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Council staff not to talk to councillors without permission

What do they have to hide?

Sheryl Krome of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council's Office of Council Management has issued a memorandum to council staff that they had to seek approval from herself if they wished to speak to elected council Councillors on official matters.

On hearing of this memo the Deputy Mayor, Cr. T. DWYER said, "They want to control information. It is so they can make sure we receive what they want us to receive."

A council spokeswoman said the request to staff was to help councillors and halt a tide of officers taking up their time unnecessarily.

Cr DWYER continued, "They don't want us to know too much or we might upset the apple cart."

Cr Dwyer believes that it is about shutting down any dialogue between councillors and employed staff.

Potholes there to catch you

Take care on Landsborough Road where potholes grow from one day to the next. Work is continuing to repair them but in the mean time take care.

The latest change of plans with respect to the high cost of water an election ploy says Cr Abbott.

On April 7th, Queensland Premier, Anna Bligh announced plans to dramatically change the policy in respect to the supply of water by capping the price will mean the maximum increase to the average household from the council owned entity will be \$78 and possible changes to the policy in respect to the distribution of water. This follows months of public outcry about the continual spiraling cost of water.

On top of this Councils who wish to return to their previous structure will be able to do that and once again take control of the supply of water.

In announcing the changes to the S.E.Q. Water Ms Bigh said, "Enough is enough. The blame game on water ends today."

She continued that, "I have listened to ratepayers across the South East. The spiraling increased cost of water is unfair and it has to stop."

Following this announcement Sunshine Coast Mayor, Cr Bob Abbott said, "This is a blatant short-term political fix in an election year".

Cr Abbott said, "We haven't even seen the documentation to know what this "This council, alongside all SEQ Councils, will now be demanding further information from the State on this quick-fix policy.

He continued, "With very little detail, the Premier has announced changes to its expensive and dysfunctional \$7 billion water grid which will see no financial sacrifices being made by the State Government but plenty being made by local councils."

No information was available as to what would happen to the bodies such as Unitywater which were set up in 2009 to distribute water in S.E. Queensland. Nor was there any information about how prices could be reduced now that more than seven billion dollars have been spent on infrastructure.

Returning the distribution of water to councils now will not ensure that costs will drop as much of the money has been expended on questionable infrastructure and administration setup that will still have to be repaid.



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Could Robin Hood ride again?

Back in 1290 Robin Hood was born and he went on to become a heroic outlaw in English folklore. He was a highly skilled archer and swordsman, he is known for "robbing from the rich and giving to the poor," assisted by a group of fellow outlaws known as his "Merry Men"

There is a movement in Australia and abroad that could see the sentiments of Robin Hood ride again.

It has been suggested that small tax on financial speculation by investment banks, hedge funds and other finance institutions would raise billions to tackle poverty and climate change, in Australia and overseas.

The tax, as low as 0.005 per cent – and average 0.05 per cent levied on the billions of dollars moving round the global finance system daily through transactions such as foreign exchange, derivatives and share deals, it could raise hundreds of billions of dollars annually.

Just think of the money that is paid

to a business by you via visa or eftpos that goes into a banks account and thus invested on the short term market prior to being deposited into the actual owners account.

A small tak on this type of profit made by the banks on money that is not even theirs can provide for vital investment in much needed and underfunded public services like health and education, resource efforts to conserve our environment, aid the fight against global poverty and climate change.

Money from this source can help shape the future of our world.

The tax **would not** be levied on everyday banking transactions conducted by individuals.

What do you think about this as a way of helping our community - maybe Australia's share could be placed into an national disaster fund to assist in times similar to those that we have just come through.

Macular Degeneration explained simply

Did you know that Macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness for people over 50 in the western world? 1 in 3 people over 75 have changes at their macula. The Macula is the very centre of the retina.

Macular Degeneration (MD) is the name given to a group of degenerative diseases of the retina that cause progressive, painless loss of central vision, affecting the ability to see fine detail, drive, read and recognise faces.

Early detection is critical. Optometrists are skilled in detecting early macula changes.

Local optometrist, Rachel Leigh is holding an information morning at the Maleny Library Meeting Room on May 6th, 2011 starting at 11.30a.m..

For those already suffering from Macular Degeneration assistance is available at the Maleny Library by the provision of Daisy Readers.

Bookings are essential for this free information morning. Bookings can be made by phone on (07) 5435 3100

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Iconic Glasshouse Mountains!

The campaign to have the iconic Glass House Mountains included on the National Landscapes list gained further momentum with a community forum in Maleny on April 11th.

Leanne McLaughlin from Parks Australia attended the forum at Tranquil Park Resort to provide detailed information about the inner workings of the National Landscape program and the benefits for the community.

The National Landscapes program aims to celebrate and promote unique and iconic Australian landscapes to international travellers.

The forum was well attended with a cross-section of interested groups and stakeholders within the region. Many sectors of the community supports the move.

The program is on hold for two years thus allowing time to get the submission into top shape.

New Name and New Inspiration for Easter

The collection of artists formerly known as THE SELF HELP ART GROUP has changed its name to BLACKALL RANGE VISUAL ARTISTS to better represent the changing focus and interests of the group.

The artists come from across the range and have diverse painting interests but will continue to meet at the Mapleton Bowls Club each week to paint, share knowledge and experience in a supportive and friendly atmosphere.

Their next Art Exhibition will be held at St Mary's Hall Montville over Easter, from Saturday 23rd until Tues 26th April open from 9:30am to 4:00pm each day.

These exhibitions have become a draw card for visitors wanting to buy local original art works and while admission is free, all commissions go toward the upkeep of the historically listed hall.

Photo Right: Blackall Range Artist Marilyn Cook preparing for Easter Art Show



Maleny Dairies not crying over spilt milk

Two workers from Maleny Dairies were conveyed to the Maleny Hospital on Monday April 11th following an accident involving the milk tanker that they were travelling in when it overturned on Maleny-Kenilworth Road at Elamon Creek, Conondale.

Neither person was seriously injured in the incident. Both were released from hospital following treatment. The driver sustained a cracked rib whilst the passenger was treated for some neck and back stiffness along with minor cuts and grazes.

Police are investigating the circumstances of the accident.

Spokesperson for Maleny Dairies, Ross Hopper said, "Being without our tanker at this time is inconvenient as we are processing extra milk as a result of a dispute between local dairy farmers and their manufacturer."

He continued, "There would not be any noticeable disruption to milk supply from Maleny Dairies. We have our herd of dairy cows which are our main source of milk for processing."

Whilst the tanker in this instance was not insured a replacement tanker is being sourced.

Mr. Hopper still had some hope of recovering much of the milk that remained in the tank so that it could be processed.

Maleny Dairies is presently increasing their production of milk in an effort to support local dairy farmers who are struggling as a result of the recent price reductions being paid to them because of the price war between the major grocery retailers.

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Mum's favourite Recipes

Corn & Zucchini Fritters

- always a great easy meal!

Ingredients

- * 310g tin corn kernels, drained
- * 150g zucchini, grated
- * 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- * 1/3 cup milk
- * 1 cup self-raising flour
- * chopped avocado, to serve
- * coriander leaves, to serve
- * 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- * salt and cracked black pepper
- * chopped tomato, to serve

Method

Whisk together the corn, zucchini, eggs and milk. Gradually stir in the sifted flour and cumin, salt and pepper.

Heat a little oil in a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Using a tablespoon, place heaped spoonfuls of the mixture in the pan and cook in batches. Using a spatula, turn them once, until golden and cooked through. Drain on paper towel, cover and keep warm as you cook remaining fritters.

Serve the cakes with chopped tomato, avocado, coriander leaves and sweet chilli sauce.

A bit about Australian Cabernet Sauvignon!

Cabernet Sauvignon came to Australia with James Busby, and it soon became apparent that this red grape was ideally suited to Australian conditions.

Early records show that by the end of the 19th century it had spread to South Australia's Clare, Barossa, McLaren Vale and Coonawarra regions as well as Great Western and the Goulburn Valley in Victoria. In the 21st century Cabernet Sauvignon is considered one of Australia's great red wines and is widely grown all over the country, from the cool climate of Tasmania to some ideally sited vineyards in Western Australia.

There is a wide range of Australian Cabernet Sauvignon styles and regional characters, from elegant, medium-bodied examples through to full-bodied reds full of intense black fruit flavours, with oak to match and firm tannins.

To find out about some mouth-watering recipes that have each been matched to a style of wine all you need to do is to simply *click on this story when connected to the internet and then look for the Wine Selectors advertisement.*

Take a look at some of the delicious recipes that have been kindly contributed by Selector magazine regular, and celebrity chef Peter Howard.

So whether it's a straight 6-pack of your favourite variety or a mixed pack specially selected for you and delivered to your door, you can be guaranteed it's a better way to buy wine.

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 female driver of the small silver Suzuki Sedan travelling along Bunya Street from the direction of the High School last Wednesday about 1p.m.

She was too busy talking on her phone and she did not see the white sedan she nearly collided with on Landsborough Road. Thankfully one driver was taking care.

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2011 ANZAC Day in Maleny

In recent years there has been an increase in the interest that locals have paid to the annual ANZAC commemoration ceremony. This year is expected to be mno different.

The itinery for the day is set out below.

Monday, 25 April 2011 marks the 96th anniversary of the landing of Australians and New Zealanders on the Gallipoli Peninsular in Turkey. In recognition of this momentous and enduring event in our national history, the Maleny RSL Sub Branch invites the community to commemoration services on Sunday as follows:

- 4.26 am Dawn Service at the RSL Memorial Hall followed by a Gunfire Breakfast.
- 9.00 am Witta Cemetery Service.
- 9.45 am Maleny Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Service.
- 10.30 am ANZAC Day March led by the Maleny 5th Light Horse Troop. Form up on Maple Street at corner of Fig Street at 10.15 am
- 10.45 am Commemorative Service at Maleny RSL Cenotaph after F18 and Tiger Moth fly-pasts
- 12.00 md Lunch, Entertainment and Traditional Games Afternoon at Maleny RSL Memorial Hall

Motorists please note that Maple and Bunya Streets will be closed under Police and SES control during the Maleny services. Woolworths Manager has kindly

offered the Woolworths car park to attendees (provided it is accessed outside the road closure times).

A RAAF FA18 will complete a commemorative flypast over Maleny, and a formation of light aircraft will fly over the town at 10.30 am, just as the March starts.

If your group or club wishes to participate formally in the commemorations or you know of a veteran wishing to ride in one of the parade vehicles, please call Don Bowen, Maleny Sub Branch Commemorations Officer on 5435 8461 or leave a message at the RSL on 5494 3717.



Flypast



Maleny Naval Cadets parade to lead the march

The RSL and T S Centaur Cadets will be selling ANZAC Day badges in Maple Street prior to ANZAC DAY.

Please buy a badge as the proceeds go to the welfare of Veterans, grants for building and restoration of memorials, and the schools education program.

“Lest we forget”

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard about his granddaughter's



teacher at Sunday school was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting into heaven.

She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big rummage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, cut the grass, and kept everything tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

By now the teacher was starting to smile - this was fun! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweets to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, they all answered, "NO!" Bursting with pride for them, the teacher continued: "So, how can I get into Heaven?"

Truthful's five-year-old granddaughter, Margaret shouted out, "YOU HAVE TO BE DEAD."

Morale out of the mouths or babies - they all have their own perception of the real world in their heads, and often they are more realistic than adults.



Who framed Roger Rabbit on DVD

The time is Hollywood in its heyday, and cartoons are king. But falling star Roger Rabbit's about lose his place as ruler of the empire. Distracted by his wife's alleged infidelities, Roger is one falling anvil away from being fired and studio head R.K. Maroon wouldn't mind hastening the process.

So the befuddled bunny hires down-and-out detective Eddie Valiant to help him get back the sultry, bosomy Jessica Rabbit.

At first Valiant refuses -- he's got his own reasons for hating the 'toons. But when the studio tycoon Maroon is found dead, Roger's one marked rabbit.

Stars; Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd, Joanna Cassidy, Chris Fleischer.

This movie has been digitally remastered and is in full wide screen and is sure to be a hit with the youngsters.

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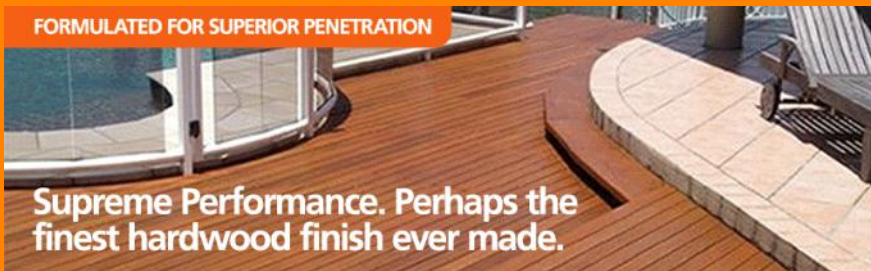
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Jack also specialises in supplying Heraldic Family Name products as Keepsakes/Souvenirs or for use at Family Reunions.

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.

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Origin & Arms of
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This name does not appear to be recorded in any comparable spelling before the late 17th Century, suggesting that it is of Huguenot immigrant status. The name spelling appears to be an anglicization of the French-Flemish 'Beauville' and is possibly confirmed by the recording of Magdalen Beurville who married Peter Levesque in 1765 at St. Boltophe Church, London. The 'normal' English medieval version of the name is Beavill, Bevill or Beville, however their names derive from a much earlier French-Norman entry after 1066, Robert de Beville being recorded in the records of Ramsey Abbey, Huntingdon, c.1190.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

Speech Competition

Students in years 10, 11 and 12 are encouraged to enter a competition to write and video a 3 minute speech as if it was their first speech to the House of Representatives.

The students are asked to write a speech about an issue or issues they think important, whether it's personal, local, national or even global.

They need to video their speech and send in a CD or DVD of their speech, along with a written copy, to the House of Representatives for judging.

The winner will receive a cash prize of \$250 for themselves and \$500 for their school. The runner up will receive \$100 for themselves and \$250 for their school.

Both students will be invited to Canberra to attend the opening of a public exhibition on first speeches in Parliament House in July 2011.

Details are available on the competition website www.aph.gov.au/myfirstspeech

Entries close Thursday 16 June. If you have any questions please call parliament's International and Community Relations Office on 1800 139 299 or email myfirstspeech@aph.gov.au

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.

Pyjamas wanted

My office is still collecting pyjamas for the Pyjama Foundation's annual collection drive.

A new pair of clean and comfortable pyjamas is comforting for children who find themselves in foster care in a strange environment.

The foundation is seeking brand new pyjamas in all sizes from baby to adult.

Pyjamas can be dropped off at my office at the Cartwright Centre, corner of Point Cartwright Drive and Nicklin Way, Buddina, between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

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