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Sunshine Coast Water charges to rise!

Who is to blame!

Sunshine Coast Depute Mayor, Cr Tim Dwyer refutes claims made by Unity Water Chairman, Jim Soorley that decisions by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council were directly responsible for the hefty price rises in the vicinity of 15%.

He continued, "Prior to the formation of Unity Water decisions had been taken by the council to spend over 150 million dollars on sewerage treatment plant upgrades.

Unitywater merely undertook to continue on with those upgrades.

In addition to Cr Dwyer's comments, another councillor, Cr Thompson added that some of the savings that Unitywater claimed credit for were directly linked to decisions of Sunshine Coast Council.

Former Maroochy councillor and member of the Maroochy - Caloundra Water Board, Mr Dickson said that the Maroochy Council had a 100 year water plan prior to council amalgamation a

Recent polls on the Sunshine Coast reveals that the majority of residents believe that the Queensland State Government was directly responsible for the price rises.

Maleny Arts and Garden Festival

Maleny's 18th Art Awards and Exhibition will be held over the three days of the Queen's Birthday weekend, 11th, 12th and 13th June.

This year's exhibition promises to be an enormous success, drawing entries from a wide range of artists displaying their work in several sections, including portraiture, watercolours, oil or acrylics, pastels and mixed media.

The exhibition will take place at St George's Anglican Church, Maleny, and is generously sponsored by local businesses and private individuals. Barbara Fowler, chairperson of the organising committee, said that in tough times, it was really encouraging to see that people were still prepared to support this important cultural event.

The guest judge is Kend Grealy, a distinguished ceramist who has worked and taught in the art field for many years.

The weekend is popular for visitors and locals alike, with the Maleny Garden Club's "Gardening On The Edge" featuring a huge display in the Activities Centre at the High School and including several open gardens in the district on the Saturday and Sunday. Local residents are encouraged to invite friends up to the Range for this weekend, as there will be plenty to see and do.

Entries for the Art Awards close on Wednesday 25 May and entry forms are available from Holden's Gallery, the Maleny Information Centre and various other outlets, as well as the website www.malenyartawards.com

The Shonky sheilas tour again!

The next bus trip with the Dodgy Brothers and the Shonky Sheilas will be on April 12th. Planning is still being finalised, but the likely destination is Wappa Dam and then onto Mapleton for lunch.

The trip will pick up "The Strays" around town from 8.45am, Erowal 9.00am and the Maleny RSL at 9.30am. and will return to Maleny about Returns 2.30pm. The cost of the bus fare is just \$5pp.

Lunch will be somewhere at a cost \$10. This will all be prearranged and monies collecte on the bus thus saving you any need to worry.

You might even win one of the great raffles.

Booking and enquiries can be made through the Maleny Senior Citizens, Maleny Probus and the Maleny RSL, tel 5499 3717.

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Maleny putting green official opening

The new practice green will be officially opened this coming weekend, starting at 9am Saturday 19th March. The first official putt will be struck by a mystery guest using an original Tom Morris putter around 11am on Sunday.

There will be a sausage sizzle with soft drinks, tea and coffee, from 9am till 1pm on both Saturday and Sunday. So why not join Maleny

Golf Club Members for the occasion some time over the weekend.

Take along your putter and suitable footwear. Also take along your other favourite clubs and use the driving range and chipping green.

The Green will normally be available each day from 8.30 am until dusk.

Another step in the MDSARC Inc takes place!



Are you looking for that elusive hard to get record or CD?

Remember those sounds of the 1960s and 1970s.

Have you ever wanted to find another copy of that record then maybe we can help.

Maybe it was a Blues CD and you have looked everywhere without luck.

Click on this link when on the internet and then look for the search field at the CD Universe tab on the HG Gig Guide web page.

MALENY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS OLD TIME MUSIC WEEKEND!! MALENY 25th - 27th MARCH



**squeeze box - fiddle - uke - guitar - banjo - dancing
EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

Friday 25th March:

Maleny Showgrounds: Camping (powered sites \$15.00 a day) & Music Workshops

Saturday 26th March:

Maleny Show Pavilion:

9.00 am Walk Up and Play! Amateurs welcome

12.00 pm BBQ Lunch (bar open all day)

4.00 pm Music Concert!

(\$10.00 admission)

5.30 pm BBQ Dinner

7.00 pm Old Time Dancing

Sunday 27th March:

Maleny Pioneer Village (Bryce Lane): Country & Rock Music Day!! (\$3.00 admit)
historical village open - old engines - crafts and garage sale - art gallery - BBQ lunch

ALL ENQUIRIES and to book site and performance: 5494 4220

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Mum's favourite Recipes

Seafood spaghetti & Avocado

- this is a great twist on "good old" spaghetti



Ingredients

- * 300g Spaghettini (thin spaghetti or angel hair pasta)
- * 1 small Onion (peeled and diced) * 2 Garlic cloves (chopped)
- * 1 small Red chilli (chopped) * 2 Avocados * 1/2 bunch
- * Flat leaf parsley (chopped) * 2tbsp Olive oil
- * 1 cup White wine or fish/vegetable stock
- * 480g Seafood (peeled prawns, mussels, calamari)
- * 2tbsp Lemon juice * Salt and pepper to taste

Method

Cut avocado in half, remove seed, skin and cut flesh into chunks, drizzle with lemon juice and set aside.

Bring a large pot of salted water to the boil and cook the pasta until just cooked.

In a fry pan heat the olive oil and gently cook the onion, garlic and chilli till onion is transparent.

Add the seafood and cook for 1 minute while stirring, add wine and cook for a further 2 minutes.

Stir in the pasta, avocado and parsley, season to taste.

Looking to link a good wine with that special meal!

Matching food and wine is something that is taken very seriously at Wine Selectors. Without wine, a meal can seem a one-dimensional affair.

When pairing food and wine it's important to think about the flavours involved and then to try and harmonise the two. Above all enjoying a good meal combined with a good wine is all about enjoyment.

To find out about some mouth-watering recipes that have each been matched to a style of wine all you need to do is to simply **click on this story when connected to the internet and then look for the Wine Selectors advertisement.**

Take a look at some of the delicious recipes that have been kindly contributed by Selector magazine regular, and celebrity chef Peter Howard.

So whether it's a straight 6-pack of your favourite variety or a mixed pack specially selected for you and delivered to your door, you can be guaranteed it's a better way to buy wine.



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 drivers of vehicles that continue to turn right at Teak Street into Maple Street.

I know that we mentioned this only a couple of weeks ago, but it appears that the message is not getting through.

Daily drivers continue to disobey the signs.

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard about



his young nephew, Patrick who is a long distance truck driver. He gets a job driving a load of bowling balls to Darwin. He's not too keen on this, but he needs the money and so takes off.

A while along the highway he sees two Aborigines with a bike, in the middle of nowhere. So he stops and asks if they would like a lift. They say OK.

Patrick says, "All right, hop in, but you'll have to ride in the back."

Somewhere near Alice Springs he stops at a truck stop, which amongst other things, involves a load inspection by the local cops.

He is asked where he is off to and he says "Darwin".

The cops go round the back, open the doors, slam them shut quickly and rush round desperately to the driver saying, "For Chrissake get going to Darwin straight away and don't stop - two of your eggs have already hatched, and one of them has already stolen a bike".

Morale: *Things are not always what they first appear. Be sure to know what you are talking about before you make a fool of yourself.*

A Message from the Maleny Community Swimming Pool

Believe it or not there is a lot happening at our complex day in and day out.

From state qualifying teenagers, the most advanced toddlers program in the state, multi-level Aqua Aerobics, Adult squads at night catering for social to Masters, Personal training for male and female private sessions at the MOST AFFORDABLE PRICES ANYWHERE!!

Also available is party hire night or day, with free BBQ usage everyday for a family, Club or any get-together.

It is a "Community pool, For the Community, By the Community."

...Where the Water is Warm and the Teachers are Cool !!

For more info call Tim on 0488 160 740

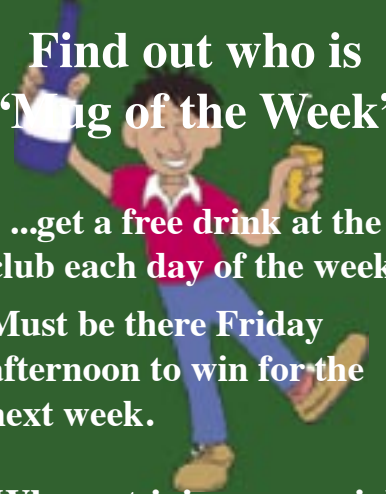
MALENY BOWLS CLUB FRIDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

Find out who is "King of the Week"

...get a free drink at the club each day of the week.

Must be there Friday afternoon to win for the next week.

Why not join as a social member and enjoy all the benefits of the club?



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



My dear Mum's logical sayings

About Envy

Saying: 'There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do.'



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

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Telstra urges mobile phone users to be aware of scams

During National Consumer Fraud Awareness Week 2011 has just concluded. One of the major emerging threats relates to scams directed towards mobile phones.

Telstra is urging consumers to be wary of this increase in mobile phone scams as there has been a large rise in the number of dodgy telephone calls and scam text messages in Australia.

New figures released this week show an almost seven-fold increase in the number of telephone scams reported to the ACCC* in 2010.

Telstra Country Wide Area General Manager for Sunshine Coast, Kris Carver, said that the explosive growth in mobile services has

meant cyber-crime is going mobile.

“As smartphones become a primary way for Australians to access the internet, cyber-crime syndicates are turning their attention to mobile fraud -- including through scam calls and SMS.

“Telstra is encouraging mobile users to be alert to attempts by scammers to defraud them of money or to trick them into disclosing personal information,” he said.

Some of the more common phone scams include:

- Calls from people impersonating representatives from well-known government departments and private companies.
- Callers advising that the per-

son's computer is infected with a virus and requesting credit card details to fix the problem.

- Calls seeking bank details in order to process a bank fee refund or tax refund.
- Calls offering to place a number on the Do Not Call Register for a fee.

Telstra's Internet and Cyber-Safety site contains information to help Australians of all ages have a positive online experience.

The site contains two videos to explain some common scams and some tips to avoid becoming a target.

More information: www.telstra.com.au/cyber-safety

Maleny Autumn Music Festival

2011 MALENY AUTUMN MUSIC FESTIVAL

1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 17, 30 APRIL 2011

ENJOY
"SPIRIT DANCING"
With



Piano – Kylie Davidson; Sax – John Babbage;
Viola – Bernard Hoey; Violin – Christa Powell;
Double Bass – Robert Davidson

This Project has been assisted through the
Grants Programme
And

RADF – the Regional Arts Development Fund is
a Sunshine Coast Council partnership to
support local arts and culture

Sunshine Coast
Council



A Maleny Arts Council Inc. event



FESTIVAL DINNER CONCERT

Robert Keane presents "Simply Rodgers and Hammerstein", 6.15pm, Friday 1st April, Maleny Manor - \$75.

Tickets must be pre-purchased.
joan.benson@bigpond.com 5494 2708

TOPOLOGY

Music that speaks. Inventive, high energy, refreshing, original. Into pop, world music, jazz, 90's music.

7.30pm, Saturday 2nd April.

Tickets: \$40, Members \$35, Students \$15

CLOUDSTREET

Nicole Murray and John Thompson present "New Australian Folk Music" – a lively, entertaining vocal/ instrumental duo. Wide appeal.

10.30am, Sunday 3rd April

Tickets: \$10, Family \$15 (up to 2 adults + 2 primary school children).

TRIPLE 555 - "Sound, Scenes and Sense"

Enjoy an afternoon with the world's greatest writers in a Staged Reading by Joy Marshall, Anna McMahon, Edwin Ellis, Stephen Moore. 2.30pm, Sunday 3rd April – Braeside B&B, 305 Stanley River Road.

Tickets: \$15 includes refreshments

LOOP THE LOOP

Gene Peterson and Adam Page go head to head in a musical battle of amazing skills. "It's fun, ingenious and like nothing you have seen before – a unique musical event for the whole family not to be missed" ECHO.

7.30pm, Friday 8th April.

Tickets: \$30, Members \$25, Student \$15

HUNTER VAN LARKINS

Owen Van Larkins and Ross Hunter – young masters of original guitar music.

10.30am, Sunday 10th April

Tickets: \$10, Family \$15

AMADEUS

The brilliant award winning play by Peter Shaffer from 4MBS Classic Arts Productions with Steven Grives as Salieri and Tama Matheson as Mozart. A rehearsed reading. 2pm, Sunday 17th April – Maleny Community Centre

Tickets \$15

CAXTON STREET JAZZ

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE Maleny RSL Sub Branch.

Dance the night away or sing along.

7pm, Saturday 30th April

Tickets: \$25, RSL & MAC Members \$20

Bring your own nibbles – bar open

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

Carbon Tax

I have been receiving countless calls and emails from constituents who are concerned about the Labor Government's Carbon Tax.

The Tax will cause massive price rises on everything we purchase, including petrol and food, and will cause job losses because of the extra costs placed on all businesses.

As you may have heard, the tax will cause a rise of at least \$300 each year for electricity as well as a 6.5 cents per litre increase in petrol prices.

Experts have said the carbon tax will cause 126,000 job losses in regional parts of Australia and the loss of 24,000 jobs in the mining sector.

Australia will be further disadvantaged as the Tax will increase the cost of manufacturing items that we export, making us less competitive in international trade.

The Liberal National opposition will continue to fight against a tax that will cause such additional financial hardships for all Australians but will do very little to help the environment.

Pumicestone Passage

I was pleased to be able to receive a considerable petition with some 13,607 names from the take Action for Pumicestone Passage (TAPP)

community group recently.

TAPP is asking for the government to request that a Strategic Environment Assessment of Pumicestone Passage and its catchments be carried out prior to the commencement of the Caloundra South development.

This is a key environmental area and the local community has made clear its wishes for sustainable development by so strongly supporting this petition.

I accepted the petition from principal petitioner Alana Kirchhoff, TAPP spokesman Ken Mewburn and petition coordinator Helen Crook, and I advised them that I would take the petition and table it in the Australian Parliament and also seek a meeting on the issue with Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities Tony Burke MP. The Sunshine Coast has a growing population which must be catered for, but Australia also has an obligation to do what it can to protect the environment as best it can.

Wanted: Pyjamas

The Pyjama Foundation's annual pyjama drive has started officially and I have again opened my office as a collection point for this worthy cause.

The Pyjama Foundation has as its main aim to give assistance with

reading skills to foster children; however, each year they host the pyjama drive to collect new pyjamas to give to children who for whatever reason are taken into foster care. A new pair of clean and comfortable pyjamas is comforting for children who find themselves in a strange environment.

Pyjamas can be dropped off at my office at the Cartwright Centre, corner of Point Cartwright Drive and Nicklin Way, Buddina, between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

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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