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Woodford Folk Festival

...expect the unexpected

If laughter is the best medicine, and it is - except perhaps for a broken rib, then Dr Woodford has just the remedy for you.

With comedians gathering at the Woodford Folk Festival between December 27 and January 1, from all over this wide, drying land, the festival will prescribe split sides, aching jaws, tickled ribs and slapped thighs as antidotes to the rising temperature of a feverish world.

Some of Australia's best stand-up comedians will bring their needle sharp humour to the Woodford Comedy Club, which runs every night of the festival at the Chameleon venue.

From this perfect comedy stage, these celebrated comedy surgeons will soon have you in stitches.

Akmal Saleh, Gary Bradbury, Joel Ozborn, Mandy Nolan, Harley Breen, Jenny Wyn-ter, Mark Mywords, Shelly Plunkett, Greg Sullivan, Alan Glover, Fiona McGary and S Sorrensen all have their wits honed to a funny edge for this gut-busting gig.

And for those who need a calm

and rational dissection of the important issues of the day, there's the infamous Comedy Debate, on Festival Tuesday.

This year, this annual meeting of great egos - er, minds - pits the Woodford comedians against each other to determine whether 'Country Living is Better than City Life'.

You never know what might happen at one of these debates. One year a sheep was

brought on stage to prove a point. Another time a comedian stripped down to a birthday suit.

(These two incidents were unrelated...) Expect the unexpected. Wear a helmet.

In contrast to the sophisticated smile surgery of the nightly Woodford Comedy Club, there's the emergency comedy ward of the Joke & Choke at the Duck Bar.

Informal, intimate and improvised, the Joke & Choke is open daily for lunch laughs and is hosted

by that pair of likable loonies, Glover & Sorrensen. They take a scalpel to the tedium of life and give the audience and the festival a thorough going over.

Finally, if stand-up comedy has always attracted you; if you want the biggest adrenalin rush of your life, without a parachute, then check yourself into the Stand-Up Comedy Workshops, Monday 28th to Thursday 31st.

Guided by Alan Glover DC (Doctor of Comedy), these workshops are full of useful tips on the art of stand-up and how to survive your first three minute gig, which Dr Glover will supply for you if you're game.

It's scary and very dangerous therapy but your body remains intact so you can enjoy the many other attractions of the mighty Woodford Folk Festival.

Tickets are available on the Woodford Folk Festival website www.woodfordfolkfestival.com or call the Queensland Folk Federation on 07 5496 1066.

The programme for the Woodford Folk Festival 09/10 is now available on their website.



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Truthful Jones Tells...

that Senior Constable Bob was sitting under the money tree in Macadamia Drive when he pulls over a mature (over 40) lady gets pulled over for speeding...

Older Woman: Is there a problem, Officer?

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding.

Older Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please?

Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

Officer: Don't have one?

Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drink driving.

Officer: I see...Can I see your vehicle registration papers please.

Older Woman: I can't do that.

Officer: Why not?

Older Woman: I stole this car.

Officer: Stole it?

Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner.

Officer: You what?

Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasp- ing his half drawn gun.



Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please!

The woman steps out of her vehicle.

Older woman: Is there a problem sir?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

Older Woman: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car, please.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers.

The officer is quite stunned.

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer.

The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.

Morale: Don't Mess With Mature Ladies

Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club inc "Sportsman's Dinner for 2010"

Due to the success of the 2009 event and to ensure that honouring Maleny's talented club members continues every year, nominations for the 2010 Awards are now open.

Clubs may nominate their members for any or all of the following four awards:

- * Sportsperson of the Year (sponsored by MDSRC)
- Young Sportsperson of the Year (sponsored by Maleny Rotary)
- * Club Administrator of the Year (sponsored by Maleny Quota) and
- * Sports Team of the Year (sponsored by The Range News).

Nomination forms and awards night dinner table bookings for the event will be officially available from Old Magnolia Lane Gift shop (next to Mitre 10) from Jan 4th or you can request the nomination form earlier via email from gail@mavmuse.com.

The Awards winners will be announced at the 2010 Sportsmans Dinner, at Maleny Show Pavilion on Saturday 27th February.

The guest speaker this year is cricket legend Doug Walters, whose popularity as one of Australia's cricketing greats has continued long after his retirement from first-class cricket.

Doug scored 5,357 Test runs. His highest score was 250 against New Zealand in 1977, his average stands at 48.26 and during his career he made 33 50's and 15 100's. Doug also took 49 Test wickets. Today Doug is still very much involved in cricket - commenting on Test Matches for Channel 9, participating in most of the Toohey's Country Cup Matches in the country and conducting coaching clinics for youngsters.

All Maleny clubs are eligible to enter and the MDSRC awards organisers encourage as many as possible to participate in this great sporting event for the Range.

Seating will be limited to the Pavilion capacity so early dinner table bookings for the evening are advised. Patrons will again be treated to a delicious dinner prepared by Sherry Wright and John Mays will entertain everyone with his music.

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Need some more computer skills

The Maleny Library staff have organised a course in internet safety training for members at the Maleny Library. This will be a great chance to become acquainted with your computer.

In this course subjects will include;

- * Cyber bullying
- * Identity theft
- * Computer protection
- * Protecting your wireless connection
- * Scams
- * New smartphones
- * Online games

This is a free course but bookings are essential. Bookings can be made by ringing (07) 5429 6222

It will be held on Monday 18th January, 2010 starting at 11a.m. at the Maleny Library, 5 Coral Street, Maleny.

Centaur no longer lost

The hospital ship, Centaur sunk by a Japanese submarine on May 14th 1943 with the loss of 268 sailors, soldiers and nurses from the Australian Defence forces has remained lost to grieving relatives for over 66 years has now been found at a depth of more than 2000 metres below the surface.

The finding of this part of Australia's World War 11 effort marks an important part of Australia's history. Whilst the finding of the resting place of this ship will not bring back those precious lives it may now allow those remaining relatives of those who lost their lives to put this part of their life to rest.

No longer on future ANZAC days will it be necessary to commemorate an unknown resting place for those departed souls.

This site is already marked as a War Grave which forbids it being disturbed by mankind.

The "NUT" Award

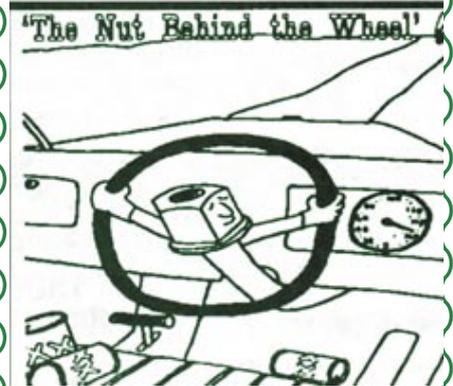
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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 tipper from a well known coastal gravel and cement company carrying sand from Conondale through Maple Street, Maleny. The speed limit is 40k.p.h. in Maple & Bunya Street. You are an accident going to happen - slow down and don't follow so close....

Mum's favourite Recipes

Aussie Damper

- easy and typical aussie "bread".

Ingredients

- * 2 cups self raising flour
- * 8 oz milk (normally powdered)
- * 1/2 tsp salt

Method

Mix flour and salt. Make well in the centre and add milk, mixing with a knife to form a moist dough. Turn into a greased 7" tin. Bake in hot oven for 25 minutes, then turn onto wire cooling tray.

Variations can be the addition of either sultanas, dried fruit, herbs, sugar, 2oz butter, lemon, etc.

Normally today made in a camp oven which is a cast pot and lid. The mix is placed inside, lid put on and entire covered in hot wood coals till baked.

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**You would know
you had a bad day
if you got a
parking ticket as
described below**

Heart attack!

Whilst David Holmes was driving along he felt chest pains. So he immediately drove himself to hospital. When he arrived he was forced to park on the road and was treated for a heart attack.

A kind nurse left a note on the windscreen saying it was an emergency and that David's daughter would pick the car up later.

Despite the note, a pitiless parking attendant slapped a parking ticket on David's car.

Despite an appeal to the local council, the £40 fine was not cancelled.

Be prepared for a higher power price

The Queensland Competition Authority recently released a decision on the cost of supplying power to retail customers in Queensland, including Sunshine Coast families confirming that a price rise of 13.83% was justified. This decision is now dependent on public submissions which are able to be presented until February 12th, 2010.

This price rise is expected to add approximately another \$280 a year to an average home power account. Mines and Energy Minister Stephen Robertson said, "This price rise is significantly higher than Government would consider reasonable."

At the same time as this decision is made the New South Wales' independent tribunal in it's report this week suggested a zero per cent increase in the cost of energy."

Acting Opposition Leader Lawrence Springborg said, "Peter Beattie and Anna Bligh put their hands on their hearts three and half years ago and promised retail deregulation would deliver Queenslanders cheaper electricity. The changes Labor made to the power industry were supposed to ensure that no one was worse off, but we're already paying 32 per cent more for electricity than before deregulation and now we're told there's another near-14 per cent increase on the way."

This will be the fourth successive jump in electricity costs since the State Government made the claim that deregulation would put downward pressure on prices.

"Minister Robertson and the Premier should not walk away from their responsibilities and hide behind what is a draft recommendation of the Queensland Competition Authority." continued Springborg.

To many people the present series of price rises almost puts electricity into the position of being a luxury and prices will continue to rise as the carbon credit scheme is put into place.

The price of electricity will not be confined to electricity use around the home but everything we use in day to day life relies on electricity to manufacture or grow so it will have a compounding effect on our lives.



Blackall Range

**Woodworker's
Guild**

To read a copy of the Club's latest newsletter simply click on this logo when connected to the internet. You will be taken to the index page of the Club's web page. Pick the relevant date.

Cheers Pres Dave

Apple iMac

Slim, all-in-one design

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This weeks Special

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get special price
- Normally \$72.00)

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Paint stripping - environmentally friendly.

Citristrip is a stripping gel for paint and varnish stripping gel that effectively removes paint and varnish from wood, metal, and masonry. Its unique patented formula is safer and strips most paints and acrylics, polyurethanes, epoxies and varnishes. Test a small area first for compatibility as the stripper may affect plastics, rubber, synthetic fibres or asphalt.

Citristrip is so thick it sticks to vertical surfaces, and the orange colour makes it stand out from the surface so you know where you have applied it.

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Once the coating is removed simply wipe the surface clean with a rag containing Citristrip Paint Wash Remover. For difficult to remove residue in corners and hard to get places, like those found on furniture, scrub with a scourer soaked with the Paint Remover Wash. Then simply wipe the surface with a clean cloth.



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Christmas brings a free coastal bus service

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Sunbus and Translink are providing a free coastal bus service during this holiday period in an attempt to reduce the amount of traffic on coastal roads.

The free bus service operating between Caloundra and Maroochydore via Mooloolaba and other popular beaches was launched yesterday, to begin on Boxing Day and run until January 3.

The service runs every 15 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends.

This offers a great service, even for rural residents who could travel to a central point and then climb on board a bus for a stress free journey up or down the coastal strip.

Timetables are available from council offices, libraries, tourism offices, Noosa 5 cinema or Translink on 13 12 30.

When is a road not a road?

Q. When is a road not a road? A. When it is Ahern's Road, Conondale.

Conondale resident, Water Bons of Aherns Road, Conondale is a little peeved that his Conondale neighbours are using a portion of Aherns Road, Conondale that passes through his property.

Residents have used this council maintained road to cut off about an hours travel from their journey from Conondale to other areas in South East Queensland. The road has been used as a public road for over 30 years.

This area has also been used as an important fire break during periods when bush fires have burnt in the area.

Council spokesperson, Alan Rogers said Mr Bons had been expected at council offices recently to discuss the issue but he didn't come.

Attempts by Council Officers to

contact Mr. Bons met with negative results.

It is understood that Maleny Police have spoken to Mr Bons in an effort to find a resolution to this matter. To date no resolution has been found and no formal charges had been laid at this time in respect to the road closure.

Inquiries revealed that about 80 meters of the roadway was in fact on Mr Bons property. This section of roadway is in the Moreton Bay Council area's area of responsibility but it is believed that Mr. Bons property is mainly in an area controlled by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

Talk to us about a Trade-person!

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- ⇒ **House Painters**
- ⇒ **Electricians**
- ⇒ **Plumbers**

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



Who remembers the old days

The rumblings through the ground (and our home) as the steam train passed over the cement viaduct, three doors from us....

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