Maleny Residents will be glad to hear that the much talked about New Sunshine Coast Hospital at Kawana is to commence in October, 2012.

The hospital will be a university training hospital and when completed would have cost $2 Billion dollars.

Premier Campbell Newman has confirmed that construction on the project which will be in partnership with Exemplar Health. Included in the winning tender group include, Lend Lease, The Spotless Group, Capella Capital and The Siemens Group.

This group would build and maintain the hospital for 25 years.

The hospital will be the centrepiece of a Kawana Health Campus. It will be co-located with a private hospital and include parking for 3,500 cars and a Skills, Academic and Research Centre.

It was announced at the official signing that the project would start in October, 2012 and was expected to be opened in 2016 with 450 beds. The project will continue on until 2021 when it will have about 738 beds and a staff complement of 5000.

Not only is this project important to those residents who continually have to go to Brisbane to receive their treatment, but to those local people seeking jobs in the construction and health industries.

New Sunshine Coast hospital to commence in October
Strong field puts up their hand for the LNP candidate Federal Seat of Fisher

On a wet and cool night last week a group of nine people addressed a crowd of approximately 90 people at the Maleny R.S.L. Hall, hoping to gain support to gain the L.N.P. candidacy for federal seat of Fisher at the 2013 federal election.

This nine consisting of: Stephen Ainscough, Mr Brough, Richard Bruinsma, James McGrath, Graeme Mickelberg, Alan Nielsen, Daniel Purdie, Peta Simpson and Andrew Wallace were all touting their qualifications.

Those competing includes former Liberal government minister, Mr. Mal Brough who it is suggested is the odds on favourite to win pre-selection.

He will though have some strong opposition from Mr. James McGrath who is a high ranking L.N.P. party official.

Past experience of those applicants range from Queensland government bureaucrats, a police officer, a mining engineer and small business operators.

Fisher has been regarded as a secure coalition seat. It is now one of only 10 federal Queensland seats the party does not hold in Queensland.

The seat is presently held now by the Independent member and Speaker of the House of representatives, Mr. Peter Slipper. Mr Slipper was previously an LNP member until disruptions within the party as a result of him being appointed as Speaker of the House, ensuring his vote for the government.

The L.N.P. pre-selection for the federal seat of Fisher will take place on July 29 at Caloundra.

This will be the strongest field of L.N.P. candidate hopefuls for more than a decade. They will all be out lobbying members of the L.N.P. Fisher Electorate Council.

The sitting independent member, Mr. Peter Slipper and Speaker of the House, has not as yet indicated at this time if he intends to re-contest the seat.

There are likely to be a number of other candidates from other parties contesting this seat.

Whoever eventually is selected as the member for Fisher there will be work to be done to placate many of the residents after the long period of animosity caused by the alleged allegations made against the present member, Mr. Slipper.

Much of the distraction in the seat of Fisher has been caused by the closeness of the numbers in the Federal Parliament.

The Fisher pre-selection proceeds the LNP pre-selection in Fairfax, which is expected to be held in September or October.

It is also expected to attract a large number of candidates. The vacancy is caused by the retirement of sitting member Alex Somlyay.
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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. Sometimes this is because they are not aware that road rules change from time to time.

One of our readers suggested that we should have a quick refresher of some of those rules.

The most dangerous thing about travelling in a motor vehicle is still the “NUT BEHIND THE WHEEL”.

The real cost of Electricity

Who can remember when Premier Beattie said, “Privatisation of the electricity industry won’t cost any consumer any more than they are paying at the present time.”

Privatisation simply increased the level of administration required for the distribution of electricity. It has now been revealed that the boss of the state’s biggest electricity retailer, Origin Energy’s Grant King, was set to receive a $200,000 boost to his base salary last year, on top of a more than $1.6 million rise in his overall remuneration package in 2010 and his base salary rose 9 per cent to $2.5 million last financial year. This does not include a share deal option valued at $7.66 million.

The boss of AGL, Michael Fraser, received a total salary package of $3.4 million in the 2010-2011 financial year.

These are but two people employed by those corporations. When the remainder of the administrative staff are included one can only guess at the real cost of administering the distribution of electricity in Queensland.

Electricity prices continue to rise at a rate far beyond the cost of inflation. Much of the cost of price rise is put down to the necessary upgrade of the distribution network. Based on the figures provided, there must be some doubt about the veracity of that statement.

Crossing a road on or near a crossing for pedestrians

(1) A pedestrian must not cross a road, or part of a road, within 20m of a crossing on the road, except at the crossing or another crossing, unless the pedestrian is—

(a) crossing, or helping another pedestrian to cross, an area of the road between tram tracks and the far left side of the road to get on, or after getting off, a tram or bus; or

(b) crossing to or from a safety zone; or

(c) crossing at an intersection with traffic lights and a pedestrian may cross diagonally sign; or

(d) crossing a road, or a part of a road, from which vehicles are excluded, either permanently or temporarily.

Mum’s favourite Recipes

Chicken King
- always a favourite.

Ingredients

* 1 chicken 1kg
* 1/2 pint cream
* 400g sliced mushrooms
* 1 green pepper
* 3oz butter
* 1/2 cup chopped almonds
* 500ml white sauce
* 1 wine glass sherry
* 1 pimento thinly sliced or 1/2 teaspoon powdered pimento
* 1 teaspoon lemon juice
* 2 egg yolks lightly beaten
* salt and pepper to taste

Method

Boil or steam chicken and remove flesh from the bones.
Make white sauce using 1/2 milk and 1/2 chicken stock or 1 tin of chicken soup.
Add cream to the white sauce and simmer gently.
Peel and saute mushrooms and green pepper in the butter for 10 minutes, stir frequently and add to sauce mixture.
Then add pimento and chicken meat, sherry and lemon juice, stir almonds and simmer for 5 minutes.
Finally add egg yolks and stir constantly, cook for another minute or two.
Dish may now be placed in a casserole tray in a low oven of 150oF to keep until guests arrive.
News from Ebenezer by Lenore

This is a picture of Anne’s home before she came to Ebenezer. Anne was just six years old when we took her in.

We met Anne when she was living with her sister and her brother-in-law, who were drunkards.

They used this little girl as their cook and nanny and did not send her to school. We, together with the Social Welfare Department, had a great tug-of-war getting her out, but today she is in our Girl’s Home very happy and content where she is learning life skills needed to support herself.

Children who get an education have a greater chance of a future.

If you can help the Ebenezer Childcare Trust Orphanage in Livingstone, Zambia you can ring Lenore on 5429 6194 or visit the Friends of Ebenezer web site at: http://http://www.friendsofebenezeraustralia.com/

Maleny Schools Centenary Celebration

Whilst Maleny was first settled in 1978 it was not until 1913 that education officially came to town. So, 2013 marks 100 years of education in Maleny and district.

Plans are now underway to celebrate that milestone.

At a meeting of the Maleny State School sub-committee on Wednesday July 11th a tentative programme was released.

Co-ordination of the event is being done by Mrs. Desley Malone, who was a teacher at the Maleny school for many years.

The 2013 celebrations are set to be held from March 29th, to Sunday 31st March, 2013.

Whilst events have not been finalised a proposed list of celebratory events is listed below.

For further information contact Desley Malone on Facebook.

http://www.facebook.com/events/153182571421144/
In Father Cleary’s study, they sat in dappled colors from the stained glass windows. The sun threw a brilliant spectrum across some old leather-bound books, their embossing for a moment shinningly new and golden.

Father Cleary had never indulged in sentimentality with Danny and Caitlyn, but he encouraged them to talk. “And how are things now in Omagh? He picked up his teapot to pour for them. “I understand the “Troubles” have quietened since the Good Friday agreement.”

Danny was battling with his apple slice, his fork was fragmenting its delicate filo topping. “Oh Yes Father, things are quiet there now, but the times we came from were bad. The things they did to those young men, and the things they made them do. The bombs and the guns, and the hatred that built on both sides. Killings and maimings and revenge fed upon themselves. It seemed that there would never be an end.”

“But there was an end. Your town and your street must be at peace. Do you still have family there?”

Caitlyn was having better luck with her slice, she laid down her fork, but her cup was shaking as she tried to bring it to her lips. “My parents have both passed on, bless them, but I have a sister and two brothers in Dublin. Danny’s father still lives in Omagh.”

“Do you ever go back?”
“Danny and I both miss Ireland and its green fields, the rain, the summers, the winters, the spring flowers, and the autumn leaves, but we feel that we could never go back.”

She rattled her cup back to its saucer, but again there was a lift to her chin. “A country that could grow in hatred so great that its young men could set a bomb to kill their own people in the main street!”

Danny tried to calm her. He knew enough not to try for physical contact at this time. “I looked to the priest. “Caitlyn and I both feel the same. We had good friends and Patrick made friends too, at school, and on the soccer field. But the “Troubles” put everyone on edge. Distrust overrode friendship, and even families in some cases: brother against brother. We decided to leave it all behind and to make a new start.” He smiled. “We spent a good part of our lives with cold weather illness. It was time to give the warm weather diseases a chance!”

Father Cleary broke the spell with a booming laugh, and they laughed with him. “I must prepare for the Midday Mass. He regarded Caitlyn with compassion. “A blessing before ye go?”

He made the sign of the cross over them.

“May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, And give you His peace. Now and for ever. - Amen.”

For those who would like to download the entire book from the internet to read simply go to: http://www.hinterlandgrapevine.com/Events/IndexEvents.html then click on any of the book covers there from the Warne Wilson Collection and complete the downloads or simply follow the story over the next few months.

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Caloundra Airport leases to be approved

In what is a win for the aviation industry on the Sunshine Coast, the State Government has agreed to extend leases at the Caloundra Aerodrome without going to tender.

For almost a decade there has been uncertainty for those businesses that operated out of the Caloundra Airport. That uncertainty was also causing uncertainty to the Caloundra Air Museum and the Caloundra Air Cadet Unit.

That uncertainty has caused uncertainty for the business owners. The airport was earmarked for redevelopment as a business activity centre with significant potential for infill residential development and a future public transport hub.

The Sunshine Coast Council had looked at sites in the Sunshine Coast hinterland as a site for a new airport, however no alternative locations were identified.

Member for Caloundra Mark Mc Ardle congratulated the Local Government Minister for “sorting out” this matter.

The Musings of an old codger!

Whilst we all should be shocked by the recent spate of deaths resulting from traffic collisions over the past couple of weeks, it appears that we are not so concerned.

Hardly a whimper has been heard, even though in the first six months in Queensland over 120 people have been killed in collisions.

Imagine the outcry if that number had been killed in Afghanistan, and rightly so.

That is not to put a price on the lives of our proud military people, but it is to point out that we should be putting more care into our driving habits.

The cost to our community from road incidents is extremely high, both emotionally and financially.

In this day and age there is no legitimate reason for our road toll to be so high. Vehicles are much safer than they were 20 or so years ago, and believe it or not, so too are our roads.

It is only making excuses to blame the condition of our roads for most of our road deaths and serious injuries.

Drivers just have to take some responsibility for themselves and drive with more care and attention. Too little care is often taken by drivers and they also fail to understand, or take notice of the laws of physics.

Until drivers take responsibility for themselves serious traffic collisions resulting in deaths and serious injuries will continue to happen.
Ted, a older bloke that he works with who has greying hair with a solar panel in the middle and a large belly, went down to Maleny Jewellers one Friday evening with a beautiful young gal at his side.

He told Jim, the jeweller he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. Jim looked through his stock and brought out a $5,000 ring and showed it to him. Ted said, “I don’t think you understand, I want something very special.”

At that statement, Jim went to his special stock and brought another ring over. “Here’s a stunning ring at only $40,000,” Jim said.

The young lady’s eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement. Ted seeing this said, “We’ll take it.” Jim asked how payment would be made and the Ted stated, by cheque. “I know you need to make sure my cheque is good, so I’ll write it now and you can call the bank Monday to verify the funds and I’ll pick the ring up Monday afternoon,” Ted said.

Monday morning, a very cranky Jim phoned the old man. “There’s no money in that account.” “I know”, said Ted, “but can you imagine the weekend I had?”

Morale: Shows that old age cunning and experience wins every time....
How do you want to spend Christmas - New Year 2012...tell the Sunshine Coast Council

The Sunshine Coast Council has Festive Season Strategy policy and is inviting comments from Sunshine Coast residents as to what that strategy should include.

Councillor responsible for that police, Cr. Jenny McKay said, “The strategy has been developed based on extensive community feedback received before and after festive season events held in December 2009 and January 2010, as well as surveys conducted between June and August 2010”.

The strategy police is expected to continue on through to 2015.

The Festive Season Strategy outlines council’s role in and level of support for the delivery of community-based celebrations and region-wide events held each year during the festive season. The festive season is defined as the period between December and January during which Christmas, New Year’s Eve and Australia Day are celebrated. The survey is open until August 10th, 2012.

Cr. McKay said that residents could make submissions to council by completing a short online survey. She continued, “The feedback received from the community will be used to help council plan future festive season celebrations.” To find the survey visit the web page https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FestiveReview

Council will spend In 2011/2012 almost $1 million into festive season activities across the region which includes some grants to community groups to help with the staging of local events.


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Fridays – Bar opens 4.00pm, Dinner from 6.00pm

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Care and maintenance of your deck is essential to protect it from the damaging effects of moisture and the sun. Regular cleaning and oiling will help protect the timber from the damage done by ultraviolet light, protect it from the weather, remove mold and bacteria, and it will also stop the timber prematurely cracking and aging.

Sweeping and cleaning your deck regularly will help reduce the build up of dirt and grime. Also, oiling your deck every few months will protect your deck from the elements and keep it looking vibrant. You’ll know that it’s time to oil the deck as it will be losing the lustre it had after the last oil as well as generally looking a bit tired.

**Preparation**

Before treating your deck, it should be thoroughly cleaned of dirt and grime. You can use a stiff broom and bucket with sugar soap, which is free of chlorine or bleach (in strong concentrations, bleach can prematurely damage wood). If your deck has a lot of stains that sugar soap won’t remove, a few things can be done... Try pressure washing the deck with a small to medium sized pressure washer. (Do a patch test first but make sure it’s gentle or it will damage the wood fibers.) You can also try lightly sanding the affected area with a medium grade sandpaper.

Alternatively, you can use a deck cleaning product such as Spa-N-Deck or Dulux Reviver. Both products use Oxalic acid to strip back the aging timber and return the wood to its former glory.

Using a pressure washer or a deck cleaning product is usually a lot less time consuming than sanding the entire deck, but sanding works well for smaller areas and deep stains.

Once clean, wait for your deck to completely dry before applying any oil or stain.

**Treatment**

The next thing to do is to decide whether you want to use stain or oil. We think that if the timber still retains its natural colour, it’s best just to oil it. We use New Look Natural Deck Oil which has a little pigment in it that seems to make the timber a bit livelier.

As for staining, this is usually done when the timber is quite tired and grey or you want to change the colour of the deck.

**Application**

When staining or oiling your deck, be careful not to apply too much product - you don’t want to get surface film on the wood when what you’re really going for is penetration. It’s best to apply the product along the length of each board keeping a wet edge so as to avoid overlapping.

Using an application pad with a handle makes application of the product much easier, but a paint brush can be used. Usually, 2-3 applications are required.

Remember to apply the stain or oil in the proper weather conditions. Avoid applying it in direct sunlight, windy weather or in 30 degree or more temperatures, and be sure there is no chance of rain for the next 24 hours.

Always follow manufacturer’s instructions as listed on the product label and in any accompanying literature.

Everything you need to do that deck job can be obtained from Paint Place, Maleny. They are situated at 6/14 Lawyer Street, Maleny.

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The afternoon of music will feature local entertainers Toni Zaffa and PocketLove. It will be a great afternoon of family fun and enjoyment.

Toni has played all over the USA to sell out performances including the hottest New York clubs with The David Letterman Band among others. Toni is bringing with her an All Star Jazz and Blues Band who are a force to be reckoned with.

Completing the afternoon of electrifying entertainment is former Beerwah guitarist Tom Combes who formed the band PocketLove in 2008. Pocketlove has been taking audiences by surprise with its mix of bombastic rhythms, searing guitars, angelic horns and party lyrics at Brisbane hot spots such as The Press Club and mega club Cloudland.

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Member for the Federal Seat of Fisher may still face court!

The Federal Member for Fisher and Speaker of the House of Representatives has been under investigation for several months by the Australian Federal Police for accusations made against him over his uses of his electoral allowances.

The allegations were made by one of his staff members, Mr. James Ashby.

Thepolice investigation has now been finalised and the results of that investigation have been sent to The Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions for consideration as to what actions would now be taken.

Mr. Slipper has always denied any wrongdoing and says that the allegations have been made as a result of political jostling for his seat in the Federal parliament.

At the same time Mr. Slipper and Mr. Ashby are in a protracted court action in regards to allegations of sexual harassment by Mr. Slipper.

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