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Our Thoughts

Well, the Federal Labor Government has sent out another round of stimulus cheques valued at about \$900 to most Australians.

Personally, I am unable to see how this handout of our money is going to strengthen Australia's future.

Every dollar that is borrowed, some time, has to be repaid. By you, by me and by the rest of the country.

Over the life of the loan that was taken out by the Federal Government to be able to make the payment that \$900 will cost the average Australian many times that amount.

This is the heritage that we are going to leave our children and grand children as it will take decades to repay this money and the country has nothing tangible to show for these handouts.

If someone can explain how these particular payments are in Australia's best interest please let us know.

The old addage that nothing in life is FREE is only too true. Whilst spending that money just bear a thought about what it is really costing you.

Hope that you feel that you are getting good value for the hurt that it is going cause before the slate is again clean.....

Indeed - what a tragedy

Over last weekend two news items could not help but cause grief. That is the news of a deadly traffic accident at the intersection of Nambour Connection Road and Blackall Street, Woombye and the accident in Toowoomba that resulted in 3 teenagers being killed and 4 others injured when their car crossed a median strip and crashed head-on into a vehicle travelling in the opposite direction.

What do these accidents

have in common?

Both accidents were caused in some way by the failings of the driver to comply with the provisions of the laws relating to driving a motor vehicle.

Our grief goes out to all the families involved and these two incidents will have consequences far into the future for them.

Please take care when driving and bring your passengers home safely.

Outback Australia and Rural Awards

The new Australian Outback and Rural Awards has been launched, to recognise the high achievements of Australians who live outside major cities.

Nominations close this year on July 10. The winners will be announced at a special gala event in Canberra in September.

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Truthful Jones

Tells... his nephew Mick was concerned about his wife's safety when she was out alone so he ordered a taser gun over the internet for her. It finally arrived so he decided that he would test it before giving it to her. He loaded two AAA batteries and pushed the button. Nothing! he was disappointed, but then he read (yes, he read the instructions) that if he pressed the taser against a metal surface and pushed the button at the same time, he'd see a blue arc of electricity darting back and forth between the prongs, to verify that it was working.

"Awesome!!!" he thought.

Now he'd have yet to explain to his wife about that new burn spot on the face of her microwave.

There he was, home alone with this new toy, thinking to himself that it couldn't be all that bad with only two triple-A batteries, right?

He sat there in his recliner, reading the directions, his cat Gracie looking on intently. Trusting little soul. He got to thinking that he really needed to try this thing out on a flesh and blood moving target. He thought about zapping Gracie for a fraction of a second.

She is such a sweet cat, but if he was going to give this device to his wife to protect herself against a mugger, he did want some assurance that it would work as advertised. Am I wrong? he thought.

So there he sat in shorts and a tank top with my reading glasses perched on the bridge of my nose, directions in one hand, and taser in another. The directions said a one-second burst would shock and disorient your assailant, a two-second burst would cause muscle spasms and a major loss of bodily control, and a three-second burst would purportedly make your assailant flop on the ground like a fish out of water.

A burst longer than three seconds

would be a waste of batteries.

He was sitting there alone, with Gracie looking on, her head cocked to one side as if to say, 'Don't do it.' But he was reasoning that a one-second burst from such a tiny little thing couldn't hurt all that bad.

He decided to give myself a one-second burst, just for the heck of it. He touched the prongs to his naked thigh, pushed the button, and...

HOLY MOTHER OF GOD! WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION!

Just then his wife came in through the side door, picked Mick up from my recliner, and the taser body slammed them both onto the carpet, over and over and over again. Mick vaguely recalls waking up on his side in the fetal position, with tears in his eyes, body soaking wet, tingling legs, nipples on fire, and testicles nowhere to be found.

SON-OF-A... That Hurt Like HELL!

If you ever feel compelled to 'mug' yourself with a taser, you should know that there is no such thing as a one-second burst when you zap yourself. You will not let go of that taser until it is dislodged from your hand by your involuntary violent thrashing about on the floor.

A minute or so later (Mick can't really be sure, as time was relative at that point) he collected what wits he had left, sat up, and surveyed the landscape. His bent reading glasses were on the mantel of the fireplace. How did they get there? His triceps, right thigh, and both nipples were still twitching. His face felt like it was shot up with Novocaine. His bottom lip weighed 40kgs. And Mick is still looking for his testicles!!

He has offered a significant reward for their safe return.



Need a J.P.?

The Maleny Library now provides a free Justice of the Peace services to the public on Mondays between 10am to 1pm. If you need this service you merely need to call in between the relevant times.

Justices of the Peace volunteer their time to perform a wide range of services including witnessing the signing of documents.

No more do you need to go hunting around to find a J.P. to help you out.

With more than 1000 people a month using the JP services at libraries, council is always looking for more qualified JPs to join the service.

If you are a qualified Justice of the Peace and would like to be part of this valuable service, please contact 5491 1255 or email libraries@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au to volunteer your services.



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2 Free Tickets for Sharing What frustrates you most in your relationship

Here's an opportunity to get your most frustrating relationship issues off your chest. Life coach, Dixon Hammer is giving away 2 free tickets to his first public presentation of The Golden Agreement at the end of this month. The Golden Agreement is a powerful principle Dixon has designed to relieve stress in relationships. 'After 20 years, I feel like I've finally refined the simplest way for couples to create a deeply loving and harmonious relationship for life.' Says Dixon.

To help Dixon make his presentation as relevant as possible, he is asking couples on the range to send in their most challenging relationship issue. Dixon will then integrate the feedback he receives into his presentation, demonstrating how The Golden Agreement can be used to resolve the issues that are most pressing for you at the moment. Regardless of how big or how small these frustrations may be, Dixon would love to hear from you.

All entries are confidential and will go into a draw to receive two free tickets to the presentation scheduled for Wednesday evening 3rd of June. Please send your most annoying or painful relationship issues to email info@raisingharmony.com or mail to PO Box 1071, Maleny.

Entries close 19th May. The winning couple will receive their tickets in the mail and can choose to remain anonymous.

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: - to the driver of the car who reversed into the parked motor cycle in Maple Street, Maleny on Sunday about lunch time and then drove off without leaving any particulars.

It might have been a good idea to leave your particulars for the motor cycle owner.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Baked Fish Pie

- Usually for an easter meal.

Ingredients

- * 1 tablespoon butter
- * 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- * 1 tablespoon flour
- * 1 lb. cooked boneless fish fillets
- * 1 cup fish stock or milk
- * 1 cup breadcrumbs
- * 1/8 teaspoon salt
- * Potatoes
- * Pinch pepper
- * 1 egg
- * Squeeze lemon juice,

Method

Melt butter in saucepan, add flour, and stir till smooth. Cook 1 minute, add stock or milk and stir till boiling. Add salt, pepper, lemon juice, parsley, and flaked fish.

Mix well and pour sufficient of the mixture into a greased pie dish to cover the bottom well. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs and dot with small pieces of butter. Cover with a layer of mashed potatoes and brush with beaten egg.

Repeat 4, 5, and 6 till all mixture is used up. Bake in a moderate oven till brown.

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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

Teachers to strike on May 19th

Sunshine Coast state teachers will strike on Tuesday May 19th in an effort to gain a pay rise.

All Queensland schools would remain open if the strike goes ahead and students attending the schools would be supervised at all times.

Contingency plans were already under way.

[Click here to go to our "Events Guide"](#)
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This weeks Special

Wattyl Trademax
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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Ever wanted to change the colour of those kitchen tiles - well, now you can

New tile & laminate paint from Taubmans White Knight Paints has built-in bacterial resistance.

Tile Paint and Laminate Paint from Taubmans White Knight Paints have been reformulated to include the Microban additive that aids in the control of bacterial activity, mould and fungi.

The additive is included during the manufacturing process and while providing attention for the life time of the paint - it won't rub, wash or wear off - it does not affect the paint's excellent durability and application qualities.

Tile Paint was developed to rejuvenate dated or ugly ceramic tiles and create a smooth, glossy professional finish suitable for walls and splashbacks in kitchens, laundries and bathrooms.

Laminate Paint rejuvenates laminate surfaces on cupboards and drawers and dries to a hardwearing satin finish. It is not recommended for bench tops and is for use only on interior surfaces.

The secret of success with this product is firstly a good surface clean with White Knight Tile & Laminate Cleaner. It is a high performance cleaning product specially formulated for the removal of grease, soap scum and other contamination from ceramic tiles and laminate surfaces before painting with White Knight Tile & Laminate Primer.

Secondly the Tile and Laminate primer. It is a specially formulated primer. This primer is a revolutionary, water-based primer specially developed to give superior adhesion to ceramic tiles, laminate and melamine surfaces.

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It is all available at Maleny Paint Place.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Clean hands

Residents around the world – including Australia – have been urged to make special effort to wash your hands daily, in the battle against general sickness and disease.

The matter has been again raised by the World Health Organisation in the light of the current swine flu alert.

While personal hygiene in Australia is generally better than in many developing nations, we should be mindful that maintaining good hygiene – including cleaning our hands when applicable – remains one of the first lines of defence against sickness, the flu and other common ailments.

For details about the “Clean Your Hands” campaign, visit the World Health Organisation website at: <http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/>

Seniors Forum Speakers

The expert speakers have been confirmed for the Fisher Seniors’ Forum, to be held 22 May. The speakers are Dr Chris Davis (AMAQ President), Gary Hopkins

(lawyer) and Dr Barry Ritchie (head of the AIR’s research group).

Discussions will include seniors and the economic situation. I encourage seniors and their families to consider attending the 9th annual Fisher Seniors’ Forum and Expo, at the Lake Kawana Community Centre from 1.30pm.

Please call my office on 5443 3555 or 1300 301 981 (toll free) to book your place (for catering purposes). Attendance is FREE and attendees will receive a FREE satchel of items such as a notebook, health information, and service guides.

Captioned Cinema

A number of cinemas around Australia now offer captions for the hearing impaired.

Captions are an English-language text version of the movie soundtrack, which includes not only speech but other important sounds.

This is a great service for the approximately four million Australians who are hearing impaired.

The issue is among those that can be investigated under the current

“Media Access Inquiry”.

For a background paper on this matter, visit: www.yourlocalcinema.com.au/docs/Accessible_cinema_backgroundunder.doc

Details on the Media Access Inquiry are available at: www.dbcde.gov.au/media_broadcasting/television/television_captioning/television_captioning_discussion_paper

Awards for Anzac Events

I wish to remind local schools that organised Anzac Day commemoration events should consider entering the Anzac Day Schools’ Awards 2009 – entries close on May 30.

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