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A GREAT NIGHT OF FUN AND FRIVOLITY

The Conondale community has always been a very close "family" and when one member of the family needs a hand the rest of "the family" is there to help out.

The Conondale Bush Racing Association is holding a cent auction at the Conondale Community Hall on Saturday September 13th starting at 6 p.m. to help out the Dunham family. A young member of the Dunham family is presently battling leukemia in Brisbane.

Anyone who knows the Conondale community knows that they know how to have a great time so the night is going to be a great night of fun and fellowship. There will be a bar and food available.

If you want to help out or want more information contact Lois White on 5494 4561.

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Fire destroys emu crop

On Saturday August 9th at about 9a.m. fire officers from both the Maleny Auxiliary Fire Service and Rural Fire Services were called to a fire at The Tjuringa emu farm at Reesville.

The fire destroyed an incubation shed which contained this seasons stock of emu eggs that were next seasons emu chicks.

It is believed that the fire started from a petrol generator that was being used as a result of a power outage to power the incubators.

The Tjuringa emu farm at Reesville commenced operations in 1993 and has a breeding stock of about 700 emus. They lay their eggs in winter and so this generation of chicks would have been the basis of emu products produced by the farm in about 2011.

Emu products, which includes not only the meat,

but also emu oil and cosmetic products.

Owner Peter Thompson reported that there were no persons injured as a result of this fire and the damage had been contained to the one shed.

Maleny Rural Fire Brigade spokesman, Norm Lewis said, "This is a timely reminder that with the low humidity and rapidly drying conditions it is a good time to check fire breaks and vegetation around buildings, roofs and guttering and to be aware of what constitutes a fire hazard."

In the event of fire ring 000 or 112 from a mobile phone. For information & advice on protecting your property from wild fire attack you can call M.R.F.B. Officer's phone 0427 071 591. Maleny Rural Fire Brigade is always looking for male or female volunteers aged over 16.

Maleny R.S.L. provides answers about Families Counselling Service

"Next General Meeting of RSL Maleny Sub-Branch is to be held in the RSL Hall on Thursday 21st August 2008 commencing at 9:00 am.

At this meeting Dennis O'Brien, Director South Qld (Brisbane) VVCS -Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service, will be present from 10:00 to inform of the VVCS and answer questions as necessary.

Spokesman for the Maleny R.S.L., Ian Williams said, "All interested people are welcome to attend."

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Truthful Jones Tells...



that he recently went on a trip with Malcolm Baker to Alaska. He had a great time but he decided that he wanted to try "ice fishing" whilst he was there so he walked out onto a frozen lake on a bitter cold winter day. He drilled a hole in the ice, sat on his bucket, put his fishing line in the water and eagerly waited for a fish to bite.

He was there for almost five hours without even a nibble when a young boy walked out, drilled a hole in the ice and sat on his bucket not far from the old man. It only took about one minute and BAM! A huge walleye bit his hook and the boy pulled in the fish.

The old man couldn't believe it and figured it was just luck. Yet, the boy put his fish line in again and within just two minutes he pulled in another huge walleye!

This went on and on until finally the old man couldn't stand it any more. He hadn't caught a fish all day. He went to the boy and said, "Boy, I've been here nearly all day without even a nibble. You have been here only a few minutes and have caught TEN huge fish! How do you do it?"

The boy said, "Oo af o rep ra rums rm."

"What?" asked Truthful.

Again the boy said, "Oo af o rep ra rums rm."

Freezing and impatient Truthful yelled "Look, I can't understand a word you are saying."

So, the boy took off his gloves, spit a clump of stuff into his hands and said, "You have to keep the worms warm!!"

MORALE; There is nothing like local knowledge, irrespective of age when visiting distant lands.

When the well's dry, we know the worth of water.

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Replacing wall paper with a painted surface

Wall-paper has in the past been a very fashionable way to decorate and cover walls.

Today wall-paper is much less fashionable and now we often wonder how we can remove it and then paint the surface with paint

Wallpaper can easily be taken off by tearing the top layer of paper off. Take off as much as you can so that the paper underneath is visible. Using a garden sprayer, mix a bottle of methalated spirits with a approx 6 litres of warm water

Make sure you put rolled up towels at the base of the wall to protect the carpet. Spray the walls until they are wet and the water is soaking into the paper.

Have a cup of coffee and then spray the walls once again. Now it should be very easy to remove the wallpaper without damaging the walls.

Make sure you remove all the glue by scrubbing, and to be sure scrub it again. Spot cleaning of the glue can be completed with acetone.

If you don't get all the glue off,

the acrylic paint that you apply will bubble up.

If you find you have damaged the walls there is a Selley's product called Smoothcoat that can be used to even out the surface.

Use a wide blade to fill all the scrapes and gouges and let dry, sand off with fine sandpaper, seal the patches and you are ready to paint

like to apply an oil based undercoat just in case. Two top-coats of acrylic paint can then be used to complete the job.

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Mum's favourite Recipes

Ham & Cheddar Frittata

- easy Sunday evening meal.

Ingredients

- * 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
- * 1 cup chopped onions
- * 6 large eggs
- * 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- * 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
- * 2 tablespoons Red Chili & Honey Mustard
- * 1 cup sour cream
- * salt and pepper to taste
- * 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese,
- * 16 ounces shredded hash browns
- * 2 cups diced cooked ham

Preparation:

In large skillet heat oil over medium heat. Sauté onions, garlic and green peppers until soft.

In mixing bowl whisk eggs, mustard, sour cream, salt, pepper and 1 cup of cheese together.

Spread hash browns and ham over onion mixture. Pour egg mixture over and cook, covered, without stirring, 8 to 10 minutes over low heat

Preheat broiler.

Remove cover and sprinkle remaining cheese over top. Place under broiler and broil 4 to 5 minutes or until cheese is bubbly.

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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 white 4wd SUV travelling towards Maleny through the "Ice Box" at about 80kph on Wednesday about 4.45p.m. holding a phone in one hand and adjusting the sun visor with the other hand.

Maybe one day we will have driverless cars...

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David Evans changes his mind

WHY IS IT SO?

Eggs float when they are bad

“Is it true that when an egg has gone bad it will float, and why?”

The egg shell has up to 17,000 tiny pores on its surface. The egg even can absorb flavours through these pores. It's an old trick of French chefs, to store eggs in a sealed container with some truffles. This way, the cooked egg has the flavour of the truffle, without actually having to use up this expensive fungal delicacy.

It's these pores that make a bad egg float. If an egg goes bad, it's usually thanks to bacteria that got in through those tiny pores, that generated some gas in there. This gas increases the pressure inside the egg. After a while, not only does this extra pressure inside push out the gas, but it will also push out some liquid (such as the yolk and the white) through the pores.

If you leave out some bad eggs in the compost, and came back to them a week later, and touch them gently, they will exploded from the excess pressure inside.

So this is how the egg gets to be lighter - by losing gas and liquids through its pores.

So if you have two eggs of the same size, and one is lighter, then that's the one that will float. And that's the one that is more likely to be bad.



I read this article in the Australian newspaper and I thought that it is so important that we would quote it here so you can go and read the whole article. Type into your internet browser: (<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,24036736-7583,00.html>)

Perhaps the MOST significant article printed in the media recently on global warming is one by David Evans (in The Australian - 18 July 2008).

Dr David Evans is a scientist who is directly involved in the climate debate. In fact, he worked with the government's "Australian Greenhouse Office" - from 1999 to 2005. He has changed his mind - from believing that human-caused global warming WAS occurring to now believing that it isn't!

He writes "I DEVOTED six years to carbon accounting, building models for the Australian Greenhouse Office. I am the rocket scientist who wrote the carbon accounting model (FullCAM) that measures Australia's compliance with the Kyoto Protocol, in the land use change and forestry sector. FullCAM models carbon flows in plants, mulch, debris, soils and agricultural products, using inputs such as climate data, plant physiology and satellite data. I've been following the global warming debate closely for years.

When I started that job in 1999 the evidence that carbon emissions caused global warming seemed pretty good: CO2 is a greenhouse gas, the old ice core data, no other suspects.

The evidence was not conclusive,

but why wait until we were certain when it appeared we needed to act quickly? Soon government and the scientific community were working together and lots of science research jobs were created. We scientists had political support, the ear of government, big budgets, and we felt fairly important and useful (well, I did anyway). It was great. We were working to save the planet....

He goes on... "But since 1999 new evidence has seriously weakened the case that carbon emissions are the main cause of global warming, and by 2007 the evidence was pretty conclusive that carbon played only a minor role and was not the main cause of the recent global warming. As Lord Keynes famously said, "When the facts change, I change my mind. What do you do, sir?"

Editor: Do you know the truth of the matter? It is certainly a matter that needs to be fully explained as our society as we know it today depends on the correct information. Make a mistake, either way and our kids and grandkids will pay for the rest of their lives.

Full article at <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,24036736-7583,00.html>

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Maleny Commerce networks

Maleny Commerce, formerly known as The Maleny Chamber of Commerce and Industry held a very successful "Hinterland Connects" networking evening at the Maleny R.S.L. Hall on Tuesday August 12th. The evening was sponsored by Maleny Commerce, Caloundra City Enterprises and VESTRA Business Advantage.

The evening started at about 4.30p.m. with a workshop on "networking" followed by a general networking meeting between 5.30p.m. and 7.30p.m.

About 80 people attended and were rewarded with the chance to meet other business people who want to conduct in the Maleny Community.

Maleny Commerce President, Stephen Dittman of the Maleny Branch of the Bank of Queensland said, "This evening is a co-ordinated effort by the various Sunshine Coast Chambers."

A large number of those attending came from businesses that operate from the coastal area of the Sunshine Coast but who want to do business in the hinterland area. Whilst there was a number of business proprietors of Maleny businesses many local businesses missed out on the opportunity to seek business with local people.

Further information about the next "Hinterland Connects" event will be available through the Maleny Commerce website: www.malenycommerce.org.au

News from Maleny Bowls Club

by Chairman Ian Hansen



Last week was an excellent one for the Club. The weather was kind, Bowls were played on four days, Men's Pennants started and Saturday was a great social day which proved profitable for the Club.

Tuesday's winners with two wins plus 16 were Ann Marden, Gary Caldicott and Sandra Kapetanic. The touchers went to John Kapetanic, Tom Jollow and Dennis Lankester. Doug Frawley won the raffle but the Jackpot of \$186 wasn't won so it will exceed \$200 this week.

Friday's Social Bowls winners were Brett Scott and Nev Littler who recorded plus 18. The raffle winner was Brian Emmerton but the big winner was Ewan Sweeting who won the IGA Members' draw which was worth \$240. Well done Ewan. The other winners would have been: Joyce Walsh for Maleny Paints, Jim Brown for The Full Monte. Terry Murphy for Beechwood Bakehouse and John Wildman for Qld. Villages now worth \$80 this week.

Saturday our Men's Pennant sides both played away and both recorded a win and a loss. Unfortunately, in both instances, the losing margin was larger than the winning one so both sides lost. Team "A" going down to Pelican Waters and Team "B" to Yandina. However, all enjoyed the games and are looking forward to this week's clashes. Team "A" travel to Noosa Heads and Team "B" go to Maroochydore Beach. Monday, our Ladies play their first Pennant fixtures at Headlands. It is great to see our Ladies competing in Pennants as it is many

years since they have done so and we wish them all the very best for their season.

Sunday, eight pairs contested the Nominated Monthly Mixed Pairs. Many thanks to Margaret and Don Ginns for filling in at the last minute to even up the teams. The winners with two wins plus 27 were the husband and wife combination of Jo and Nev Littler. The runners-up with plus 19 in the second game were the late entrants, Margaret and Don – just rewards for filling in at the last moment. Congratulations to all four of you. It was a most enjoyable morning and it's a great pity we can't get more pairs to play in this Monthly event.

Saturday, newly-weds, Mike and Gabrielle Vaughan who were only married on Friday, the 8th of the 8th of the 8th, continued their celebrations with an afternoon BBQ and game of Bowls with 40 plus of their friends. All thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon which was very successful thanks to the sterling efforts of the "Galley Slaves" viz. Helga, Gail, Doreen and Ray G. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. John White was the lucky raffle winner of a "Cheese Platter."

This week kicks off with Ladies Pennants at Headlands followed by the usual Jackpot Pairs/Triples on Tuesday. Thursday is Nominated Mixed Triples Day, Friday is Social Bowls and the Men play Pennants on Saturday to finish off another busy week. Good Bowling to all who are involved in any of the games.

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A little insight into the history of Maleny and District

Maleny Butter Factory

Europeans arrived in the Blackall Range area in the early 1840s. Explorer Ludwig Leichhardt explored the area in more detail in 1843. Settlers came in to claim land at Bald Knob, Conondale, Baroon Pocket and Maleny. Following the discovery of gold in the Gympie area it became a convenient thoroughfare between Brisbane and the goldfields.

In the late 1890s farmers in the Maleny area turned to dairying and by 1900 were sending cream by pack horse to Landsborough for railing to the Queensland Meat Export Company's Brisbane butter factory. The length of time it took to transport Maleny cream to Brisbane was problematic, encouraging Maleny farmers to establish their own co-operative dairy factory in 1903-04. **(Photo Below—First Butter Fac-**



tory)

The first cream was treated at the new Maleny Butter Factory on 19 December 1904. A larger more modern factory was subsequently opened in Fig Street on 20

January 1912. A new brick factory replaced this in 1940. The business expanded to become the largest industry in the district, remaining profitable until the 1970s. The Maleny factory amalgamated with the Caboolture Co-operative Dairy Association in 1978. Apart from being the biggest industry in the area in its time the Maleny butter factory played another part in Maleny's history. In 1940 the early butter factory, the saw mill and the hotel in Maleny were the first to use electricity in the district. Each of those buildings had its own generator before Maleny received a reticulated system.

Local farmer, Frank Rough said, "Maleny in the 1930's was a small farming district, completely filled with dairy farms. A butter factory operated in Coral Street on the banks of Obi Creek."

Cream was sent to that factory firstly by pack-horse and later by motor vehicle. As late as 1938 there were still two horse drawn wagons delivering cream to the butter factory. The cream was carried in steel churns and on the return journey they carried bread, groceries and mail back to the farms.

Frank continued, "You had to be careful to check the churns before you filled them with cream because it was easy to leave things in them and send the cream and the "foreign" items back to the butter factory."

The Maleny butter factory closed in the 1940s, but the buildings remain today as the administration area for Byolityx Solutions

M A L E N Y D A I R I E S

Maleny Dairies is a family owned business situated in the picturesque hills of Maleny. It is owned by the Hopper Family. They started farming in the area about 1947 and this is the 3rd generations.

Maleny Dairies came about through the deregulation of the milk industry. This resulted in a drastic drop in income for dairy farmers in Queensland.

The Hopper family decided to fight back by building a milk processing plant - not only to help them-

selves, but other farmers and their families in the local area.

Hoppers Dairy have won a number of mentions at both the Royal Sydney and the Brisbane Shows for their dairy products.



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It was used as a storage depot until the 1980's for milk to be transported to Brisbane. From the 300 farms in the area, only around 12 remain.



(Photo above supplied by Frank Rough shows horse and sled used for transport around his families dairy farm.

Cream carriers would bring the cream in churns to the butter factory where it was made into butter. Each churn carried about 10 gallons of cream

Cream carriers were also the grocery carriers for the farms. They would line up at the bakery, butchery, grocery shop post office to collect orders for the various dairy farms from where they collected the cream.

Some cream trucks also doubled as school busses. When the cream cans were removed from the back of the truck planks of wood were placed in so that they formed a basic

seat and the children travelled to and from school in the back of the truck.

About 1961 milk production for milk started to replace cream for butter.

Milk was collected from the farm to be delivered to the Brisbane market. Bulk supplies were introduced for this service and so the "pick-up and delivery" service was finished.



The photo right is one of Percy Hassall's trucks. This truck named "Ernie" was a common sight around Maleny picking up milk from farms and delivering to Maleny butter factory where it was stored for transport to Brisbane. There was certainly a difference in the means of transport between Frank's photo and Percy's truck.)

(Photo below shows an average modern dairy with cows.)



A Butter Factory with no butter

The Maleny Butter Factory was not the only butter factory in the area. Unbeknown to most of us Cononddale also had a butter factory. A bit like the Slim Dusty song; "Pub with no beer" the Cononddale Butter Factory never produced a pound of butter.

Cononddale farmers built a butter factory and a saw mill in the one complex. Both areas operated from the one boiler. Before it was able to be used the saw mill and the boiler complex was destroyed by fire. The remaining hall which was to be used as the "butter hall" was subsequently used as a dance hall. The hall was eventually sold in 1948 and removed from its original site. The timber from the hall was used by Hec Nichols to build a house in Caloundra. The cold room was used when

Snow McKillops butcher shop was built in Coral Street, Maleny.

McKillops Butcher Shop was situated on what is not the vacant block of land

on the western side of the Maleny Library.



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This week with Peter Slipper M.H.R.



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Grants for Business

Local businesspeople who have innovative projects that help address the impacts of climate change may consider applying for a grant under the Climate Ready Programme. The programme offers dollar-for-dollar grants of between \$50,000

and \$5million for research and development, proof-of-concept and early-stage commercial activities with a climate change benefit.

For further information visit the AusIndustry website www.ausindustry.gov.au or phone 13 28 46.

Pension Review Paper

As foreshadowed in previous columns, the Government has now released a Pension Review Paper, which is a precursor to the investigation into pensions – including analysing levels of income support and allowances, the payment system and the frequency of payments, and concessions or other entitlements for Age Pension, Disability Support Pension and Carer Payment recipients.

The Pension Review Paper is designed to generate debate and discussion on issues surrounding pension payments – one notable fact in the paper is that the single rate of the pension, at 60 per cent of the combined couple rate, is lower

than the average for OECD countries at 63 per cent.

The Pension Review Background Paper and information about the public consultations can be found at http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/seniors/pension_review.

Information from responses to the Background Paper, as well as written submissions and national consultations, will feed into the final Review report, which is due to be completed by February 2009.

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