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What a dam decision?

It has been over three years that the community has been telling the State Government that the Traveston Crossing dam was not wanted and finally the decision has been made.

Environment Minister, Peter Garrett has released his decision on the matter and that decision was "NO." Mr. Garrett said, "I had been to Traveston, I met the community and I knew the location and set up and technically that decision had not been hard to make."

Mr Garrett continued on to say, "After carefully considering all the information put before me and advice from my department, it is very clear to me that the Traveston Crossing Dam cannot go ahead without unacceptable impacts on matters of national environmental significance."

As early as 1994 the Goss Labor Government rejected the Traveston dam site as unsuitable because of high capital cost, inundation of prime agricultural land and displacement of rural population.

In spite of this it may not be the end of the matter as

the Queensland Government still has the option to review the process, although Queensland Premier Anna Bligh has indicated that it is unlikely that that option would be exercised.

The population of South East Queensland grows by approximately 2000 people each and every week and is expected to more than double in the next 20 years and the supply of water is going to be of critical importance. There is no argument about this fact.

There is still plenty of lead time to ensure that other water alternatives are put in place. It does mean though



that both sides of politics need to work together to provide those alternatives.

Using the matter as a "political punching ball" will not solve the matter nor provide one drop of precious water.

One thing that this decision proves is that any government must take into account the people and the environment when decisions are made. This makes any decisions about desalination plants problematical.

Premier Anna Bligh said that the decision meant the state would need at least two new desalination plants about the same size as the one at Tugun on the Gold Coast, which cost \$1.2 billion. "Land will be set aside for construction at Lytton and Marcoola by 2017-18."

Desalination plants by their very nature are extremely electricity hungry and maintenance heavy. Should they be used as a base load water supply they would place a great burden both on taxpayers and the environment.

The "No Dam" decision in this instance was not against the building of dams

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Truthful Jones Tells...



that when he was at church a few Sundays ago there were three very bad people felt guilty for the different crimes they committed and went to a church to ask god forgiveness. There, they found a priest.

So all three of them went to the priest. The first crook said "Oh, Father! I have killed an innocent man and now I am feeling very guilty! Please ask god to forgive me!"

The priest murmured a blessing and told the crook "God has forgiven you my son, and now go and drink the water from the well of purity". The Father pointed toward a fountain with sparkling water.

The first crook went and drank the water. "The water tastes weird" he said and went away.

The second crook came to the priest and said "Oh, Father! I have stolen alot of money from many people and now I am feeling very guilty! Please ask god to forgive me!"

The priest murmured a blessing and said "God has forgiven you my son, and now go and drink the water from the well of purity".

So the second crook went and drank the sparkling water in the fountain. "This water tastes funny", he said and went away.

Now only the third crook remained. "What is it that you did wrong, my son?" the priest asked.

With an uneasy look the last crook said, "I peed in the well".

Morale: One can never be sure of things around them!

What a dam decision? (continued)

as such. It was about the science of where and how they are built.

Other dam sites such as Amamoor Creek and the raising of Borumba Dam to supply the needed water should be re-considered.

To provide sufficient water for our community over the next few decades is going to be a difficult task and it is not going to be done by relying on one solution alone. Tanks and water restrictions alone will not provide the answer to this problem.

Sunshine Coast Mayor, Bob Abbot said demand management, the installation of water tanks into commercial, industrial and urban development, and rainwater harvesting and recycling projects offered more sustainable options to water security."

On December 1st 2009 water restrictions come into place for Sunshine Coast residents but at the same time those restrictions are being relaxed on Brisbane

residents.

Now that Brisbane people are used to those restrictions is it a wish decision to relax them at this point?

Solutions such as recycled water must be placed back onto the table. Whilst many people may not think that this is a viable solution it surely must be seriously considered as part of the solution. The present thinking of not putting recycled water into our dams until the water volume is under 20% should also be reconsidered. Surely it would be better to put this water into those dams when they are holding high volumes so that this water can meld more homogeneously.

The one thing that is not needed at this time is for bureaucrats and politicians not to make knee jerk decisions but to ensure that all situations are carefully considered taking into account real scientific and viable solutions.

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Who remembers the old days Making a canoe from galvanised roof sheets with black bitumen!...men...

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How energy efficient is your home?

Now is an ideal time for local homeowners to take advantage of FREE assessments available in relation to their energy and water usage.

The assessments are available now under the Australian Government's "Green Loans Programme", and provide homeowners with a report that outlines recommendations for improvements to household energy and water use.

This free assessments can help householders reduce costs related to water and energy.

As most of us are pretty keen to do what we can to help the environment, and these assessments provide an opportunity to gauge where each of us is at and also provide helpful advice on where we can make improvements in respect to our energy and water use, and it doesn't cost anything.

Small changes at home, such as using energy efficient light globes and mulching the garden can make a change, thus saving you money.

When it comes to environmental initiatives, every little bit counts, so why not book an assessment to see where you can save some money.

The assessor for the region is Ross Smith. He can be contacted on 5494 7110 or 0419 669 175.



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Mum's favourite Recipes



Salmon in jelly

- something for a difference - a great taste.

Ingredients

- * 1 tin salmon * 2 dessertspoons gelatine or 1oz sheet gelatine
- * 2 cups hot water * Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
- * 2 hard-boiled eggs * Salt and pepper to taste

Method

Break up the salmon; melt the gelatine in hot water, add lemon juice and rind. Wet a mould and arrange slices of hard-boiled eggs on bottom and sides. Pour in the salmon mixture and set.

Slices of cold cooked beetroot arranged with the eggs makes it look very decorative. Excellent for tea or lunch on a hot day.

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 those who continually drive across double lines in Maple Street to get into a parking spot on the incorrect side of the road.

They also have to get out by crossing double lines - this almost costs enough points to find oneself without a license.

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**You would know
you had a bad day if
you got a
parking ticket as
described below**

**Bad news comes
in trees!**

If a tree fell on your car and you escaped death by mere inches, you might think that you would get some sympathy from your local council.

Sadly, no such compassion was forthcoming when one family suffered just such a fate under the parking Taliban of Wychavon District Council

Nicky Clegg from Stoulton, near Pershore, was driving along the Bromwich Road with her 82-year-old mother and her 11-year-old son when without warning a tree crashed on her car.

Miraculously they escaped death but the car ended up with a crushed bonnet, smashed windscreen and broken wing mirrors.

Police dragged the wrecked car to the side of the road and told Nicky that it was fine to leave it there and she could pick it up the following day.

But when Nicky came back the next day, she was astonished to find a parking ticket on the window.

Former machine gun toting drug dealer to visit Maleny

Reverend Sam Childers in another life was a drug dealer and a violent outlaw from Minnesota in the United States of America. Following a reconstruction of his life he became a successful business man. Today he is known as the machine-gun-toting preacher who rescues children in Sudan and has established a Children's Village for those rescued children. His organisation has the largest orphanage in Southern Sudan.

Sam is presently touring Australia, telling his story, and raising awareness of the plight of children and families in Africa. He will be in Maleny on November 25th. His address can be heard at 6p.m. at the Maleny Baptist Centre, corner of Landsborough and McCarthy Roads, Maleny.

Sam Childers has been rescuing and restoring war affected children in northern Uganda and Southern Sudan for nearly 12 years.

He leads armed rescue missions directly into areas of Southern Sudan and Northern Uganda which are controlled by the L.R. Army.

This organisation, led by Joseph Kony has been described by the United Nations as a terrorist body. Since 1987 over 2 million villagers have been displaced and tens of thousands have been killed. Along with those killed thousands of children have become orphans as a result of those brutal LRA attacks on remote villages.

Most of the war-affected children cannot rescue themselves and will die of starvation or bodily wounds inflicted by the LRA.

You can help Sam by making a donation to Angels of East Africa. This will enable the orphanage to be maintained and grow facilities allowing assistance to be given to ever increasing numbers of orphans and the elderly.

If you want to learn more about the work of the Reverend Sam Childers you can read his book, "Another Man's War: The True Story of One Man's Battle to Save Children in the Sudan.

This is bound to be a riveting information evening so don't miss it.

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Cheers Pres Dave

DON'T GET CAUGHT IN A BUSHFIRE THIS SEASON

Already there have been serious bushfires in the Sunshine Coast hinterland in the vicinity of the Noosa National Park. The climate conditions remain dry once more in south-east Queensland, the threat of bushfires this season is very real.

For people in rural locations it is never too late to start preparing for as possible bush fire.

Some time in preparing for bush fires can save a lot of worry and devastation later in the season so get in now and get the job done.

This weeks Special

Wattyl Trademax
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4 lts - \$44.00

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Another paint hint

from Maleny Paint Place

Taubmans Paint introduce "One coat ceiling white"

Taubmans One Coat Ceiling is a low odour paint suitable for ceilings where a durable, flat finish is required.

It contains Microban so it's particularly good for rooms that experience high humidity or rooms prone to mould, mildew and bacteria growth.

Taubmans One Coat ceiling paint has been specifically formulated to cover most ceilings in one coat.

Coverage is up to 16m²/litre, depending on nature of surface.

Clean Up is by water and should be done in such a manner as not to allow residue to go down drains.

How to Apply

Prior to painting always ensure surfaces to be painted are clean, dry and free of contamination. Ceilings should be wiped down with a mild detergent and rinsed clean with fresh water, even if they don't appear to be dirty, to ensure removal of any surface contamination and ensure the paint has a clean surface to

adhere to.

Seal new or bare plaster with Taubmans Prep Right Plaster Sealer.

Seal bare wallboards or Gyprock with Taubmans Ultraprep or Taubmans 3 in 1.

When repainting you should remove all loose or flaking paint, wash all areas thoroughly to remove any surface contamination.

Treat surfaces affected by mould with chlorine bleach diluted one part bleach to four parts water. Rinse clean with fresh water.

Spot repair any bare areas such as filled holes as per directions for new work.

Then apply one liberal coat.

If a recoat is required then recoat after 2 hours at 25°C and 50% relative humidity.

Always stir paint with a 25mm wide flat stirrer in a circular lifting motion for at least 5 minutes before use.

It is available at Maleny Paint Place.

Paint Place, Maleny



6/14 Lawyer Street,
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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

Traveston Dam

It was great to see common sense prevail and see the cancellation of the Traveston Dam project.

The dam would have been expensive, wasteful, environmentally damaging and totally disruptive – all for a water supply that would have been inefficient and unreliable.

In my view, the almost \$3-billion earmarked for the dam should now be put toward the Kawana Hospital, which is desperately needed for this region.

The lack of a hospital is already impacting on Brisbane residents as local patients are being forced to spend nights in Brisbane hospitals for treatments that should be available here.

Australia Day Awards

If you know someone who is doing great things in the community, you should nominate Fisher Community Australia Day Award.

Recipients are recognised for

their contributions in the areas of community service, industry and commerce, the arts, sport and recreation, and for their work with seniors' groups, sporting clubs, youth organisations, and welfare and community support organisations.

Nomination forms for the 2010 ceremony are available from my electorate office or by phoning 5443 3555 or 1300 301 981 (toll free within Fisher).

Go ahead. Nominate a local hero!

Home Energy Assessment

Free assessments are now available for energy and water usage at our homes.

This is an opportunity for local home owners to get an idea of where they're at with regards to energy and water use, and get advice on how they can improve, which can in turn help save on power and water costs.

To book an assessment, contact the Australian Government Green Loans Programme on 1800 895 076

World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day was commemorated recently, with the focus of the event this year on prevention, early detection, treatment and research.

There are some 800,000 Australians who have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes, and many more who are living with the disease but are not aware of it.

General practitioners are now able to undertake a diabetes risk test for those aged 40 to 49. The doctors are then able to give advice on lifestyle changes and support programmes to prevent the onset of diabetes.

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