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Conondale Store Refuells

Following discussions with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council the owner/operator of the Conondale General Store, Ashley Hamilton has won a reprieve and he is once again allowed to serve fuel from his bowsers at the Conondale General Store.

The closure came following an independent report alerting council to a range of unacceptable community safety and liability risks that could not be ignored in relation to the operation of the fuel bowser at the store.

Sunshine Coast Council's Executive Director Community Services, Coralie Nichols said, "Council staff have been working tirelessly with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Mr. Hamilton to find solutions which would enable him to significantly reduce his risk".

On December 15th Sunshine Coast Regional Council withdrew the direction to stop selling fuel and re-issued an approval for fuel to be able to be sold again with certain safety precautions.

Those precautions include that only trained employees of the business were authorised to refuel customers' vehicles or storage containers.

The fuel dispensers will also need to be locked or turned off at all other times.

Australia Day Award Nominations

The Sunshine Coast regional Council is now calling for nominations for people to be named in the 2012 Sunshine Coast Australia Day Awards.

There are a number of categories that the awards cover. The awards recognise the extraordinary contributions that locals have made to their Sunshine Coast community.

The nominee must be a resident

within the Sunshine Coast Council area at the time of nomination.

Nomination forms are also available from council's customer service centres and libraries.

Nominations must be received by 5 pm, 30 December 2011 or post-marked 30 December 2011.

For more information visit the council website at: <http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=about-the-awards>

Reindeer found grazing in Bunya Street. Maleny

One of our readers, Mark sent in this photo of a remarkable sight in Bunya Street, Maleny on the banks of Obi Creek.

Santa's reindeer have found a place to "feed-up" before they start their christmas pilgrimage around the world. They enjoy the sweet grasses of Maleny whilst they rest up.

They are very friendly and are not likely to hurt anyone so why not go along and have a photo taken with the herd.

Thanks Mark for the info and the photo.

Merry Christmas to you all from Paint Place, Maleny

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News from the Maleny SES Group



Over the last few weeks we have been advising residents about preparing for untoward weather conditions. That is not to say that we will get it during the coming summer months. Likewise it does not mean that we will not get it either.

The next step is to ensure that you have an emergency kit and that it contains all the essential items that you need to keep your family operating for three days.

Store your Emergency Kit in a safe, accessible place.

- Ensure householders are all aware of the location of your Emergency Kit.
- Keep a copy of this Emergency Kit Checklist in your kit.
- Check the contents of your kit regularly to ensure items are in working order and have not expired.
- Discuss the contents of the kit with your household and make sure everyone knows what to do if an emergency occurs.

A suggested list can be found on the EMQ website; <http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq/css/emergencykit.asp>

The Maleny SES Group trains on Monday Nights at the SES HQ in the showgrounds (the big green building on the left). Training starts at 7pm (be there at quarter to seven just to be early) and finish about 9.30 pm.



Research results into Everyday STRESS

Research has been continuing the St. Mary's Hospital in England into the amount of stress that we all suffer in our everyday lives and our individual lifestyles. The timing of the release of the test results comes at a somewhat fortunate time.

I am not sure exactly how it works, but this is amazingly accurate. Read the full description then look at the picture which is published on page 6 of this newsletter.

The picture has 2 identical dolphins in it.. It was used in a case study on stress levels at St. Mary's Hospital.

Look at both dolphins jumping out of the water. The dolphins are identical. A closely monitored, scientific study revealed that, in spite of the fact that the dolphins are identical, a person under stress would find differences in the two dolphins.

The more differences a person finds between the dolphins, the more stress that person is experiencing. **(Photo Page6)**

Look at the photograph and if you find more than one or two differences you need to go on holiday immediately. Have a Merry Christmas.

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*This week it is Truthful
Jones favourite recipe*

The Christmas Cake

- Have a very merry Christmas

Ingredients

- * 2 cups flour
- * 1 stick butter
- * 1 cup of water
- * 1 tsp salt
- * 1 tsp baking soda
- * 1 cup of sugar
- * Lemon juice
- * 1 cup of brown sugar
- * 2 cups of dried fruit
- * 4 large eggs
- * Nuts
- * 2 bottles wine

Directions

Sample the wine to check quality. Take a large bowl, check the wine again. To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar. Beat again.

At this point it's best to make sure the wine is still OK. Try another cup... Just in case. Turn off the mixer thingy. Break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit.

Pick the frigging fruit up off floor. Mix on the turner.. If the fried fruit gets stuck in the beaters just pry it loose with a drowscriver. Sample the wine to check for tonsisticity.

Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Check the wine. Now shift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Add a spoon of sugar, or some fink. Whatever you can find.

Greash the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 degrees and try not to fall over. Don't forget to beat off the turner.

Finally, throw the bowl through the window. Finish the wine and wipe counter with the cat.

Go to Maleny IGA and buy cake.Bingle Jells!

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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. Sometimes this is because they are not aware that road rules change from time to time.

One of our readers suggested that we should have a quick refresher of some of those rules.

The most dangerous thing about travelling in a motor vehicle is still the "NUT BEHIND THE WHEEL".



What is the new rule regarding the exemption for seat belts for medical reasons?

If your medical certificate does not have an expiry date within 12 months from the date of issue, you must wear a seatbelt or risk being fined \$300 and three demerit points.

Previously, a person who was exempt from wearing a seatbelt was required to carry a medical certificate at all times. The person must still carry the medical certificate, but the medical certificate must have an expiry date that is less than 12 months from the date the medical practitioner provided the certificate.

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Local naturalist Grant talks nature

Carpet Python - "Morelice Spilotee"

I have had a number of encounters over the years with carpet pythons, but none was more special than this one back in January, 2009.

Whilst working with Barung Landcare on a site at the end of Nadi Lane, Maleny beside Obi Obi Creek.

We has spent 3 days pruning out green wattles then re-planting. There was a pile of left over mulch and plastic and I was using the mulch to place around the trees in this particular part of the site.

I started to pull the plastic out from the mulch. I warned others who were working there to be on the lookout for snakes. One of the workers, Peter then called out, "There is your snake!" I saw a carpet snake raise its head to see what



was going on.

I came up to check it out only to find that the python was actually nesting on her eggs.

I took some photos of the python, being very careful as nesting pythons are known to be very protective of their nest. (See photo right)

In this case the snake remained very calm and remained curled up on her eggs.

We carefully placed the plastic back over the mulch and the python and just left her be.

Python snakes will lay up to 50 eggs at a time. Not all of them will survive as they are prey for other snakes and birds.

When we had finished the job at Nadi Lane I thought that I would check on the snake and nest again. It was a drizzly morning and I couldn't believe what I saw.

The python was asleep and there nestled in beside her was a cane toad.

(See picture left)

The python did not appear to realise that



the toad was there and I can only imagine what would have unfolded had she realised.

I wonder if for the python to bite the toad would prove fatal, not only to the mother snake, but to the eggs as well.

What could I do? Nothing at all. For any action to remove the eggs to ensure them hatching would have upset the nesting python.

Carpet pythons are a great asset to any home or farm. Whilst they bring fear to any cat or small dog owner they will keep rats and mice under control. They do feed on small mammals, birds and reptiles.

Next year I will share a story about two pythons I saw fighting. The fight ended in tragedy for one.

Generally, the carpet python is a very placid snake, but it is always wise to leave them alone.

About the Author

Long termed Maleny resident, Grant Meyer loves photographing insects, animals and native flowers.

Over the coming issues he will bring us some photos of some of the natural scenes that he has witnessed along with an explanation of the story surrounding the photo.

The story is often as interesting, if not more than the photo.

The photos shown in this series of stories are taken by Grant and are available for sale from him.

He can be contacted on mobile phone 0404 606 677.

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Don't leave children unattended in cars

Each year the message that children should not be left unattended in cars whilst the driver "ducks" into the shop.

The risk of injury is enormous on days with just moderately warm temperatures. Temperatures of 40 degrees are enough to trigger symptoms of fluid loss, heat exhaustion, dehydration and heat-stroke in almost no time.

The danger is just as serious for family pets.

Kidsafe Queensland reports that In one RACQ test, the temperature inside a vehicle left in the sun rose from around 19 degrees to more than 30 degrees in just one-and-a-half minutes, reaching 40 degrees within eight minutes and then rising to a maximum temperature of more than 60 degrees

Leaving a child under 16 unsupervised inside a vehicle and being more than 3m away may result in three years in prison.

The season, colour of the car or whether it has tinted windows or a sunshade makes no difference to the danger.

If children, especially younger ones are found unattended in a vehicle the police should be advised immediately.



Sunshine Coast Council look to post rate notices by email

Rate notices are something that none of us like, but unfortunately they are a part of life such as death and taxation.

For the council the administration of the process is also expensive. With the introduction of new technology the process can be streamlined and save some money in the process.

The Council is now in the process of setting up a permanent online service for ratepayers who wish to receive their rates notices online.

This follows some support from the community to receive rates notices via email.

The Council conducted an email distribution trial with a sample of interested ratepayers for the July 2011 rates period.

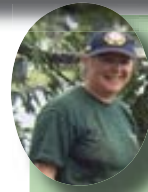
Now is the time to introduce the system generally.

If you are interested in receiving your rates notice online, you can register your details now.

Once the service is up and running, you will receive an email asking you to confirm your details and acceptance of the online rates notice delivery terms of use.

The service will be up and running in time for the January 2012 rates notices.

There is much more information about rates payment on their website at <http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=rates>



Maleny RFB Roundup

with
Donna & Norm Lewis
Volunteer Community
Education Officers

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service has announced the cancellation of the present Fire Danger Declaration Period across Queensland. The cancellation comes into force as from midnight on December 16th.

This cancellation has been brought about by the higher than normal summer rainfall.

As a result of the cancellation of the Fire Danger Period declaration it now means that Queenslanders will now be able to light fires smaller than two metres in size without a fire permit, unless prohibited by local government regulations. This is important because local councils also may have conditions on the lighting of fires. These conditions usually appear on the council's own web site.

Anyone wanting to light a fire larger than two metres in any direction still needs to obtain a permit from a local Fire Warden.

Contact details for your local fire warden and the responsible local Rural Fire Brigade can be found at the rural operations website at www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au

I urge anyone who lives in a rural location and hasn't already prepared a bushfire evacuation plan to do so as a matter of urgency. Templates for such plans can also be viewed and downloaded from the above mentioned website.

From Norm and myself and all the local Fire personnel "Have a safe and merry Christmas".

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard



about when he went for a trip down south. One evening he was in a busy lounge of a hotel, not one in Maleny I am sure. A reindeer walked in the door, bellied up to the bar and ordered a beer.

Without batting an eye, the bar attendant poured the drink into a glass, set it in front of the reindeer, and accepted the twenty-dollar bill from the reindeer's hoof.

As he handed the reindeer some coins in change, he said, "You know, I think you're the first reindeer I've ever seen in here."

The reindeer looked hard at the hoofful of change and said, "Hmmpf. Let me tell you something, mate. At these prices, I'm the last reindeer you'll see in here."

Morale: It is Christmas time and if you believe Truthful Jones on this one then you will believe anything!

Watch our schools

The holiday damage to one of our precious state schools has already started with a historic Brisbane school being severely damaged.

When schools are damaged it costs us all financially. It is also hard on students who lose their work and personal property. It also reduces facilities available to those students.

With the holidays now here we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you do see something suspicious, please do not attempt to intervene.

Keep the number handy - 13 17 88 - and let us work together to help create a safer school community.



Maleny Library Coming Events Story and Craft

There will be an event for children between the ages of 3 and 6 to be held in the children's area of the Maleny library on Thursday the 29th December, 2011 between 10.30a.m. and 11a.m.

The event includes sharing rhymes, songs and stories with toddlers, followed by simple craft.

On Friday December 30th between 10.30a.m. and 11.00a.m. there will be a bookstart activity for children aged under three.

Both these programmes are free program and bookings are not required. Parental supervision is required.

The library details are: Maleny Library, 5 Coral Street, Maleny - Phone (07) 5435 3100.



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Photo from St. Mary's stress test



Lawyer Street Businesses

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O'Byrne's Country), with Ballinacor as their headquarters. Their warrior chieftain, Fiach MacHugh

O'Byrne, followed the O'Byrne tradition, waging guerrilla warfare against the English. Later, he was killed and his head was impaled outside Dublin Castle. A collection of poetry eulogising the O'Byrnes, *Leabhar Branach*, is in the library of Trinity College, Dublin. In the 1691 exodus they went to France serving in the army.

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Maleny Emergency Services 2011 Christmas Dinner



After what has been a busy year for the combined Emergency Service Groups in Maleny they let their hair down for just one night when they held their annual Christmas party at the Maleny RSL on December 17th.

The night was a combined Rural and Auxiliary Firebrigade, Ambulance, Police and State Emergency Service function.

A spokesperson from each service gave a small overview of the work performed over the year and it is not until you hear in cold words just how much a community depends on the volunteers of the emergency services.

With the year starting off with the heavy rain and storms last January there was a large call on SES services - mainly for roof tarping and sandbagging of business premises in the Riverside Centre, the Library and a number of other private premises. At the height of this event there were at least 37 non SES members volunteering just filling sandbags.

The Daniel Morcombe search along with three other missing person searches chewed up many volunteer hours.

With the increased activity there has been a renewed interest for volunteers in the organisations.

With the predicted coming storm season about to be upon us it is likely that 2012 will also start off at a lively pace - our thanks to the various emergency service volunteers.



The younger generation enjoys the disco after the meal!



Discussions, obviously about operations completed during the 2011 year by the various group members.



SES Maleny Group Leader, Pamyla O'Connor gives her address



Thanks must go to the Maleny RSL for allowing the use of the RSL Hall for the night and to Ian Williams and Elizabeth Smith (photo above) from the RSL for their voluntary work behind the bar.



Organiser of the night - Jarod from Maleny SES & RFB

All photos on this page were taken by Deb Lynde.

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The Musings of an old codger!

It is the season for giving and forgiving.

For those people who have been isolated from their families for various reasons maybe now is a time just to pick up the phone and "call home".

A new year is just around the corner so this is a great time to make a new start.

Maleny 2012 Sports Awards Nominations Now Open

Every year, MDSRC recognises the many achievements by hosting the Sports Awards Dinner at the Showgrounds Pavilion.

The date will be Saturday February 25th 2012 and tickets to book your dinner tables will go on sale shortly.

It is now time for clubs to nominate their sporting champs for the various sporting titles available. Nominations are also requested for club administrators and volunteers.

You can obtain nomination forms by email at: gail@mavmuse.com

The MDSRC will be holding an information session to assist with information and enable clubs to make the most out of their nominations in early January 2012.

The categories for nomination are available on the MDSARC Inc website at www.mdsarcinc.com

Nominations will close on February 10th 2012.

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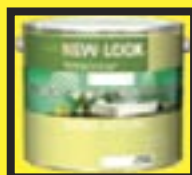


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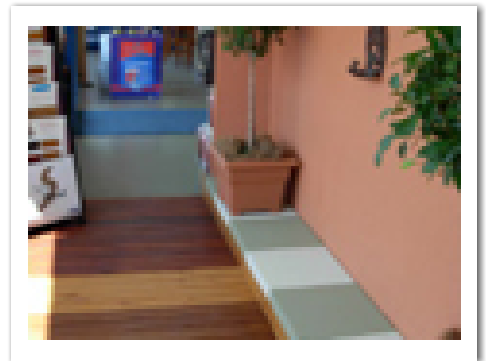
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The Big Bang

New Years Eve at Woodford Folk Festival

Self-described 'music freak' Jordan Verzar has an ongoing love affair with the Woodford Folk Festival, but his composer wife Caitlin, his greatest love, should not worry.

His connections with Woodford go back more than a decade, as an agent, he has been responsible for introducing many of the more memorable acts to the festival over the years.

Once again, Jordan has been asked to come up with something special for one of the major events within the festival at the huge Amphitheatre venue. The Big Bang, as it is called, is the popular New Year's Eve extravaganza that over four hours has the crowd partying to an explosive climax in the early hours of the dawning year.

It's Jordan's job to organise the blend of bands and artists to wow this Woodford audience.

Ben Walsh, a drummer with Circle of Rhythm, is Jordan's co-planner for this year's Big Bang. "Ben's writing a whole new piece of music for the midnight to 1am set which will involve a large scale project with lots of horn players and many, many percussionists," said Jordan.

"It'll be great," he assured. "There'll be an hour of this crazy Balkan gypsy electro thing. "There's a certain format we stick to – we have a lot of collaborations and we also have a lot of exciting things happening in

the first three hours as we build up to midnight."

"Ben and I had been going over the line-up for a very long time, working all the intricate details.

"A lot of work and effort goes into this each year, piecing together the music that showcases the artists before a crowd that want to have a good time at New Year."

It's that lifetime obsession, curiosity and appreciation of this special graphic/literary art that has also led Jordan to other verdant entertainment pastures. Through his connections with Sydney Opera House he was eventually able to stage his 'Graphics' festival there – and now set to be an annual event.

"It looks like a really cool program. I love just walking around the festival streets and discovering little gems," he said.

"Woodford holds a very special place in my heart. I think if that if there's one event in the world that resonates really with my ethos towards art in general, it must be Woodford. I just love the way Woodford operates. I feel very privileged to have made many long-lasting friendships and relationships there."

Programmes and tickets are available online with a 10% discount on tickets until midnight on the 24th December. Visit www.woodford-folkfestival.com

Watch our schools

The holiday damage to three of our precious state schools has already been damaged by major fires.

Whenever this damage is caused to schools it is not a victimless crime as many parts of the community has to pick up the pieces.

Not only does the taxpayer have to have the buildings repaired but students lose work and teachers have to do extra preparation to replace damaged work.

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