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Queensland's Sunshine Coast Hinterland

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Golfing in the air

Maleny has a new golfing field and is the first step towards an 18 hole course on the Maleny Precinct.

This is not the first golf course that Maleny has had. The first was situated where the Maleny High School is presently situated and was circa 1940.

On Saturday June 19th committee members of the MDSARC Inc got together at Pattemore House to take a look at the voluntary work done to provide the first golf pitching green.

This work was completed with no external finance, being financed completely by the individual volunteers.

These new facilities will soon be available to the community.

This is an important step as there is now something tangible for golfers in Maleny not only to get excited about, but to enjoy.

From this small start the journey of providing a first rate sporting complex can only quicken and new sporting facilities must now be provided for hinterland residents.

Community members and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council must work together to ensure that this opportunity is not lost.

Some photos of the pitching green are within this newsletter.

Congratulations to all of those members who have worked so hard to bring this first step to fruition.

School suffers damage

Two 15-year-old boys have been charged following an incident that saw about 300 windows at the Beerwah State High School smashed.

They will be dealt with under the provisions of the Youth Justice Act.

A school spokesperson said that neither person was a current student at the school.

Damage in this instance was caused to 16 different classrooms or teaching spaces contained within eight school buildings. Damage is estimated at approximately \$30,000.

The school caters for 1000 students. This school was opened in 1992. It caters for students from areas of Beerwah, Beerburrum, Elimbah, Glass House Mountains, Peachester, Landsborough and Mooloolah.

A police spokesperson stated

that this is the largest similar occurrence of damage on the Sunshine Coast in recent years.

The school in this instance does have a system of security cameras, but that system did not cover the area damaged in this instance.

This occurrence of damage is of concern as students are about to take a break from the school year thus leaving the school more vulnerable to this type of criminal activity.

Money spent fixing this type of wilful damage means that there is less money for other school activities.

The community is asked to watch out for after hours crime in their local schools. To report suspicious activities seen anywhere around schools in Queensland to School Watch simply phone 13 1788.

A TOUCH O' IRISH WITH A TWIST

Utribe Fundraising is delighted to present A Touch o' Irish at the UpFront Club in Maleny on Thursday 1st July. Duo Emily Nutt and Nick Willis from All Strings Attached will be joined by Maleny's own Irish Joe for a night of Irish music with a twist.

Fusing gypsy fiddle, power vocals and driving guitar rhythms, the Sunshine Coast's All Strings Attached are steadily gaining a reputation for presenting an infectious blend of musical styles that challenges the listener to categorise. They somehow manage to blend folk rock with hints of traditional celtic and gypsy melodies, with a touch of funk thrown into the mix.

Cost is \$12 at the door door - all funds raised to support Utribe Festival. Music from 7.30pm with meals from 5.30pm. Limited seating so ring the Upfront Club now on 5494 2592 to book a table.

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Be careful what you say!

Premier Anna Bligh announced the new powers for police to issue on-the-spot notices for public nuisance offences on Tuesday.

The measures are targeting offences such as public urination, disorderly conduct and abusive language. The system of ticketing these offences are expected to save the Government between \$18 million and \$30 million annually.

These tickets are expected to be issued for amounts of between \$100 and \$3400 dependent on the actual offence. The system is believed to increase efficiency by stopping minor public nuisance offenders from clogging the justice system.

The power to issue on-the-spot fines for public nuisance offences does not limit the alleged offender from seeking the matter be dealt with by a court in the normal manner should the offender wish.

What price is our water

As from July 1st local councils will transfer responsibility for the provision of water and sewerage supply to a new government body, Unity Water.

Sunshine Coast council finance portfolio boss Chris Thompson said recently that the consumer costs would increase in the order of 16%.

That would mean a \$167.04 yearly increase to the average household.

The cost of the multi-layered bureaucracy the State Government had imposed is a big cause of the price rise. The models used for the water pricing monopoly is neither transparent nor scientific.

Decisions about some of the water infrastructure such as, but not only for the Kirra desalination plant was unwarranted and is having a detrimental effect on the overall cost of water.

These poor government decisions and a quasi privatisation of water infrastructure are going to have a detrimental effect on water pricing well into the future.

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Our Green Hint



Is bottles water worth it?

Bottled water is a new trend with a huge payoff, and price tag. As few as ten years ago, there was no market for bottled water.

The next time you feel thirsty, forgo the bottle and turn to the tap. You'll not only lower your environmental impact but also save money—bottled water can cost up to 10,000 times more per gallon than tap water.

Standards for tap water are generally more stringent than the standards for bottled water, you'll be drinking water that is just as safe as, or safer than, bottled.

Bringing your own bottle is also safer than drinking from plastic, which has been shown to leach BPA, an hormone disruptor, into the liquid contents.

If, however, you don't like the taste of your tap water or are unsure of its quality, you can buy a filter jug or install an inexpensive sink filter to remove trace chemicals and bacteria.

Remember, for every bottle of water you drink that bottle has to be manufactured, usually from a petroleum product, transported to the place of sale, then you have to travel to purchase it and when you have finished the water it has to be disposed of.

If you will be away from home, fill a reusable bottle from your tap and refill it along the way; travel bottles with built-in filters are also available.

Both for your health, your wallet and most especially for the planet, reusable is the right solution!

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Mum's favourite Recipes



Beef with peppers - always keen on beef!

Ingredients

- * 500g fillet steak
- * 30g (1oz) 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, saut 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

It is now ready to serve.....

Photo Right These buildings were built in the early eighties and are known as the "UFO houses" by the Taiwanese. Just 15 kilometres from the capital, the deserted residences have been left abandoned for the past three decades.



Apple iMac

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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.

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: -
(FROM A READER)

"those pedestrians who walk like a herd of sheep across the pedestrian crossing in front of IGA. This is the biggest cause of congestion in Maple Street. Perhaps a little common sense might reduce the congestion" (signed - driver and pedestrian)

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scene around here

Ten years in the Making

It might have been 10 years and a lot of controversy in the making, but at last there is something to show for all the effort.

The Maleny Golf Club has finally something to be happy about - the first golf balls have been hit on the Maleny Golf Course.

Members have over the last few weeks been busy in constructing a golf range, preparing and maintaining the field, and arranging some accommodation for equipment and purchasing basic equipment.

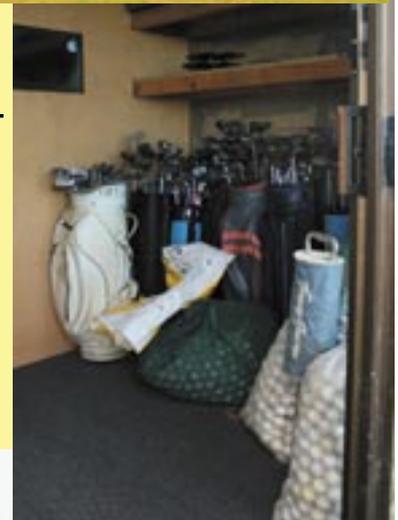
All of this has been done with no financial support except from financial input from the volunteer members. There appears to be a strong voluntary force working to ensure that this course develops for the benefit of all members.

Finally, now it is possible to enjoy some social golfing events.

Members got together last weekend to test the field and it was found to be ideal.

Where else would you find a golf course with the scenic views offered by this site.

Photo shows various scenes around the area.





Christmas in June

MALENY SHOW GROUNDS

PAVILLION

26TH June 6.30 PM

\$30 Adults, \$10 Kids

Prize
for best
Christmas costume

Guess the weight
of the
Christmas pudding

Photo with Santa



Atlantic Crossing
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Traditional
Christmas
dinner

Christmas raffle

Tickets available from Visions of Maleny, Maleny Wine Cellars, the Bower Bird and at Witta Tennis

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Truth- ful Jones Tells... he heard about



a priest, a minister, and a rabbi fishing in a boat together.

One day, the priest said, "I'm thirsty," and stepped out of the boat. He then walked on water and took a drink from a booth on the beach.

The next day, the minister said, "I'm thirsty," and stepped out of the boat. He then walked on water and also took a drink from a booth on the beach.

On the third day, the rabbi said, "I'm thirsty". But as soon as he stepped out of the boat, he drowned.

The minister looked at the priest and said, "Think we shoulda told him where the rocks were?"

Morale; Even among the Godly there is a climate of keeping secrets to those in the know.

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Cheers Pres Dave

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the internet at the time)

My dear Mum's logical sayings

Logic: To appreciate a job well done.

Saying: 'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.'

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 "Mug 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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Another paint hint
from Maleny Paint Place

Give those wicker chairs a new look

Wicker antique furniture is a perfect addition to a rustic home décor made of woven reed, willow or cane and it includes tables, chairs, couches and lamps. Most antique wicker furniture is totally woven together and should not be confused with “cane” furniture.

Wicker furniture can be rejuvenated through patient work by the average ‘do it yourself’ person.

Wicker antique furniture should be regularly dusted and cleaned and the least exposure to direct sunlight it gets the better.

Repairing Cracks

When wicker is constantly exposed to the elements, especially to a combination of sun and wind, the wicker might get excessively dry and cracks may appear. In such a case you would want to optimize the wicker’s flexibility by applying linseed oil which will restore the wicker’s moisture levels. When applying linseed oil make sure it gets into the cracks and in the weave, completely covering the furniture article and making sure that it gets fully absorbed. Any unabsorbed linseed oil should be wiped off because it might cause more damage than repair.

Repairing Weaves

Weaves are easy to repair, however, you will always need a guideline to recreate the original weave of your wicker furniture. Clear

snapshots of the weave work itself will help in retaining original weave. When you are adding new wicker or cane reeds to your furniture make sure that you soak it for about 15 minutes so that it softens up a bit and allows greater flexibility and letting you have an easier work flow.

Applying Finishes

Before attempting to apply any paint or finishing layer to your repaired wicker item you should always prime it with at least 2 coats of oil-based wood primer using a compressor sprayer or a natural bristled brush.

When the primer has dried you should use either a brush or a compressor sprayer to apply oil based semi-gloss paint because it is quite flexible, is durable and sticks very easily to the primer.

Oil based top coat will give a harder finish than acrylic paint.

Keep in mind that wicker furniture constantly stretches with each use, so any finish that is not flexible will eventually create problems.

Remember not to use any polyurethane finish on your wicker furniture because it cracks easily when stressed through twisting and bending.

A range of painting products is available at the Maleny Paint Place, 6/14 Lawyer Street, Maleny suitable to carry out any home decoration or maintenance project.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

Winter bites needy locals

While many locals enjoy the cooler months, winter is a tough time of year for an increasing number of others.

My electorate office has had about a dozen calls for help each week from people who've fallen on hard times. That's not unusual for this time of year but what has surprised me is the broad cross-section of people. I'm hearing from young people, pensioners and single parents. It's clear no one's immune to these tough economic times.

If you need help, I urge you to call Centrelink's Financial Information Service on 131 021. Lifeline also offers financial counselling 1300 370 255 and personal counselling 131 114.

Building bridges in Fisher

Local communities could get a hand with an expensive problem if the Liberal National Opposition wins the Federal Election.

We've announced a \$600 million programme to rebuild and repair thousands of ageing and decaying bridges around Australia.

This is particularly relevant for the Sunshine Coast. The Council will need to give attention to up to 100 bridges over the next 20 years, many of which are in the Hinterland.

This kind of work can cost an average \$700,000 per bridge.

We'll have more details about the Bridges Renewal Programme closer to the Election.

Telstra Country Wide celebrates

It's Telstra Country Wide's 10th anniversary this month and I believe it's worth celebrating by all Sunshine Coast residents.

Before Telstra set up this special unit to meet the needs of regional Australia, complaints against Telstra were all too common. In fact, they were the main matter my constituents would raise with me.

Ten years later and it's a different story. Now, customer problems are swiftly addressed when possible.

Telstra Country Wide has also been a generous corporate citizen. It donates to many volunteer groups and actively supports local business.



Good response to Daniel's Day

There are early signs that Australian parliamentarians will embrace this year's Day for Daniel. I've already had several MPs and senators accept my invitation to wear red in Parliament on October 29.

Day for Daniel is held in tribute to Daniel Morcombe, the 13-year-old boy who disappeared at Woombye in December 2003. Log on to danielmorcombe.com.au and dayfordaniel.com.au for more information.

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More will be added to our list as time goes on and we are satisfied that we can recommend their services with confidence.

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