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Vandals strike again at soccer

On Thursday 08/04/2010, Maleny Rangers Soccer players were horrified at training to see that their soccer net were slashed.

The Rangers home ground is the Maleny Show grounds.

The damage occurred between the Thursday and the previous Tuesday.

This could not come at a worst time for the club as this round of home games were schedule for the following Saturday Morning.

This followed recent damage done to the surface of the playing field by a vandalising motorist.

Anyone who may have seen or heard anything is asked to contact Maleny Police or Crimestoppers.



Man killed in accident

In what started off as an almost perfect day for a bike ride through the Sunshine Coast Hinterland on Sunday April 11th ended in tragedy when a series of accidents saw one rider killed and two others taken to the Nambour General Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The incidents occurred at about 7.30a.m. when it appears that a group of motorcycles were travelling along Peachester Road between Beerwah and Peachester when two motorcyclists crashed in separate incidents.

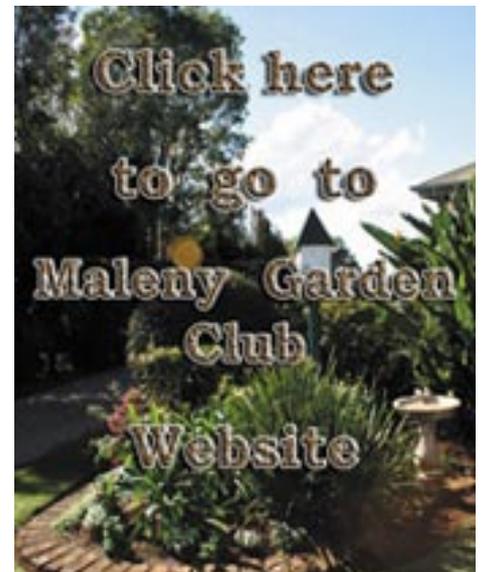
Following this a 52-year-old man from Yandina was fatally injured when his motor cycle left the road and crashed into a tree.

The Forensic Crash Unit is

investigating.

They have not released a preliminary cause for this accident at this time.

The names of the persons involved in these incidents have not been released.



Q. How many politicians does it take to inspect a coalcarrier stuck on a reef?

A. We are yet to find out.



Who remembers the old days

Coming home after a feed of mulberries and all parts the body covered in purple stain, especially feet...

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The tale of two ceilings as told to Truthful Jones Tells...

Once upon a time in a tiny Australian hamlet there were two neighbours, Joy and Jane. They were friendly neighbours and often had a good chin wag across the side fence.

Both owned their homes. The homes were very similar in construction, about 10 years old of brick veneer construction with tiled rooves.

One morning whilst talking over the fence Joy said to Jane, "We are going to take advantage of the Federal Government's offer to insulate our ceiling. It will make summers cooler and winters warmer. It will also save on greenhouse gasses so is good for the environment."

Jane replied, "That is a good idea. Who is doing your roof and when are they doing it?"

Joy then went into her house and soon returned with the business card from the proposed installer. She said, "He is doing it in two weeks."

Jane said, "That is good. I will contact him and see if he can do my roof at the same time."

Jane subsequently contacted the insulation installer and made arrangements to have her ceiling insulated at the same time as Joy next door was getting hers done.

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The day of the installation arrived and was completed.

There did not appear to be any problems and the installer left.

Summer came and went. Joy and Jane were both happy with their ceiling insulation. Both felt that it had made a difference during the summer keeping their houses cooler.

No problems had been experienced with any electrical objects in either house and daily life continued as normal.

This was until one morning Joy called Jane to the fence and said, "Did you read in the paper about how many houses had burned down because of foil insulation not being installed correctly. There have even been some deaths."

Joy said, "No."

Over the next few days there were many more stories in the newspapers about problems with the way in which this Federal Government program was being carried out.

This program cost the Australian taxpayers many hundreds of millions of hard earned dollars.

Concern about the program was so intense that guidelines as to how insulation was to be installed were put in place by the Federal Environment Minister. The program continued at breakneck speed.

Problems were continuing. So much so that the Federal Environment Minister put a stop to it and closed the program down.

A further program was created to check houses where the foil was placed into ceilings. This program also proceeded at

breakneck speed.

Also at a cost of many hundreds of millions of dollars, again at the expense of the Australian taxpayer.

Again many people got into this program in an effort to make a "quick buck."

About this time, Jane being a worry wort began to worry about the safety of her house. "Could it be burnt down or worse could I be electrocuted?" wondered Joy.

Joy saw an advertisement in her local newspaper by a business willing to check on the safety of ceiling insulation. She contacted the phone number in the advertisement and arranged for an inspection to be made.

A couple of days later Joy was again talking to Jane at the fence. She said to Jane, "We are getting the ceiling insulation checked. I am worried that my house might burn down or that I could even get electrocuted."

Jane said, "That is a good idea."

Joy said, "Do you want me to arrange for the bloke inspecting my ceiling to do yours at the same time?"

Jane said, "Who is doing yours?"

Joy replied, "I don't know - some bloke who advertised in the local paper. I have not heard of him before this."

Jane replied, "No. I will contact the electrician who has done work here before. I would feel safer knowing someone



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who is normally working in the area.”

Joy's house was subsequently inspected by the electrician who had advertised that he would inspect foil insulation.

Following the inspection Joy was informed that the ceiling was indeed dangerous. There was an earth leakage caused by the foil. “The foil has to be removed immediately.” said the electrician.

The insulation foil was immediately removed from the ceiling by the electrician. Joy signed the subsequent paperwork. The electrician then informed her, “You still have an earth leakage. Maybe it wasn't the foil afterall.”

Joy was then perplexed. Not only does she no longer have ceiling insulation but she is not sure about her safety as she still has that earth leakage.

Jane called her electrician and arranged an inspection. He arrived as arranged and took meter readings before climbing into the ceiling. He then climbed into the ceiling and made an inspection.

He then checked every light switch and powerpoint. There were no problems found with the foil insulation.

The electrician said to Jane, “This job is safe. You have a good idea when you climb into the ceiling if things are O.K. You can tell by the manner in which the foil has been placed in the roof.”

He continue, “There has even been covers placed over your down lights and breather holes cut around your exhaust fans.

You will have no trouble with this job.”

Jane is happy. She feels that her house is safe and she has the benefit of the ceiling insulation now that winter is coming on.

Remembering that both houses were insulated on the same day by the same people one could only wonder how one house was apparently so dangerous whilst the other job was apparently completed in a professional manner.

It makes one wonder;

What was the real motive to put the initial insulation program into being?

How was it planned and what checks and balances were taken into account before the program began?

How much money was budgeted for the scheme and how many houses were expected to have ceiling insulation installed for that cost?

What timeline was the program to follow?

What expert advice was obtained and subsequently what guidelines were there put in place from the very start of the program to ensure people's safety and protection of property?

What thought was put into the technical qualifications of those doing the installs, especially considering workplace health and safety regulations that established businesses have to follow?

What security checking was carried out on installers considering they would have full access to people's homes, especially older people's homes?

Having realised that there was a problem the same questions could be asked of the second program?

What now mistakes were revealed in regard to the second program?

What action has been taken to have work rectified at a cost to the initial negligent tradespeople?

Will the Australian Taxation Department be following up on businesses who appeared from apparently nowhere for this project?

How could such an expensive mistake have been allowed to occur at such an enormous cost to Australian taxpayers?

What is the next step in this sorry tale?

What actions are being put into place by various levels of government to ensure that no other major projects are approved in such a manner that they will cost the Australian taxpayer so heavily?

Our Green Hint



Cleanliness produces Greenness

Spoiled food begets more spoiled food, which does “spend” more than your cost of the food in terms of the environment. Clean your fridge regularly to ensure you are not spending money and wasting energy keeping rotten food cold. Move the fridge out from the wall and vacuum its condenser coils annually. This allows it to operate more efficiently.

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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:-

that little red car with a young female driver who turned right into Landsboprough Road from the Montville Road last Thursday about 8a.m.

There is a STOP sign at that corner facing traffic coming from Montville.



Blackall Range

Woodworker's Guild

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Mushrooms on toast

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Ingredients

- * 1 dozen medium to large size old style mushrooms
- * 1 dessertspoon chopped parsley
- * 2 dessertspoons butter
- * 2 tablespoons gravy or brown sauce
- * 1/8 teaspoon salt
- * 1 dozen rounds toast
- * 1/16 teaspoon pepper
- * 1 dozen rolls bacon
- * 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice

Method

Remove skins and stalks from mushrooms, dry, and chop. Melt butter in saucepan then add mushrooms, salt, pepper, lemon juice, and chopped parsley. Add sauce or gravy and simmer 10 minutes or till tender. Make toast and grill bacon rolls then put a little mushroom mixture on each round of toast with a bacon roll on top. Garnish with parsley and serve hot.

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What is happening to our lifestyle ... Do we need that extra population?

How did you find the traffic the last time you drove to Brisbane?

Did you have to wait long in the carpark known as the Bruce Highway after crossing the Gateway Bridge?

How do you find the facilities offered in the Sunshine Coast hinterland? Are they adequate for the population of the area as it is today?

The State Government wants a further residential area to be established in what is known as the Caloundra South development.

It is proposed that this area would provide accommodation for at least a further 46,250 people accommodated in 22,000 new homes.

In spite of continual representations by Mayor, Bob Abbott Sunshine Coast Regional Council bylaws and guidelines are to be overridden by the State Government in this development.

Changes imposed by the state government include:

- * Making council's maximum population for Caloundra South, 46,250, the minimum for the area, and the maximum number of dwellings, 22,000, the minimum

- * Reducing the buffer to the Bruce Highway from 200 metres to 80 metres

- * Removing the requirement that the development be offset by 2000 ha of

rehabilitation

- * Removing the requirement for a master plan application to include an integrated water cycle management plan, energy management plan, sustainable transport plan, traffic and transport plan, groundwater management plan and affordable living plan

- * Removing higher standards for energy efficiency and sustainability of houses and buildings than those mandated through the Building Code of Australia and Queensland Development Code

- * Removing council's requirement for CAMCOS (or a comparable alternative) to be delivered within two years of the start of development, leaving Caloundra South without a key component of the dedicated, integrated public transport network.

- * Amending the CAMCOS alignment to that previously studied by the Department of Transport and Main Roads, a corridor with greater environmental impacts and fewer benefits to future passengers and the built environment.

- * Council has been instructed to allow for artificial lakes, canals and other water bodies which from previous experiences could have detrimental environmental impacts and ongo-

ing significant asset management implications.

- * Removing the Urban Development Area, considered by council to be a key definition to resolve site planning issues at the outset.

- * Instruction to remove public and community housing targets.

These changes are going to severely effect hinterland residents unless either there is a great rise in the level of infrastructure is provided before the area is developed or there is a complete stop put on this development.

One can only suspect that the State Government overriding the Sunshine Coast Council bylaws has more to do with the Queensland Government asset sale

The community has only 30 business days to respond with their say on this development. This outcome will define the future of the Sunshine Coast hinterland lifestyle forever.

You can make your written submission to council until 4.30 pm on Thursday 20 May.

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Local residents invited to Peter Slipper's FREE sausage sizzles

Free sausage sizzles are being hosted by local Federal Member for Fisher Peter Slipper on The events continue Mr Slipper's series of community consultations that provide local residents with opportunities in their own communities to discuss key local issues with their local elected member.



"With so many people leading such busy lives during the week, with work and school drop-offs and the like, it is often difficult to find time to do many things," Mr Slipper said.

"The local sausage sizzles will give me an opportunity to meet residents in an informal and relaxed environment to share discussions on a wide variety of issues."

Further free sausage sizzles are also being held on Saturday 17 April at:

- * The Village Green, Montville (9am – 11am), or
- * Tesch Park, Maleny (12noon – 2pm).

"These events are a great opportunity for me to speak directly with local residents and to listen to the issues that concern them, and enjoy a sausage or two at the same time" said Mr Slipper.

RSVPs are required for catering purposes.

Enquiries can be directed to Mr Slipper's office at 07-5444 4888.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Earth Dreams Magic

The Hinterland Business Centre has produced a wonderful book called "Earth Dreams Magic – A journey through the Blackall Range Region", which showcases many creative and artistic attractions, activities and people in the hinterland area.

The book is a great record of the creative side of the region, and I encourage readers to consider buying a copy for themselves. They are available from Hinterland Business Centre in Coral Street, Maleny, and also at Rosetta Books in Maleny.

I congratulate the Hinterland Business Centre for coordinating the project and the many other people who gave their time and expertise to the project to ensure it is such an impressive publication. Well done!

Safety Warning

I want to remind local resident who have had foil insulation installed under the Government's failed insulation scheme to call the hotline on 131 792 to apply for an immediate safety inspection.

An audit has revealed as many as 1000 homes that had foil insulation installed through this failed scheme may have deadly electrical currents in their roofs.

Homeowners should not try to check things for themselves.

Tragically, four people have already died, and there is a risk of more fatalities, and there have been some 105 house fires attributed to the scheme.

I encourage local residents who may be concerned to contact the hotline. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Seniors Forum

Bronwyn Bishop, the Shadow Minister for Seniors, is confirmed as the key speaker at the 10th annual Fisher Seniors' Forum and Expo, which will be held on May 21 at the Lake Kawana Community Centre. Other speakers include Dr Chris Davis, the past president of the AMAQ.

Please call my office on 07 - 5444 4888 to book your place.

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But bowel cancer is very curable if you catch it early, and that's what the \$8 Rotary Bowelscan test kit is designed to do: **CATCH CANCER BEFORE IT CATCHES YOU**

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