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Our Thoughts

The Electoral process for the Sunshine Coast Regional Council has started. Over the last few days there have been "get to know the candidate" meetings in the Blackall Range area.

Nominations close for all positions on February 19th so then we will know what our choices are.

This first electoral period of the new council will be most important in getting the council structure right. There will be only one chance to do this correctly.

To ensure that our new council grows in a business like manner ensure you think carefully about who you elect as your representative.

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This weeks Special

**Wattyl Solagard Ext
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8 lts - \$89.95

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Maleny Paint Place Relocates

Well, the time has finally come for Maleny Paint Place to locate.

For a number of years parking has been a major problem for shoppers coming to Maleny Paint Place. Another problem has been a lack of space to stock new lines of home decorating and improvement products.

As of next Monday Maleny Paint Place is relocating from 12 Bunya Street, Maleny to:

**SHED 6, 14 LAWYER
STREET, MALENY.**

This is in the building also inhabited by Hinterland Auto Electrics and Watson's Upholstery Works. To find

Maleny Paint Place just travel slowly down the lane-way in front of Watson's Upholstery Works towards Obi Creek. There is plenty of parking in front of and behind Shed 6.

The new location will allow new services to be offered to you by Maleny Paint Place.

Why not call in, ask us about our moving specials and have a look at the new shop at the same time.

Over the coming weeks we will also be introducing a range of new products to ensure that you have the best to make your house a home.

Sunshine Coast Business Expo

- an important message for small businesses!

The inaugural Sunshine Coast Business Expo is all about taking your business to the next level. It will be held on the 12th and 13th March, 2008. The complete program of 31 business development seminars and two networking functions is now available. It can be found online at www.sunshinecoastbusinessexpo.com.au

It is an outstanding program of topics that have been selected based on the real needs of business owners and the very real expertise of our presenters, the vast majority of who manage their own businesses and therefore understand the day to day challenges and rewards.

For small businesses there is advise, hints, tips, suggestions and case studies on everything from managing your cash flow to greening your workplace; making the most of new Web-2 technologies to measuring the performance of your business and your people, the Expo has a wide and exciting business development program.

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Truthful Jones Tells... us that



his neighbour Paddy was frantic a couple of months ago. His wife, Maggie, was sick and perhaps dying.

Paddy rang the local doctor and said, "Doctor, please save my wife. I'll pay anything."

The Doctor said, "What if I can't cure her?"

Paddy replied, "I'll pay you whether you cure her or kill her. Just come straight away."

Although the doctor was prompt in visiting the woman, she died a few days later. The doctor sent Paddy a hefty bill. Paddy couldn't hope to pay, and asked the doctor to appear before the local priest with him, to have the case arbitrated.

The doctor said to the priest at the meeting, "He agreed to pay me for treating his wife, whether I cured her, or killed her."

The priest asked thoughtfully, "Well, did you cure her?"

"No." said the doctor.

"Then did you kill her?" asked the priest.

"Certainly not." said the doctor.

"In that case," said the priest, "you have no grounds on which to base a fee."

MAYBE WE SHOULD PAY DOCTORS ONLY WHEN THEY CURE US.

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

A maintenance schedule of 1-2 years is a good choice for most wood decks.

The amount of longevity possible from a deck finish is dependant on initial preparation, choice of deck stain plus exposure to intense sunlight and weather.

Preparation is 75% of the work.

Wood deck ready for sanding

Proper surface preparation prior to applying the finish is absolutely critical and can never be overlooked. If you choose to hire a deck refinishing contractor make sure proper preparation is part of the contract.

Before any washing or sanding can take place all mold, mildew and other "infections" need to be dealt with. It makes no sense to apply any finish over this unsightly and damaging nuisance. Plus sanding mold will simply grind the fungus deeper into the wood.

To remove mold from any deck surface, wood brightener or deck cleaners can be used. The choice depends on the amount of preparation you will be doing. Wood deck cleaners will be fine with additional sanding. Bleach and water can be used when small areas are affected.

You're Almost Ready to Start the Preparation

First, evaluate the condition and stability of the wood and stain. Many stains "burn off", turn into powder, after a short time and can be removed with water. Deck power washing can be a bit tricky and if done wrong could cause considerable damage.

Deck cleaning can include

the use of wood strippers or brighteners. These chemicals are an interesting addition to power washing, but not necessary.

When we refinish a deck, power washing is just one part of the preparation process. The most important part is sanding. Deck sanding is a labor-intensive job and should include the use of power sanders. Usually nothing too big is needed.

Sanding can occur before the washing if a deck is very rough and requires a lot of work. In this case washing is used to clean the surfaces of dust and open the pores in the wood, allowing deep penetration of the stain.

Wood decks that are in good shape can receive a light sanding after a thorough power washing.

Now that all surfaces are clean and sanded it is time to apply your oil. A general rule is the more color the longer the lifespan.

The most popular methods for applying a wood deck stain are with a brush, rolling, a paint pad and spraying. The best method depends on your experience and the decks construction. A combination can be used depending on your needs.

When the deck is properly refinished a maintenance schedule can be established. A proper wood deck maintenance schedule will reduce the need for intense preparation in the future.

*For more information about paint or "how to hints" click here to go to the **Maleny Paint Place** web page.*

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The tale of two mayors.....

A wet and windy night on February 12th saw the Mayors of Noosa Shire and Maroochy City face up to the people of the Blackall Range at a "Meet the Candidate" night at the Maleny Show Pavilion.

About 100 people came to hear about how our area might fare under the new amalgamated councils.

Mayor Bob Abbott from Noosa and Mayor Joe Natoli of Maroochydore both see the

Blackall Range Hinterland as an important part of the new super council of the Sunshine Coast.

Mayor Joe Natoli says that the new council must devel-

op systems that makes the council more business like and more efficient. He believes that the council needs a decentralised structure.

Mayor Bob Abbott believes that an economy cannot be imported into a community so the hinterland should not be over-developed to create



that economy. He believes that local products should be locally used. He also believes that as tourism is an important industry so the area should remain as attractive as it presently is.

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 cars that still park in the bus loading zone in front of the Maleny Primary School - especially when dropping and picking up students before and after school.

Think about those students who are catching busses. It is important to ensure safe bus practises.



Mum's favourite Recipes

Macaroni

- easy evening meal after a day in the yard.

Ingredients

- * 2 Rashers of chopped bacon
- * 1/4 Cup chopped green pepper
- * 1 Large onion
- * 500g mince meat
- * Garlic

Directions

- * Fry this up
- * Stir in 1.5 teaspoons curry powder and cook for 1 – 2 minutes
- * Add: 1 little container of tomato paste
- * 1 chicken stock cube
- * 1 cup water
- * 2 cups cooked macaroni
- * Salt & pepper
- * Mix well and bake in oven for 1/2 hour @ 160 -180

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You can have music wherever you go

There are a couple of blokes who go to the Maleny Bowls Club who have thousands of songs in their music library.

They like their music but are stuck to having to listen to it at home. Here is the answer to their problem, and for that matter anyone else who wants to listen to music on the run. No matter where or what you want to play, there's an Apple iPod made just for you.

There is one small iPod with one very big idea: Video. Now the world's most popular music player lets you enjoy music, video podcasts and more. The larger, brighter display means amazing picture quality. And with 4GB and 8GB models starting at just \$199 RRP inc GST you can take music wherever you go.

To find out more click on this story.

It only takes a dry twig to start a raging bush fire.

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Everyone can follow a different track but they all end up looking at the same sunset.

'SERENADING THE MOON' - FRENCH MUSIC FOR CELLO & PIANO CONCERTS

"Experience the best of French music, intoxicating to the listener with technical brilliance and impassioned lyricism."

"Grand sweeping gestures, lush melody, and heartfelt emotions that sear from pathos to folksy frenzy."

Lovers of classical music and French culture will be in heaven with the latest event created by classical music entrepreneur, Louise King. Cello Dreaming is presenting 'Serenading the Moon' - romantic music for cello and piano by French composers in three exclusive, one-off concerts on the 4th April in Montville.

English cellist Louise, who now calls Sunshine Coast home, has invited international concert artist Pascal Rogé - one of the world's most eminent and celebrated French pianists the world has ever seen - to join her in a weekend of exclusive and intimate music making.

Pascal is performing the Ravel concerto with The Queensland Orchestra the following week at QPAC, Brisbane. "Pascal has a reputation for being inquisitive about the countries he visits and calls a performance like this a 'Paradise Concert'" says Louise.

Louise's versatile playing has been likened to Yo Yo Ma's and her sound to that of Jacqueline du Prés and "exudes a vigorous artistry that surely appeals to a younger generation of music lovers". "I asked Pascal on the spur of the moment

to come and play with me here on the Sunshine Coast and was surprised the promise of sun, beach, surf and a concert deep in the rainforest and by the beach would be enough to entice him to our paradise." said Louise.

These performances promise to be intoxicating to the listener with their technical brilliance and impassioned lyricism and are characterised by grand sweeping gestures, lush melody, and heartfelt emotions that sear from pathos to folksy frenzy.

You can experience an up close and personal, world-class chamber

music performance in the midst of the rainforest surrounded by moonlight in Montville.

This concert is on Friday 4th April at 7pm at Lucas Parklands, 126 Narrows Road, MONTVILLE.

Ticket costs are \$40/ \$35 if group booking of 4 or more and only 80 seats are available.



Pascal and Louise

Tickets are available at Poets Cafe, 167 Main St Montville & The Spotted Chook - Ferme Auberge 176 Western Avenue, Montville. You can phone 5442 9242 or 0409 623 228 or reserve your seats by email lucasparklands1@bigpond.com

There will be a complimentary glass of champagne & canapés, fruit & cheese platters served from 6pm on the deck. A selection of beers, wines, tea & coffee and sweets available to purchase. There is parking on property.

This weeks notices brought to you by Maleny Paint Place

'Driller's Tales from India'

- One of a series of short stories written by local, Jervis Sparks .

They have all been published in Geo-Drilling International Magazine over the years.

They are all true stories.

I worked for over three years (1979 – 1982) as a drilling instructor with the UNDP in two Indian states, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala, teaching drillers of the respective Directorates of Geology the principles of the first wireline rigs (Longyear 24s) ever in India.

There are many hazards facing expatriates living and working in third world countries and India has them all, plus extras. Indian drillers will never start a hole on a Saturday and when planning drilling programs an awareness of all national and local holidays is imperative, as the crew never give advance warnings of holidays, especially their own. On one occasion the truck driver left for his two week vacation and took the keys with him – I had to use my Toyota Land-Cruiser in its place. Another time the bank officer in Raipur who handled all the UN accounts went on leave without warning us and took the key to all our files. Thus we could not deposit nor withdraw any money. The Babu principle – never let anyone know what you are doing so that you can never be criticised. As De Gaulle once said, 'in politics you are regarded on your power of influence, and not your merit'. That is what we had to contend with when working in India with two powerful bureaucracies, the Indian Government and the UN. It was really amazing how the Indian bureaucratic mind could convert a simple task into a complex exercise which could tax the patience

of a person to its limits. Also, all our geological maps were 70 to 90 years old.

Our role was to assist the State Directorate of Geology, but my counterpart (drilling chief) was too fat and lazy to go into the field. When I first arrived on site I found that their drill had not moved for four months because of a ditch in the road and that no bureaucrat would be willing to give permission to construct a bridge. I grabbed a concrete culvert I saw near by, rolled it into the space and made a bridge – we were drilling in four days.

Once I needed some dynamite to blast out an obstruction in the hole, so I visited the Additional (Deputy) Collector in Jagdalpur to obtain a dynamite permit and was told to – 1: Fill in an application form. 2: Affix a court fee stamp (Rs25). 3: Deposit Rs5 in the bank with the chalan form, plus attach a copy of the chalan form to the application form. 4: Draw a site plan (where the explosive was to be stored) in duplicate and enclose with application form. The procedure then would be – 1: The application would be presented to the Collector. 2: The Collector would send it to the sub-divisional magistrate. 3: The magistrate would do the spot inspection. 4: Magistrate would then submit a report to the Collector. 5: Collector will issue permit. All this for half a stick of gelignite!

When I said that I planned to store it in my tent they all turned pale. Dynamite will only explode if a firing cap is inserted and that detonated by an electrical charge. When I calculated the time it would take for all this to come to a successful conclusion, I turned pale too.

I abandoned the hole and redrilled it five metres away.

India was however, a wonderful country with wonderful people, and it was one of my most cherished foreign assignments. Everyone should have an Indian experience, but in truth, it should only be a "once-er".

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