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Regional Councils are now more expensive management

Amalgamation chewing through our money

Figures released to the Courier Mail newspaper and quoted here reveal that the new amalgamated Regional Councils have reached borrowing limits, with loan repayments expected to chew-up about 30 per cent of their revenue.

Council debt will have tripled from \$2 billion to \$6 billion by June next year, hitting \$8.5 billion by 2014.

Financial documents for a dozen merged councils show they have become mired in debt since the amalgamation, with an average debt per capita of \$1153.

Borrowings by the 12 merged councils rose from about \$880 million before the amalgamations to \$1.7 billion this financial year.

These figures are going to impact on councils that wish to borrow more money to complete new infrastructure or to provide new services.

These figures are on top of the money that has been expended by both Regional Councils and the State Government in respect to the formation of the various water entities.

As a result of the financial blow-outs local government rates must rise to ensure repayments can be made.

Maleny Grove - Live Life Village takes out housing award

The Maleny Grove Live Life Village, designed by Riddel Architecture, took the 2011 Gabriel Poole Award for Building of the Year at the Sunshine Coast Regional Architecture Awards.

Live Life Village is situated in Palm Street, Maleny

Michael Fallon, Managing Director of Live Life Village said, "Twenty-four projects varying from school halls and glamorous residential houses to multi-million dollar public buildings were entered in this year's awards."

All of the buildings at Live Life Village are architecturally designed open planned living. Homes have been optimised to take advantage of natural ventilation for the Queensland climate.

The homes are designed to be environmentally sustainable making use of such things as rainwater harvesting, water efficient fittings, energy efficient light fixtures, solar heating with gas booster and natural building materials.

As a result of this award the house will be entered in the Queensland State Awards on June 24 followed by the national awards in November.

Witta House totally destroyed by fire

On Wednesday 13th July a fire totally consumed the dwelling of one of Maleny's most popular former teachers. The fire tore through the home about 12.30p.m. when Mrs Bergann was away from the house. Nothing could be saved.

Joyce Bergann retired some years ago from her position as a teacher at the Maleny Pre-school. During her many years as a teacher she taught many of Maleny's present day parents.

Fire officers from Maleny were backed up by members of Maleny Rural Fire Brigade. Nearby buildings were saved from fire damage.

A Queensland Fire and Rescue spokesperson said that a lack of water had hampered the fighting the fire, but the fire was over very quickly.

Police from Maleny along with fire investigators attended the scene. Whilst the cause of the fire is still unknown it is believed that there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding this incident.

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You do have a great story to tell!

There is an old saying that, "We all have a great story to tell".

Australia is a young country and many of our older residents can remember a period of great change.

Some remember our land before electricity was an everyday service as it is today.

Younger people have stories about events that involved their family. All of these stories form part of the heritage of Australia and should not be lost as time passes.

Other stories might just concern a person's feelings about how they were affected by an event that had a huge influence on their lifestyle.

Many stories would be of interest to other members of our community whilst others may be of interest only to family members, so if you just want to keep your story for your family that is OK too.

Now it is possible to easily record those stories through The Story Project – Recording your stories.

The Story Project will professionally record your conversation and give you a copy to take home. Stories will be archived with The State Library and Sunshine Coast Libraries, and some might be broadcast on radio.

Helen Wilkinson, Director, Facilitator and woman driving the ship said. "The Story Project is an independent not-for-profit arts and cultural organisation based in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. We

are working in partnership with Sunshine Coast Libraries and the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre."

The Story Project's Sunshine Coast project has received financial assistance from the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and from the Regional Arts Development Fund, a Sunshine Coast Council and Queensland Government partnership to support arts and culture.

So here is an invitation to invite

someone to share a 40-minute conversation and together record an important story.

Recording are planned to be made in Maleny from 6-17 May at the Neighbourhood

Centre. Bookings are essential so think about it now.



Helen Wilkinson



**Blackall
Range**
Woodworker's
Guild

To read a copy of the Club's latest newsletter simply click on this logo when connected to the internet. You will be taken to the index page of the Club's web page. Pick the relevant date.

Cheers Pres Dave

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Mum's favourite Recipes



Tuna and Egg Salad

- always a great easy Sunday night meal!

Ingredients

- * 400g can tuna in oil, drained
- * 4 hardboiled eggs, peeled
- * 4 handfuls baby spinach
- * 1/2 cup good quality mayonnaise
- * 1 tablespoon sweet chilli sauce (optional)
- * Lemon wedges, to serve

Method

Arrange spinach leaves on a serving platter.

Flake the tuna onto the greens. Cut each boiled egg into halves or quarters and place around the tuna. Combine mayo and sweet chilli sauce (if using) and dollop around the salad.

Place lemon wedges on the sides of the platter.

Serve in the middle of the table and let everyone help themselves.

Looking to link a good wine to go with with that special meal!

Australia is blessed with red wine in every conceivable style, hailing from a diverse number of regions. Overseas we are best known for Shiraz and this grape more than any other has cemented our place in the fine wine world. Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir are hot on its tails, while Merlot still suffers from a PR crisis. There is a whole host of new varieties such as Tempranillo, Barbera, and Sangiovese starting to really make an impact.



Click on this story when connected to the internet and then look for the Wine Selectors advertisement.

Take a look at some of the delicious recipes that have been kindly contributed by Selector magazine regular, and celebrity chef Peter Howard.

So whether it's a straight 6-pack of your favourite variety or a mixed pack specially selected for you and delivered to your door, you can be guaranteed it's a better way to buy wine.

Take Care on the road

A Sunshine Coast Police spokesperson said that there would be a very large presence of police on our roads over Easter.

Drink driving is an offence that will be heavily concentrated on.

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 female driver of the small pink car who turned from Centenary Drive, Maleny into Tallwood Street on Sunday April 17th about 11.30a.m. - travelling through a stop sign without stopping and talking on a phone at the same time.

Phones and young girls driving cars appear to go together.

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Climate Change explained on DVD

by
National
Geographic

In a special broadcast event, National Geographic explores the startling theory that Earth's average temperature could rise six degrees Celsius by the year 2100.

In this amazing and insightful documentary, National Geographic illustrates, one poignant degree at a time, the consequences of rising temperatures on Earth.

Also, learn how existing technologies and remedies can help in the battle to dial back the global thermometer.

What's the difference between a 70 and 64 degree day? How about the total and complete annihilation of the planet as we know it? Even as little as a single degree shift in the mercury could spell serious trouble for the existence of humankind.

It is, to say the least, a program that will have viewers seriously rethinking the potential disaster of global warming.

To buy this DVD you simply click on this link when connected to the internet and then look for the search field at the CD Universe tab on the HG Gig Guide web page.

At the CD Universe web site enter the film title into the search box and it will take you to the shopping cart.

Maleny Bowls Club officially opens their new artificial green

Lawn bowlers from as far as Hervey Bay, Kingaroy and a number of clubs along the Sunshine Coast met at the Maleny Bowls Club on Saturday April 16th to play the first official game on the new artificial surface. The ribbon was cut by Chairman, Ian Hansen and local State M.P., Andrew Powell before a day of bowling commenced.

This is the first artificial bowling green on the Sunshine Coast.

The club was in luck as whilst the weather threatened to destroy the day it actually held off until after the festivities.

The move to the new surface was brought about for a number of reasons, not insignificantly the need to stop chemical discharge into Obi Creek.

Also considered was the continually increasing cost of maintaining the grass surface, particularly during this extended period of wet weather.

It is anticipated that the surface will have a life expectancy of approximate-

ly 20 years.

One time local bowler, now of a Caloundra Club, Frank Geritz said, "The surface runs pretty true, but I did take a bit of time to get used to it. But is something that has to come."

Club Patron, Glad Penney said that she did not think that she would see such a surface at her club in her lifetime.

Club Chairman, Ian Hansen said, "This surface should see us be able to play bowls more regularly during periods of wet such as we are going through at the present time.

Once the rain stops a bit of a sweep down and play resumes."

Club member and person behind the project, Les Bennett said that he was pleased with the reaction of not only local, but visiting bowlers. He is sure that there will be a number of surrounding clubs taking a good look at the convenience of artificial surfaces for bowls clubs.



Club Patron Glad Penney approves of the new surface!



Players from around South East Queensland try out the new Maleny artificial bowls surface

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard



about the rich Maleny businessman couldn't understand why he, Truthful was lying lazily beside his boat on a Caloundra beach, smoking a pipe.

"Why aren't you out fishing?" asked the businessman. "Because I have caught enough fish for the day," said Truthful.

"Why don't you catch some more?" asked the businessman.

"What would I do with them?" replied Truthful.

"You could sell them and make more money," was the businessman's reply. "With that you could have a motor fixed to your boat and go into deeper waters and catch more fish. Then you would make enough to buy nets. These would bring you more fish and more money. Soon you would have enough money to own two boats . . . maybe even a fleet of boats. Then you would be a rich man like me."

"What would I do then?" asked Truthful.

"Then you could really enjoy life," said the businessman.

"And what do you suppose I might be doing right now?" asked Truthful, smiling and puffing away on his pipe.

Morale: Richness is in the eyes of the beholder and it need not always be money.



Ebenezer Children's home & School turns TEN!

On the 17th of March saw the Ebenezer Children's home in Livingstone celebrated its 10th anniversary.

It seems hardly possible that it is only 10 years since Ranji commenced the work of feeding and caring for the children. It has gone from a dirty, run-down motor repair workshop to a school for over 400 children and has now expanded to children's homes, a baby home, a school, a farm and land and now are to build a Secondary School!

The baby's home has room for up to 20 babies and already is the home to eleven young ones.

On top of all this Leah Chipembe, the Headmistress of the Ebenezer school, became engaged to be married. Leah, you may recall, was the daughter of one of the first house-mothers employed by Ebenezer. When she was dying Leah's mother asked Ranji to take care of Leah and her brother, so Ranji raised them like her own children. Leah completed her high school and went on to teachers college.

Photo below shows some of those who have had a second go at life!



MALENY BOWLS CLUB FRIDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

Find out who is "King of the Week"

...get a free drink at the club each day of the week.

Must be there Friday afternoon to win for the next week.

Why not join as a social member and enjoy all the benefits of the club?

Are you looking for that elusive hard to get record or CD?

Remember those sounds of the 1960s and 1970s.

Have you ever wanted to find another copy of that record then maybe we can help.

Maybe it was a Blues CD and you have looked everywhere without luck.

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LET US FIND OUT A BIT ABOUT OUR SURNAME

Over recent times there has been a resurgence in the popularity of researching ones family history.

Local, Jack Frost of the Irish and Scottish Shoppe which is located in "Connemara Cottage", Montville has already done much of the work on Irish, Scottish and English names.

Jack also specialises in supplying Heraldic Family Name products as Keepsakes/Souvenirs or for use at Family Reunions.

As manufacturers, they also provide their range of heraldic products from their workshop in Maleny.

All products can be supplied 'standard' or adapted to include both your family Arms or Clan Badge, with a suitable notation as to details of your Family Reunion, where product so provides.

For further information about your clan his web address is:

<http://www.irishscottishshop.com.au/>



The family name Bailey is of English origin as an occupational name for a steward or official from the Middle English *bailif* and Old French *baillis*, each a derivative of the Latin *baulivus* meaning 'carrier' or 'porter'. The word is known in Scotland as *bailie*, the title of a municipal magistrate, whilst in England as *bailiff*, an officer of the court. It is also known as a topographic name for someone who lived in a district by the outermost wall of a castle, from the Old French *bail(le)*, enclosure. Families of this name may have also originated from Bailey in Lancashire.

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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Concrete Path looking a bit tired! "White Knight Ultrapave paint"

Concrete slabs, the practical but ugly solution for a building base, can now be given a very beautiful but relatively inexpensive face lift.

The acrylic-based Paving Paint – Ultra Pave – can be applied on both interior and exterior slabs and comes in 65 beautiful colours.

The slab pictured was given the ultimate makeover by applying a subtle stamped pattern to add interest and texture to the surface.

The paving paint can be applied using either a brush, roller or spray gun depending on the area to be covered and the finish required.

It is touch dry in only 30 minutes, ready for a second coat after two hours and can be walked on in just six hours.

Designed for both interior and exterior application, Ultra

Pave can be used on concrete slabs, masonry walls, driveways, and concrete pavers and dries to an extremely hard wearing, slip-resistant, colour-fast satin finish.

The palette of 65 colours lends itself to any number of contemporary designs using one or more colours – bold borders, geometric patterns or stamped and stencilled patterns.

Ultra Pave, by White Knight Paints, is available nationally from paint specialists and hardware stores.

For extremely heavy traffic a final coat of White Knight Paints' Clear Sealer or Floor Coat Plus can be applied.

White Knight Pave and Deck Grip is an additive designed to improve the slip resistance of White Knight Paving Paint and Ultra Pave.

The surface texture helps reduce the occurrence of a slippery surface when wet.

Ultrapave comes in 1lt - 4lt and 10lt cans.

For those who have a concrete slab that requires preparation, White Knight also manufactures a non-toxic, citrus based Concrete Etcher that has none of the associated hazardous drawbacks of traditional etchers.

It has no toxic fumes, no risk of burns to the skin or clothes, no polluting of the waterways and none of the handling, safety and storage issues associated with acid-based etchers.

Ultra Pave paving paint and Concrete Etcher is available from Maleny Paint Place, 6/14 Lawyer Street, Maleny. There is plenty of parking and turning area at the shop so drive on down the driveway.

See you there.



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This week with *Peter Slipper M.P.*

Seniors Forum

The annual Sunshine Coast Seniors Forum will be held again this year in late July. This is the 11th annual Seniors Forum, and will again include various expert speakers and displays from around 30 organisations that assist seniors in the community.

To RSVP for the event or for further details please contact my office on 5444 4888.

Somalia Military Service

The recommendations of an Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal inquiry into the recognition of Australian Defence Force service in Somalia from 1992 to 1995 have been accepted.

As a result, the Department of Defence is able to award the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp 'SOMALIA' to eligible former members of the ships' companies of HMA Ships Tobruk and Jervis Bay.

Conditions do apply. Those ex-service personnel who may be affected can visit: www.defence.gov.au/media/departamentalpl.cfm?CurrentId=11705

Application forms for the award can be obtained from www.defence.gov.au/medals/ or by calling the Directorate of Honours and Awards, toll free, on 1800 111 321.

The Tribunal's full report is available at www.defence-honours-tribunal.gov.au

Further information on Defence honours and awards is available at: www.defence.gov.au/medals/

Speech Competition

A reminder to students in years 10, 11 and 12 that they can enter a competition to write and video a 3 minute speech as if it was their first speech to the House of Representatives.

The students are asked to write a speech about an issue or issues they think important, whether it's personal, local, national or even global.

They need to video their speech and send in a CD or DVD of their speech, along with a written copy, to the House of Representatives for judging.

The winner will receive a cash prize of \$250 for themselves and \$500 for their school.

The runner up will receive \$100 for themselves and \$250 for their school. Both students will be invited to Canberra to attend the opening of a public exhibition on first speeches in Parliament House in July 2011. Details are available on the competition website www.aph.gov.au/myfirstspeech.

Entries close Thursday 16 June.

Take care on the road over Easter

The number of people killed on Queensland roads so far in 2011 stands at 69, five more than for the same time last year.

With the extended Easter - AN-ZAC Day break there are bound to be many more cars on our roads.

Care needs to be taken when driving at any time, but over this period extra care is needed.

Don't become a statistic yourself.

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