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## Roof insulation ....a debacle

What may have started out as a good idea has now turned out to be a huge millstone around the neck of all Australians.

We are speaking, of course, of the Australian Government's home insulation plan whereby Australian homes were insulated to help reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses being emitted as a result of home airconditioning.

It has been revealed in the Australian Senate that about 400,000 homes have been fitted with ineffective or dangerously fitted insulation. The financial-cost of this to Australia is conservatively estimated at \$640 million dollars. All of this for very little or no result.

Environment Minister Peter Garrett said that there was policies and Australian standards in place to ensure that this major project was completed successfully. Unfortunately, those policies and requirements were not met by companies installing the insulation.

The work completed by these companies is faulty or completed incorrectly. Should they not be required to rectify their work so that it meets the standards laid out by the Government.

The only reason that the Government would not do this is if they themselves were negligent in setting out their requirements and bare some of the responsibility for this negligence and do want the matter to be scrutinised.

It is bound to become just another botched job.

## More rain tops up Maleny's water supply

**T**he past week saw further storms bring further good falls of rain to the Maleny area.

On Tuesday Maleny had 53mm in seven hours following an afternoon storm. By Wednesday 17th a further 140mm fell in the previous 24 hours. This brought the monthly total to 528.6 mm

Tuesday's rain was preceded by a tremendous lightning and thunder storm. Remember that to be talking on the telephone during a thunderstorm can be dangerous so get off the phone as quickly as possible. Better still do not use it during the storm, unless absolutely essential.

Pat Stacey from Maleny weather station said, "The rainfall equaling the 117 year average for the whole month. The highest Maleny February rainfall was in 1893 with 2,733mm, the year of the Big Flood, and the lowest ever recorded was 2.5mm in the drought year of 1926."

Because of previous rain during December and January the ground is wet and most of the present rainfall in the Maleny area has run off meaning that much of it will end up in Baroon Pocket Dam.



With the rain received in the headwaters of Obi Creek which supplies the Maleny Town weir should ensure sufficient water for Maleny township until well into June 2010. This is without further heavy falls.

By this time the new pipeline from Landers Shute treatment plant should be in operation supplying the town supply.

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## Truthful Jones Tells... he heard about when he went to mass



a couple of Sundays ago the priest concluded his service by saying, "Next Sunday I am going to preach on the subject of liars. And in preparation for my discourse, I would like you all to read the 17th chapter of Mark."

The following Sunday, the priest asked his congregation, "Now, all of you who have done as I requested and read the 17th chapter of Mark, please raise your hands."

Nearly every hand in the congregation goes up. (Not that of Truthful though as he is only truthful)

The priest then continued, "You are the people I want to talk to. There is no 17th chapter of Mark."

**Morale; Even in church you have to be on the lookout for the trick question. There is never any guarantee that it is not the one being asked right now!**

## Local volunteer firefighters service acknowledged

Local volunteer fire-fighters were recently presented with the Queensland Fire & Rescue Service diligent and ethical service medal.

Well known Maleny identities, Lloyd Larney and Tom Malone were presented with the medals by Q.F.S. area director, Gary Seaman.

Lloyd and Tom were inaugural members when the group started in 1981 and have continuously remained members ever since.

## Beware of the tax man scams

A spokesperson for the Australian Tax Office reports that it has been reported to them that there is presently a Australian Tax Office email being sent to Australian residents offering them a hefty tax refund.

This email, which contains an official looking Australian Tax Office logo advises recipients they will receive 19 per cent off their 2009 taxes. This email is not officially from the Australian Tax Office but is a phishing scam designed to con taxpayers into divulging their personal details so they can rip you off.

The taxation department spokesperson said that legitimate banks and financial institutions will not email you asking for personal information. If you receive one you can almost be certain that you will be the target of illegal scammers.

Bogus emails will normally link you to a counterfeit a web site. Once there you will be asked to enter account usernames, bank account numbers, and other personal identifiers. From these particulars the scammers can operate your accounts and transfer your money quickly to another account.

If you receive a suspicious email, do not open any attachments or click on any links. The best protection from such scams was vigilance and reminded people not to give out personal information.

Those who have received the email and provided their tax file number, credit card or account details should check their statements and contact their bank and the Australian Taxation Office immediately.



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Last year's telephone book carefully cut  
into squares and hanging on the back of the  
door of the outside lavatory....*

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## Interested in Soccer

**T**he Maleny Rangers Soccer Club is about to start the 2010 season. Their home ground is at the Maleny Showgrounds on Stanley River road Maleny. The club exists to promote a fun, safe and fair environment to ensure players, parents, coaches, officials and administrators alike all enjoy soccer and stay involved.

In an effort to ensure that there are enough trained referees for this season the club will be holding a "Grassroots Coaching Certificate Course" on Saturday 27th of February at the Maleny Showgrounds from 9:00 am till 12:00 midday.

The Grassroots Coaching Course is a FFA (Football Federation Australia) sanctioned course and is designed for new & old coaches, and parents who want to help their kids develop football skills at home.

These courses are less formal than the professional course and are designed to promote fun and fitness whilst playing community soccer.

The course is FREE and upon completion participants will receive a FFA Grassroots Coaching Certificate and the Grassroots Coaching Manual which is an excellent coaching publication.

Whilst of the main goals of the Maleny Rangers is to provide quality coaching to all of our kids it provides a great opportunity for individuals to get involved in a great sport and a great local club. By being a team coach one can meet a new group of people.

For more information or to register please contact the clubs Director of Coaching, Lindsay at landkmuir@iprimus.com.au

## The "NUT" Award

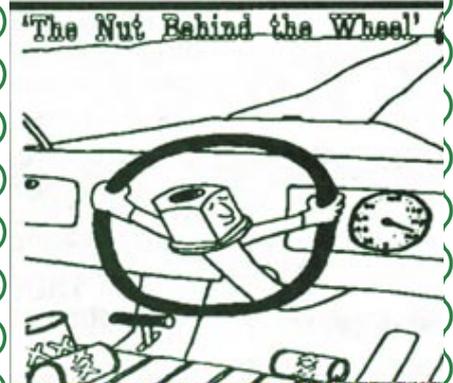
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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 the mother in the red van who drove off from the front of Maleny IGA on Thursday 11th - mid morning allowing a small child (about 3 or 4) to be standing on the front passengers seat.

One false move and a tragedy occurs. It just happens so quickly and it is for life...

## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Aussie Rissoles

- Great just chucked on the barbie!

#### Ingredients

- \* 3/4 KG prime minced steak
- \* 1 large diced onion
- \* 2 eggs
- \* Teaspoon beef powder
- \* 2 tablespoons tomato sauce
- \* Salt and pepper to taste
- \* 2 large cups fine broken dry bread

#### Directions

Thoroughly combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Mould by hand into medium size balls or patties and fry in hot, oil moistened frypan.

Note (These always make that extra flavour) - The following one or more "leftovers" can be added to the mixture. Bacon bits, ham bits, handful of peas, boiled or fried rice, grated carrot, etc.

For curry flavoured add two level tablespoons of quality curry powder to mix.

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## Blackall Range

Woodworker's Guild

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Cheers Pres Dave



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## Another paint hint

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**Don't make that inside paint job too difficult - it doesn't need to be.**

When doing an interior painting project it's important to remember to take time and care with the small details. Making sure everything is done right and with thought will make your project more of a success with professional looking results.

If you are doing your interior painting project over several days, be certain to clean all rollers and brushes promptly at the end of each painting session to make your equipment last longer. It's much easier to clean wet paint than dry and clumped paint off of your brushes and rollers.

Different interior paints dry at different intervals. Oil based paint will have a different drying cycle than water based paints.

When planning to paint, it's important to know the drying time so that you can estimate just how long your project will take to complete.

Another aspect of your interior painting project to keep in mind is what your room will be used for. It's important to think about this as you are choosing what

type and finish of interior paint you want. The type of paint and finish you use will affect the tone of the room.

Darker interior walls that are being made over with a significantly lighter or different color will need to be painted with primer before you roll on your colored paint. This will ensure that you get the color you are looking for without the old color tinting the color of the wall or showing through.

When doing interior painting, you want to be mindful of floors and windows and furniture so covering the area or moving the furniture when possible is a good solution to avoiding potential problems.

Paint the trim around the area with a brush to make rolling easier later. If you paint your trim, you can easily blend with your roller later.

If this sounds too hard then we at Maleny Paint Place can recommend a professional painter for you at a very reasonable price.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



## Groceries

Large grocery suppliers have embarked on programmes whereby unsaleable food items are considered for distribution to charities that can use the food to help feed those in the community who are struggling and need a helping hand.

Woolworths is one such organisation that has vowed to do more for the needy, including a recently-established \$2million grants scheme for charities.

It is looking for charities that may be eligible for funding.

To make enquiries, please contact [freshfoodrescue@woolworths.com.au](mailto:freshfoodrescue@woolworths.com.au) or 02-8885 3446

## Doorknocker rules

I support strongly for proposed new laws that restrict salespeople who tout their goods and services door-to-door.

The new federal laws will stop salespeople visiting the homes of potential customers after 6pm weekdays and 5pm Saturdays, while banning altogether door-to-door sales on Sundays.

This is an important new law that has as its central motivation the value of time spent together by families, which should not be interrupted by strangers who are out in the neighbourhood peddling their wares.

In addition, the new laws would allow families to stop indefinitely visits by salespeople from electricity firms, however they will not impact on charity collectors such as the Red Cross and the Smith Family or religious groups.

## Govt Spending

I have urged the Government to take notice of comments made by the reserve bank that link the increases in interest rates to high Government spending levels.

The suggestion was made recently by Reserve Bank governor Glenn Stevens in a presentation recently to the international banking elite.

Sunshine Coast families with mortgages and weekly rent bills are at the mercy of Government spending, as interest rates struggle to cool down a market that's at boiling point due to Rudd's wild spending sprees.

It is wrong for the Government to keep ploughing money into so-called stimulus programmes when that spending is overheating the economy and forcing interest rates higher and higher for everyday households.

Mr Rudd is very much in control of the market; he should not be letting homeowners and renters bear the brunt of his spending.

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