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Local Federal member in dispute with his electoral chairman

Local Federal member for Fisher, Mr. Peter Slipper is at loggerheads with the LNP Fisher Electoral Chairman Mr. Mal Brough following an invitation issued by Mr. Mal Brough to members of the LNP Fisher Electorate members to be held at the Big Barrel Winery, Landsborough Road, Maleny on Friday December 9th, 2011.

The invitation was issued under Mr. Brough's name on behalf of the LNP Fisher Electorate and replies were to be directed back to a business email that was not associated with the Fisher Electorate office.

Mr. Slipper is quoted as saying that he was not consulted by Mr. Brough before organising the event.

Mr. Brough was easily elected to the position of LNP Electoral Chairman of Fisher in what was seen as a takeover of the LNP Electoral Committee at a heated meeting in Maleny on September 3rd, 2011. Mr. Brough is expected to seek the LNP nomination for the Fisher Federal seat at the next election.

As a result of the invitation issued to attend the Christmas event Mr. Slipper has called for Mr. Brough to be expelled from the LNP on the grounds of creating an "unacceptable and destructive" situation within the electorate.

The matter was exacerbated by the publication of an electorate newsletter which was sent to all members of the LNP Fisher electorate.

The newsletter contained a letter from the Electorate Committee Chairman Mr. Mal Brough and an introduction to the committee members elected at the September 3rd AGM at the Maleny Community Centre.

Mr. Slipper said that at the AGM only the positions of chairman, deputy chairman, secretary and treasurer were filled but now four other positions on the executive have been filled without the members being voted into those positions and those members are now making decisions relating to the housing and development business forum and other initiatives mentioned in the newsletter.

Mr. Slipper said, "This newsletter was prepared and sent out without any reference to me."

When asked if he had had a reply from the Queensland LNP Mr. Slipper said, "I have been advised that the matter is under consideration, but no decision has been made at this time."

At the time that these matters are being aired within the elector-

ate Mr. Slipper invited the Foreign Minister, Mr. Kevin Rudd into the electorate where he visited the Kawana State College. This visit came at a time when on the same day former Liberal Prime Minister John Howard launches John Connolly's campaign for the state seat of Nambour, ahead of elections due early next year.

Mr. Slipper said, "The timing of these visits were purely coincidental as the dates had to fit in with Mr. Rudd's diary."



Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd and Federal member for Fisher, Mr. Peter Slipper at the Kawana State College where Mr. Rudd addressed students who were attending their last official day at school.

At the same time the LNP Member for Fairfax Alex Somlyay is sniping from the sidelines by calling on Mr. Slipper to step down saying, "It's time for a fresh start for the Sunshine Coast. Peter can't work with anyone to the north or south of his

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seat."

Following a meeting of the LNP State Executive convened to discuss this matter on November 23rd a LNP spokesperson said, "Whilst realising the seriousness of this matter the state executive will undertake additional consultation and seek further input from relevant parties before convening to discuss the matter again."

On November 24th in a dramatic twist the Speaker of the Federal Parliament, Mr. Harry Jenkins has suddenly resigned the position of Speaker.

The Federal Member for Fisher, Mr. Peter Slipper will be the replacement. This will mean that the federal government will be required to obtain one less vote for bills to be passed through the parliament.

It is anticipated that due to the fact that the opposition had at an

urgent meeting on the morning of November 24th agreed not to provide a member to take on the Speaker's position that Mr. Slipper would resign from the LNP in order to take the position.

All attempts to contact Mr. Slipper's electoral office on the morning of November 24th were unsuccessful so no comments could be obtained.

Inquiries of Mr. Mal Borugh also met with no results although he has agreed to send answers to written questions, however those comments were not available at this time.

The only thing for sure is that there is bound to be turmoil not only in the Fisher electoral office but within the ranks of the LNP Headquarters over the next week as the real position is ascertained.

Once again the voters in the Fisher electorate are left in limbo.

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Local Mayoral Candidate withdraws

Local popular Mayoral Candidate, Winston Johnston has officially withdrawn from the 2012 Mayoral race.

Winston who previously was a councillor for Division 1 of the former Caloundra City Council from 1982 until 1991 had originally signalled his intention to stand as a candidate for Mayor of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council as he was concerned that there did not appear to be candidates that could handle the business of Australia's fastest growing regional area.

Mr. Johnston said, "Since I first considered running there have been a number of candidates who have "put up their hands" and the electorate now has a number of candidates from whom to make a choice."

The next election for the Mayor position as well as the twelve divisional councillors is on the 31st March, 2012. Maleny and the surrounding areas is in Division 5 which is presently represented by Cr. Jenny McKay who holds the Portfolio of "Community Policy and Programs portfolio"

It is possible to check that you are correctly enrolled by telephone on 132326 or by visiting the State Electoral Commission web site at <https://oevf.aec.gov.au/>

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".



Stopping for twin red lights (except at level crossings)

(1) A driver approaching or at twin red lights on a road (except at a level crossing) must stop in accordance with subsections (2) and (3).

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(4) If the driver stops for the lights, the driver must not proceed until the lights are not showing.

Mum's favourite Recipes BBQ Pork Steaks



Ingredients

- * 1 1/2 Tablespoons Hungarian paprika * 1 teaspoon salt
- * 1 Tablespoon ground coriander
- * 1 Tablespoon finely grated lemon zest (zest from 1 lemon)
- * 1 Tablespoon dried marjoram * 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- * 3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- * 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- * 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- * 1/4 teaspoon caraway seeds, crushed
- * 8 boneless pork shoulder steaks, cut 3/4-inch thick

Directions

In a small bowl combine paprika, coriander, lemon zest, marjoram, garlic powder, salt, pepper, cumin, caraway seeds, and cinnamon.

Rub herb mixture on both sides of steaks, pressing into surface. Place steaks in center of cooking grate.

Grill 10 minutes for medium (160 degrees F) or 12 to 14 minutes for well-done (170 degrees F), turning once halfway through grilling time.

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The Musings of an old codger!



Over the past few months there has been an ongoing dispute over who would be the next LNP candidate for the federal seat of Fisher.

This row is causing deep divisions within the members of the LNP Fisher electoral council.

It appears to be more about picking up the spoils of battle rather than finding the best person to represent the people of the Fisher Electorate in the Federal Parliament.

Many of the problems could have been resolved long ago with some determined leadership from the party administrators.

This bickering is not setting any good examples and it makes the individual wonder what does go on behind the scenes and how it will reflect on the future of the area.

Maybe send both naughty boys to the corner and elect someone not involved.

Maleny RFB Roundup

with

Donna & Norm Lewis

Volunteer Community Education Officers



The Maleny Community can assist the Maleny Rural Fire Brigade by donating their IGA Community Benefits points to the RFB.

"On behalf of the Maleny & District Rural Fire Brigade I would like to thank those Maleny residents who have supported The Brigade through the Maleny IGA Community Benefits Club."

"This year the Brigade has used the funds towards Medium Rigid driver training and licences. We have also updated and renewed our First Aid certificates.

Once again members of the Maleny RFB thank you for your ongoing support."

Photo right shows Maleny IGA manager, Rob Outridge presenting a cheque to Ms Donna Lewis, Education Officer with the Maleny RFB.



With the extra vegetation growth following the inordinate wet season the coming summer is bound to be a busy period for Maleny RFB members.

The volunteer members have been training throughout the winter period and all the equipment has been maintained so the group is as ready for the coming period as is possible to be. We have done our bit, but have you done yours.

News from the Maleny SES Group

Prepare your home for storms!



It has been suggested by the Bureau of Meteorology that the 2011 - 2012 summer season has a 60 - 75% chance of not only having above average rainfall but damaging storms.

Now is a great time to prepare your home and surrounds so that you are best able to survive those storms.

Some of the things that should be checked as part of a general home maintenance check before storms are imminent.

- Check the condition of the roof and repair loose tiles, eaves and roof screws;
- Clean gutters and downpipes so water can drain away as quickly as possible;
- Trim trees and overhanging branches;
- and
- Secure loose items around your property and garden that could cause damage if blown around in high winds (such as garden furniture and toys).

Don't leave it until the storm is blowing outside before you prepare your home. To contact the SES for flood and storm assistance ring 132500.

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard



about his neighbour, Joe Smith started the day early having set his alarm clock (MADE IN JAPAN) for 6 a.m. While his coffee pot (MADE IN CHINA) was perking, he shaved with his electric razor (MADE IN HONG KONG). He put on a dress shirt (MADE IN SRI LANKA), designer jeans (MADE IN SINGAPORE) and tennis shoes (MADE IN KOREA).

After cooking his breakfast in his new electric skillet (MADE IN INDIA) he sat down with his calculator (MADE IN MEXICO) to see how much he could spend today. After setting his watch (MADE IN TAIWAN) to the radio (MADE IN INDIA) he got in his car (MADE IN GERMANY) and continued his search for a good paying Australian job.

At the end of yet another discouraging and fruitless day, Joe decided to relax for a while.

He put on his sandals (MADE IN BRAZIL) poured himself a glass of wine (MADE IN FRANCE) and turned on his TV (MADE IN INDONESIA), and then wondered why he can't find a good paying job in.....AUSTRALIA.....

Morale This might make a few of us smile a bit. Truthful wasn't so amused when he thought about it as he began to worry about where his grand-kids would get their jobs. Truthful remembers when Australia made most things they required.



Maleny Library Coming Events Crafty Christmas

The Maleny Library is holding a school holidays activity entitled "Crafty Christmas" on the 12th December, 2011 between 9a.m. and 5.30p.m. It will be held in the childrens area of the library.

This activity is directed at younger members aged from 4 and above in age. The activity involves making christmas cards and paper plate angel ornaments.

Parents should note that parental supervision is required for your youngsters.

This program is a free program, but bookings are essential. The library details are: Maleny Library, 5 Coral Street, Maleny - Phone (07) 5435 3100.

Police take to the skateboards

Maleny Police officers are sponsoring a skateboarding event at the Maleny skatepark on Saturday December 3rd starting at 4.30p.m.

The event will be conducted by The Boardstore of Maroochydore. The event will include skateboarding clinics, coaching and demonstrations.

This event is being held in an effort to bridge the gap between local police and local skateboarders.

This is the first time that such an event has been held at the Maleny skatepark and a police spokesperson said that if it was successful then other similar clinics could be organised in the future.

Local skateboarders could take along their own boards or just attend the clinics and coaching.

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Choral pieces, duets, trios and quartets will showcase the talents already highlighted in the Singer's presentation of The Merry Widow earlier on in the year.

The concert will be held at the Maleny RSL on Saturday 26th November 2011, starting at 6.30pm.

Doors open at 6.00pm, it's table seating and the bar will be open.

BYO nibbles and settle in for a relaxing and entertaining evening.

Tickets are only \$10.00 at the door, and children free!

Donations from proceeds will be made to the Richard Ridge Fund-raiser and the Maleny Hospital .

For more information on Maleny Singers visit <http://www.facebook.com/maleny.singers>

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At the ABC web site enter the film title into the search box at the top left side and it will take you to the shopping cart.

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Enjoy a good night of Christmas Carols

Enjoy and celebrate the magic of Christmas on Saturday 3 December at 6:30pm with a community Christmas Carol concert presented by Cello Dreaming featuring the ABC classics harp, flute and cello trio, Carisma and special musical guests from the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane.

This concert is being held at the Eudlo Hall, Rosebed Street, Eudlo. Entry is by pink note donation and mince pies and refreshments are served after the concert. Doors open at 6pm.

This magical Christmas Concert will feature festive music and carols performed by Carisma, Sunshine Coast Carollers under the musical direction of Adrian King, Cello Dreaming Youth & Adult community ensembles, talented young members of the Noosa Orchestra and Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra and music scholars from Brisbane and Sunshine Coast schools.

The concert's rousing finale will be a combined community string orchestra playing carols for audience participation.



Members of the community string orchestra will include grandparents, parents, string teachers, youth and adult string students conducted by teacher and presenter Louise King, an award winning teacher and professional cellist living in Eudlo.

Cello Dreaming presents three student concerts annually at the Eudlo Hall and specialises in private

string tuition, community string workshops, conducting, adjudication and performs regularly as a chamber musician and soloist for major Australian classical music festivals and professional orchestras.

Phone 5445 9171 for more information.



Mt. Tibrogargan scores again!

At about 8.30a.m. on Saturday November 19th members of the Glasshouse/ Beerwah SES Group were once again called to Mt. Tibrogargan to assist a climber who was injured whilst tackling the climb.

All of the mountains in the Glasshouse Mountain Group offer magnificent views and it is no wonder that people just have to climb them. Whilst these mountains offer varying levels of difficulty all climbers should be experienced and be properly prepared for their climb.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

Birth Rates

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released details of recent research into birth rates.

The research showed that in 2010 Australia's total fertility rate (TFR) was 1.89 babies per woman, a small decrease from 1.90 babies per woman in 2009.

The number of births in 2010 increased for most states and territories, with the exception of Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania.

Details are available at: www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/3301.0

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Highway widening

Those wishing to sign my petition calling for the widening of the Bruce Highway between Caboolture and the Sunshine Coast to

six lanes can sign it at my office at Buddina or at the office of Andrew Powell MP at Maleny.

Kidney Disease rates

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare warns cases of end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) that are treated with dialysis or kidney transplantation will increase over the next decade.

Australia's ageing population and increasing rates of diabetes (the most common cause of treated ESKD) are estimated to contribute considerably to the predicted increase.

The findings are included in the report, Projections of the incidence of treated end-stage kidney disease in Australia, 2010-2020.

The report is available online at: www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/

Christmas for the Troops

Time is running out soon for readers to send Christmas gift packages for free to Australian troops serving overseas.

Christmas is a season for spending quality time with loved ones and for those who are serving Australia in overseas postings, in challenging surroundings, being away from their loved ones is doubly difficult.

The Christmas gift programme gives us a chance to say thanks to the troops, to let them know we are

thinking of them and we appreciate their efforts, and to give them a gift package that aims to bring a smile to their face. Australia Post is offering free postage for the packages.

The packages must be dropped off at Australia Post before Monday 5 December (for the Middle East) and Friday 9 December (for other destinations).

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