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Our Thoughts

Well, it is official another federal politician, Alexander Downer is failing to complete the conditions of a contract he made with the people of Australia when he stood for re-election at the last federal election.

He contracted to represent his electorate until the next election. Now the people of his electorate have to go back for a by-election and we all have to pick up the bill. Hardly fair is it!

Bilbies in the Park

Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve Education Centre will hosting some special friends on Saturday July 19th from 9.30am.

Frank 'the bilby man' Manthey will be bringing some of his precious marsupials to visit Maleny. The bilby is a marsupial mammal which belongs to the bandicoot family and is about the size of a rabbit.

Unfortunately it is in the list of Queensland's 12 most endangered mammals. Frank said, "It's hard to believe there are only around 600 of these Australian marsupials left in the wild." Currawinya National Park is the essence of central Australia and it is here that a sanctuary has been set up for the bilby.

This is your opportunity to meet Frank and his bilbies. Bookings can be made through the Mary Cairncross Centre on 5499 9907.

Will the Sunshine Coast be left high and dry?

The Infrastructure minister Paul Lucas said, "The good rain we've had this year on the Sunshine Coast means stage one of the pipeline will be able to supply the water we need through until 2011 and so the state government has delayed building part of its water grid, instead planning to siphon 65 million litres of water a day from Baroon Pocket Dam until late 2011."

Because of the rainfalls that we have had since November 2007 Baroon Pocket Dam has remained about 80% full. Baroon Pocket Dam was constructed in 1988 by the Caloundra and Maroochy Water Boards and holds some 60 000 ML of water. Its primary use has been for town water supply for Maroochy & Caloundra but now is expected to boost supplies for other parts of South East Queensland.

In the scheme of things 60,000 ML of water is not a big body of water. There is also some doubt weather the recent good rain falls will continue into the medium future. Sunshine Coast mayor Bob Abbot said that he was concerned that taking water from Baroon Pocket could threaten the region's water security.

The Queensland Water Commission has stated that their modelling shows Sunshine Coast dams could be allowed to go as low as 20% while continuing to supply Brisbane. Residents of the Sunshine Coast could be put on permanent water restrictions once the new pipeline to supply Brisbane residents is connected.

With the next election near could it be that Premier Anna Bligh and Labor Party members now are concerned about the electoral backlash over the building of the Traveston Dam and so are considering announcing that it will not be built.

Latest figures show the Sunshine Coast's population grew from Sunshine Coast 247,200 in 2001 to 303,050 last year. In the year to June 2007, Caloundra's population grew by 2892, to 96,140. Maroochy's grew 4574 to 157,238 and Noosa's population grew 0.9%, or by 459 people, to 49,672.

All of these new people will require water thus putting more pressure on Baroon Pocket Dam. This all goes to show that the big decisions about water, land use, and infrastructure planning should be made in conjunction with regional councils and in an open environment to ensure that the best possible advice is being acted upon.

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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Sheen Stripping - for that sophisticated look

Sheen stripping Sheen stripping is a technique that involves painting vertical stripes of the same color, but differing sheens, for a subtle, sophisticated look. It is often used in dining rooms, above the chair rail, or in areas that need some visual "height" due to a low ceiling.

For this technique, you might choose a low sheen and a flat product, which will create visual interest without being overwhelming. The sheen difference should be somewhat subtle, so a flat and a high gloss may not be the best combination. In terms of color choice, let your personal preference be your guide. If you need some direction, though, here is some advice:

- For dining rooms, red is often the color of choice. Red stimulates the appetite which is why you see it on so many restaurant walls. Green is also a good color for this room, as green is the color of many foods.
- Hallways and foyers can benefit from the a "welcoming" color, like yellow, or a shade of orange, like peach or terra-cotta.
- Bedrooms can become serene havens or romantic escapes by using colors like pale blue, green, or lavender.

Materials required

1. Painter's tape. Enough to stripe the entire room or object. Be sure to use painter's tape (something like 3M's Blue Tape) which will not stick as much and be less likely to pull up the flat base coat when removed.
2. Level and/or ruler
3. Quality interior acrylic flat paint

4. Quality acrylic interior semi-gloss paint (same hue or color as the flat paint)
5. Rollers, paint brushes, drop cloths, paint roller trays, stir sticks, trash bags

Directions

1. Make sure the wall surface or object you will paint is clean and sound.
2. Paint the wall(s) with quality acrylic interior flat or low sheen paint first. Let dry completely - overnight or longer.
3. Using painter's tape and a level, mark off the area to be painted with SG paint--typically in a vertical pattern. The usual width for each stripe is 400ml to 800ml. The larger the space, the wider the stripe should be. It might help to have a second person help with the taping. Each "flat" and semi-gloss stripe should be the same width. Use the level to insure your lines are perfectly vertical.
4. Paint the area to be "striped" with quality semi-gloss paint - same color as the flat paint. Let dry 2 to 3 hours, then carefully remove the painter's tape. Have a trash can or bag handy to toss the painter's tape in.
5. Enjoy this beautiful decorative technique!

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What were we thinking?

Another school holiday period has come to an end and so too did the lives of too many Queensland people killed in road accidents. If we lost 26 Australian military personnel in Iraq or Afghanistan there quite rightly would be absolute outrage.

Yet we can kill 26 people in Queensland in a couple of weeks and next to nothing is said. To make it worse most, if not all of those deaths could have easily been avoided by somebody being responsible for themselves and taking some care when driving.

Deputy Premier Paul Lucas called on drivers to remember their families. "Everybody thinks that a road accident statistic is someone you read about in the paper that you don't know," he said in Brisbane.

It is just too easy to blame road conditions, weather conditions or Donald Duck. Too often it is lack of thought by ourselves.

The "NUT" Award

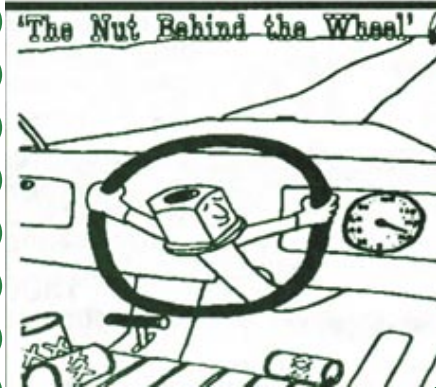
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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:-

To those aggressive drivers who must push up behind cars attempting to make a reverse park in Maple Street. It is difficult enough to find a parking spot without someone trying to get into your back window. How much time is saved anyway by this aggressive behaviour.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Mango - Avocado & Chicken

- A very refreshing, healthy salad with a fruity twist.

Ingredients

- * 2 medium, firm but ripe mangoes
- * 2 ripe avocados
- * Squeeze of lemon juice
- * 300-350g smoked chicken breasts
- * 200g mixed salad leaves, such as rocket, mache, baby chard or amaranth
- * 2 tbsp pine nuts, toasted (optional)

Dressing

- * 2 tbsp orange juice
- * 2 tbsp lemon juice
- * 1 tbsp wholegrain mustard
- * 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- * 2 tbsp avocado oil (or olive oil)
- * Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

Peel the mangoes and cut the flesh away from the stone into thin slices. Arrange on four serving plates.

Halve the avocados and remove the stone. Peel off the skin and slice the flesh into strips. Squeeze over a little lemon juice to stop the avocado flesh discolouring, then arrange over the mango slices.

Cut the chicken into thin slices and divide between the plates. Neatly pile the salad leaves in the middle of each plate. For the dressing Whisk the ingredients together in a bowl, seasoning with salt and pepper to taste. Spoon the dressing over the salad and serve, topped with a handful of toasted pine nuts.

WHY IS IT SO?



Whip Cracking

Fred lives out of town, and he asked, "Why does a whip crack?"

Well, there's a few answers to this.

It's claimed that the whip crack is actually a sonic boom. This sonic boom is supposed to appear when the very tip of the whip moves at faster than the speed of sound, and so breaks the sound barrier.

The speed of sound is pretty close to around to 1,000 kilometres per hour, so how can you move the tip of a whip at that speed (besides the fact that you've got a long lever arm)?

One theory is based on the fact that the whip is tapered from the handle to the tip. When you move the whip handle, you start a wave heading towards the tip. The wave has a certain amount of energy. This energy depends upon the speed of the wave, and the mass of the whip that it is moving in each instant. As the wave gradually moves down into the narrow region, it's moving less mass. So to conserve energy, the wave has to go faster. This is one claim as to how it can build up enough speed to break the sound barrier.

The other theory has nothing to do with the whip being tapered. It says that when the wave goes down to the tip of the whip, it then gets reflected back to the handle. When it changes direction from "going out" to "coming back," it has to go through a very brief, but very enormous, acceleration. For that brief instant it goes super sonic and that's why you get the whip crack.

But one thing still worries me. I was unable to find any definite evidence (such as high-speed photography) showing that the tip is moving faster than the speed of sound.

Maybe the crack is just the sound of the tip folding back, and slapping another part of the whip.

Truthful Jones Tells...



That his neighbour, Paddy Adair was always looking for a quick way to make a dollar. Truthful can remember one such "money making deal".

It was the end of the Gulf war in the early 1990's. The Arabs stared over at the Oil Fields and watched them burning. Day and Night the Flames roared into the sky. The Arabs pondered on how they were going to put out the fires when one Arab suggested that they ring 'Red O Dare'. Red O Dare was contacted but informed the Arabs that he was busy for the next six months. Red O Dare told the Arabs that they should ring his cousin Paddy O Dare from Co Mayo in Ireland, but now liven in Maleny, Queensland.

The Arab got on the phone and contacted Paddy. The Arab explained the problem with the Oil Fields to Paddy and asked if he could help. Paddy Replied: "No Problem." The Arab asked him how quick he could get there and how much would it cost?. Paddy Replied: "I can be there in 20 Hours and it'll cost ya' \$20,000. "Great"; said the Arab and hung up the phone.

The Arabs waited in the Desert, still watching the flames shooting into the sky, when all of a sudden an open top truck with four Red Haired Paddy's comes roaring over the Sand Dunes and heads straight into the oil field. The Arabs shouted to no avail, and the truck drove straight into one of the burning rigs. They jumped out, took off their Denim Jackets and proceeded to beat the fire out with them. The Arabs watched with amazement and two days later the Oil Rig Fire was Out. The four Paddy's walked to the Arabs and one said...."Jazus.. that was rough!".

The Arab, while writing the check for \$10,000, said to Paddy; "And what are you going to buy with all this money?. "Paddy Replied: "Well, the first thing I going to buy a set of brakes for that fire engine truck!!"

Morale: All brave actions are bravely carried out but many times they are unintentional.

This week's Saying

Ability can take you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

.....Think about it

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R.F.B. says "thanks"

Recently members of the Maleny Rural Fire Brigade held an "awareness morning" and a raffle in Maple Street, Maleny in front of Maleny Newsagency.

They would like to take this opportunity to thank the Maleny Community and visitors for supporting their awareness campaign and raffles on Saturday morning July 5.

All proceeds go towards helping the Maleny Rural Brigade to purchase and update equipment and to keep the fire trucks in a high state of readiness for the fire season.

The fresh fruit tray and fire blanket was drawn by Matthew Howard and won by Mrs Zellow (purple ticket A 12)

Thanks specifically goes to Florence Woods, Matthew and Denise Howard and The Maleny Fat Quarters Quilting Group for their support.



Blazer the Fire Bear was also in attendance and was happy to pose for photos with younger Malenyites.

We have had good rains in the first part of the year and if we get a dry spell into spring then there will be plenty of fuel for rural fires. Now is a great time to carry out a fire maintenance at your rural home-site.

News from Maleny Bowls Club

by Chairman Ian Hansen



Once again rain caused Tuesday's Jackpot Bowls to be cancelled but the weather improved and both Thursday's nominated triples and Friday's social bowls were able to be played.

Thursday was very successful with 10 teams competing for the prize money. The winners with two wins plus 17 were Les Bennett, Ray Green and Helen Caulley. The runners-up with plus 10 in the second game were the Mooloola Valley combination of Nev Shaw, Eileen Pierce and Kev Woodman. Nev then made it a double by winning the raffle. Many thanks to all the helpers, particularly those in the kitchen under the guidance of Rosemary Jackson. Both the bowls and the lunch were enjoyed by those present.

Friday's social bowls winners were Curley Petersen and Maureen Holdway with the impressive margin of plus 18.

Only one of the Sponsors' prize winners was present to claim the prize. The lucky winner was Fay Petersen who won the Full Monte prize.

The other winners would have been: Reg Darwell for IGA now worth \$180 this week, Gail Turner [currently in N.Z.] for Maleny Paints, John Wildman for Beechwood Bakehouse and Ben Gills for Q1'd Villages now worth \$200 this week. Brian Emmerton was the lucky raffle winner. The BBQ

was quite well patronised and thanks to the helpers. Remember, the first Friday of the month, weather permitting, is the scheduled day for the monthly BBQ.

This week, if the weather is kind, there will be Jackpot Bowls on Tuesday, followed by the Ladies Only Bowls on Wednesday then social Bowls on Friday. A reminder about the impending Pennants for men. Our Club has two sides nominated and the money paid to compete in Division Seven—one side in each of the two sections. Two teams of four players are needed for each side. This means we need 16 players each Saturday for seven weeks commencing Saturday, August 9. Last Friday there were there were 13 names on the sheet for Pennants. This means we need a minimum of five more names as not everyone will be able to play each week because of other commitments.

Your game will benefit from the experience of playing in Pennants. It is most enjoyable and you also see how various skips read the heads differently and ask you to play shots that you probably wouldn't have considered had it been left up to you. So, if your name isn't down, please seriously consider adding your name to the list so that we have the minimum number of players needed to field the two sides nominated.

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*This week with
Peter Slipper M.H.R.*



Youth Forum

I wish to remind local high schools of the Fisher Youth Forum to be held next week. Five students from years 10, 11 and 12 have been invited from each high school. The topic for this forum will be "Binge Drinking", with keynote speakers on hand to discuss the health, social and legal issues of the matter. The students will be invited to make suggestions as to how to address this social problem.

Shadow Minister for Youth, the Hon Pat Farmer MP will also attend the event.

The forum will be held on 28 July from 4-7pm at the Lake Kawana Community Centre. Any high schools that have been invited and have not yet responded should contact my office on 5443 3555.

Volunteers

I have some nicely presented "Certificates of Appreciation"

available to help recognise the work of volunteers in the community. If you have someone you may wish to nominate for their dedicated service as a volunteer, please contact my office on 1300 301 981.

Diabetes Week

With the launch of National Diabetes Week (13-19 July), it is important to take note of the seriousness of type 2 diabetes and also note the personal risks of developing the condition.

The aim of National Diabetes week is to improve the awareness in the community about the disease and the risk factors. The risk for any person who has one parent with type 2 diabetes is one-in-four; the risk for those with both parents with type 2 diabetes is one-in-two; and a large waistline indicates abdominal or central obesity and is a major risk factor for type two diabetes.

For more details, visit www.diabetresinfamilies.com.au

or phone 1300 136 588.

Alcopops Tax

It has been reported the new tax on flavoured pre-mixed alcoholic drinks, or so-called alcopops, is raising some \$1.75 million in tax daily for the federal government – equal to \$20 every second.

Maleny RSL

I was pleased to announce last week a grant of \$435 for the Maleny RSL to go toward a new projector screen. The funds are allocated from the Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) programme.

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This week's job Grocery Manager

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