



It is OK to speed during a licence test!

As from July 19th, 2010 the Queensland Department of Transport was to allow drivers undergoing their driving test to speed up to five times during the 30 minute test and still pass.

However, anyone driving at a speed which would attract a fine from police, automatically fails their exam.

This was inspite of the same department spending large amounts of public money indicating that speeding was the leading cause of death on Queensland roads in the past year.

Does it lead to the perception that it does not matter if you speed?

Does this lead to a confused message being sent or is it meant to allow people with a perpensity to speed so that they can be targeted and thus a monetary penalty is paid into the government coffers?

This has now been reduced following public pressure to three times but other offences such as failing to indicate to turn and stalling the vehicle are to be overlooked for the first six times for each item.

New drivers need to understand that rules are there to be respected for the sake of other peoples safety. These new procedures are not the way to ensure that people are well prepared as a new driver of our roads.

It is time to make an important decision

A Federal government election has been called and that important date will be August 21st.

This is an important opportunity to elect the politicians that you want to steer Australia for the immediate future.

The particulars of the various legalities involved are shown below.

Unfortunately most of those dates have passed and it was called for a short lead into the election thus people have no real time to ensure that

they can partake of their entitlements in respect to change of enrollments.

Never the less it is still an important day.

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Click here to go to our "Events Guide" (Must be connected to the internet at the time)

The key dates for the 2010 federal election:

Announcement:	Saturday, 17 July 2010
Issue of writ:	Monday, 19 July 2010
Deadline to enrol to vote:	8pm Monday, 19 July 2010
Deadline to update your electoral roll details (Close of rolls):	8pm Thursday, 22 July 2010
Close of nominations:	12 noon Thursday, 29 July 2010
Declaration of nominations:	12 noon Friday, 30 July 2009
Election day:	Saturday, 21 August 2010
Return of writ (latest date):	Wednesday, 27 October 2010

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Price of stamps have risen

On purchasing a book of postage stamps a few days ago I was surprised to find that the cost of a standard stamp now costs more.

A standard stamp will now set you back 60 cents, up from 55 cents.

It's the second increase in less than two years.

Snail mail is already losing popularity because of the internet and relatively cheap long-distance calls.

Could these increasing costs mean the end of the standard letter as we have known it for hundreds of years?

Do we still need the services of the local post?

Another scam ...where does it end

A reader advised us that he got a call a few nights ago from an individual identifying himself as an Telstra Service technician who was conducting a test on our Telephone lines.

He stated that to complete the test I should touch nine(9),zero (0), hash (#) and then hang up.

Luckily the reader was suspicious and refused.

Upon contacting Telstra the reader was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which allows them to place long distance telephone calls billed to your home phone number.

The reader was advised, "DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE" so he passed the information on to us.



My dear Mum's logical sayings

Logic: About time travel.

Saying: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to to knock you into the middle of next week!"

Apple iMac Slim, all-in-one design

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A great walk - right near home

There has been a local walk added to the list of 10 great walks in Queensland.

The project was a combined exercise between the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, the local community, particularly Traditional Owners. The cost of this project was \$1.8 million dollars.

The Conondale Range Great Walk, near Kenilworth, passes through beautiful subtropical forests and gives people a very good reason to experience the great outdoors.

The walk is a four-day wilderness trail through the upper Mary Valley, rich in natural wonders and historical sites.

The full circuit spans 56 kilometres. Other walks include both short and long walks through many

forest types. This four-day circuit walk starts and finishes at Booloumba Creek day use area.

There are walks catering for people of all levels of fitness - they vary from a half-kilometre that can be done in 15 minutes, to an 11km walk that takes half a day, to the full, challenging 56km.

It is expected that The Conondale Range Great Walk will be an attraction for domestic and international tourists and will encourage visitors to spend extra days exploring the Sunshine Coast hinterland towns of Kenilworth, Imbil and Maleny.

Web site: http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/great_walks/more_great_walks/conondale_range_great_walk.html

The "NUT" Award

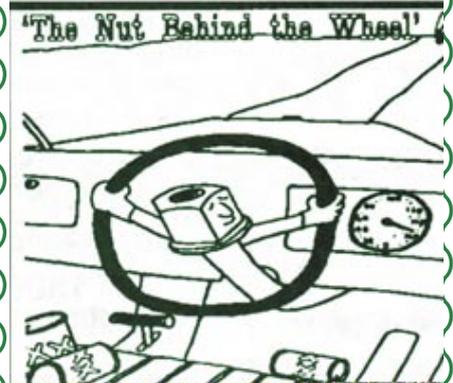
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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 the driver of a 4WD wagon that is presently being driven around the streets of Maleny in a manner that suggests that it is only a short period of time before an accident happens.

It is suggested that the vehicle will be rolled over in a short time.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Beef with peppers

- anything with beef has to be good!

Ingredients

- * 500g fillet steak
- * 30g dried mushrooms
- * 2 onions
- * 1 red pepper
- * 1 green pepper
- * 2 tablespoons oil
- * 1 clove garlic
- * teaspoon five spice powder
- * 1 teaspoon corn flour
- * cup water
- * 1 chicken stock cube
- * 1 tablespoon soy sauce

Directions

- * Soak mushrooms in hot water 20 min, drain, squeeze dry
- * Remove stems, cut mushrooms into fine strips
- * Remove any excess fat from meat, cut into thin slices
- * Peel and quarter onions
- * Seed and slice peppers.
- * Heat oil in pan, add crushed garlic, five spice powder and meat, saute until meat is golden brown
- * Add onions, cook further 2 minutes or until onions are tender but still crisp.
- * Add mushrooms and peppers, toss for 2 minutes.
- * Add combined corn flour, water, crumbled stock cube and soy sauce
- * Stir until sauce boils and thickens

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Maleny community invited to attend bushfire preparation workshop

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service is urging Maleny residents to arm themselves with information ahead of this year's fire season by coming down to a bushfire preparation workshop.

Hosted by Maleny Rural Fire Service Volunteer Community Educators (VCEs) and Maleny Urban firefighters, the event is being held from 7-9pm on Wednesday 28 July at the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre, Bicentenary Lane (off Coral Street).

Maleny VCEs Donna and Norm Lewis have been involved in the local Rural Fire Service for more than five years and will be on hand to speak to residents about the steps they can take to help protect themselves and their property.

"The workshop is a great opportunity for the community to speak to the Service about what measures they can take now in order to be best prepared," Donna said.

"Together with the Maleny Urban Fire Service, we'll cover topics

such as the fire permits system, fire safety around the home, how to prepare your home for the bushfire season and how to reduce fire hazards around your property."

"Residents can enjoy light refreshments on the night and we'll also be handing out informative pamphlets and materials for residents to take home too."

North Coast QFRS Mitigation and Education Officer and VCE Manager Craig Magick said it was important the community attended workshops like these to get on the front foot ahead of fire season.

"VCEs like Norm and Donna play an integral role in the community by dispersing information to residents — they have a wealth of knowledge on how best to protect you and your family in the lead up to this year's fire season. I would encourage all community members to attend," he said.

For more information contact Community Safety Media on 3247 8186



Norm Lewis and the Ladies from the Maleny Arts and Crafts Group discuss fire safety.

The Kids from Ebenezer

On August 7th the Maleny Community is holding a fundraiser to help the "Kids from Ebenezer".

Details of that fundraiser can be found on page one of this issue.

Where is that money going and what is it used for? Here is an excerpt from an email received from those in Livingstone, South Africa telling us of their lives.

Earlier in the year the Ebenezer Foundation purchased a farm on the outskirts of Livingstone, so some members of our group are active in planning for the development of the farm.

The Baby Home is now fully plastered, the electric wiring is done and tomorrow we will start on the ceiling. Very soon babies will find a loving home in this place. Truly they will have, "A Place to call Home and someone to call Mother."



We have planted 2370 tomato vines, which are now flourishing. Our first pickings were 400 kg each week, but yesterday it went up to 680 kilograms. All were sold immediately.

I didn't even get to bring one home for a salad, the demand is so high! All this when the vines are still growing!

We will bring you more news in the coming weeks. So help now.

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard about



When a new young priest came to town, the funeral director asked him to hold a grave side service for a homeless man with no family or friends.

The funeral was to be at a cemetery way out in the country. This was a new cemetery and this man was the first to be laid to rest there.

The priest was not familiar with the area and became lost. Being a typical man, of course, he did not ask for directions. He finally found the cemetery about an hour late. The back hoe was there and the crew was eating their lunch. The hearse was nowhere to be seen.

He apologised to the workers for being late. As he looked into the open grave, he saw the vault lid already in place. He told the workers he would not keep them long, but that this was the proper thing to do. The workers, still eating their lunch, gathered around the opening.

The priest was young and enthusiastic and poured out his heart and soul as he preached. The workers joined in with, "Praise the Lord," "Amen," and "Glory!" He got so into the service that he preached and preached and preached, from Genesis to The Revelation.

When the service was over, the priest said a prayer and walked to his car. As he opened the door, he heard one of the workers say, "I never saw anything like that before and I've been putting in septic systems for twenty years."

Morale; Even people of the cloth need to ensure that they are aware of the circumstances of the situations in which they find themselves. Sometimes it is hard for new arrivals.

Our Green Hint



Some Ways to Go Green in Your Bedroom

You may wonder what exactly you can do to go green in your bedroom.

Insulate Your House

A well insulated home will keep heat in during the winter, and out during the summer. A well insulated house will help cut your energy bills. A well insulated bedroom means no noisy heaters.

Use Blankets, Not Heaters

Another good way to cut down on your electricity consumption and go green in the bedroom is to invest in good blankets for the winter. These will trap your body heat during sleep, making outside heaters unnecessary.

Windows, Fans, and Blinds are Your Friends

Air conditioning is a huge source of power consumption; one unit can raise bills by as much as 25%. Instead of turning on the AC open your windows and turn on ceiling fans to circulate the air. Also invest in good blinds and drapes to block out the glaring sun.

Use CFL's in Your Light Fixtures

Buy Vintage Furniture

I think everyone can agree that we need more trees on this Earth, rather than less. To go green in the bedroom you need to reduce, reuse, and recycle, and furniture is a great place to start.

Choose an Eco-Friendly Mattress

Get a emission free mattress, or one made of natural materials like wool that are inherently flame-retardant. Latex mattresses are also considered safe.

MALENY BOWLS CLUB FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR

Each Friday Afternoon

From 5p.m. - 6p.m.

Special Social Hour Pricing

Pots Beer - \$2.50

Wine - \$2.00

Stubbies - \$2.50

Be there for the members lucky draw - Btn 5p.m & 6p.m.!

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?



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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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Another paint hint

from Maleny Paint Place

Water based decking oil is now at Maleny Paint Place

Paint Place has now a new decking product. New Look Xtra-care water based decking oil by Wattyl is a transparent, pigmented oil finish which enhances and protects exterior timber.

This new formulated product uses advanced hybrid technology which combines the benefits of oil based product with the durability and user friendliness of an acrylic

The product, - is suitable for exterior use and it is especially useful for use on decks, steps, pergolas, screens, gates and outdoor furniture.

It restores and transforms the timber's colour without hiding the grain.

This decking oil provides deep penetrating, lasting protection. The technology behind this product is based on beading technology that resists water absorption into the timber, preventing timber decay and prolonging stain life - resists cracking, peeling and blistering.

The product resists mould growth - has low odour, water wash up.

This water based product can be applied by brush, applicator or spray gun.

Depending on the weather it is touch dry between 15-30 minutes.

It can be recoated from between 15-30 minutes when applied wet on wet. If not applied wet on wet then reapply after 2 hours.

Coverage on most timbers is normally in the range of 6-

10m² per litre. To complete the job properly it is necessary to apply two coats. This product presently comes only in 6 litre quantities.

Clean up painting tools with water as soon as the job is finished.

New Look Xtra-care water based decking oil is now available at Maleny Paint Place, 6/14 Lawyer Street, Maleny



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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Federal Election date locked in

My Federal Election campaign is in full swing, now that the polling date has been set. Australians will cast their votes on August 21.

The next few weeks will be a chance for me to reflect on what I've achieved for my electorate so far and announce my goals for Fisher for the next three years. I know that our rapidly expanding population will be a big issue for voters.

I'll also use my campaign to promote the Liberal National Coalition. I'm proud to be part of a very strong team which has an excellent alternative Prime Minister, Tony Abbott.

Scammers target seniors

I'm again urging locals to be vigilant, after reports of a new rush of calls from phone scammers.

They seem to be targeting seniors in Caloundra, Golden Beach and Alexandra Headland. The scammer generally poses as a bank or a government agency representative and tries to get the householder's account details and passwords.

My advice is to avoid giving out personal and private information to strangers who telephone you.

If you are uncomfortable with the

conversation, simply hang up. You can get more information at scam-watch.gov.au.

House of the Year

I was honoured to be part of an event celebrating one of the region's key industries. The Master Builders Sunshine Coast Housing and Construction Awards were held on Saturday (July 17) at Novotel Twin Waters Resort.

I announced the night's major winner Braeden Constructions. Its stunning home on the slopes of Cooroy Mountain was named the 2010 Sunshine Coast Regional House of the Year. It's the second year in a row the company has won the award.

Volunteers rewarded

The tables are being turned for our community volunteers. Now they're the ones getting a helping hand, in the form of more than \$50,000 in grants.

The funding has come from Australia's Volunteer Grants 2010 initiative and will be used to pay for training courses, some equipment and fuel reimbursement.

The money will be shared by 18 organisations in Fisher, including the Caloundra State Emergency Service and Maleny's Rotary Club.



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- ⇒ **Stock Transport**

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