.

Entry is FREE with commission of sales going toward the upkeep of the historic hall.



Photo Above from L-R are Philippa Hume, Joyce Little and Ellie Anderson.

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MALENY BOWLS CLUB FRIDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

Find out who is "King of the Week"

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



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The ultimate Clapton collaboration took place at the CROSSROADS GUITAR FESTIVAL 2010 on June 26 at Chicago's Toyota Park.

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

LET US FIND OUT A BIT ABOUT OUR SURNAMES

Over recent times there has been a resurgence in the popularity of researching ones family history.

Local, Jack Frost of the Irish and Scottish Shoppe which is located in "Connemara Cottage", Montville has already done much of the work on Irish, Scottish and English names.

Jack also specialises in supplying Heraldic Family Name products as Keepsakes/Souvenirs or for use at Family Reunions.

As manufacturers, they also provide their range of heraldic products from their workshop in Maleny.

All products can be supplied 'standard' or adapted to include both your family Arms or Clan Badge, with a suitable notation as to details of your Family Reunion, where product so provides.

For further information about your clan his web address is:

<http://www.irishscottishshop.com.au/>



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The Maleny Show Society "Miss Show Girl", "Rural Ambassador" & "Charity Person"
2011 Registration Form

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The following conditions apply for each of the categories.

- Miss Show Girl shall be aged between 18 to 28 years (prior to 1/8/2011)
- Junior Show Princess shall be aged 15 to 17 years (prior to 1/8/2011)
- Rural Ambassador open to male or female between 20 – 30 years of age as at 1 May 2011.
- Charity Person shall be aged 15 and over, open to anyone
- Entrants to be presented at the Maleny Show Dance on Saturday 21 May 2011

NOMINATION FEE

A registration fee of \$50.00 is required to validate this nomination.

The fee may be contributed by a sponsor eg sporting club, service club or employer.

REGISTRATIONS should be in the hands of the Show Girl Co-ordinators Mrs Monica Skerman **PH 5494 2383** or Mrs Kaye Hankinson **PH 5494 2721** no later than 1May 2011.

Category:

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone: **Mobile:**

Age: **Date of Birth:**

Occupation (if applicable):

Hobbies & Interests:

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Why would you like to win this category?

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I have read and agree to the above conditions of entry. I am aware that the registration fee is non-refundable.

Entrant/Parent Signature **Date:**.....

(Must be signed by a parent if under the age of 18)

ANDREW POWELL MP

Member for Glass House



Community Golf Day



If you're like me, there's never enough time to enjoy a round of golf. So I've decided to mix business with pleasure and organise the inaugural Glass House electorate Community Golf Day at the Woodford Golf Club. Hope you can join me.

Andrew

When: Tuesday 31 May 2011

Time: 7.30am for 8am (shotgun start)

Where: Woodford Golf Club

Golf Course Rd, Woodford

Format: Callaway

Cost: \$50 per player (includes green fees, lunch and complimentary drink)

Electric carts are available at additional cost, please book directly with the club

Prizes: For teams, individuals and novelty competitions (e.g. nearest the pin)

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Contact Winston Johnston for more details (M: 0428 995 499)

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ANDREW POWELL MP

Member for Glass House



Player Registration Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Player Name | _____ | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Player Name | _____ | \$50.00 |

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LNP Glasshouse SEC

For more information contact:
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Blackall Range

Woodworker's Guild

To read a copy of the Club's latest newsletter simply click on this logo when connected to the internet. You will be taken to the index page of the Club's web page. Pick the relevant date.

Cheers Pres Dave

In Concert "The Art of Song"

The one and only performance of The Australian Chamber Musicians will be held at the Maleny Uniting Church (Landsborough / Maleny Rds), Maleny on the 22nd May 2011 at 2p.m.

Tickets are \$25-00 pp and will be available at the door. All proceeds will be shared between the Maleny R.F.B. and The Montville Primary School-Chaplaincy Programme.

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To apply simply lightly sand the surface that is to be painted. Remove dust from sanding with a lint-free cloth. If applying dry erase on a new piece of gyprock,

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Maleny RFB Roundup

with
**Donna & Norm
Lewis**

**Volunteer Community
Education Officers**

In March and April we presented The Prepare Act Survive Programme to our own brigade and to some Community Service groups in Nambour and Maleny.

Along with Maleny Rural Fire Brigade members we attended the Wood Show over 2 days and spoke with many people passing on information about rural fire safety.

Norm and I, along with other VCEO's are going to Gympie with other VCE's from Caloundra, Maryborough, and Bundaberg for a 2 day Volunteer Community Education Officers Workshop on the 14th and 15th May to develop our roles and expand them.

The workshop will mean we can use the best ideas and benefit from everyone's different approaches and use best delivery techniques and we aim for consistency.

If we don't know the answer to anything we have a great team from the Caloundra Area and Maryborough Office to support us.

Norm and I are able to carry out Safehome visits to pass on important information. The form of and role of these visits will be expanded on at the Gympie weekend.

More news next week.

This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Community Grants

Wednesday 8 June 2011.

I encourage community groups, including sporting groups, to apply for funds under the Volunteer Grants 2011 programme.

Local community organisations can apply for a grant of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to help purchase a variety of equipment to assist the work of volunteers. Funds are available to purchase equipment, cover the cost of petrol, provide training courses and undertake background checks.

Volunteer groups often struggle with raffles and pie drives to raise money, and this scheme offers an opportunity to secure much-needed funds through a government programme.

I urge volunteer community groups, sporting clubs, as well as school P&Cs and the like, to set aside some time as soon as possible to prepare a funding application.

Further information on the Volunteer Grants 2011 programme and an online application form can be found at <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/progserv/Pages/VolunteerGrants.aspx>

Organisations can also request paper-based application forms by calling 1800 183 374 or by emailing vg2011@fahcsia.gov.au

Applications close at 5pm on

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Seniors Forum

The annual Sunshine Coast Seniors Forum will be held again this year in late July. This is the 11th annual Seniors Forum, and will again include various expert speakers and displays from around 30 organisations that assist seniors in the community.

To RSVP for the event or for further details please contact my office on 5444 4888.

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