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Friday April 24th, 2009

## Here we go again! Blame someone else.

The first fatality on Queensland roads for the Easter 2009 period happened at about 5.35p.m. at Palmwoods when a motorcyclist was killed.

Some local media were more interested in the fact that the police ethical standards command was overseeing the investigation as a police officer arrived on the scene very shortly after the event.

Even worse is the public baying about whose fault this accident was when the answer is very clear. Motor vehicles are very dangerous instruments when not used appropriately.

The road toll continues to soar and the various agencies look for ways to stop the increase, but MORE than 7000 Queensland drivers were caught speeding in the first 48 hours of the Easter break, despite an obvious police presence on the roads.

What does this indicate?

It is time to stop putting the blame everywhere else such as road conditions, the weather, changing climate, the easter bunny or even father christmas and put the blame squarely where it should be - the driver driving inappropriately.

Unfortunately that specific driver is not always the one who pays the ultimate price as there are other cautious drivers who sometimes get involved through no fault of their own.

## ANZAC day remembrance

It might be 94 years since the ANZACS took those first steps onto ANZAC Cove in what was to be the fight to save the Commonwealth as we then knew it. It turned into a tragic battle for the young Australians that took that step so that the people of Australia could remain living in a free world.

Today the people of Australia still meet to pay their respects to those who paid the ultimate price on all our behalves. Whilst one might think

that time might be dulling our memories the opposite is actually true as growing numbers of Australians pay their respects at ANZAC Day commemorations all around Australia. People are still somewhat subdued by the weight of the meaning of ANZAC Day.



ANZAC Day March 2008 down Maple Street, Maleny.

### *The arrangements for the Maleny area are as follows:-*

- 4.26 am Dawn Service at the RSL Memorial Hall followed by Gunfire Breakfast.
- 9 00 am Witta Cemetery Service.
- 9.45 am Maleny Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Service.
- 10.30 am ANZAC Day March. (Form up on Maple Street at corner of Fig Street at 10.15 am).
- 10.45 am Commemorative Service.



Aussie Diggers ride in a true Aussie Car

12.00 am Lunch, Entertainment and Traditional Games Afternoon.

Community groups, associations and individuals wishing to take part in the formal ceremonies please make enquiries to Don Bowen, Maleny Sub Branch RSL Commemorations Officer on 54358461.

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## Truthful Jones Tells...



that he was having a quiet drink at the Irish Bar when a mate named Murphy walked in. He sat down near Truthful and then asked the Bartender, Paul; "Give me three shots o' your finest Irish Whiskey!" the Bartender complies.

After about a week later when Truthful was again at the Bar Murphy returned. The bartender asks, "Murphy, would it be better for yeh if I put all three shots of Irish Whiskey into one glass?"

Murphy replied, "well no. See I have two other brothers back at home, Patrick and Owen, and everytime I come into a Pub or Bar I order a shot for each o' them so I can remember the good times."

About a week later Truthful was again at the bar having a quiet drink when Murphy again came into the Bar. On this occasion Murphy asks only for two shots of Irish Whiskey.

The bartender immediately says "Murphy, is everything ok? Did somethin' happen to one of your brothers?" "Oh no", Murphy said, "I just decided to quit drinkin!"

**MORALE;** *There are times that you might not wish to do something but it is important to consider others and help them out.*

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*Who remembers the old days  
The Lay Preacher on the corner of your  
block Sunday evenings voicing his praises...*

## Water, Water everywhere but not a drop to spare

An inspection of Baroon Pocket Dam at Maleny on Easter Sunday revealed that the dam is presently overflowing with rain continuing in the catchment area. Baroon Pocket Dam was constructed to provide water for coastal Sunshine Coast residents by the then Caloundra and maroochy Shire Councils.



*"A fisherman enjoying a day on the dam"*

### **Warning! - Warning! Be Careful what you dream about!**

No longer is it important that we are careful about what we do in case others see what we have done but now we have to be careful about what we dream.

Scientists in Kyoto, Japan are confident that they will be able to view peoples dreams in the very near future.

Whilst this ability to record peoples dreams was not what was being attempted it has been an "accidental" discovery.

This breakthrough in technology is coming about as a result of experiments into new ways for people with spinal injuries and other conditions that do not allow them to use their hands to use devices such as computer keyboards, mobile phones and other devices designed to assist them.

In spite of this present abundance of water Sunshine Coast Residents are still on water restrictions even though Baroon Pocket Dam is presently over 100% capacity whilst Gold Coast Residents are not on any restrictions.

Inquiries revealed that since mid-March 2009, about 600 megalitres of drinking water has been transported to the Moreton Bay Regional Council area and some of the northern suburbs of Brisbane via the recently completed Northern Pipeline Interconnector which links the Sunshine Coast to the SEQ water grid.

Once testing is completed the pipeline will take up to 65 megalitres of water from the Sunshine Coast's dams each day for Brisbane and surrounds.

Baroon Pocket Dam's total capacity is only 61000ML.

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## News from the Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club inc

### Rotary in Maleny reaches 50



Maleny District Sport  
& Recreation Club

In 1959 the village of Maleny embraced the wide world of Rotary. Tales of challenges, achievements and camaraderie abound in this 50-year journey to the global village of 2009..... graphically capturing the essence of Rotary: Service above Self.

Local historian Jack Wilcox will be launching his book - Rotary in Maleny - 50 Years of Service at Tranquil Park on Wed 29th April.

This special occasion also marks, to the day, the 50th anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the Maleny Rotary Club in 1959!

Sir Clem Renouf AM, Rotary International President in 1978-79, who also wrote the book's foreword, will be presiding at the launch.

This fascinating historical insight re-

counts, through dozens of cameo stories, the transition taking over half a century of Maleny from a village focussed on dairy-farming and timber-getting to the cosmopolitan hi-tech world of the 21st century.

The book took four years to research and write and is based primarily on hundreds of interviews involving a wide cross section of current and former residents of Maleny.

There are nearly 700 names in the index.

The cost of the book is \$25.00 and can be purchased on the night and will subsequently be available from the Maleny Newsagency.

For inquiries about the book ring Jack Wilcox on 5435 2735 or email to [jma\\_w@bigpond.com](mailto:jma_w@bigpond.com)

## The "NUT" Award

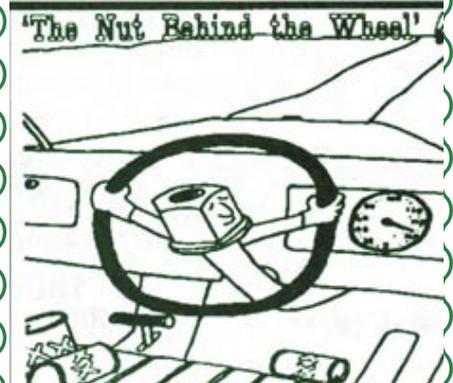
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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 male and female rider of the red motor bike travelling towards Maleny near the intersection of Gardners Falls Road who overtook a line of traffic and in doing so exceeded the speed limit, crossed double lines whilst having restricted vision of possible oncoming traffic.

## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Baked eggs and tomatoes

- easy evening meal on these summer evenings.

#### Ingredients

- \* 4 eggs, 1/2 pint white sauce \* 2 oz grated cheese
- \* 1/2 oz margarine \* 2 tomatoes \* Chopped parsley
- \* Salt and pepper

#### Method

Melt the margarine in a ovenproof dish. Break the unbeaten eggs carefully into it and put them into a slow oven (250 degrees F) until they are just set.

While they are cooking make a white sauce. Add grated cheese and keep hot. Skin the tomatoes, cut them in half. Season, dab margarine over each, pour the white sauce on the eggs and lay the tomatoes around the dish and serve hot. Garnish with parsley.

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*News from  
the Blackall  
Range Woodies  
with  
Pres Dave Bannister*

## **Woodies Club helps Spinal Muscular Atrophy Australia**

On Sunday March 29 the Nambour Garden Club conducted an 'Art & Craft Affaire' to aid Spinal Muscular Atrophy Australia.

It raised over \$15,000.

Thanks to club member Ron Fishwick on behalf of our Club for his organisation of a sale point for our members and their work.

Don't forget the toy factory on Wednesday mornings. It is still producing toys by the truckload for the needy. My thanks goes to Don Meredith and his group for keeping up the supply which will be distributed at Christmas.

Keep chipping that wood....

**The future depends on  
what we do in the present.**

## **This weeks Special**

**Wattyl Trademax  
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**4 lts - \$44.00**

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get special price  
- Normally \$49.90)**

## **Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place**

### **LEAKING SHOWER / BATHROOM TILES (GENERALLY CAUSED BY LEAKING GROUT)**

One of the major causes of leaking shower stalls is caused by failures in the grout. Often the grout either falls out or becomes very thin from continuous cleaning. This type of water problem can be fixed with a product called Shalex Sealit.

It is a reasonable easy task to repair if you follow a few simple steps.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

1. Apply one coat of 'Soak in Mix', (50% Sealit Multipurpose, 50% water), to the leaking tiled surface.
2. Wipe off the excess and allow to dry.
3. Apply one coat of neat Sealit Multipurpose and allow to dry.
4. Remove excess, unwanted dry Sealit Multipurpose from tiles with a cloth dampened with petrol or thinners.

#### **APPLICATION**

Best method - Sponge, or brush.

#### **COVERAGE**

Neat Sealit Multipurpose - Approximately 10m<sup>2</sup> per litre.

'Soak in Mix', (50% Sealit Multipurpose, 50% water) - Approximately 5m<sup>2</sup> per litre. i.e. Flat masonry surface - approx 100sqm / 20L pail - two coat application.

#### **WARNING / NOTES**

Sealit Multipurpose is not recommended as a final coating for traffic areas, tables, seats etc., or non porous surfaces; i.e. ceramic tiles, glazed bricks, glass etc.

During the curing period, (4-12 months), clear Sealit Multipurpose may show up slightly cloudy when wet. This will disappear when the surface dries out. Wash all equipment immediately in water. If product has dried on equipment, clean with a petrol or mineral turpentine dampened cloth (Taking normal safety precautions).

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One of our readers sent in this poem found on the body of a Soldier killed in Italy. With Saturday being ANZAC Day she thought that she would like to share it with others, remembering our soldiers who gave their lives throughout the world keeping Australia safe and free.

## WITH A FRIEND

Look, God, I have never spoken to you,  
But, now I want to say "How do you do."  
"You see, God, they told me you didn't exist  
And like a fool, I believed all this.

Last night from a shell hole I saw your skies  
I figured right then they had told a lie.  
Had I taken time to see things you made  
I'd have known they weren't calling  
a spade a spade.

I wonder, God, if you'd take my hand?  
Somehow I feel you would understand,  
Funny I had to come to this hellish place  
Before I had time to see your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,  
But I am glad, God, I met you to-day.  
I guess the zero hour will soon be here,  
But I'm not afraid since I know you're here.

The Signal: Well, God, I have to go,  
I like you lots, this I want you to know,  
Look now, this will be a terrible fight ---  
Who knows? I may come to your house  
tonight!

Though I wasn't friendly to you before,  
I wonder, God, if you'd wait at the door,  
Look! I am crying! Me, shedding tears,  
I wish I'd known you these many years.

Well, I have to go now, God, Goodbye,  
Strange! Since I met you  
I'm not afraid to die.

## Cure cancer with a cuppa - no bull.....

Queensland's Cancer Council is holding "Australia's biggest morning tea on Thursday May 28th. This is the sixteenth year for this fundraiser.

One Australian is diagnosed with cancer every 5 minutes, but with the Cancer Council Queensland's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea coming up this May, it could take as little as 5 minutes to help save a life.



The fantastic thing about Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is that making a difference is easy. You simply register as a host, then invite your friends or workmates around for a cuppa during May - guests donate to the Cancer Council to raise funds.

To register simply go to the Queensland Cancer Council's web site ; [www.biggestmorningtea.com.au](http://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au) and follow the prompts or simply phone calling us on 1300 65 65 85.

At the time of writing this story the Queensland Cancer Council did not have a registered morning tea in Maleny although there were a couple registered in near areas. So this is a good time to ensure that Malenyites do their bit to help out this great organisation.

The funds raised from Australia's Biggest Morning Tea help The Cancer Council to continue our work in cancer research, prevention, education and support services.

Last year Australia's Biggest Morning Tea raised a mind-boggling \$10 million!



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## Apple iMac - Slim, all-in-one design

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A brief insight into the history of Maleny & District and other things..

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## The sinking of the "Centaur"

As this ANZAC day approaches it is time to remember all service people who fought for the freedoms that our country enjoys.

Just one of many dastardly deeds committed during World War 11 was the sinking of the Hospital Ship "Centaur" in an area off South East Queensland.

In 1943 the oceans and seas off Australia were a battle zone.

The Centaur was sailing from Sydney to Cairns and New Guinea just off the South East Queensland coast when it was torpedoed without warning by a Japanese submarine at 4.10am on May 14, 1943. The unarmed and unescorted Centaur, which carried no combat troops, was brightly lit in fine weather, with large red crosses painted on the sides.

Only 64 of the 332 people, mostly medical staff survived. The torpedo struck the Centaur's fuel storage and a tremendous explosion sank the hospital ship in under three minutes thus the huge loss of life.

Of the 64 survivors there was only one nurse survivor, Sister Ellen Savage of the Australian Army Nursing Service.

Sister Ellen Savage



coated and burned survivors spent 36 hours in the water before they were rescued by the destroyer USS Mugford.

The USS Mugford had been escorting the British Steamer "Sussex" on a voyage across the Tasman Sea. She was directed to the survivors by an Avro Anson patrol plane from Lowood Air base who was providing anti-submarine patrols.

Since the sinking there has been controversy over the actual location of the wreckage with some believing that the ship sank off Point Danger whilst others believe that it sank off Caloundra.

Today there are memorials at Point Danger and Caloundra in memory of those who perished in this incident.

The area in which the Centaur was sunk was also a dangerous area for merchant ships to sail as a number, such as the "Kalingo", the "Lydia M Childs", the "Wollongbar", the "Fingal" and the "Limerick" were also sunk between January

received the George Medal for her gallantry as a result of her attending to those injured whilst awaiting rescue, even though she was herself injured, having sustained a broken jaw and broken ribs.

Because the Centaur was maintaining radio silence, the rescue was delayed. Oil-



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## A brief insight into the history of Maleny & District

### CENTAUR FACTS:

**Built:** Scotland's Greenock Shipyard in 1924 as a cargo ship

**Weight:** 3222 tonnes

**Length:** 100m

**Personnel on Board**

- \* 75 crew of the Merchant Navy
- \* 1 ship's pilot
- \* 64 medical staff, including
- \* 12 nurses of the Australian Army Nursing Service
- \* 149 men of the 2/12th Field Ambulance
- \* 44 attached personnel heading for a tour in Papua New Guinea.

and May that same year with a very large loss of life.

In an irony of war, Centaur had a central role in the rescue of crew from the German raider HSK Kormoran, the ship that sank the HMAS Sydney off Western Australia. While all hands were lost on the Sydney, the Kormoran, was able to launch lifeboats before it sank.

Centaur towed those lifeboats to shore in November 1941.

THE sinking of the AHS (Australian Hospital Ship) Centaur, with only 64 survivors from 332 aboard, still remains Queensland's worst maritime disaster.

### Who gave the orders to sink her?

Japan did not take responsibility for the incident and it wasn't until 34 years after the war that the submarine's commander was identified.

Lt Commander Hajime Nakagawa had been imprisoned for war crimes for firing on survivors of the British Chivalry, which his sub sank in the Indian Ocean.

Ironically, earlier in the war, Nakagawa sank another Japanese submarine with the loss of 81 crew.

Sub commander Hajime Nakagawa had his identity protected by his government until the late 1970s and lived until 1986 without ever being held criminally liable for the sinking.

Now, over 66 years later the question is once again being asked, "Why not make an effort to find the resting place of the Centaur?" This has been more evident since the finding

of the location of HMAS Sydney a couple of years ago.

By finding the Centaur's resting place it would give closure to the remaining relatives of those who perished on that final voyage. The best way to protect the Centaur is to know where it is and declare it a Commonwealth war grave.

There is value in finding the Centaur for the sake of history and any further lessons that history can give.

History has an amazing power and events such as the sinking of the Sydney and the Centaur can excite people and help them understand why we need to commemorate such events.

It is not commemorating War It demonstrates why you need to remember people's service and sacrifices.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



## Seniors Forum

I encourage seniors and their families to consider attending the 9th annual Fisher Seniors' Forum and Expo, which will be held on May 22 at the Lake Kawana Community Centre. Please call my office on 5443 3555 or 1300 301 981 (toll free) to book your place.

The topic this year revolves around staying healthy and active and the financial challenges of the current economic climate. Attendees will receive a FREE satchel of items such as a notebook, health information, and service guides.

## First Home Owners

New figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show an increasing number of new homeowners entering the market.

A record number of new homeowners entered the market in February, which grew by 0.4% more than the January figures. It was also the 5th consecutive month of growth.

The number of loans for new homes grew by 4.2% and for new homes under construction grew by 2.6%. The number loans approved for first home buyers was 15.9% up

in February to a figure of 14,484.

For details, visit: [www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/tanyaplibersek.nsf/content/abs\\_fhos\\_data8apr09.htm](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/tanyaplibersek.nsf/content/abs_fhos_data8apr09.htm)

## Medications and Travellers

Travellers are reminded to take extra precautions when travelling with any personal medicines, tablets and the like.

Many travellers may not be aware that it is illegal to take drugs overseas that are listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, unless the drugs are only for personal use.

Those who are caught with such drugs without proper paperwork risk having the items confiscated and receiving a significant fine.

For more information about travelling with medications, contact the PBS enquiry line on 1800 500 147 or visit [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)

## School Anzac Events

Schools that organise Anzac Day commemoration events should consider entering the Anzac Day Schools' Awards 2009. National winners in the primary and sec-

ondary school categories

Prizes can win prizes of up to \$2000, while state winners receive \$1000. There are also several other special awards.

Categories include the best veteran and community involvement, best use of technology, best innovative activity, best historical research and best commemorative art.

For details, visit: [www.dva.gov.au/commemorations/education/awards\\_competitions](http://www.dva.gov.au/commemorations/education/awards_competitions)

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