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*Don't Forget
Maleny Show*

*Maleny
Show Grounds*

*Friday 30th
Saturday 31st May,*

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Maleny Show Society
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*A smile is the lighting
system of the face, the
cooling system of the
head and the heating
system of the heart.*

It was packed ... "mother's day"

Sunday May 11th, Mother's Day 2008, was sent to all mothers from somebody in heaven as the weather was perfect, sunny with a very slight breeze and only warm enough to be extremely pleasant.

Mothers Day is celebrated with lot of enthusiasm and joy on the second Sunday in May.

People of Australia take Mothers Day as an opportunity to express gratitude to their mother. Children show love to their moms by giving gifts, flowers, cards and taking them to the Baroon Pocket Dam recreation area.

Every available spare piece of ground was taken by happy families enjoying a picnic in the perfect weather. The area looked a picture as recent

weather has been a boon to the trees and plants of the area,

Car parking spaces were at a premium and the playground attractions were being worked overtime.

Whilst Baroon Pocket Dam is an important water source for the Sunshine Coast it is also an important recreational area for the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast as it attracts many day trippers from out of the area to Maleny.



Music for young and old

At 3pm on Sunday 15 June at the Lake Kawana Community Centre, Sportsmans Parade Bokarina, the Sunshine Coast Choral Society will present a concert of two major works of the contemporary English choral composer John Rutter. The performance, conducted by Adrian King, will involve two choirs, with singers of all ages, two professional soloists and a 20 piece instrumental ensemble.

The works to be performed are Rutter's wonderful Magnificat and his inspirational Mass of the Children.

For the past three months two local groups of singers, the Sunshine Coast Choral Society choir of 50 adult voices, and the MFAC Flinders Choir of 60 children, have been in rehearsal for this concert.

Professional soloists, both from Brisbane, will be Anita Parakh-Morgan, whose magnificent voice has delighted Choral Society audiences in recent years, and accomplished baritone Brett Holland. Accompanying them will be the Sunshine Coast Chamber Ensemble, a group of 20 talented and experienced musicians brought together especially for the occasion.

Tickets for the concert are now on sale. Full price is \$25; concessions and groups of 5 or more \$20pp; family tickets (2 adults and 2 children) \$50 and additional children \$5.

Bookings can be made by phoning 5444 1228 or 5445 9584 or online through scstickets@yahoo.com.au and tickets will also be on sale at Reception at Northwind Beach Apartments, the Esplanade, Mooloolaba.

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Truthful Jones Tells... us that



recently he is neighbour had three Irish friends visit and they went to the Witta Recreation Club for a few drinks on the Friday night. They decided that they should walk home as they had had a fair bit to tipple.

They found themselves out the main gate and onto the road which led past the Witta Cemetery.

"Come have a look over here," said Paddy, "it's Michael O'Grady's grave, God bless his soul. He lived to the ripe old age of 87."

"That's nothing", said Sean, "here's one named Patrick O'Tool, it says here that he was 95 when he died."

Just then, Shamus yelled out, "Hey, here's a fella that got to be 130 years old!"

"What was his name?" asked Paddy.

Shamus lit a match to see what else was written on the stone marker, and exclaimed, "Kilometers, from Brisbane."

Morale - It is always best to find out all the facts before you speak and make a "monkey of yourself."

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This week's Saying

He who has injured thee was either stronger or weaker than thee. If weaker, spare him; if stronger, spare thyself.

.....Think about it

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Interior Painting hints - Part 2

Now it's time to examine all the walls and ceilings for paint problems, such as stains, holes, cracks, peeling and other imperfections. Interior paint preparation is providing a perfect background for the finish paint.

WATER STAINS: - Water stains on the ceiling will indicate a possible leaking roof or plumbing problems. Mold and mildew can also be an indicator of excessive moisture trapped inside a wall. These conditions will need to be repaired. Mold and mildew must be cleaned and primed before painting. After repairs are made, prevent the mold and mildew from recurring.

DIFFICULT STAINS - Makeup, permanent marker, crayon, etc are all difficult stains to seal. All stains, including smoke damage and nicotine must be sealed with a stain blocking primer before painting. Apply two coats to be sure the stain won't reappear after painting.

PEELING PAINT - Can indicate a problem that needs to be fixed before starting your project. All loose or flaking paint must be removed. Often painting an older homes interior will require some scraping and sanding, especially windows.

All minor holes and cracks will require spackling. Plus now is the time for any major drywall repairs. Most repairs are easily done by any accomplished DIYer. Apply an even coat of wallboard or stain blocking primer to any areas that received major drywall repairs.

Use spackle for small holes.

HOLES - Anchor and nail holes can be patched with lightweight spackle. This spackle will not shrink and hardens quickly.

CRACKS - Cracked corners can be caulked with a paintable caulking. Minor drywall cracks can be spackled. Other cracks, such as a loose corner bead will require the proper drywall repair.

Don't forget about the caulking, another important interior paint preparation step. Look for split or cracked caulking along painted base and casing. Around the windows will need to be checked out. Remove the old caulking if possible and re-caulk with a good quality, paintable caulking.

Hazards and Interior Paint Problems

If your home was built before the mid-1970's it might contain lead in the primer and paint. Interior paint preparation through scraping and sanding introduces this lead into your environment.

Pregnant woman and children are especially vulnerable to the effects of lead poisoning. Test any suspect surfaces with a lead test kit and visit the EPA website about lead in the home for more information.

Interior painting preparation finished - room ready for painting.

The overall quality of your interior painting project is totally dependant on the surface preparation.

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*News from
Maleny Bowls Club
with Ian Hansen*



Last Tuesday, the winners of the Jackpot Pairs with 2 wins & the impressive margin of plus 28 were Brian Emmerton & John Lewis. The Touchers went to Keith Holdway, Wendy McAuliffe & Mike McAuliffe in near record time. Helga Falcongren was the lucky Raffle winner but the Jackpot wasn't won so will be worth around the \$230 mark this week.

Thursday's Nominated Mixed Triples winners were the Mooloolah combination of Judy Walker, Lloyd Walker & Gloria Shaw with a score of 33 points to just pip the local team of Eric Drew, Kay Gesch & Roy Gesch on 32 points. Well done both teams.

The raffle prize winners were Sheila Jollow first & Nev Littler second. Next month, the date will be June 12th as the 5th is a Ladies 'Fiesta Day.'

Only one of the Men's "B" singles semi-finals was played on Saturday

as Paul Kemp went through to the final as his opponent had to forfeit because of ill health. We hope your much better soon, Ray. In the match played, Nev Littler prevailed over Ken Jackson 25 shots to 19. Congratulations Nev & commiserations Ken.

This coming week is a busy one with Bowls on four days. Tuesday is the usual Jackpot Pairs/Triples then on Thursday, the Queensland Villages sponsored Club Selected, Mixed Triples will be played. A good roll-up is expected for this as there are cash prizes generously donated by Queensland Villages. Friday is Social Bowls & then on Sunday there is very Social, Barefoot Bowls with visitors from the R. S. L. & Lions & also a couple of Brisbanites.

Some help will be needed for the day. Please see either Helga Falcongren or Ian Hansen if you are able to lend a hand.

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:-
(FROM ONE OF OUR READERS)*

The male driver of a red 4WD travelling up the Landsborough Range at about 7am last Monday. He was travelling at about 35 - 40kph and refused to pull into the left lane with other cars thus building up a long line of traffic behind him. A bit inconsiderate.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Sesame Chicken Kababs

- my favourite - but "FRESH" bread rolls only.

Ingredients

1/2 cup good quality mayonnaise - 1 tablespoon sweet chilli and tamarind sauce - 1 stick celery, finely chopped - Squeeze lemon juice
1kg cooked prawns, peeled and deveined - Freshly ground black pepper
6 large fresh bread rolls - 50g baby rocket

METHOD

Combine mayonnaise, sauce, celery and lemon juice together and mix well.

Stir through prawns and season with freshly ground black pepper.

Split rolls in half and fill with prawn mixture and top with rocket.

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Strife in West Africa 1970 - 71

as told by Jervis Sparks

I had fired two Liberians for laziness, so they fabricated a story and a court order was served on me. It claimed I called President Tubman a 'black monkey', which is seditious libel, the penalty being \$1,000 or three years in gaol. The mine decided to make a precedent of the case, so that in future no white man on the project would be sued on such flimsy grounds.

So, with the project manager we flew by helicopter to Voinjama, the Lofa County seat, where we met at the courthouse with the Wologisi paramount chief, who stood bond for me.

We white men wore ties, the paramount chief an evil smelling white robe, and Alfred, who was suing me, ragged shorts and T-shirt.

The magistrate asked Alfred to produce the witness, but there was no one. Thus Alfred became the accused and then tied himself up in so many lies the magistrate said that there was no case, and warned him not be so foolish. So that was that and we all went back to our projects.

Six months later, however, a small unsettling trouble cloud loomed on the horizon. Up in Voinjama and Wologisi the local hard cases were still scheming against me, and when they found out that I had left the district they presumed that I had left the country so threw my bondsman, the paramount chief, in gaol. This caused a great uproar, and to defuse the situation, my company posted a bond of \$1400. Again we hoped that the case had been put to rest.

Four months then passed when I was again summoned to Voinjama, landing when the court convened at 9 am. I was dressed in a dark suit and tie, the only white man.

Although for me it was very serious, the court was hilarious. The jury, assembled for a ritual murder trial,

were for the most time asleep, mostly women dressed in colourful native costumes, and the judge was a comic. The lawyers kept jumping up (they wore black judicial gowns) and interrupting, and the judge would break in and tell everyone about the party he went to last night. The murder trial was interesting – there were three men in the dock, all bare-footed, the father who sold his daughter, the fellow who ritually murdered her, and the person who received those parts from that witch doctor.

The daughter, two years old, was murdered and mutilated – three fingers from the left hand, the eyebrows, the left breast, and part of the vagina. The witch doctor brewed up these parts and gave them to the defendant to 'make him better at his job'. After three hours of this, my lawyer called me and we walked out, telling me that maybe we would have a chance the next day to hear my case.

When I returned the next day, the court was then recessed for a week, so I flew back to Monrovia.

During the next month I wasted a total of nine days in court. Then the court session ended (the murder trial was not resolved either) and the opinion was that the judge was deliberately prolonging the affair so that if I left Liberia at the end of my contract, I would forfeit the bond into his pocket.

To try and force the issue, my lawyer, sent a telegram to the President, who cabled back instructing him to throw the whole case out of court as it had really been resolved during the first court session. Moses Kamara, the Lofa County Deputy Sheriff was in cahoots with the magistrate, and claimed that he could not find me to serve the writ of arrest.

My lawyer then jumped up saying that Kamara wilfully tried to mislead the court in this matter concerning the lib-

erty of a foreigner, and that Kamara's conduct was fraudulent and sinister. So the matter was suspended.

Later in Cape Palmas (near the Ivory Coast border) I was involved in another assignment, and I watched a twin Beechcraft buzzing the town but took no notice. Half an hour later, my boss hailed my truck - he had buzzed the drill site, saw no one, followed the road, and finally saw the truck (painted blue) in Cape Palmas.

He said, jump on, and on I jumped, and we then flew straight to Voinjama and the court house, the longest direct flight in Liberia, two hours. He had my suit, shirts and shoes (which I had left in the office), and on arrival at 1 p.m., immediately went to see the judge who said that he would finalise the case. He, as boss of the biggest firm in Liberia and personal friend of the President (he had been awarded the Star of Liberia for services to the Republic), carried a lot of clout. The court convened at 4 pm, and the County attorney stated that as there were no witnesses, the case was nolle prosequi, so the judge said, 'all over, case closed, give the man his bond back'. My lawyer was not even there. Finally it was all over, and what a relief to rip off my tie and grab a cold beer from the box next to my seat on the flight back to Monrovia.



More stories from local mining drilling expert, Maleny resident and author about incidents

that he witnessed during his journeys into third world countries.

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or PH: 54999850

Still Dreaming in 2008

On the June long weekend from the 6 – 9, Australia's largest annual gathering of Indigenous artists and performers will showcase and share their talents and culture with a diverse audience from around the world at The Dreaming - Australia's International Indigenous Festival.

Tickets sales were launched on Monday 10th May! Book online and SAVE by visiting www.thedreamingfestival.com Or call the festival office on 07 5496 1066.

This week with
Peter Slipper M.H.R.



Green Vouchers

The Green Vouchers for Schools programme introduced by the previous coalition government is still operating, but local schools have only until June 30 to apply for the \$50,000 rainwater tank grants.

The Green Vouchers scheme, requested and designed by school principals, has not yet been scrapped by the Rudd Labor Government, but will eventually be revised and renamed the National Solar Schools Programme. Funding to schools will be maintained at \$50,000 but expenditure on rainwater tanks limited to just \$30,000. Information is available at: greenvouchers@nrm.gov.au

Community Water Grants

It's disappointing that the Community Water Grants scheme has been scrapped by the Government. This scheme assisted numerous local organisations by giving them funds to help them initiate local projects that would help conserve water. The Community Water Grants program had helped over 8000

community groups across Australia save the equivalent of 40,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools of water each year.

Seniors Forum

I am this year again holding the Fisher Seniors' Forum and Expo, which is a FREE event to be held at the Lake Kawana Community Centre on June 13.

The topic this year will be "Seniors in the Community". The format includes presentations from three guest speakers, followed by the attendees breaking into smaller groups to discuss various seniors' issues. These will include aged care, health, elder abuse, investment and taxation, superannuation, Grandparents' issues, reverse mortgages, housing and the aged, palliative care and drivers' licences.

The Seniors' Expo that accompanies the forum will this year feature over 20 exhibitors, each on hand to give helpful free advice on a range of products and services of interest to seniors.

Those interested in attending the Fisher Seniors' Forum and Expo can enquire at my office on 5443 3555.

Sunshine Coast Hospice

A local group is working hard to establish a community hospice on the Sunshine Coast. The Sunshine Coast Community Hospice aim is to have a hospice built by the community for the community. They also intend to work in partnership with all palliative care health providers to ensure all care for the patients and their families will be free of charge.

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