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Australia Zoo struggles!

Australia Zoo at Beerwah was started in 1972 by Steve Irwin's parents Bob and Lyn. They ran it for 22 years under the name of The Beerwah Reptile and Fauna Park.

A Sunshine Coast Icon, Australia Zoo is being crushed by a financial weight, according to a former employee from Maleny.



The original "Crocodile Swamp" at Australia Zoo



See the video about the birth of the Ebenezer Orphanage School.

Cut and paste the internet link below into your web browser and sit back and enjoy the kids activities.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xmw-U7rKaG0&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

The employee said that he was made redundant in the first round of cuts a few years ago and he is surprised that Australia Zoo has been able to last this long.

The former employee, who does not want to be identified said that the organisation was too top management heavy. It is estimated that the Zoo needs about \$1 million a month to survive and patronage has been falling of recent times.

He continued that the Zoo has not really got over the way that it handled the split with Bob Irwin and this had cost it a lot "friends."

It is believed that following the death of Steve Irwin in an accident on the Barrier reef in September 2006 much of the mystique of the Zoo disappeared.

Some visitors spoken to at the Zoo said that they were glad that they came because it is a great place to visit, but with ticket prices for an adult being so expensive at \$58 it did not encourage return visits.

Australia Zoo administration conducts a lot of business locally and this would impact further on some Beerwah businesses.

Inquiries of Australia Zoo elicited the comment that "like many local businesses the Zoo was facing "challenging" times, but it would survive despite not only the tough economic times, but the continued poor weather conditions of late."

The spokesperson continued, "Steve had a dream to take the Australia Zoo concept to Las Vegas and the Zoo administration is determined to continue on with that dream."

The legend of the Crocodile Hunter



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Valuable art prize up for grabs!

Malenyites are a very artistic lot and as such are able to consistently produce an extremely high standard of art work.

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council is this year supporting the Sunshine Coast Art Prize which is open to all those artistic people.

This art prize has achieved national acclaim for its annual representation of contemporary Australian art. It also assists to provide encourage artistic excellence and to bring quality artwork to a regional audience.

This is the sixth year of the Sunshine Coast Arts Prize and local Councillor, Jenny McKay said "The Sunshine Coast Art Prize is one of the richest acquisition art prizes in Australia."

This year the award will be judged by Maura Reilly, curator of Global Feminisms and newly appointed Professor of Art Theory,

Queensland College of Art.

Not only will a selection of the art will be chosen to exhibit at the Caloundra Regional Gallery from 6 July to 11 September but there is a total of \$26,000 in prize money.

This year's winner will receive \$15,000 cash and a four-week residency prize valued at \$5,000.

Entries close on 31 March and a \$25 entry fee applies. The official opening where the winners are announced will be on 14 July 2011 at 6.30pm. at the Caloundra Regional Art Gallery,

To apply online or for more details visit www.scap.org.au

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Maleny Golf Club opens next stage!

Practice Green will open in March. Despite lots of rain, and the sun missing-in-action for much of summer, the Golf Club's practice green is nearly ready to commission.

All the material, including 30 cubic metres of river sand, and labour has been provided by the Club and its members. Gary West supplied the tiddwarf as scarifyings from his own green. Gary supervised its growth with a team of volunteers. The exercise has provided good practice for establishment and management of the greens for the first nine holes.

Ball washing goes hi-tech. Dennis Hickley had a brainwave. He tested his theory with a modified cement mixer to improve washing golf balls harvested each week on the driving range.

Rod Waldron then provided the cement mixer with the fins covered in

soft material to minimise wear on the balls.

Two to three minutes is sufficient to put a shine on 300+ balls. No longer will volunteers need to hand scrub each ball.



Photo above: Engineer Ken Lonie ensures quality control of hi-tech approach to ball washing on the Driving Range.

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 drivers of those cars who travel through the fog and rain of recent times and do not have their car lights on.

Cars are very difficult to see in the fog and mist so why not attempt to make your car stand out by ensuring your lights are lighted.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Beef Burgers

- easy Sunday night meal.

Ingredients

1kg minced beef - 1 small onion, chopped finely - 2 cloves garlic, chopped - 2 tblsp barbecue sauce - 2 tblsp Worcestershire sauce - 2 tblsp fresh parsley, chopped - 1/2 cup breadcrumbs - 1 egg, lightly beaten - 1 large onions, sliced - 6 slices cheese - 2 tomatoes, sliced - 6 bread rolls - 1/2 lettuce.

Method

Put beef, small chopped onion, garlic, sauces, parsley, breadcrumbs and egg into large bowl and Mix until combined. Shape mixture into 6 burger patties. Cook burger patties on barbecue until browned on both sides, cook large sliced onion as well. Add sliced cheese to the top of burgers for 2 minutes or until melted.

Split and toast rolls, then add lettuce and tomato, burger patties with cheese and onion.

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Truth-ful Jones Tells... he heard about



his neighbour, Euan who was driving along Myrtle Street to turn right into Maple street. On approaching the stop sign he barely slowed down and ran right through the stop sign after glancing for traffic.

What Ewan didn't know was that one of our local policeman was watching the intersection.

The policeman pulled out after Ewan and stopped his car two blocks away.

The policeman said, "License, registration and proof of insurance please."

Ewan said, "Before I give it to you, tell me what the heck you stopped me for, man."

The policeman said, "Watch your tone sir; you ran the stop sign back there!!"

Ewan said, "Man, I slowed down, what the heck is the difference!?"

The police officer pulled out his baton and began smashing it over the Ewan's head and shoulders.

The policeman then said, "Now, do you want me to just slow down or stop!!!?"

Morale; Whilst some people might want to make the law appear to be written in shades of grey when it suits them it is actually written in black and white. This is important so that it pertains to all evenly and without fear or favour.

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My dear Mum's logical sayings



About Envy

Saying: - 'There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do'.

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Is a disaster levy all doom and gloom?

The Federal Government has introduced legislation to assist with repayments for work carried out in respect to recent extreme weather conditions throughout Australia.

Whilst there is opposition to the introduction of this legislation perhaps another thought should be given to the matter.

Instead of people going through the circumstance of not knowing if they are covered by insurance, services being disrupted and major infrastructure projects delayed because of lack of money perhaps a disaster levy being imposed could have more benefits than first appears to be the case.

Why not have a permanent disaster levy attached to the medicare levy and the money raised being placed into a specific fund.

In addition to funds raised the federal government should also add a similar amount to supplement the fund.

The government's money should come not directly from general revenue, but from efficiency savings in bureaucracy. In other words cut some of the waste in government spending.

The levy should be levied, not only on the individual, but on pre-taxed profits above certain levels of companies.

Because insurance companies will continue to understate their duties when claims are made then stamp duty on policies should also be added to this fund.

This does not exempt individuals from needing to insure their property as insurance testing conditions

would be invoked for property replacement, but hardship and immediate needs should be covered.

What it does do is give some surety of coverage to people who thought that they had done everything that they should to ensure coverage of property.

Properties on our coastlines are going to continue to increasingly be exposed to extreme weather. Governments need to take action now

to ensure that when development takes place then adequate precautions are taken in that development to ensure that infrastructure is protected from foreseen eventualities.

Over years this amount of money would grow and communities would be able not only to rebuild, but to build the infrastructure that would withstand future disasters.

Extreme weather is only going to continue to become more extreme.

Maleny Bowls Club



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The Maleny Hospital Sunday 6 March 2011

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Blackall Range

Woodworker's Guild

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Cheers Pres Dave



This weeks Special

Wattyl Trademax
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Sealit for fixing a leaking fish pond. Maleny Paint Place

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5. Apply one coat neat Sealit Multipurpose (applied as above).
6. Allow to dry.
7. Apply a second coat of neat Sealit Multipurpose (applied as above).
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APPLICATION

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

Bruce Highway

The further widening of the Bruce Highway north of Caboolture to three lanes each way is a project that I have raised with the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport several times in the past, again last month and again more recently after the Government announced funding cuts of \$86 million to planned road works between Caboolture and Caloundra, to help pay for flood damage.

I also spoke in the Australian Parliament on the issue recently, where I noted that while securing funds for repairs of flood damage is important, it was also vital that the major road from Brisbane north was not neglected and was

as effective, efficient and safe as it could be.

This is becoming more important by the day as the Sunshine Coast population continues to grow and the number of people who commute to work in Brisbane also increases.

In my speech and in a letter to the minister, I advised that the highway was vital for commuters, truckies, tourists and retirees and therefore vital to our economy.

Cyber Threats

Businesses operating in the financial and insurance sector are among the most sophisticated users of communications technology, yet there is scope for better security

against cyber criminals, the Australian Institute of Criminology has found.

A report into cyber attacks on business, which highlights the need for better partnerships between government agencies and business to ensure security is maintained at the highest level, has been released by the AIC.

Further details are available at: www.aic.gov.au/en/media/2011/february/20110221.aspx

World's Greatest Shave is just around the corner!

The Leukaemia Foundation's "Worlds Greatest Shave" fundraising event for 2011 will take place between March 10th and 12th. The goal in Queensland this year is \$3.5 million.

The money you raise is used by the Leukaemia Foundation to fund services to support patients and families living with leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma and related blood disorders

There are several ways you can assist. You can become a volunteer helper or a volunteer fundraiser. Why not put a price on your head and encourage your friends and family to sponsor you.

Commit to colouring your hair and tell your sponsors you will shave only if you reach your target. That way, you are doing something to your hair whatever you raise. It also means you won't have to give the money back if you don't reach your target!

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