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Our Thoughts

All of this week we have been hearing on the news about the death of 18 month old twins at Sunnybank, Brisbane some time in the last fortnight but only found some 7 - 10 days later still in their bed in their parents house whilst the rest of the family lived around them.

After the finding of the decomposing bodies neighbours revealed that they had had concerns for the safety of the children. It was reported that an older sibling had regularly gone naked to neighbours complaining that he was hungry. The neighbour merely chased him back home.

In the past the Child safety authorities have been criticised for not following up complaints of child abuse. On this occasion they were not advised of the problem. They mostly rely on other family members, neighbours and people such as childcare workers or teachers to let them know what was happening to children.

We all need to be keeping an eye on each other's children to ensure that they have a safe environment. As neighbours we have a duty if worried about a child's living circumstances to the Child Safety Department know so they can investigate. This is not being a nosy neighbour.

Maleny District Sports & Recreation Club holds A.G.M. on July 3rd

The Maleny District Sports and Recreation Club has recently met with local Sunshine Coast Regional Councillor, Ms Jenny McKay to indicate to her how the various clubs saw their positions within the local community

The meeting was held at the Maleny Bowls Club

The first general meeting will be on Thursday 3rd July at 7.30pm also at the Maleny Bowls Club. The executive committee will be elected by



Pictured above:

*Kev Bartlett (Club Patron)
Jenny McKay (SCRC Councillor for Division 5) and Rod Wild (Vice President MDSRC).*

with respect to their needs, aspirations and expectations of the new council, specifically in respect to the proposed Maleny Precinct.

The MDSRC which is representative of 22 local sports organisations is committed to representing the interests of all parties properly to Council and will be keeping members updated regularly via a regular newsletter and they have a new website, under construction.

all members and will replace the interim committee. Much needs to be addressed in the next three months.

Affiliate/individual membership are available at \$20.00 each. Membership forms are available from John Brown's Mitre 10, Teak Steet, Maleny

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Truthful Jones Tells...



us that Late last Friday night the local policeman spotted his son Mick driving very erratically along Kenilworth Road, Maleny. They pulled him over and asked him if he had been drinking that evening.

"Aye, so I have. 'Tis Friday, you know, so me and the lads stopped by the Irish Bar at Tranquel Park Restaurant where I had six or seven pints. And then there was something called "Happy Hour" and they served these mar-garitos which are quite good so I had four or five o' those.

Then I had to drive me friend Shamus home and O' course I had to go in for a couple of Guinness - couldn't be rude, ye know.

Then I stopped on the way home at the Maleny Pub to get another bottle for later .." Pat fumbled around in his coat until he located his bottle of whiskey, which he held up for inspection.

The officer sighed, and said, "Sir, I'm afraid I'll need you to step out of the car and take a breathalyzer test."

Indignantly, Pat said, "Why? Don't you ***** believe me?"

Truthful's Motto: Never tell a lie to the police and don't try to "pull the wool over their eyes" as the Wolf might come back to bite you.

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Exterior Paint Masking

Many interior paint masking techniques can be applied to all exterior projects. The real difference is during exterior spray painting.

Everything not being sprayed must be fully covered. Over-spray is impossible to control, especially in windy conditions. Thoroughly covering all items will save many hours of cleaning or prevent damage to unpainted surfaces.

Windows and doors need to be fully protected whether you are spraying or rolling the exterior paint. I use plastic masking film and a dispenser. This drastically speeds up the process and produces better results. Use the appropriate length plastic and regular, white, painter's tape for the best adhesion.

Wood fence covered with drop cloth and paper.

Wood decks and fences also require covering or you will be forced to clean then sand and refinish. Drop cloths are your first defense.

Heavy cotton drop cloths are the best and should be used. Another use is protecting plants and shrubs.

For decks, and any horizontal surface, lay the drops a few inches away from the house and then use a hand-masking machine with paper to cover

the edge next to the house. Attach the paper to the drop cloth with tape.

With the paper over the drop cloth it is impossible for over spray from an airless paint sprayer to reach the deck.

Vertical surfaces, such as brick, will be the most difficult to cover up. Draping with plastic masking film or regular lightweight plastic will work only if wide tape is used. The tape won't stick to masonry very well. If possible, attach the tape to a painted surface for better results and plan on brushing these areas after spraying.

Even rolling an exterior wall or soffit will produce drips and splatters. Masking all non-removable items will save you many hours of frustration.

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Queensland's iconic train subjected to bomb threat

Queensland's iconic Sunlander train which travels between Brisbane and Cairns was the subject of a bomb threat on Wednesday 18th and as a result the northbound train was halted at Beerwah at about 2.30p.m. Services were continued with buses running from Beerwah to Glasshouse Mountain.

A Beerwah police spokesman said "Both trains were evacuated as a precaution. All services were suspended on the North Coast line and the passengers were being looked after by Queensland Rail."

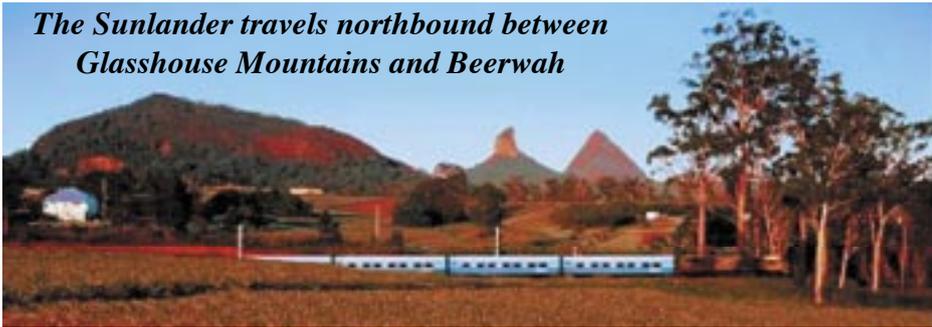
A railway spokesman said five

Coast passenger services were affected during the stoppage as a result of the "anonymous threats" against the Sunlander train.

The Coast line was re-opened about 5.10pm. but the Sunlander was still at Beerwah station at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday night whilst police and Queensland Rail staff made a thorough search for the explosive substance.

A Queensland Rail spokesman said that this was the first bomb threat against the Sunlander train and he was unaware what sparked the incident.

The Sunlander travels northbound between Glasshouse Mountains and Beerwah



Mum's favourite Recipes

Cheesy crumbed chicken

- easy evening meal on these warm afternoons.

Ingredients

1 cup fresh breadcrumbs - 1/2 cup finely grated Australian 50% Reduced Fat Cheddar Cheese - 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
4 x 125g skinless chicken fillets, pounded flat - 1 cup Australian Low Fat or Skim Natural Yogurt - steamed vegetables, for serving

Method

1. Combine breadcrumbs, cheddar cheese and parsley in a bowl.
2. Dip the chicken fillets in the yogurt to coat and then into the cheesy breadcrumbs.
3. Place onto a paper lined tray and bake at 200 degrees C for 10 minutes.

Turn and cook for a further 5 minutes, or until cooked and golden.

Serve with steamed vegetables. - Serves 4

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 two "Linfox" semi-trailers travelling south on the Sunshine Coast Highway just south of the Steve Irwin Way turnoff at about 2.30pm on Wednesday June 18th. These trucks travelled beside each other at the same speed for several kilometers holding up traffic behind them.

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Iconic Status for Blackall Range area

For a period now there has been disquiet about the adhoc development in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland area.

Deputy Premier Paul Lucas announced on the 19th June that the old Maroochy Council area of the range which includes Montville and Mapleton was successful in its application for iconic development protection similar to Noosa and Port Douglas in far north Queensland.

Former Maroochy Councillor, Herman Schwabe whose former council area took in the area said, "It is great news." He supports the Maleny end of the Blackall Range coming under the same legislation.

Local libraries school holiday programs

Sunshine Coast Libraries have put together an exciting new school holiday program on offer at the end of the month. The school holiday program gets underway on Monday 30 June, with activities on offer at all branches across the coast.

For more information contact the Maleny library on 5429 6222

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Get vaccinated against the flu if you're 'at risk'

Winter has returned to Maleny and whilst it has been pretty mild to date cold weather is coming.

If you have a chronic illness, Queensland Health's advice is that you should get vaccinated against the flu every year.

Sunshine Coast Population Health Unit public health medical officer Dr Andrew Langley said anyone can get the flu, "but it can be more serious for people aged 65 years or over and people of any age with a serious medical condition, particularly those with heart or respiratory disease, diabetes, heart disease, kidney, liver disease or asthma."

"Even if you're active and managing your chronic illness reasonably well, you have a higher risk of complications like bronchitis and pneumonia if you get the flu," he said. "This could make your chronic condition worse and put you in hospital."

"Because the virus constantly changes, it is necessary to get the flu vaccination each year, to protect you against the latest strains of the virus."

"It takes about two weeks for your body to build up immunity to the flu after vaccina-

tion."

Under the National Immunisation Program, influenza vaccine is free for:

- # all people aged 65 years and older
- # all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years and older
- # Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 to 49 years who have a chronic illness or who are risk of developing a chronic illness.

"If you are in one of these groups, your local doctor can give free vaccine against serious forms of pneumococcal infection."

"You won't need it each year, because for most it is a one-off vaccination. It is alright to have the pneumococcal vaccination at the same time as the flu vaccination," Dr Langley said.

"It's never too late to vaccinate. Contact your local doctor to protect yourself and others against what can be very serious diseases."

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Did you Know? “Maleny gets electricity”

Today we take our electrical appliances for granted, but it was not always so. Queensland was the first colony in the Empire to have an electric supply receiving electric lighting in early 1882. In 1936 that the Maleny Butter Factory and the Maleny Hotel were first were connected for electricity through a generator situated at each location but it was not until 1940 that Maleny township got a reticulated electrical supply.

At the Maleny Historic Village standing just inside the front gate is the first electric street light erected in Maleny. It was erected in Maple Street in front of what is now Cooke Park. It was in the middle of the road and bullock drays coming to the cattle sale yard would do a “u” turn around the light post.



It was initially erected in the early 1900's was gas fired by carbide pellets but converted to electricity in 1940.

Electricity in Maleny first came through an agreement with The City Electric Light Company. The

City Electric Light Company commenced business in Brisbane on 1 February 1905. It was a government body and was formed to provide electrical power to Brisbane residents. Its first power station, in Edison Lane, off Creek Street,

was superseded within eleven years by a new building in Ann Street, where in 1901 the first steam turbine in Queensland was installed.

During the construction of the electrical network a construction gang, camped in the Maleny Show Grounds. They erected a 33,000 volt transmission line from Woodford to Nambour. A 33,000/240 volt transformer was positioned on a two-pole sub-station outside the Maleny Butter Factory to provide power to Maleny township. It was the first electric transformer station on CEL's North Coast feeder.



*Ann Street Power House
used to generate power
for the Maleny area in the
1940's.*

Maleny electrician, (Jack) Callaway wired most people's homes; he had an electrical shop in Maple Street, now the Up Front Club.

Land for Maleny's first electricity sub-station was bought for one hundred pounds in 1940. Another resident sold a garage and property to CEL in 1949 for use as an office and Depot. The old Depot continued to be used until the Southern Electric Authority (SEA), which succeeded CEL in 1953, built a new Depot complex on the site in 1973. The new depot cost of

\$96,000.

SEA's new Maleny Depot, on the corner of Bunya and Cudgerie Streets was officially opened on 22 June 1973. The region attended by the new Maleny Depot stretched east to the main railway line, west to the top of the range, south as far as Beerburum and north to the Maroochy Shire border. Around 1,750 customers were served by the Depot, although the actual number of people who benefited from the reticulated supply to the area was much higher. For many years and until it closed in the mid 1990's local descendant, Ken Rough, son of Frank was in charge of this depot.

During preparations for the Opening Ceremony, it was suggested that the opening was timed for 2.15 pm. The reason for the earlier time was that some of the guests and afternoon tea helpers would be involved in milking operations. The official opening was performed by Mr M.J. Ahern, MLA for Landsborough. More than 100 officials attended the Opening Ceremony, including the Chairman of Landsborough Shire Council, Councillor J. Beausang.

At the Opening Ceremony, Councillor J. Beausang spoke of the impact that electricity had on every-day life.

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This week with
Peter Slipper M.H.R.



Benefits of Rain

Rainfalls across the eastern states have resulted in expectations of considerably larger crops for 2008-09.

The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ABARE) forecasts that the total area sown with winter crops in Australia is forecast to increase by 9% to 22.3million hectares in 2008-09. Assuming a similar improvement in yields, winter crop production is forecast to be around 37million tonnes in 2008-09, 15million tonnes above the drought affected harvest of the previous financial year.

However, ABARE clarifies its forecast with the fact further follow up rains are required.

Housing Affordability

A new Senate report has highlighted the need for an increase in the rate of new house construction.

The report has highlighted the current significant problem with housing affordability is driven by a combination of strong demand and limited supply, a problem that has developed over many years.

The expected number of new dwellings for 2007-08 is just 154,000. This is well below the 170,000 new dwellings recorded in both 2002-03 and 2003-04.

The bipartisan report also recognised that Australia needs at least 170,000 new dwellings in 2007-08 alone to keep up with the housing needs of the growing population.

The Government has announced several programmes that aim to improve housing affordability.

Aged Care funding

The Australian Government has approved the annual indexation of funding for the residential care, community care and flexible care programmes. The indexation will add a further \$163million to aged care funding initiatives.

The increase is in line with the annual indexation arrangements as advised by the Department of Finance and Administration.

Over the next four years, funding for aged and community care will reach record levels of more than \$40 billion -- with \$28.6 billion of that on residential aged care alone.

Funding to aged and community care in Australia has experienced the largest single increase in a single year - 10.4 per cent for the 2008-09 budget year.

Ageing in Australia

It is interesting to note the following statistics about Ageing in Australia:

Australians have the world's fourth longest life expectancy after the Japanese, the Swiss and the Icelanders. About 13 per cent of our population (some 2.8 million people) is aged 65 years or older. This is expected to rise to 18 per cent by 2021 and to 26 per cent (around 7 million people) in 2051.

The number of people aged over 80 years will almost double over the next 20 years. Currently, there are 2,860 Australians over the age of 100 and that is expected to increase to 78,000 by 2055. There are 2,870 aged care facilities in Australia, providing 170,000 residential beds.

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