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ALP names candidate for Glasshouse

Long time local 19-year-old Ryan Moore, a university student, has been named by the State ALP Executive as their next candidate to contest the seat of Glasshouse.

Mr. Moore will take on the LNP's Andrew Powell in a contest that the ALP believes is a "really a winnable" seat for them.

Mr. Moore has lived in Maleny all of his life and has been very interested in local politics since leaving school. He is still a resident of Maleny with his family.

The seat was won in 2009 by the LNP candidate, Andrew Powell from the ALP member, Carolyn Male by a two party result of 5.8%. This was the same amount as the swing against the ALP at that election.

It is believed that the result of the Green vote will have a some bearing on the results as their vote grew by 8% at the 2009 election.

The last possible date for the next Queensland election is the 16th of June 2012.

2011 - a year of gloom 2012 is going to be better

In many peoples minds 2011 has been a year of gloom with little to look forward to in 2012.

Many of these gloomy years start off with an incident and media attention on that incident instills in our minds that only bad will continue.

Negativity is easily learnt and is often easier to continue on with.

2012 can be a better year, it doesn't matter what happens we can make it better for ourselves and our communities. We need to show a little more consideration to our family, friends and our community.

Let us not worry about every little thing that happens overseas as in our own small way we cannot change that. We can change the way things happen in our own community.

If every community concentrated on making itself strong and safe, that does not mean insulated, then Australia as a whole will be strong.

Australia as a nation then will be strong enough to worry about those little things overseas.

Greed and lack of respect is the curse that has put the world in the present position. Together we can achieve a better local community.

Merry Christmas to you all!

from

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Have a safe break and come back next year refreshed!



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News from the Maleny SES Group



Already we are seeing some storm activities around the Sunshine Coast Hinterland area. Official information from the Bureau of Meteorology reveals that there is likely to be series of severe storms expected in our area over the next few months.

Any information about expected storms will be broadcast over all ABC radio stations as storms develop.

When storms are imminent there are some basic steps that the Emergency Management Queensland suggests that people take:

- * Move your car under cover or away from trees.
- * Secure loose outdoor items.
- * Avoid driving, walking or riding through flood waters.
- * Seek shelter, preferably indoors and never under trees.
- * Avoid using the telephone during a thunderstorm.
- * Beware of fallen trees and powerlines.
- * For emergency assistance contact the SES on 132 500.

The Maleny SES Group trains on Monday Nights at the SES HQ in the showgrounds (the big green building on the left). Training starts at 7pm (be there at quarter to seven just to be early) and finish about 9.30 pm.



A Mac is as good as it looks.

All I want for Christmas is an iPod Touch!

The next great Internet meme could be yours. iPod touch and its HD video camera go with you everywhere, so you can capture every "What the?" moment that comes your way.

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Conondale runs out of fuel

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Locals, including the Rural Fire Service will have to travel to Maleny or Kenilworth to purchase petrol.

Conondale is just one of a number of towns that no longer will have fuel.

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. Sometimes this is because they are not aware that road rules change from time to time.

One of our readers suggested that we should have a quick refresher of some of those rules.

The most dangerous thing about travelling in a motor vehicle is still the "NUT BEHIND THE WHEEL".



Keeping Left

On single-lane roads, drivers must stay as close as practical to the left side of the road.

When the speed limit is 90 km/h or more on multi-lane roads, you must not drive in the right-hand lane unless you are:

- overtaking
- turning right
- making a U-turn
- avoiding an obstacle
- driving in congested traffic.

It is an offence to drive in the right lane if none of the above criteria are occurring.

This rule also applies to a road with a speed limit of 80 km/h or less, if there is a KEEP LEFT UNLESS OVERTAKING sign.

Mum's favourite Recipes

ANZAC Biscuits

- enjoy dipping in your cuppa!

Ingredients

- * 125ml (1/2 cup) beef stock
- * 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- * 1 large brown onion, chopped
- * 2 (300g each) lamb eye of loin (backstraps)
- * 2 tbs mild curry paste (Patak's brand)
- * 1 400g can Italian diced tomatoes
- * Salt & freshly ground black pepper
- * Cooked basmati rice, to serve
- * Fresh coriander sprigs, to garnish
- * 1 200g container skim milk natural yoghurt, to serve

Directions

Place the stock, onion and garlic in a medium non-stick saucepan. Cover and bring to the boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low and cook, covered, for 6 minutes or until the onion is soft.

Meanwhile, cut the lamb into 3cm pieces and combine with curry paste.

Transfer the onion mixture to a bowl. Heat the pan over medium-high heat and add a third of the lamb. Cook, tossing occasionally, for 1 minute or until the lamb is just sealed all over. Transfer the lamb to a plate and repeat with the remaining lamb in 2 more batches.

Return the onion mixture to the pan and stir in the tomatoes. Bring to the boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low and cook, partially covered, stirring often, for 6 minutes or until sauce thickens slightly. Stir in lamb and cook, uncovered, stirring often, for a further 2 minutes or until lamb is cooked to medium rare. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Place the rice in serving bowls. Spoon the curry over the rice and top with the coriander. Serve immediately with the yoghurt.

Can you save on electricity this summer?

Following a recent Newspoll survey revealing the financial impact energy bills are having on Australian household budgets, Origin is providing Sunshine Coast residents with a few simple energy saving tips that can save up to \$250 on their power bills by making just a few, small changes to their household energy use this summer.

The Newspoll survey revealed that:

- 59% of Australian energy bill payers had adjusted their household budgets to counter higher energy costs
- 92% of respondents are concerned about the rising cost of energy and the effect this will have on their household budgets
- 58% of respondents have changed energy retailers in search of cheaper power bills – but of those who have changed, 29% are now actually paying more on their bills

According to an electrical energy efficiency expert Anne Armansin, the best way to manage your energy expenditure is to understand what appliances are costing you money so you can make some simple changes and ultimately save more dollars.

A small air-conditioner running for eight hours a day during the 30 hottest days of summer can cost you about \$75. However, using three fans for the same amount of time to cool your house may only cost about \$15.

That could be an easy saving of up to \$60 over the summer.

Other tips to save money this summer include:

- Taking advantage of the summer sun to dry your clothes instead of using the tumble dryer (up to \$65)
- Replacing your old incandescent light globes with compact fluoro lamps - (up to \$24)
- Installing a 3-star shower head to more efficiently use hot water (up to \$20)
- Enjoying more time outdoors and watching only two hours of television each day instead of five hours (up to \$21)
- Minimising wasted energy by switching unused appliances off at the power point, especially older networked computers and entertainment equipment and using energy saving powerboards (up to \$60)
- Be sensible about how long you operate your Christmas lights for – running them for 12 hours overnight will cost you 4 times more than running them for only 3 hours a night

Apart from these simple savings you also can shop around the electricity suppliers as they are all eager to obtain your business.

If you have to sign a contract with a supplier sign it for the minimum time and read the contract so that you are fully aware of what is being offered and that it is in line with what you expect is being supplied.

Prices will continue to increase.

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The changes are brought about in response to Queensland Government Legislative changes to the Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2001.

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor, Bob Abbot said the outcomes and recommendations within the independent risk assessment report left council with no option but to act on this issue immediately.

He continued, "Knowing the consequences and if something happened that caused severe injury or loss of life, neither the responsible officers in council nor the operator would be able to live with themselves I'm sure".

The Mayor said he will ensure council staff continue working with the operators and community to make sure we have done everything possible to minimise the impact of these changes.

Locals, including the Rural Fire Service will have to travel to Maleny or Kenilworth to purchase petrol.

The present arrangements throughout Queensland have been in operation for nearly sixty years, apparently with no incidents to report. It begs the question about the safety of incidents on the forecourts of service stations.

Truthful Jones Tells... he heard



about a lawyer who purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars. He then insured them against fire among other things.

Within a month having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed claim against the insurance company.

In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason: That the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued the Insurance company and won! In delivering the ruling the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The Judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable fire, and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires."

After the lawyer cashed the cheque, the Insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

Morale: Who says that crime pays!



Maleny Library Coming Events Children's Christmas Craft

The Maleny Library is holding a school holiday activity on Monday December 19th and Tuesday December 20th between 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM.

The activity is a child's craft activity which includes the making of a wool wreath for your tree and gift tags for the gifts to go under the tree.

The activity is for children age 4 years and above. Parental Supervision Required.

The activity will be held at the Maleny Library in the children's area

This is a free activity and bookings are not required.

The library details are: Maleny Library, 5 Coral Street, Maleny - Phone (07) 5435 3100.

Lawyer Street Businesses

Don't forget that there are a number of businesses in Lawyer Street, Maleny who offer products and services.

To find out more visit the web site: www.hinterlandgrapevine.com then click on the link on the right hand side of the page.

Maleny RFB Roundup



with
Donna & Norm Lewis
Volunteer Community
Education Officers

Watching the television news of late we see devastating pictures of house fires. Taking a few safety procedures can reduce the occurrence of such fires there are no one hundred percent guarantee. We must also have an early warning system indicating a fire so occupants can evacuate the house safely. That system is photoelectric smoke alarms.

Photoelectric smoke alarms give earlier warning of smouldering fires which are the most common domestic fire, than other kinds of alarms.

Research by the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) indicates that photoelectric smoke alarms provide the best detection across a range of fires. This is more likely to alert occupants in time to escape safely. Photoelectric smoke alarms are less prone to nuisance alarms and therefore less likely to be disabled to stop annoying and unwanted alarms.

They do not contain radioactive material and photoelectric smoke alarms are highly recommended by all Australian fire services because of their better smoke detection qualities.

For both flaming fires and smouldering fires, photoelectric smoke alarms are more likely to alert occupants in time to escape safely. For your family's it is important to regularly check that your fire alarms are working properly.



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Please don't litter our roads

One reader was so concerned about the behaviour of the passengers in a car that he was following recently that he has contacted The Grapevine requesting people be asked not to litter our roads.

The reader watched as the passengers in a vehicle that he followed up the Landsborough Range and subsequently turned into Gardners Falls continued to throw items out the windows of their car.

Those items included things such as cigarette packets, drink containers and paper along with cigarettes.

Littering and illegal dumping is a serious problem in Queensland. According to the Keep Australia Beautiful External link icon National Litter Index, Queensland is the most littered mainland state in Australia.

Littering is not a victimless offence as all of us have to pay for the cleanup in our rates and taxes. We can make a difference to our environment.

The reader said that he got the registered number of the car involved but did not know what to do from there.

Well there is an answer.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) can issue an infringement notice to the registered owner of a vehicle/vessel based on your report.

To report the matter online simply go to the web address below and complete the online form.

https://www.derm.qld.gov.au/environmental_management/waste/reportit

LET US FIND OUT A BIT ABOUT OUR SURNAME



The surname Field is an English topographic name for someone who lived on land which had been cleared of forest, but not brought into cultivation. The word comes from the Old English *feld* meaning 'pasture', 'open country'.

Earliest of the name appears as Robert de Felde in Gloucestershire in 1185, followed by Hugo de la Felde in Bedfordshire in 1188 and a John del Feid in Suffolk in 1190. James atte Felde is recorded in Sussex in 1296, whilst William othe feide is recorded in Worcestershire in 1296 and a John in theffelde in 1333. Variants of the name include FIELDS, FEILD, De La FIELD and DELAFIELD.

For further information about your clan contact Jack Frost - his web address is:

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Cars remade the experience of living on our continent, the fabric of our cities and the intimate power exchanges between sexes, generations and classes. We haven't merely ridden in cars: we've pursued, fetishised and fallen in love with them. Told through terrific characters, never before seen archive and candid car confessions this is the story of us as seen through the windshield. Buckle Up Australia.

To buy this DVD you simply click on this link when connected to the internet and then look for the ABC Shop page logo on the HG Gig Guide web page.

At the ABC web site enter the film title into the search box at the top left side and it will take you to the shopping cart.



Maleny 2012 Sports Awards Nominations Now Open

It's time to start thinking about nominating the outstanding individuals, administrators and organisations that make up sporting and recreational life in our district.

Every year, MDSRC recognises the many achievements by hosting the Sports Awards Dinner at the Showgrounds Pavilion.

The date will be Saturday February 25th 2012 and tickets to book your dinner tables will go on sale shortly.

Once again, your chef will be Sherry Wright, with MC Simon Denver.

As always, there will be an entertaining guest speaker; in 2012 it is former top NRL referee Tim Mander, who during his career was in charge of two grand finals and more than 300 NRL games, earning a name for being fair, even-handed and making accurate decisions under incredible pressure.

You can obtain nomination forms by email at: gail@mavmuse.com

The MDSRC will be holding an information session to assist with information and enable clubs to make the most out of their nominations in early January 2012.

The categories for nomination are available on the MDSARC Inc website at www.mdsarcinc.com

Nominations will close on February 10th 2012.

Click here to go to our "Events Guide" (Must be connected to the internet at the time)

The Musings of an old codger!

Early in 2012 residents of the Sunshine Coast Council area will be going to the polls to elect their representatives for the coming four years.

Candidates are already putting their hands up for positions and this gives voters a good chance to make decisions on who they want to represent them.

One family group of three in this instance is seeking three separate elected positions on council, one of the positions includes the Mayoral position.

Those three people are Debbie Blumel who is running for the position of Mayor and her daughter, Theresa who is contesting the position vacated by her mother, Debbie Blummel. Theresa Blummel's boyfriend, Taylor Bannag will contest the seat being vacated by Cr. Vivian Griffin.

The Sunshine Coast Council is made up of the Mayor and twelve divisional councillors.

Should the three above mentioned candidates be elected there is a distinct possibility that council could be directed in one specific direction.

Voters need to ask themselves if it is healthy and reasonable for three members of one family group to make up almost one quarter of the voting power of the council.

This voting power could reflect not only on the northern end of the council area but over the whole Sunshine Coast Council area of responsibility.

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Christmas
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Aladdin

and his wonderful lamp

Laugh along with Dobbin the Horse, Widow Twankey,
Tittibum and Tittipoo, Lubbly Bubbly, Wishee-Washee
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as well as a host of other comical characters

Words by David Crewe & Music by Paul Coppens



At the Maleny Community Centre

Fri 16 Dec & Sat 17 Dec at 7.30pm

Sat 17 Dec & Sun 18 Dec at 2.30pm

Tickets on sale from 1 Dec
from the Information Kiosk

Maple Street

\$15 adults (no concessions)

\$10 students

5 years and under free

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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

**Want a paint that is sensitive to the environment
Maleny Paint Place has the answer for you.....**

Some homeowners have a real problem with the odours that used to be put out by paints. In particular those who suffer with breathing problems.

VOC stands for Volatile Organic Compound. More specifically it's defined as, "an organic compound that has an initial boiling point less than or equal to 250 degrees Celsius measured at a standard pressure of 101.3kpa."

Paint manufacturers are committed to the sustainable reduction of VOCs, and while the contribution of VOCs in premium quality architectural paint to poor indoor air quality is very minor, VOC reduction is seen as a benefit to the community and environment as a whole.

Today, water based paints are all manufactured to ensure low VOC levels. There is a standard that paints have to reach to be classified as low VOC so that they have minimal impact on indoor air quality. The manufacturers are also further reducing the VOC level of selected water based products and continuing to develop water based alternatives to traditional solvent based technologies.

A low level of VOCs has been maintained in order to preserve the products application and serviceability properties. This ensures a long coating life, meaning fewer repaints and reduced consumption of non-renewable resources.

They are also delivering new innovative products that deliver

real benefits in terms of indoor air quality e.g. developing products that fight the growth of microbes that produce bacteria, mould, mildew and fungus.

Odour and toxicity

Water based architectural paints are intended to be used by the public in a domestic setting. The health and safety of these users is of prime concern to manufacturers and for this reason, VOCs for water based architectural paints in Australia are selected to minimise odour and toxicity.

The main VOC used in paint is Propylene glycol and it has no odour and extremely low toxicity. It's even found in some food, cosmetics, shampoos and conditioners, and medicinal products.

Indoor Air Quality

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) defines Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) as the quality of the air in any non-industrial indoor space. This can include but is not limited to the office, classroom, shopping centre, hospital and the home. Indoor air quality is an indication of how well indoor air satisfies thermal

and respiratory requirements, prevents unhealthy accumulation of pollutants and allows for a sense of well being.

The VOCs used in water based architectural paint are mild in odour and are very low in toxicity. With normal ventilation no VOCs will be present two weeks after painting. In the event of repainting an occupied building, water based paints have a very minor and temporary impact on indoor air quality. This means that after two weeks there is no effect on IAQ for the eventual building occupants.

Effects on the Environment

VOCs can be linked to production of photochemical smog in the atmosphere, but not all VOCs produce the same effects. Recent studies in the United States have focused on the reactivity of VOCs. Evidence to date shows that VOCs used in water based paints have a neutral effect, and do not add to smog formation. Some studies even suggest that propylene glycol and other compounds that can be mixed in water may not remain in the atmosphere long enough to participate in such reactions.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

Veterans Support

Veterans will continue to have support services available to them through the festive season.

The offices of the Department of Veterans' Affairs will close from 5pm on Friday 23 December 2011 through to its re-opening from 9 am Tuesday 3 January 2012.

The 24-hour Veterans Line crisis number 1800 011 046 will remain available to veterans of conflicts and peace operations and their families; the transport booking service remains open for transport booked prior to the Christmas period; Defence Services Homes Insurance – policy queries can be made to 1300 552 662 and queries about payments can be made to 1300 304 989.

Biofouling inquiry

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) is asking for submissions into its consultations on biofouling.

Biofouling is the growth of marine species on the hull of ships, which is a major reason for the spread of invasive marine species around the world.

Details about the Proposed Australian Biofouling Management Requirements are available at: www.daff.gov.au/animal-plant-health/pests-diseases-weeds/marine-pests/biofouling Submissions close on 29 February.

Awards for Community Workers

If you know of someone who works volunteers and works hard to make life better in your local community, you should nominate them for a Fisher Community Australia Day Award.

Nominations can be made for a variety of endeavours, from community services, industry and commerce, the arts and sport. Nominees will also be considered for the prestigious Fisher Citizen of the Year, the Fisher Junior Citizen of the Year and the Wortley Youth Encouragement Award.

Community Organisations can be nominated for the Des Scanlan Memorial Award. Nomination forms for the awards are available from my office or by phoning 07-5444 4888.

Website

For those who have not yet visited my website, I invite you to have a look: www.peterslippermp.com.au



Increased Police presence on our roads

Coming into this holiday period there will be an increased presence on our roads throughout Queensland. This includes local roads in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Whilst police will be on the lookout for all traffic offences there will be increased efforts put into the four offences of speeding, drink and drug driving, failing to wear seat belts and driving while tired.

Keep safe this holiday period and keep your families safe.

We can supply the names and phone numbers of the following "RELIABLE" tradespeople.

- ⇒ Landscapers
- ⇒ House Painters
- ⇒ Electricians
- ⇒ Plasterers
- ⇒ Plumbers
- ⇒ Colour Consultants

More will be added to our list as time goes on and we are satisfied that we can recommend their services with confidence.

Click here when connected to the internet to go to a new website for Maleny Tradespeople.

www.malenytradesmen.com

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