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Landsborough gets a bike track

Old Landsborough Road between Landsborough and Beerwah is the home of the latest Sunshine Coast Council recreation park.

The park, known as Skippy Park is the Coast's first dedicated cycling race track. The track is known as a criterium track.

Facilities include toilets and showers, a security storage area and a commercial kitchen.

This facility is capable of holding racing events and training days for cycle clubs, as well as a new exercise and dog walking area for local residents.

When it isn't being used by the cycling clubs, it's able to be used by the local community for dog walking and general exercise. It will also be fitted with lighting and then athletics events will be held at the site.

Division One Councillor Anna Grosskreutz said, "It's a great outcome for everyone. We expect some very good racing to take place at Skippy."

The park has been funded by the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government as part of its National Bike Path funding program.

Slipper secures \$700,000 for Maleny viewing platform

Liberal National Member for Fisher, Peter Slipper, announced recently that an elected Abbott Government will provide \$700,000 in funding for the construction of a viewing platform at the Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve at Maleny.

The Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve is one of the natural gems of the Sunshine Coast hinterland, and the views of the Glasshouse Mountains are breathtaking.

This viewing platform will further enhance what is already one of the most visited natural attractions of the hinterland, and will add significantly to local tourism.

The Liberal Nationals are committed to local communities and the unique projects that offer support into the future.

"I have worked hard to achieve this \$700,000 in funding for the viewing platform and I will continue to work hard in support of the local community," Mr Slipper said.

The Mary Cairncross Reserve is a 55ha flora and fauna reserve located on the volcanic rim of the Blackall Ranges, Maleny. It receives some 500,000 visits each year.

The viewing platform will offer

unsurpassed views of the surrounding landscape, including the Glass House Mountains, which are listed on the National Heritage Register.

The viewing platform will also help reduce the risk to the visitors who currently have to cross a road to enjoy the best views.

The funding commitment follows the investiture of the Glasshouse Mountains onto the National Heritage Register in 2006.

Don't forget Saturday is election day

Saturday August 21st is Federal Election day.

Voting in Australia is compulsory. Failure to vote brings a fine.

Maleny and the surrounding area is in the federal electorate of Fisher. Fisher was named after Andrew Fisher (1862-1928), Prime Minister of Australia 1908-09, 1910-13 and 1914-15.

Make your vote count or don't complain later that you don't like the way that the elected government is acting.

Further information is available at: <http://www.aec.gov.au/profiles/fl/Fisher.htm>

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Another computer scam hits the coast

Another scam involving personal computers has hit Sunshine Coast residents.

On this occasion the con involves a person claiming to be from the computer company Microsoft cold-calling potential victims at home.

Victims names are most likely obtained from the local phone book.

Callers say they need to gain "remote access" to the resident's computer via the ISP address to fix a "virus or bug" in the system. This allows access to passwords and information enabling access to online bank accounts.

Labor puts climate challenge to Maleny residents

The people of Maleny have for a long period of time been concerned about the effects of climate change. They have also been at the forefront of policies of an environmentally sensitive nature.

A small but vocal crowd attended a community meeting at the Maleny Show Pavilion on Sunday August 8th to hear Senator Penny Wong, Federal Minister for Climate Change, Energy and Water and Fisher ALP Candidate Chris Cummins present the Federal Labor Government's policies not only on the environment and climate change, but other matters that concern the local community.

Ms Wong outlined the basic prongs of the government policy as being;

- * promoting four times the current use of renewable energy,
- * placing solar panels on 100,000 roofs,
- * installing 170,000 solar hot water systems,
- * introducing new fuel emission standards for coal fired power stations,
- * \$1B allocated for transmission of the developing renewable

energy sources to households.

Ms Wong was told that the Maleny community feels that not enough is being done to slow the effects of climate change and environmental protection. Population growth and water security will play a big part in the area's future standard of living.

There has been a substantial amount of money spent by the Federal Government to allow state and local governments meet the water challenge by diversifying their sources of water.

Ms Wong exhorted the small Maleny audience consider; "Who do you really want to be the Australian Prime Minister on the Sunday after the election?"

Chris Cummins is standing for the seat of Fisher, he previously was a councillor on the Caloundra City Council Chris being first elected in 1997.

He is currently employed as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology.

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Calls for inquiry into water prices

Following our article in last weeks newsletter about the attempt to assist the environment by installing rainwater tanks a number of people were surprised at the increased level of bureaucracy.

There has also been a call by a former director of the Maroochy Water Board to have the Federal Government to step in and instigate an inquiry into Unitywater pricing policies as he believes that there is an ongoing manipulation of prices being perpetuated against local ratepayers.

Perhaps an inquiry could also look at the over regulation of the system of installing a water saving system requiring building permits to be obtained before installing tanks.

With elections in the air federally and state elections just around the corner it is not too late to ask all candidates where their party stands on the issue of taxing rainwater that lands on a roof and is caught to be used for domestic use.

With the official records being captured through the newly introduced building record it becomes very easy to implement these extra charges.

Now is the time to ensure that people are aware of what future plans are held by the various levels of government so that informed decisions can be made about whether to install water saving systems as the costs and potential extra tax would outweigh any benefits made by "attempting to do the right thing by the environment by saving water".

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.



Mum's favourite Recipes

Spiced honey chicken

- One of my favourites!

Ingredients

- * 8 medium (1.3kg) chicken thigh cutlets
- * 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- * 1 medium (150g) onion, chopped
- * 1 teaspoon 5 spice powder
- * 1 cup (60ml) honey
- * 2 tablespoons hoi sin sauce
- * 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- * 1 teaspoon corn flour
- * 180ml water

Directions

Combine chicken, onion, garlic, five spice powder, honey and sauces in bowl; mix well. Cover, refrigerate several hours or overnight.

Remove chicken from marinade, reserve marinade.

Place chicken, skin side up, on wire rack over baking dish lined with foil. Bake uncovered, in moderate oven about 35 minutes or until chicken is tender. Strain reserved marinade into pan.

Blend corn flour with 2 tablespoons of the water, add to marinade with remaining water. Stir over heat until mixture boils, simmer, uncovered, about 10 minutes or until reduced to about 2/3 cup (160ml)

Serve over chicken.



This week's award goes to:-

those impatient drivers who cannot wait whilst drivers are reverse parking in Maple Street, Maleny. I know we have mentioned this one a number of times before, but it would be much safer and most likely quicker to allow the car parker to get into the parking position safely.

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard about his mate, Paddy.



Paddy Muldoon lived alone in the Maleny countryside with only a pet dog for company.

One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' A mass for the poor creature?'

Father Patrick replied, I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature.'

Muldoon said, I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?'

Father Patrick exclaimed, 'Sweet Mary and Joseph. Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?'

Morale: It doesn't matter what the problem may be there is usually an easy solution, even though initially a solution may not be seen.



Watch your speed

Changes are to be made to the speed limit on Steve Irwin Way in the vicinity of the Matilda Service Station, so those who travel to Brisbane should be cautious about the change in the speed limit.

Police will be tagging this area to ensure that the reduction in the speed limit to 80kph is complied with.

Member for Glass House, Andrew Powell said the change had been a priority for many locals on this notorious stretch of the Steve Irwin Way. The reduction is to protect motorists.

Mr. Powell said that he had been campaigning to have this speed limit brought in as a result of locals approach him at his mobile office demanding to know when this dangerous spot on the Steve Irwin Way would be investigated to ensure it was considered for a speed reduction.

At a recent meeting of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council Speed Management Committee it was decided that the 80kmh speed limit be extended to include Bowen Road in an effort to reduce accidents at the Bowen Road intersection."



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Our Green Hint



The Top 10 Easy-Yet-Overlooked Energy Saving Tips!

Follow our simple tips to make your home more energy efficient

Say 'No' to Standby. Unplug unused appliances or switch them off at the wall. Even standby mode uses energy.

Hot doesn't help. Use cold water for the kettle, you won't be heating water twice, plus cold water retains more oxygen, so you'll get a better cup of tea!

Size matters. Choose the right size appliance for the area you want to heat or cool. Overheating and overcooling wastes energy.

24 is the new 18. Set your air conditioner at 24°C. Every 1°C cooler will increase your energy costs by around 10-15%.

Instill a closed door policy. Prevent heat loss by keeping doors closed, especially to cold rooms like kitchens, bathrooms and laundry rooms.

Let the sunshine in. Capture the sun's warmth by opening curtains during the day and closing them before it gets dark.

Wet + Dry = Dry. When using a dryer to dry one item in a hurry, put dry items in with the wet one, it will speed up drying time.

Lose the beer fridge. An old inefficient fridge can use three times the energy of new one.

Never let the fear of striking out get in your way.

More news from the Ebenezer school!

It is raining. Mud splashes onto the window of the van. There are hundreds of broken down shacks along both sides of the old railway line. It is 10 in the morning and the track is filled with people staggering through the mud.

Brian, the social worker for Ebenezer and Anita Phelps, Ebenezer Volunteer, Livingstone are driving down the pothole lined dirt road into what the local people call the ZSM compound.

The Zambezi Saw Mill compound is named after the old Saw Mill that built this settlement for their workers a couple of decades back.

Today only the run down homes remain. The families have been out of work since the mill closed down and now new generations of children are growing up in an area that won't be able to give them a good chance in life.

Anita Phelps says, "This is the most neglected place in Livingstone. This place has the highest HIV rate, crime and theft rate, alcohol and prostitution rate, and worst sanitation in all of Livingstone."

As the Ebenezer volunteers pull up at their destination they notice a latrine dug in the front of the run down house. There are bags that had once been used to hold cement, now sown together to form a sheet, trying to give a bit of privacy from the masses walking past.

Next to the latrine is a small pile of charcoal. This is the only source of income this family of nine has, generating less than 50 cents per day. As the volunteers walk to the door the husband and wife came to joyously greet the unexpected visitors.

The father is a deaf-mute, but it hasn't always been that way.

Excited, he runs into the house to get a precious letter that he has been holding onto for the past ten years. It is a recommendation from one of the big hotels in Livingstone, where he worked as a steward, with the highest praise.

The villager writes in the dirt, "I am willing to work for anything".

The wife shows the visitors around the dilapidated house. Plastic bags covered holes in the roof and over the walls that had collapsed from the rains, while rocks were stuffed into other missing areas to try to meet with the roof. In the backyard there are partially erected walls on a foundation, completely exposed from the top. Another family lives here.

Ebenezer enrolled two of her children just last week. Mary, grade 2, and Munalula, grade 0, two beautiful children whose smiles reach from ear to ear.

There are five other children in the family. None of the family have eaten for four days and the school children are so hungry they could barely get up for school that morning.

Brian says, "Each time I talk with families like this it breaks my heart."

The Ebenezer School is able to offer the man work at the orphanage as a grounds keeper, starting work the next morning.

This is just one way that your donations to the Friends of Ebenezer help in providing for these people who cannot provide for themselves in Livingstone.

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Getting the best from your brushes and rollers

Care and Cleaning

To ensure brushes and rollers last longer and maintain their original condition they must be cared for correctly.

1. Squeeze as much paint as possible from rollers, brushes and trays back into the paint can for future use.
2. Wipe remaining paint from brush or roller onto an absorbent material such as a rag or newspaper. Allow these materials to dry and dispose of with normal household waste.
3. Wash brush or roller in a large bucket with the solvent recommended for the paint used.
4. Wash brush or roller in a separate bucket of warm, soapy water.
5. Buckets of water and/ or solvents should be left to rest overnight so paint sediment can settle to the bottom.

When paint has settled water can be poured onto grass or garden. Solvent can be retained for future use. Paint sediment at the bottom of the bucket should be wiped out with an absorbent

material such as a rag or newspaper. Allow these materials to dry and dispose of with normal household waste.

6. Shake out excess water from brush or roller.
7. Brushes - Comb the bristles of brushes and shape while still wet. Brushes can be stored hanging up or flat, either in their original packaging or in newspaper. Ensure brush bristle or filament is not stored in contact with anything that can distort its shape.

Rollers are best dried and stored standing up to avoid flat spots developing in the nap. Remember to always rinse roller covers in water prior to use to ensure dust and loose fibres do not contaminate your paint.

- Do not stir paint with a brush or roller, always use a paint mixer.
- Never let brushes or rollers soak in water for long periods of time, this may distort brush bristle or roller fibres.
- Never let paint dry on brushes or rollers.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

Local Member for Fisher, Mr. Peter Slipper announced that should the coalition government be re-elected there would be \$500,000 for Green Army projects in Fisher.

Three of the projects in the local area that aim to greatly boost the local environment and have received funding commitments from the Liberal National's "Green Army" plan are;

1. Barung Landcare – land holders support programme - \$125,000

The Barung Landcare landholders support programme oversees projects worth between \$5000 and \$10,000 on individual properties, to conduct revegetation, weed removal, erosion prevention initiatives, and enhancing biodiversity. The Barung Landcare organisation currently has 50 to 70 landholders on its books – located in the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast who are awaiting support for projects on their land. The funds of \$125,000 will provide a Green Army of ten workers to assist with revegetation, erosion prevention and other land conservation measures.

2. Maleny Community Precinct - \$125,000

The Maleny Community Precinct is a 47 ha environmental park that was formerly agricultural land that is in the process of being

developed into revegetated native bushland and parkland through community groups such as Barung Landcare, which has some 750 members, and local Sunshine Coast hinterland community members, and Sunshine Coast Council. The costs associated with the Maleny Community Precinct are estimated at more than \$80m over 20 years. Barung Landcare has committed to providing \$50,000 worth of native trees annually over the next ten years (total cost \$500,000).

The funding of \$125,000 will go toward funding employment for 10 young people to assist in the planting of trees and other conservation measures in this long term project.

3. Baroon Catchment Care – riparian restoration project - \$125,000

The Baroon Catchment Care group has six nature reserves and a macadamia farm on Obi Creek that require weed removal, tree replanting, nurturing and maintenance. The macadamia farm project involves completing and expanding the planting of a native nature buffer between the operational macadamia farm and the Obi Creek,

which is home to rare Mary River Cod and platypus. The \$125,000 in funds will go toward labour costs for 10 green army workers to assist in weed removal, tree replanting, nurturing and maintenance.

The scheme would start in July 2011. Teams of ten young workers will be deployed on specific projects for six month periods.

Another project will be the Mooloolah River Waterwatch Catchment Education Centre who will also receive \$125,000.

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