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Winery shatters shackles of conformity

Who'd have thought of it? Ten years ago, South East Queensland wines were barely on Australian wine lovers' radar. But the continued acclaim for Settlers Rise wines has generated a new excitement for different and less mainstream styles for wine explorers.

Now the good news

Telstra recently announced that it will axe the \$2.20 administration fee on customers who pay their bills over the counter or by mail.

This announcement should be seen as good news for consumers and, in particular, good news for low income earners.

The fee disadvantaged not only the poorer members of our society but it also discriminated against those people who did not have a computer and did not have an internet connection.

For many they had no choice but to pay their bill either over the counter or by mail.

Telstra's new CEO has pledged to improve the company's customer service and this is therefore a welcome decision.

In recent months, the Maleny winery beat many more expensive and fancied rivals with a Bronze Medal for its 2005 Reserve Shiraz at the World's Greatest Shiraz Challenge and a Bronze Medal for the 2008 Reserve Chardonnay at the San Francisco International Wine Competition.

Settlers Rise followed up this acclaim last week at the national Winestate Magazine's blind tastings with 4 Star Silver Medals for the same Shiraz and Chardonnay and

a Bronze Medal for the 2008 Reserve Sparkling Chardonnay.

Settlers Rise Vineyard and Winery CEO, Simon Murray, said the awards have promoted Maleny and Queensland wines throughout Australia and overseas.

The award-winning wines can be purchased at The Flaxton Barn, ph 5445 7321, leah@flaxtonbarn.com, au with free delivery to the Blackall Range, Palmwoods and Highway towns from Maleny to Brisbane.

Maleny Christmas Carnival set to hit top gear!

The Maleny Christmas Street Carnival has been a Maleny tradition for decades. It originally started as a "thank-you" from Maple Street traders to customers who showed loyalty over the previous twelve months.

Originally, it was simply a matter of Maple Street traders inviting customers into their store for a quiet drink and some nibbles. From there it has grown into what we see now.

This year the Maleny Christmas Carnival is set to explode with festivities this year and all for a worthy cause!

The Maleny Hospital will be the beneficiary of all proceeds raised by the Carnival. Last year the carnival raised more than \$5000 for the Rural Bush Fire Brigade and we are hoping to raise even more for the hospital!

The majority of proceeds are raised from the Monster Raffle and tickets are now available for sale from Maleny Art Supplies (38a Coral St) or phone 0419 496 160.

For more information, or to make a donation, check out the website: www.malenychristmascarnival.com

The Christmas Carnival will take place on Friday 4th December 09 from 5.00pm in the Maleny Main Street.

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Truthful Jones Tells...



that his grandson's girlfriend, a virgin asks him to go over and have dinner with her parents.

Since this is such a big event, the girl announces to him that after dinner, she would like to go out and make love for the first time.

Well, Truthful's grandson was ecstatic, but he has never had sex before, so he takes a trip to the pharmacist to get some condoms.

He tells the pharmacist it's his first time and the pharmacist helps the boy for about an hour. He tells Truthful's grandson everything there is to know about condoms and sex.

At the register, the pharmacist asks the boy how many condoms he'd like to buy, a 3-pack, 10-pack, or family pack. Truthful's grandson insists on the family pack because he thinks he will be rather busy, it being his first time and all.

That night, Truthful's grandson shows up at the girl's parents house and meets his girlfriend at the door. "Oh, I'm so excited for you to meet my parents, come on in!"

Truthful's grandson goes inside and is taken to the dinner table where the girl's parents are seated. Truthful's grandson quickly offers to say grace and bows his head.

A minute passes, and the boy is still deep in prayer, with his head down. 10 minutes pass, and still no movement from Truthful's grandson.

Finally, after 20 minutes with his head down, the girlfriend leans over and whispers to the boyfriend, "I had no idea you were this religious."

Truthful's grandson turns, and whispers back, "I had no idea your father was a pharmacist."

Morale This is a small world and there is always somebody that knows your business.

Art Group's end of year exhibition

Life is getting very busy around the hills as the members of The Self Help Art Group prepare for their final showing of the year. With over thirty members in the group from all walks of life and experience there is a diverse range of styles and media, from delicate watercolours to robust rocky landscapes and from gentle portraits to wicked caricatures, and their exhibitions are known for both quality and variety.

This last exhibition for 2009 should prove even more popular than the earlier ones this year and will be in good time for those special or hard to find Xmas gifts.

Opening times will be from 9:30 am to 4:00pm Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November in St Mary's Church Hall Montville.

The group's aim is to provide a friendly and encouraging opportunity for artists to get together to paint each week at the Mapleton Bowls Club and to exhibit five times per year.

The exhibitions are also major fundraisers for the maintenance of the heritage listed St Mary's Church Hall, with all donations and commissions from the sale of paintings going to the church.

This is a great opportunity to do that important christmas shopping.



There will be gifts that continue to give all year around.

For further information contact Wendy Edmond by phone on 07 54786932 or email at wmedmond@hotmail.com

Photo left: Wendy Edmond with Winnie completing one of her paintings which will be available at the Exhibition.

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Smoking in cars containing children outlawed

As from January 2010 new laws to stop people from smoking in cars carrying children will start from January 2010 and apply on all public roads.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, Paul Lucas said the legislation was the latest Government crackdown in a long line of anti-smoking reforms.

“These new laws are about reducing the exposure children have to tobacco smoke,” Mr Lucas said. In Queensland alone there are 276,000 smokers with children under 16 years of age in the household.

Tests have revealed that the level of tobacco smoke inside a vehicle is very high, and young children involuntarily exposed to tobacco smoke in confined environments have significantly increased health risks, including bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, ear infections and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Almost 3,400 Queenslanders die each year as a result of smoking. Smoking-related hospital admissions continue to place a huge burden on the State’s public finances, costing our health system \$217 million annually.

Smoking is responsible for approximately 80 per cent of all lung cancer deaths and 20 per cent of all cancer deaths.

Mr Lucas said, “The human and financial costs of smoking in Queensland remained unacceptably high, and it was time for definitive action to reduce this trend. That is why the Queensland Government is further strengthening the State’s tough anti-smoking regime to help meet our Q2 target of cutting rates of smoking in Queensland by a third.”

The legislation also has the support of the Heart Foundation and the Cancer Council Queensland.

The “NUT” Award

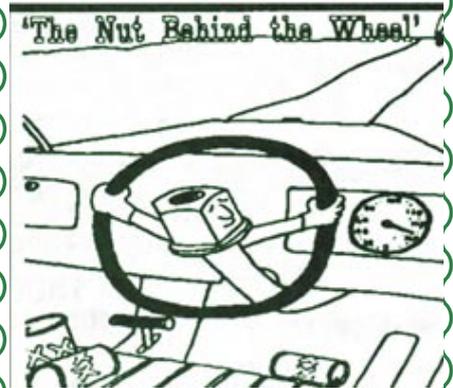
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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:-

those who reverse and park by feel causing considerable damage and then not leave a note advising of particulars.

I am sure that drivers must know when they reverse into someone else's property.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Sardine Fritters

- taste better than actually sounds.

Ingredients

- * 1 small tin of sardines
- * 1 oz butter
- * 1 hard boiled egg
- * Pepper and salt
- * Lemon
- * 1/2 teaspoon vinegar
- * Flour, egg, milk, pinch of salt and pepper (for pancake batter)

Method

Drain the oil from the sardines; remove the tails and mash. Add butter, hard boiled egg, pepper and salt and vinegar and mash well together.

Prepare a pancake batter. Make the sardine mixture into small balls; toss into batter and lift out with a tablespoon, making sure the balls are well coated with batter.

Fry till golden brown and serve with lemon slices.

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You would know you had a bad day if you got a parking ticket as described below

Bus (ted)

Picture the situation. You're a bus driver.

You're driving your bus. You see a queue of people waiting for you at a bus stop. You pull over to pick them up. So far, so good. But wait, not everyone wants to buy a ticket. This chap in the queue wants to give you one instead...

This was the extraordinary scene that greeted Manchester bus driver Chris O'Mahony, when he stopped his number 77 bus to let people on.

He and his passengers looked on in absolute disbelief as the Manchester City Council parking attendant joined the queue to prepare the parking ticket, deposited the £40 notice and then walked away. The bus driver's crime? Parking in a restricted area.

The attendant said he'd been told to issue tickets to buses that park.

Manchester City Council bosses cancelled the ticket and ordered the warden to be retrained.

Hopefully, as something other than a warden.

Whast ptice is fair for vehicle registration?

The Queensland Government increased vehicle registration fees by approximately 20% as from July 1st 2009. The vehicle registration fee increase inflicted greater financial hardships on Queensland residents for future years.

The Queensland Treasurer, Fraser said the rego rise partly compensated for an expected drop in other revenue in the 2009 - 2010 financial year. Mr Fraser then denied that the increase was a cash grab, saying the government spent more money on roads than what motorists paid in registration.

Inquiries of the State Transport Department reveals that about \$1.2 billion in registration revenue is expected in 2009-10 financial year. The increase in registration costs will cost Queensland motorists an extra \$67 on average a year.

After July 1 it costs \$627 to register a large car in Queensland, compared to \$178 in Victoria and \$246 in Tasmania. This price does not include third party insurance fees, these fees go to the relevant insurance companies.

Mr. Fraser said "The cost increase was about keeping infrastructure programs on track - I'm not prepared to cut any projects."

This cost increase is on top of the removal of the fuel subsidy meaning that motorists are even worse off.

Queensland is now the most expensive state or territory to own and operate a motor vehicle.

The cost of motoring can only rise in the short time future.

Singers Wanted

Newly formed, non profit, community based Acapella group in Yandina requires singers.

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Woodworker's Guild

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Cheers Pres Dave



This weeks Special

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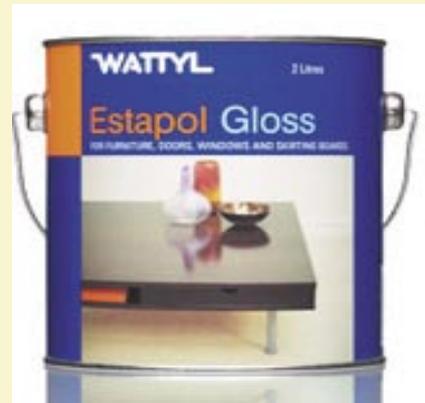
Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Wattyl Estapol A clear timber finish

Wattyl Estapol is arguably Australia's best known name in clear timber finishes. It is renowned for its durable performance and beautiful finish.

The Estapol range has been developed using Wattyl's own unique resins to create rich, smooth and hardwearing surfaces. Estapol protects the natural beauty of timber products whilst enhancing the texture, tone and grain of timber.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Hospital protest

It was great to witness such a massive turnout for the protest march over the delay for the Kawana Hospital. The hospital was to have been built initially by 2014 and that time frame has now been blown out by the Queensland Labor Government to 2016/17.

Estimates put the crowd of marchers at between 1500 and 2000. It was good to see so many people willing to join the fight for what is a vital piece of infrastructure that will impact on everyone in the region, from Beerwah to Noosa and west to the hinterland.

The Kawana area is one of the fastest growing in the region and the lack of public hospital facilities means that facilities in Nambour, Caloundra, Maleny and Brisbane are also feeling the pinch from the overflow of patients.

Local residents who feel passionate about this issue can write to me. I will make sure they are passed on to Premier Anna Bligh.

Remembrance Day

Congratulations to all those who

took time out to pay their respects to all our fighting men and women on Remembrance Day.

This day is not about glorifying war but about remembering and honouring all those who risked their lives so that we may be free. In many cases they made the ultimate sacrifice.

Three hundred thousand Australians fought in World War I and of these 60,000 died with 156,000 wounded or taken prisoner.

This commitment out of a population of only five million clearly shows the importance of ensuring that our World War I servicemen and women must never ever be forgotten.

Remembrance Day now remembers those who gave their lives in all wars, and it is essential that the memory of these heroes live forever with us and we owe it to the next generation to keep their achievements alive.

Home Energy Assessment

Free assessments are now available for energy and water usage at our homes.

Assessments are free, and can help save on power and water costs.

This is an opportunity for local homeowners to get an idea of where they're at with regards to energy and water use, and get advice on how they can improve.

The local assessor Ross Smith can be contacted on 5494 7110 or 0419 669 175.

Australia Day Awards

Don't forget - nominate your local volunteer heroes now by phoning my office on 5443 3555 or 1300 301 981.

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