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BE CAREFUL THIS EASTER

Easter is most likely the most dangerous time of year on our roads. Everybody is trying to get away on the same weekend to enjoy the longer break.

Don't let this break become a time of tragedy for you or your family. A simple poor decision made this Easter could turn every Easter in future into a time of mourning for your family.

Do you really want to burden them with that thought?

Take care on the roads - don't forget the known causes of fatal traffic accidents - drink-driving, speeding, not wearing a seat belt and fatigue.

If you are on a trip don't forget the reviver stops. They give you just that break you need to refresh yourself for the next part of your journey.

Fisher-people don't forget that if you are caught driving a boat under the influence of liquor then you lose your car license as well.

Congratulations

1958 - 2008

Montville Rural Fire Brigade for 50 years of continuous volunteers service to the Montville Community.

Founding member Jim Hooper is still very actively associated with the group and the Montville area.

Sunshine Coast Council election results in Div 5 close

A week after the first election for the new Sunshine Coast Regional Council the polls still have not been declared.

Division 5 which includes Maleny, Witta, Conondale and surrounding areas is still a close race. The official number of voters enrolled at the closed of the rolls was 17,904. With 86% of the vote counted the Queensland Electoral Commission has released the figures below:-

Dick Newman	-3,018	-20.05%
Ron Green	-812	-5.39%
Jenny McKay	-5,506	-36.58%
Winston Johnston	-5,225	-34.71%
Ron Campbell	-492	-3.27%

Sunshine Coast electoral returning officer David McKenzie said, "Postal votes can be received until 10 days after the election, and there is no deadline for the returning officer to declare a winner in any division."

Mrs Jenny McKay, former Maroochy Councillor is expected to take out Division 5 after pre-poll and postal votes are counted. She has not claimed victory as yet as she believes that the count is still too close with Maleny candidate, former Caloundra City Councillor Winston Johnston polling very strongly, especially in the hinterland section of the electorate.

Mr. Johnston said, "If I don't get into council I will still be keeping a close look at what is going on in the hinterland and will continue to work for the good of the local community."

The new Mayor for the Sunshine Coast Super Council, the fourth largest in Australia will be Mayor Bob Abbott, former Mayor of Noosa beating former Maroochy Mayor, Joe Natoli with a massive 70% of the primary vote.

How does the council amalgamation effect the way you do business with council?

It doesn't matter whether you just live in the Sunshine Coast hinterland or you run a business there there is one thing for certain and that is you will have to do business with the local council.

What happens now that the three local councils no longer exist? Well, from a practical point of view - nothing. You continue to do business as you did before. All will continue now just as you did before. If you change the motor in your car when you go to drive it next time you drive it just the same as you did before. Our local point of business is still the council administration building in Caloundra.

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Truthful Jones Tells...



us that his his neighbour at the back and another bloke along with a union worker were fishing on a Lake Baroon one day last week, when Jesus walked across the water and joined them in the boat. When the three astonished men had settled down enough to speak, the first guy asked humbly, "Jesus, I've suffered from back pain ever since I took shrapnel in the Vietnam war...could you help me?"

"Of course, my son", Jesus said, and when he touched the man's back, he felt relief for the first time in years. The second man, who wore very thick glasses and had a hard time reading and driving, asked if Jesus could do anything about his eyesight. Jesus smiled, removed the man's glasses and tossed them in the lake. When they hit the water, the man's eyes cleared and he could see everything distinctly.

When Jesus turned to heal the union worker, the guy put his hands up and cried defensively, "Don't touch me! I'm on long term disability."

Just shows - everybody looks upon their disabilities differently. Some make the most of them.

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This week's Saying
A windy day is not the day for thatching

.....Think about it

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

PREVENTING & RESOLVING INTERIOR PAINT PEELING

Hazards and Interior Paint Problems

If your home was built before the mid-1970's it might contain lead in the primer and paint. Interior paint preparation through scraping and sanding introduces this lead into your environment. Pregnant woman and children are especially vulnerable to the effects of lead poisoning. Test any suspect surfaces with a lead test kit and visit the EPA website about lead in the home for more information. The good news is lead poisoning is preventable.

seek fresh air immediately and increase the ventilation.

Interior paint preparation does have its dangers but the overall quality of your interior painting project is totally dependant on the surface preparation.

A room properly and fully prepared before painting will save you a lot of time when applying the finish plus produce better and more beautiful results.

To get the best results use an ultrapremium paint and quality accessories. The price of paint in the overall cost of the project is the cheapest part.

This weeks Special

Wattyl Solagard W.T.B. - "GLOSS"
(New improved clean formula)

8 lts - \$82.50

As you will notice from our address at the foot of this page Maleny Paint Place has shifted

Interior painting preparation finished - room ready for painting.

Another interior paint preparation concern is the primer may contain VOC's, volatile organic compounds. These compounds are toxic in high doses and some people are allergic to these types of chemicals. The primers and finishes that contain the most are oil based products. Although most water based primers and finishes contain VOC's in smaller amounts. Use adequate ventilation and fans if necessary. If you feel light headed or faint

to Shed 6, 14 Lawyer Street. Maleny. The new address provides better parking and more room thus more range of paint.

For more information about paint or "how to hints" click here to go to the

Maleny Paint Place
web page.

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Don't let them get you.....

Of recent weeks there have been a number of emails received from various circles requesting verification of email user names and passwords. The internet is an easy place to disguise ones real identity, so it's essential that you confirm who an individual is before conducting business with them.

The internet is a great tool, but can be a place where fraud is easily committed but difficult to police. Internet fraudsters will stop at nothing to get your important security information by contacting you by email.



Any reputable bank or internet provider, or any other reputable business for that matter would never ask for your username and password. Normally these emails are carefully crafted to appear legitimate. Obtaining personal information in this manner is known as phishing.

If you receive an email requesting personal information, we recommend you ignore it and delete it immediately. You should also contact the organisation that allegedly sent the email to advise them of the incident so that they can take the appropriate security action.

If you ever mistakenly respond to an email whose origins you are unsure of, and provide your personal information again you should immediately contact that organisation and have your passwords changed.

The internet is becoming a more popular method of doing business and will continue to do so. Business such as online banking and purchases can be conducted safely if some basic rules are followed. The main ones being NEVER give your user name and password to ANYBODY and NEVER respond to UNSOLICITED emails requesting such information.

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 driver of the blue sedan on Wednesday morning about 9.30am travelling between Montville and Maleny on Montville Road who persisted in travelling at about 40kph holding up a long line of traffic. If you wanted to look around why not pull off the road and have a good look around.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Chops - sweet and sour

- very very tasty.

Ingredients

- * 1 1/2 lb lamb chops
- * 1 tablespoon flour
- * 1 teaspoon sugar
- * 3 tablespoons tomato sauce
- * 2 tablespoons Worcester sauce
- * 1 tablespoon vinegar
- * 1 large cup water
- * 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions

- * Remove superfluous fat from the chops
- * Roll in flour, with which is mixed sugar, pepper and salt, and place in casserole dish
- * Mix all liquid ingredients together well, pour over chops
- * Place in moderate oven for 1 3/4 hours

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Driller's Tales, - Vietnam

After spending January to March (2006) in Chile and Peru checking out the performance of Ingetrol's Explorer Plus MD man-portable diamond core drill at elevations over 4,000 metres, I gave my recommendations to Triple Plate Junction Ltd (of London). Consequently they ordered two units (plus the ancillary downhole tools), for TPJ's projects in Vietnam and Zambia. Sonda Y Sur, the Peruvian drilling contractor for the Newmont Yanacocha mine (the largest gold mine in Peru) used these Explorer MD rigs exclusively for their exploration projects, and were keen readers of GeoDrilling, so they enjoyed meeting me in person after reading the Drillers Tales articles.

While they were being constructed and shipped across the Pacific, I went to the TPJ's Pu Sam Cap exploration area in Lai Chau province, 60 kilometres south of Yunnan, China, and 88 kms east from Laos, in north Vietnam. From the base of the PSC mountains to our field camp at 2,105 metres, it was a stiff three hour climb, and from there another 300 metres straight up to the drill sites.

TPJ had utilised the services of a Lao WestCoast Squirrel helicopter (out of Vientiane, Laos)) for their airborne magnetic survey, so I was able to grab one day to lift the 10 tonnes of drilling equipment, and myself, to the site. A seven minute trip. Normally, Lao WestCoast were fully engaged on U.S. MIA missions, as

 More stories from local mining drilling expert, Maleny resident and author about incidents that he witnessed during his journeys into third world countries.

were the Russian Mil 18s in Vietnam.

This was a quick project to drill some 250 metre + angle holes to test the prospect before the South American rigs arrived. For this, TPJ

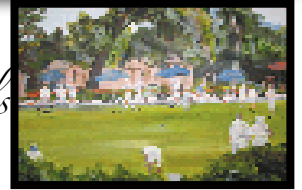
employed the same local contractor, Drilling & Mining Technical Company of Hanoi (DMTC), which I had been using in Vietnam since 1997.

The drill used was an XY-2B Chinese made (Russian clone) rack-back rig, weighing 1.2 tonnes, and easily broken down for the 600 kg long line heli lifts.

A conventional drilling operation using a 1.5 metre core barrel and a T286 bit (core size 72 mm) followed by Ø50 mm Russian rods. With only 0.50 m of overburden, the holes were drilled all the way using this one size, with an overall core recovery of 98%. There was no water return.

To bring the diesel fuel to the drill sites we employed mountain ponies, who had strict load limitations, like the llama in Peru. Here they could carry two 20 litre jerry cans astride their pannier, and not a gram more, from the base of the mountain up to our field camp. From there to the drill site, a single Hmong porter could carry the two jerry cans in his back harness.

News from Maleny Bowls Club



by Chairman Ian Hansen

This week, Tuesday's winners with a score of 2 wins plus 26 were Helen Caulley and Nev Littler. The touchers were won by Curley Petersen, Gail Turner and Keith Holdway and the raffle was won by Mike McAuliffe. The Jackpot wasn't won so will be worth around the \$180 mark this week.

Friday's winners with a score of plus 13 were Rosemary Jackson and for the second time last week, Nev Littler. The raffle winner was Simon Moore but none of the Sponsors' prize winners were present. Had they been, the prizes would have gone to: Faye Lankester for IGA now worth \$60 this week, Les Fawkes for his own Maleny Paints prize, Clarke Alexander for The Full Monte, Glad Penney for Beechwood Bakehouse and Tommy Carson for QLD Villages also now worth \$60 this week.

The Rugby League Football Tipping Competition started last weekend and the scores will be on the Tipping Board this week. Don't forget to get your tips in by Thursday evening this week as I'll be away from Friday until Monday evening. Also, the Sponsors' Draws will be done on Thursday evening and there will be Social Bowls as well for those interested, at the usual time of 2.30 for 3p.m.

I neglected to mention that last Friday and the sheet that went around was for Friday, 28th of March.

This week there will be Jackpot Pairs/Triples on Tuesday, weather permitting, and Social Bowls and the Sponsors Draws on Thursday.

There is a Board Meeting on Tuesday after Bowls.

Have a happy Easter.

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And if it's associated with a motor vehicle Suncoast Auto Brokers probably can help!

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A message from Canberra from Peter Slipper M.H.R.

Environment funds

The Australian Government will spend \$2.25b between now and 2013 to help improve the environment and help further improve land management practices.

The programme, known as "Caring for our Country" programme will deliver funds to communities through a single entity that covers several funding streams, including the National Heritage Trust and National Landcare.

The programme spending includes \$100m to protect and repair coastal ecosystems, \$50m for expansion of Indigenous Protected Areas and \$2m to fight the cane toad menace. For details, visit www.nrm.gov.au or phone 1800 552 008

Sex discrimination

The Sex Discrimination Commissioner will be holding a series of forums in Queensland on 14-18 April. The "Listening Tour" is seeking input on how best to build

a fair and equal society for women and men in Australia.

For further information about the Listening Tour, visit: www.human-rights.gov.au

Equine Influenza

I am encouraged by revelations that surveillance of the horse industry has not found any new cases of Equine Influenza in Australia. This is important news for those locally who are involved with horse industries.

The Consultative Committee on Emergency Animal Diseases last week announced that Queensland could reclassify its last remaining Amber zone down to a Green zone, with the Federal Government advising that horses are again free to move within their states as well as interstate.

The EI outbreak has been a challenging and disheartening time for Australian horse owners to say the least, but the cooperation of owners to the many restrictions they have been subjected to over the past seven months has enabled positive progress in the campaign against the disease.

To receive international status as an EI-free nation, there remains a requirement for the authorities to maintain observation of the industry until later this year to ensure no new cases.

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