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Where did we all come from?

A free forum was held at Lake Kawana Community Centre from 2pm to 4.30pm on Sunday 14th March, 2010.

The forum, sponsored by the Sunshine Coast Environment Council was attended by Mayor Bob Abbot, Professor Tor Hundloe from Bond University and Dr Jane Sullivan from Sustainable Population Australia met to discuss how to contend with the growing Sunshine Coast population.

Information from the Census Department reveals that in the past four years the Sunshine Coast population has risen by approximately 35,000 to reach 330,000.

The forum heard that continued growth at the present level would bring continuing problems to the area as it was impossible to continue to provide the required amount of infrastructure.

It also heard that present policies of importing "skilled labour and paying baby bonuses" only exacerbates the problem.

Back in 2004, also in Maroochydore another forum was held by a number of local governments to identify how to provide the timely provision of infrastructure and allow community visioning processes in respect to population growth.

Whatever happened to the decisions from that process?

Meridan Sports field doesn't see a stop-sign

Sunshine Coast Regional Council advises that it is well on the way to completing construction of the \$3.2 million state-of-the-art sporting complex at Meridan Fields, ready for two local clubs to move in for the 2011 sporting season.

This is only the beginning as additional infrastructure work program over the next 5-years will see sportsfield lighting, additional car parking and the development of cricket and AFL sports fields.

This is in stark contrast to the provision of sporting facilities to the Maleny Community where all sorts of bench marking and reports have had to be completed.

One could ask whether these decisions are made as a result of Council priorities or at the behest of major developers who are presently constructing the

Meridian area developments.

Following the success of the 2010 Sportsman's Dinner and the continued growth in the club membership of the MDSARC Inc shows that there is growing interest in sports in the hinterland area of the Sunshine Coast area.

Maybe we have too many "stop signs" in the hinterland.

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Sunshine Coast Council cultural survey

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council is presently conducting a community survey into community culture. This important survey is designed to allow residents to have input into the future cultural planning, programs, facilities to be provided on the Sunshine Coast. The closing date is 30th April.

If you have about 10 minutes to spare, please consider completing this brief online survey:

<http://www.sunshine-coast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=cc-residents-survey>

The Sunshine Coast Council Facilitator Chris Brophy is keen to encourage all residents have their say about this community policy.

By completing the survey you are giving council planners an indication of how you want to see the coastal cultural environment in the future.

Give your kids a look into Queensland's Rail history

Rail of yesteryear is so much different to today - at least yesteryear we had a working railway.

Rail was so much part of our states development and it is important to show the next generation a little of our past.

The Queensland Rail museum at Ipswich is a working glimpse into that past.

With the Easter break coming up children can get ready for Easter at The Workshops Rail Museum's Bunny Eggventures event, 27 - 28 March.

The annual event, run this year as part of the Toyland Express event (27 March - 18 April) will include a host of Easter themed activities including appearances by The Workshops Bunny, special treats for the children, and art and craft fun where visitors can make their own bunny ears and egg basket.

Visitors will also be delighted with cuddles from some very cute animal babies at the Barnyard Babies mobile animal farm.

Picnic hampers can also be pre-ordered from the Trackside Café, but must be pre-ordered by 20 March. Visitors can also bring their own to enjoy in the Museum's grounds.

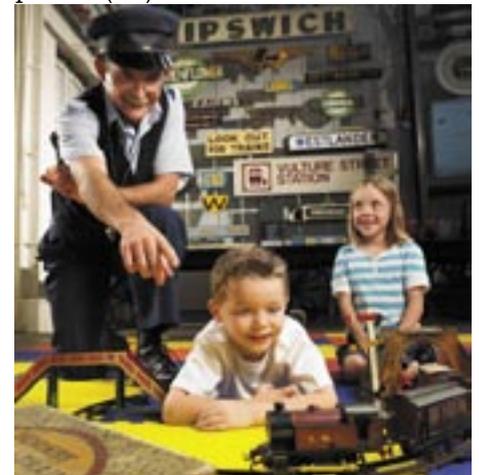
Director of The Workshops Rail Museum Andrew Moritz said the

event was a great family day out, away from the traditional Easter crowds.

"The activities at the event are designed for the whole family to enjoy and provide a taste of what is on offer during the Toyland Express event," Mr Moritz said.

Visitors can purchase an Annual Pass Membership when they visit the Bunny Eggventures event which allows unlimited entry into The Workshops Rail Museum for 12 months including to forthcoming events such as Toyland Express and Wizards and Witches Express.

For further information, steam train bookings, picnic hamper orders and ticket prices, visit www.theworkshops.qm.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 3432 5100.



Are you interested in bushwalking

The Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club is currently conducting a "membership drive" and is looking for persons with an interest in participating on walks throughout the Sunshine Coast and further afield.

Their program includes a range of active pursuits including day walks, through walks (camping overnight), kayaking, biking, base camping, and extended through walking expeditions. These walks are classified as hard, medium and easy.

For more informatiojn go to their website for more information;
www.sunshinecoastbushwalkingclub.com

If you would like to find out more personally simply phone the Club President Malcolm on 5443 1739 or New Members Officer Linda on 5448 5975.

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Truth-ful Jones Tells... he heard about



a painter by the name of Patrick, who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often would thin his paint to make it go further.

As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the Church decided to do a big restoration job that involved the painting of one of its biggest churches. Patrick put in a bid, and because his price was so low, he got the job. He went about erecting the trestles and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, thinning it down with the turps.

Patrick was up on the scaffolding, painting away with the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, and the sky opened.

The torrential rain washed the thinned paint off the church and knocked Patrick off the scaffold and on to the lawn, among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Patrick was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got on his knees and cried: "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke...

Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!

Morale; Even the good Lord knows how to do a good paint job.

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



Historic bits to swap!

Do you have an interest in historic vehicles? Well, The Historical Motor Cycle Club of Qld will be holding the annual motorcycle SWAP at Maleny Showground on Sunday 21 March. Not only are the vehicles antiques, but so are some of the owners. They, however, generally are not available for a swap.

The Maleny swap meet is not only one of the best SWAPs in Australia, but also one of the best attended. In 2009 there were nearly 3000 people counted through the gates. This swap has grown over the years from just local enthusiasts of old motorcycles wanting to obtain parts to restore their own machines into a swap including whole mo-

torcycles, tools, and equipment.

It is expected that between 700 and 1000 stallholders will display their goods. The show-ground gates will open at 2 pm on Saturday for stallholders. But, they will not start to trade until early on the Sunday morning and continue on until early Sunday afternoon. The old saying is that the early bird gets the best worm is most likely true in this situation.

This year the SWAP At 12noon on Sunday a series of lucky gate prizes will be drawn. Winners must be in attendance to collect their prize.

For further information, contact Bob Keeley on 0434 822 418 or visit www.historicmotorcycle.org.au.

Have you seen this sign?

This one seen in an office:

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Should the insulation debate concern us locally?

From first views it was a great idea to assist Australian home owners to insulate their homes in response to the problems of climate change. How could this project go so wrong and how can the poor decisions of a federal government department ruin local business people?

Whilst there appears to be a lot of "cowboy" operators coming out of the wood-work to install the insulation there have been reputable tradespeople installing the product for years, long before there was a government grant.

Many of these legitimate tradespeople and local companies now face ruin because some unscrupulous tradespeople, and we use the term tradespeople loosely, set out to defraud the system. There were insufficient systems in place to ensure that the system was not defrauded and whilst there was early evidence of problems that evidence was over looked.

A number of legitimate local Sunshine Coast businesses of long standing are facing ruin through no fault of their own. They have staff, premises and stock that cannot presently be used. All of these things create a continuing cost, whilst the "fly by night" contractor, usually operating from the back of an old ute just took the cream and now folds up "the tent" and heads into the sunset taking ill-gotten gains.

This situation directly impedes on good local businesses thus on our community through loss of businesses and jobs.

The "NUT" Award

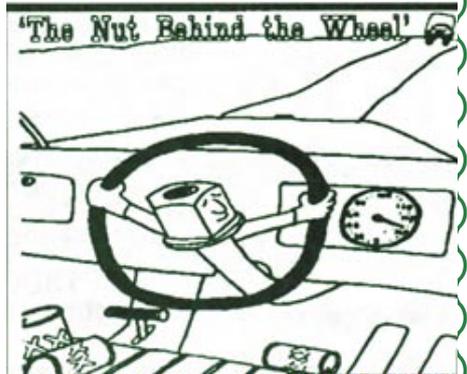
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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: -

those drivers who continue to "tailgate" - especially in this inclement weather.

The roads have numerous pot holes at the moment and it is impossible to get enough warning of what is ahead when travelling so close to the car in front. The only one that benefits is the tyre reseller.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Fish Cutlets

- Anything with fish can't be bad!

Ingredients

- * 2 tablespoons mashed potato
- * 1 cup cold flaked cooked fish
- * 2 tablespoons thick white sauce
- * 3 tablespoons fine white breadcrumbs
- * Squeeze lemon juice
- * 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- * 1 dessertspoon flour
- * 1/8 teaspoon salt
- * Frying fat
- * 1 egg
- * Pepper
- * Some pieces of macaroni

Directions

Mix together potato, fish, sauce, salt, pepper, lemon juice, and chopped parsley. Form into cutlet shapes on a floured board.

Dip into beaten egg, then into breadcrumbs. Press breadcrumbs on firmly with a large knife.

A second coating of egg and breadcrumbs is an improvement. Fry in hot fat till a golden brown, then drain. Serve hot, garnished with sprigs of parsley and slices of lemon.

A piece of macaroni may be used to represent the bone.

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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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For the craft-worker Epoxy laminating resin

One of the favourite jobs of craft woodworkers is using a timber slab as a table top. Imperfections in the slab can be used to decorate it by adding items to any holes or other hollows and covering them with a clear coating.

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laminating fibreglass, Dynel and other composite reinforcements.

Once mixed the product must be used quickly as it only has a pot life of about 15 minutes. The message is only mix as much as you can handle in that time.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Seniors Forum

Popular Member of Parliament Bronwyn Bishop, the Shadow Minister for Seniors, is confirmed as the key speaker at the 10th annual Fisher Seniors' Forum and Expo, which will be held on May 21 at the Lake Kawana Community Centre.

Please call my office on 07 - 5444 4888 to book your place.

Rain, Rain, Rain

It has been great to see the ongoing rain, which is well and truly filling up local dams and replenishing the groundwater.

While the rain is welcome for the dams and gardens, wet weather conditions can be a little tricky for motorists due to slippery roads.

I urge all motorists to drive to reduce their speed and drive to the conditions.

The rain is a blessing and it is important that we all play our part to avoid tragedy on our roads.

Online Fraud

The Australian Federal Police are warning all internet users, including teenagers, that online fraud can impact anyone.

The AFP particularly warned that an increase in the use of social networking websites, which often

request highly personal information, can potentially expose users to identity theft.

Identity theft occurs when internet users are not careful and place too much information onto publicly accessible social websites.

For further information, visit www.scamwatch.gov.au or phone 1300 795 995.

Insulation safety hotline

Just a reminder to those who had foil insulation installed under the Government's failed insulation programme.

I urge you to contact the safety hotline as soon as possible to organise a safety check.

The number is 131 792.

There are official figures now that insulation installed under the programme has been linked to the deaths of four young installers, some 100+ house fires around Australia, around 1000 homes that may have electrified roofs, and 240,000 homes with insulation that is unsafe or substandard.

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