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## Some Emergency numbers

Whilst the attention is on distant flood areas some local residents are also feeling the effects of the present weather.

Below are a few telephone numbers that may be of assistance in this time of great need all throughout Queensland.

SES: 132 500

Disaster Recovery Hotline: 1800 173 349

Centrelink: 180 22 66

Insurance Council of Australia: 1300 728 228

General enquiries and assistance: 13 QGOV - (13 74 68)

Good luck to all!

## A wet start to 2011

Following December 2010 where there were only 2 days where there was no rain January 2011 has continued with the modus operandi.

One fine day on Thursday January 5th was just a tease as the following days saw dumping rain which included over 300ml on Sunday January 8th saw Obi Creek reaching heights that have not been reached for many years.

Obi Creek was lapping the Maple Street Bridge at 6p.m. whilst the Obi Creek weir wall was well under water level and some Lawyer Street business

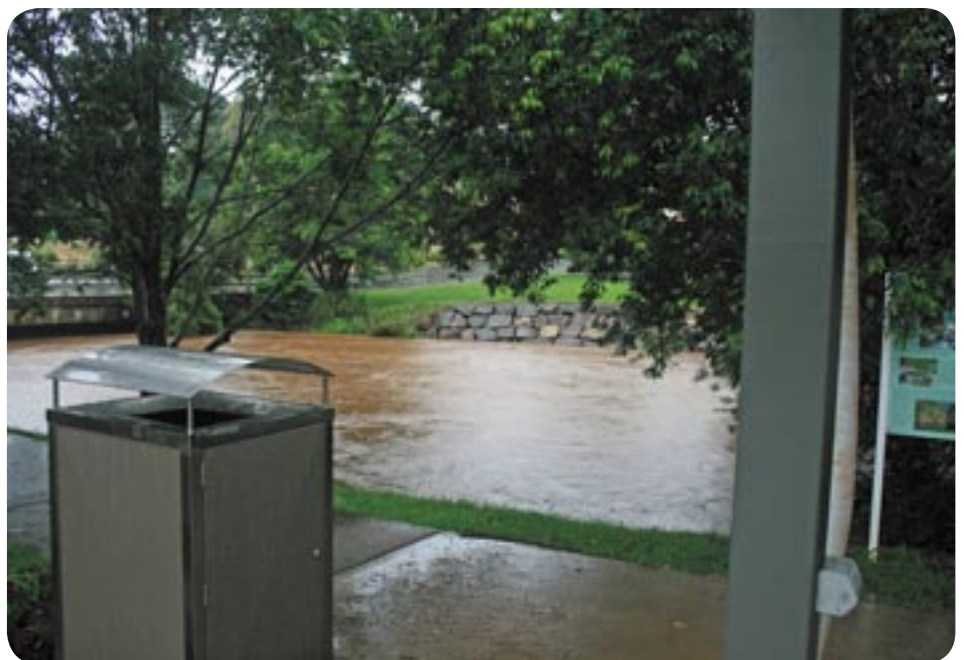
*Photos below show Obi Creek behind Lawyer Street Industrial area and at the Bridge at the Maple Street round-about on Sunday 8th. - More on Page 6*

owners would have been starting to be concerned as the water level continued to rise.

Preparations were also being made by Maleny SES volunteers to sandbag the Maleny library, however Obi Creek started to fall before the library was inundated.

With Gympie and Maryborough already suffering from water inundation the rain from Maleny

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## The Hinterlandgrapevine

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## Help the RSPCA

On Friday February 18th the RSPA are holding a holding a Montville Gourmet Food and Wine Night at the Poets Cafe, Main Street, Montville to raise funds to assist the RSPCA Queensland Flood Appeal.

This will also be a great opportunity to meet Bob Irwin who will be special guest.

The night will start at 6.15p.m. Tickets will cost \$65.00.

For further information contact 0405 530 128.

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to our "Gig Guide"  
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the internet at the time)**

## Main Street Gallery, Montville Next exhibition commences "Small Treasures and Pleasures"

A Mixed Eclectic selection of local artists from around South East Queensland are combining for the next exhibition at Main Street Gallery, Monville.

A selection of mostly smaller framed and unframed works, prints on paper, ceramics, glass and recycled metal sculptures and wearable art will be the focus of this exhibition.

New works from local artists, whimsical 'Light-Catcher' sculptures from Barry Smith, subtle calligraphy 2d and 3d works and journals from Fiona Dempster, dynamic 'small gestures' paintings by Noela Mills, "Bazola" wearable art jewelry pieces, thoughtful Haiku poem inspired miniatures from Philippa Stewart-Hall will all be on display.

Vibrant works by Brisbane artist - prints and originals from Jan Jorgensen, and small scale original Desert Paintings from Christopher McLeod, dynamic colourful contemporary mixed media paintings from Sunshine Coast (Noosa) artists Sancha

McGilchrist and Ken Bonner.

You just have to see the stunning wildlife images, framed prints from Christopher Pope, etching/collages from Leon Pericles, unique studio glass pieces from the highly collected Chris Pantano.

Also on view are fresh new original works from local artists Laura Vecmane, and delightful pastel interiors by Marianne Reardon, and delicious still life miniatures in oils from Diane Summer.

Don't miss out on a dynamic and interesting mix of art.

Plan your visit to allow plenty of time to explore all the works.

Gallery open on days from Wednesdays to Sundays between 11.00 - 5.00.

See the works in the gallery online on our website - [www.mainstreetgallery.com.au](http://www.mainstreetgallery.com.au)

To contact Main Street Gallery, Montville phone 07 5478 5050 or email [info@mainstreetgalery.com.au](mailto:info@mainstreetgalery.com.au)

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## Maleny Community Flood Appeal

Don't forget about the Maleny Community Flood Appeal that is presently being held to assist Queenslanders who are still having to endure the flood conditions that are presently devastating Queensland towns.

The type of donations being sought are sheets, blankets, pillows, doonas, towels in good condition, small appliances in good working order, crockery, cutlery, soap powders, disinfectants, detergents, personal items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo etc, brooms, hoses and squeegees, good quality furniture, working refrigerators and microwaves, childrens' toys including cleaned soft toys, canned food, baby bottles, nappies, baby food, cots and cot mattresses, baby strollers.

Donations can be made out to Maleny Community Flood Appeal, c/- Maleny Uniting Church, P O Box 297, Maleny 4552.

A special bank account entitled Maleny Community Flood Appeal has been opened at the Maleny ANZ Bank and it is possible to direct deposit donations into it.

The Maleny Uniting Church will be open between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm weekdays for collection of the donated goods.

## 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 drivers who just have to drive into flood waters over roadways. Already this wet season there have been a number of deaths and even more lives saved because of the actions of the various emergency service groups. Why is it that some cannot heed the warnings?

## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Baked Fish

- always a well loved meal!

### Ingredients

- \* 1 whole fish (1.5 - 2 kg)
- \* 1.5 cups of cooked rice
- \* 1 stick celery
- \* 2 onions
- \* 1/2 green capsicum
- \* salt and pepper
- \* 4 tbs butter
- \* 3 tbs lemon juice
- \* 1 tbs grated ginger
- \* 1 tsp soy sauce
- \* 6 shallots
- \* 1 large tomato

### Directions

Wash and scale the fish.

In a bowl mix the rice, diced celery, 1 finely chopped onion, finely chopped capsicum, salt and pepper.

Stuff the fish with the rice mix and sew up the hole.

Put the fish in a greased oven dish.

Melt the butter in a saucepan and then remove from the heat. Add lemon juice, ginger, soy, chopped shallots and some salt and pepper. Pour over the fish.

Bake the fish uncovered in a moderately slow oven for 40 - 50 minutes or till the fish is cooked. Baste it often with the juices while its cooking.

Peel the other onion and slice it and the tomato.

Half way through the cooking arrange the slices over the top of the fish alternately.

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## Truth-ful Jones Tells... he heard about



There is a young boy who got very good grades, straight A's on every subject on every report card.

His name was Billy. His father was very proud of him, and decided to give him one thing every year, whatever he wanted.

The little boy, for one odd reason or another, chose a pink golf ball, each and every year. So finally, when the boy was sixteen, the dad got fed up with it and bought him a car.

The son was fine with this, and took it on a joyride down to his favorite restaurant. He didn't want to drivethrough and he couldn't find a parking spot, but finally he found a spot on the other side of the street.

He walked across happily, and halfway across, was hit by a truck.

On his deathbed, the wounds were fatal, he was asked by his father: "What did you do with the pink golf balls?"

The son replied: "Well I ---" With that he died.

**Morale; The moral is that you should look both ways before crossing the street...**

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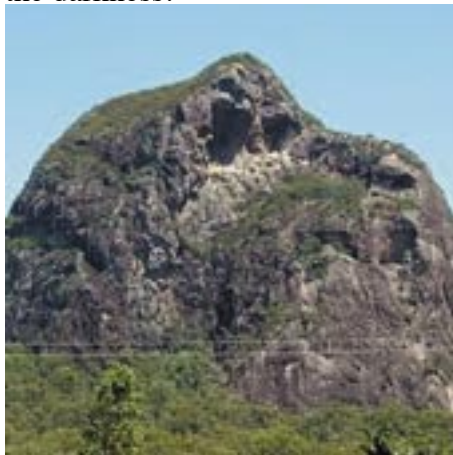
## Three rescued from Mt Tibrogargan

Three male teenagers spent a difficult day on Mount Tibrogargan on Thursday January 6th after they decided to climb the mountain to view the Sunshine Coast during a storm.

They started their ascent about 1p.m. on that day expecting the climb about 2 hours, but it was not until about 12 hours later that they were finally brought back down by Emergency Service volunteers.

The youths were not properly prepared for the climb and the weather made the climb very difficult and dangerous.

A spokesperson for the Glasshouse Mountains State Emergency Group said that the rescue in this instance was very dangerous because the continuous rain made the tracks very slippery. The rescue was made more dangerous because of the darkness.



Mt Tibrogargan in better weather.

## My dear Mum's logical sayings

Wisdom

Saying: - 'When you get to my age you'll understand.'



## MALENY BOWLS CLUB FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR

### Each Friday Afternoon

From 5p.m. - 6p.m.

### Special Social Hour Pricing

Pots Beer - \$2.50

Wine - \$2.00

Stubbies - \$2.50

Be there for the members lucky draw - Btn 5p.m & 6p.m.!

### Find out who is "Mug of the Week"

...get a free drink at the club each day of the week.

Must be there Friday afternoon to win for the next week.

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

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## Maleny Bowls Club to go green

*The Maleny Bowls Club committee has decided to move into the future by replacing their natural bowling surface with an artificial surface.*

*The new surface is to be installed as soon as this weather settles down.*

*Club Chairman, Ian Hansen said that the club was concerned about the use of chemicals on the natural surface to ensure a good playing surface.*

*The club being situated on the banks of the Obi Creek creates special problems with respect to chemical runoff.*

*Members are also looking for a green that plays more consistently than the present green.*

*It is hoped that the new green will be in full operation by the end of January 2011.*

*Anyone interested in taking up the sport of bowls could attend the club on a Friday afternoon when social bowls is played.*

## Maleny Rural Fire Brigade appoints voluntary education officers

The Maleny Rural Fire Service volunteer group has appointed voluntary education educators to assist the community to be prepared for any eventuality in relation to bush fires. The education officers can provide information about what the law requires, property preparedness and creating a fire plan.

Local husband and wife team, Norm and Donna Lewis have become the VCE's (Voluntary Community Educators) for the Rural Fire Service, Maleny Group.

This is a new role to allow for experienced RFB training Officers to educate community members about how to handle rural fires and dangers associated with them.

They can assist with information that will assist individuals to prepare Bush Fire Action plans, assist with information on permits to light fires.

New legislation requires ALL fires in the open now needing a permit.

They can also assist with information on smoke alarms and any necessary follow up action.

They will also assist with information to support the senior and safer programme and rural based support for the land owner.

As part of their information session, presentations will include the Prepare Act Survive programme. This is a suitable presentation for both smaller and larger groups and community organisations.

They can also supply brochures outlining the delivered information. There is also an opportunity for all to ask questions about matters that may be of concern.

To contact the Maleny R.F.B. V.E.O's phone 07 5499 9112 or email lewisdn@hotmail.com.



### 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*

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*Photos: At the Maple Street Bridge from behind Maleny Library on Sunday 8th.*

is only going to aggravate their plight.

All of the water from Maleny has to travel down the Mary River via Gympie and Maryborough and put to sea.

As the surrounding land and dams are already saturated and filled to capacity the Mary River is likely to burst its banks swamping some lower areas of Gympie.

Closer to home some low areas in Conondale also felt the effects of the rising Mary River. The bridge over the Mary is suspected of having sustained extensive damage and it cannot be inspected until the water has fallen below the height of the bridge.



Kenilworth township was isolated as all roads into the town were cut at various places because of rising water.

Many country roads became impassable as the rain deluge continued.

Potholes have reappeared - some would give Queensland's open cut mines a run for their money as to which is biggest. Whilst it was hoped that the

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Sunday would see the worst of this weather incident passed more drenching rainfall fell in the Obi Creek headlands on Tuesday, January 11th.

This weather event saw the creek rise to a similar height as the previous Sunday night.

To say that Queensland, or in fact Australia is presently experiencing a weather event of disastrous proportions is not an understatement.

In December 2010 Maleny saw 711 ml of rain fall. Also during that month only two days recorded no rain at all.



*Photos above: Gardners Falls.*



have been many people rescued from vehicles that became inundated in flood waters. This causes extreme danger not only to the victim but to those emergency service workers who have to rescue them.

Pat Stacey from

In January, 2011 so far Maleny has recorded over 700ml (over 28 inches in old money) and the bulk of that fell in just 3 days.

On top of all of this rain Queensland's long-range forecaster Hayden Walker said he expected several cyclones to move through the Sunshine Coast in February and March.

Throughout Queensland there

Maleny Weather explains why trying to cross flooded roadways in a vehicle is extremely dangerous. "According to the NOAA, "Water weighs [1,010 kg per cubic metre and typically flows downstream at 10 to 20 kph. When a vehicle stalls in the water, the water's momentum is transferred to the car. For each foot the water rises, 226 kg of lateral force



*Photos above: Gardners Falls.*

are applied to the car. But the biggest factor is buoyancy.

*Photos below show Obi Creek between Maleny Showgrounds and Hoppers Dairy Farm.*



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For each metre the water rise up the side of the car, the car displaces 2,040 kgs of water. In effect, the car weighs 2,040 kg less for each meter the water rises."

He has a saying, "Do not be tempted to drive across a flooded roadway. ("Don't drown; turn around.") If you find your vehicle stalled in a flooded road way, leave it and seek higher ground. "Better wet than dead".

When all thought that the worst was over came more rain on Tuesday January 11th.

With over 150ml (6inches) falling in such a short time meant that water heights again rose.

The Maleny Bowls club green looked more like a lake than a finely cultivated grass surface. Who would have thought?



Photos below show Maleny Bowls Club Green - more like a lake.

Shop owners in Riverside shopping centre again had to remove stock and sandbag their shops in an effort to stop water entering their businesses.

Again water was lapping the girders of the Maple Street bridge.

S.E.S. members sandbagged the Maleny library as the water continued to rise.



Photos above show Obi Creek behind Riverside Shopping Centre.



Photos above show Gardners Falls from carpark on Tues 11th January.

Gardners Falls again became a dangerous torrent of water rushing towards Baroon Pocket Dam and then onto towns further downstream such as Gympie and Maryborough.

Unfortunately we are not sure when this event is to pass allowing people to clean up their properties and get back on with their life.

Just think - there is always somebody worse off.



Photos below shows the picnic area of Gardners Falls.



Photos above shows bridge in Maple Street, Maleny mid afternoon on Tuesday 11th.



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## Maleny Bowls Club begins a phase of history .....out comes the grass and in goes synthetic

The last game of bowls on the real grass surface at the Maleny Bowls Club attracted 30 players -- 10 teams of Triples--- not one of which registered two wins. See the photo below.

However, the winners with a draw in the first game and plus 15 in the second were the team of Les Bennett, Tony Turner and Bobbie Wilson.

The Touchers went to Bobbie Wilson, John Kapetanic and Ray Oldfield. The Men's President's Team of Curley Petersen, Lucy Oldfield and Dale Jacobsen looked a big chance to win after registering plus nine in the first game and being tied at 12 each after the penultimate end.

However, the Chairman's Team of Ian Hansen, Don Ginns and

Di Drew blew away any chance they had by taking six shots on the last end. This somewhat dismayed Curley's side but it was only for a matter of minutes as their final score of plus three was drawn for the Jackpot and they each pocketed \$83. Don Ginns was the lucky raffle winner.

The incessant rain prevented any chance of play Friday and undoubtedly delayed the start of the installation of the artificial polypropylene surface this week. Not a single Prize winner was present Friday evening.

Those to miss out included: Travis Boroughs for Supa IGA now worth \$240 this week, Jim Cossing for Beechwood Bakehouse and Dick Andrew for Live Life Villages now worth \$220 this week. I did notice that

Bob Caulley was present this week. Shame it was a week too late, Bob.

The grass will be dug up and replaced with an artificial {polypropylene} surface as soon as weather permits.

Coaching will be available for new and old Members at no cost once the new green is up and running. There is no better way to spend an enjoyable afternoon than a friendly game of Bowls.

Although Bowls cannot be played at present, the Club is still open and desperately needs your support to help pay for the installation of the artificial surface.

Become a social member of the club today.



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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

## Which is better - Oil based or water based paints?

Generally, you'll want a water-based primer over stucco, drywall or plaster over wood and an oil-based (solvent-thinned) primer over metal. Although this is also changing.

For your finish coat, especially for exterior exposure, a high quality acrylic-based paint will usually stand up to ultraviolet light (sunlight) much better than an oil-based (solvent-thinned) paint.

### Can I Use Acrylic Over Oil Paint?

Yes you can, and you can also use oil over acrylic.

Just make sure the surface is properly prepared by thoroughly cleaning and sanding to remove any gloss finish if necessary.

It's not the kind of paint you choose that's important - it's how well you prepare the surface before you apply the paint.

Proper surface preparation is the secret to every successful

paint job.

### How Do I Prepare the Surface Before Painting?

You always want the surface to be completely clean, smooth, totally gloss free and dry. Make repairs to all surfaces so they are smooth and free of holes and cracks. Dust all surfaces. If dirty, wash with cleaner to remove grease and grime.

If the walls are "glossy", the surface can be made non-glossy by roughening and thus dulling the surface with sandpaper, or by chemically preparing the surface with a "liquid sandpaper."

On exterior surfaces, scrape and remove any flaking paint. Use wire brush on porous surfaces. Surfaces should be clean, dry and free from any contaminants before painting.

Mildew MUST be killed prior to painting. For the best mildew treatment, scrub the surface with a solution of one part bleach, three parts water, plus 3 ounces of tri-sodium phosphate, and 1 ounce of laundry detergent.

Wear rubber gloves and safety glasses.

Then rinse well with fresh water and let dry completely before painting.

### How Do I Find Out What Kind of Paint is Already on the Surface?

It is sometimes important to know what generic kind of paint is on a previously painted surface that you are planning to repaint, since some kinds of paint are NOT compatible with other kinds of paint.

To test if paint is water based or oil based rub an alcohol-dipped cloth or swab (metho) onto the painted surface

You should use small circular motions when testing the painted area.

Observe the area treated and notice whether any paint has been removed.

In most cases, the alcohol will remove a small amount of acrylic paint, leaving oil-based paints intact.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



## Wet Weather

It is shocking to hear of the loss of life and see the massive and widespread damage caused by the unprecedented rainfall that we have had across Queensland.

I encourage all Sunshine Coast residents to help out wherever you can and also to take care and make sure that you stay away from swollen creeks and rivers and other dangerous water sources.

The flooding is a shocking and frightening event and it is important that everyone takes care to avoid harm.

## Australia Day

As we begin the New Year, the first major milestone for the nation is of course Australia Day.

I encourage all residents of Fisher to take time this Australia Day to remember the many good things that make our country the envy of many nations around the world.

We are a happy, tolerant and accepting nation; we have a relatively high living standard and we live in relative peace.

On top of that, the region boasts an enjoyable climate, great beaches and warm friendly residents. We have much to be thankful for.

I will this year be hosting the

12th annual Fisher Community Australia Day Awards, to recognise local residents who make significant personal sacrifices to make our community a better place to live.

While few volunteers make their contribution with the expectation of receiving recognition, I believe acknowledging these people should be part of our community Australia Day celebrations.

These dedicated and hardworking individuals deserve to know that we are aware of what they do for us and we appreciate it.

## Kidney Health

The organisation devoted to the health of our kidneys is regularly urging Australians to have their kidneys checked regularly by the doctor.

Kidney Health Australia advises that up to two million Australians may be affected by Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and not even know it.

People can lose up to 90% of the use of their kidneys and be unaware they have a problem because of a lack of obvious symptoms.

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