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Maleny Markets returned home

Maleny's Sunday markets returned to the Maleny R.S.L. Hall opposite the Maleny Hotel last weekend.

This was the home to the original markets until they shifted to the Maleny Community Centre about a decade ago.

It is the growing popularity of the markets that have seen them return to the Maleny R.S.L. hall.

Maleny R.S.L. stalwart, Chris Brooker said, "With the extra space available both inside the hall, on the extended verandah and outside on the banks of Obi Creek the continuing growth can be managed." He continued, "There is also more parking and more readily available in the vicinity of the R.S.L. Hall."

The pleasant ambience of Apex Park and the banks of Obi Creek can only add to the market's country atmosphere.

Why not check out the refreshed market next Sunday. Irrespective of the weather the markets will be easy to get to dry.

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Do you have photos of the old Maleny Fire Station

The local Queensland Fire and Rescue service in Maleny is celebrating 50 years of fire service to Maleny. It was first founded in 1951 following a large fire that destroyed McLean's Bakery in Maple Street, Maleny and had the potential to wipe out the entire business area.

For newer Maleny residents McLean's Bakery was owned by the late Peg Burnett's family.

Local auxiliary fire officer, Peter Barth is presently completing a pictorial history of the fire service in Maleny. He is looking for a photo of the old Maleny Fire Station which was situated in Maple Street, Maleny opposite the Maleny Police Station.

This station was built in the 1960's and was replaced by a new building in Bunya Street in the early 1990's.

In 50 years the fire service in Maleny has progressed to an efficient organisation.

Photo right shows Maleny

volunteer fire officers, Fire Officer in Charge, George Moffatt, Alan Penney and Hary Adams receiving instructions from Maroochy Fire Brigade Officer, Cyril Colless - (Photo 1970 - names appear from right - nearest to the vehicle to the left).



Photo above shows early fire truck in front of Whittnalls store, Maple Street.

Peter can be contacted on mobile phone number 0418750520. He guarantees that he will return the photo to you once he has copied it.



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Woodstock at Witta is On!

One of the best rock 'n' roll nights in Maleny is back, with live bands to entertain you all - mark Saturday 13th March 5.30 pm in your diaries and bring the family to the Witta Rec Club for music, dancing, food and fun. Variety Bash Team, the Divine Divas Jane Wright, Desley Cole, Marion Pearson and April Adsett (from car 258) are once more raising money for childrens fund, Variety Qld. *Enquiries to apriladsett@hotmail.com*

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Patients bound to die waiting for hospital

Former Maleny ambulance paramedic, Peter Griffey has warned that it is only a matter of time before a seriously ill Sunshine Coast resident dies before an ambulance can get them to hospital.

During peak periods on the Sunshine Coast there are only approximately 25 ambulances to service the whole Sunshine Coast region which includes the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Of these 25 units it is not uncommon for more than half to be unavailable because they are transporting patients between hospitals or are actually awaiting hospitals to see patients that they already have "onboard".



Peter Griffey is a spokesman for the ambulance union. He stated that further ambulance resources are lost to the Sunshine Coast Region when they are sent to backup surrounding ambulance regions such as the Redcliffe area.

Mr. Griffey is calling for the Sunshine Coast University Hospital to be built at Kawana sooner rather than later to help with the increasing patient backlog.

He continued, "When there is an emergency, every minute counts."

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard about

the story of the ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

This one is a little different.... The old and the new - Two Different Versions.... Two Different Morals



OLD VERSION

The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter.

The grasshopper thinks the ant is a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away..

Come winter, the ant is warm and well fed.

The grasshopper has no food or shelter, so he dies out in the cold.

MORAL OF THE STORY: *Be responsible for yourself!*

MODERN VERSION

The ant works hard in the withering heat and the rain all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter.

The grasshopper thinks the ant is a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away.

Come winter, the shivering grasshopper calls a press conference and demands to know why the ant should be allowed to be warm and well fed while he is cold and starving. Channels 7, 9 and 10, the ABC and SBS show up to provide pictures of the shivering grasshopper next to a video of the ant in his comfortable home with a table filled with food.

Australia is stunned by the sharp contrast. How can this be, that in a country of such wealth, this poor grasshopper is allowed to suffer so?

Kermit the Frog appears on Oprah with the grasshopper and everybody cries when they sing, 'It's Not Easy Being Green.' Acorn stages a demonstration in front of the ant's house where the news stations film the group singing, 'We shall overcome.' Cardinal George Pell then has the group kneel down to pray to God for the grasshopper's sake.

Prime Minister Rudd condemns the ant and blames John Howard, Robert Menzies, Capt James Cook, and the Pope for the grasshopper's plight. Bob Brown exclaims in an interview on Today Tonight that the ant has gotten rich off the back of the grasshopper, and calls for an immediate tax hike on the ant to make him pay his fair share.

Finally, Labor in conjunction with the Greens draft the Economic Equity & Anti-Grasshopper Act retroactive to the beginning of the summer.

The ant is fined for failing to hire a proportionate number of green bugs and, having nothing left to pay his retroactive taxes, his home is confiscated by the Government and given to the grasshopper.

The story ends as we see the grasshopper and his free-loading friends finishing up the last bits of the ant's food while the government house he is in, which, as you recall, just happens to be the ant's old house, crumbles around them because the grasshopper doesn't maintain it.

The ant has disappeared in the snow, never to be seen again. The grasshopper is found dead in a drug related incident, and the house, now abandoned, is taken over by a gang of spiders who terrorize the ramshackle, once prosperous and once peaceful, neighborhood.

MORAL OF THE STORY: *Being humane to others doesn't mean taking responsibility away from the individual.*

To drive or not?

How many of you read recently in a weekend paper that the cost of drivers licenses are about to rise dramatically. It was suggested that Queensland driver licences could soon jump for a single year licence from \$28.50 to \$150 and a five year licence rising from \$73.30 to \$180

This is on top of the recent increase in petrol price following the removal of the subsidy paid by the Queensland Government and higher car registration fees.

The smart license, which uses facial recognition, has been under development by Queensland Transport for a number of years, and its stated aim is to reduce fraud, simplify card issuing and cut red tape. It will be the first such card that uses facial recognition in Australia.

The program was expected to start in March this year, but there have been ongoing delays and program budget blow-outs.

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Maleny swimmers hold another successful carnival

Swimmers were prepped, excited and ready to go, blessed with glorious weather on Sunday February the 14th. The Maleny Swimming carnival unfolded perfectly into an action packed day of strong competition, excellent swimming performances and personal bests being achieved.

263 swimmers from 28 clubs competed, ready to do battle with our strong Maleny team. There were treasure hunts and "splash for cash" races, lucky draws, a monster raffle with loads of prizes and delicious homemade pizza, curry and egg and bacon burgers.



*Friends,
but competitors in the water.*

Everyone did themselves and their club proud on the day. Well done and congratulations to all those who competed.

A big thank you to all volunteer helpers and committee members who worked tirelessly prior to the carnival and who again banded together on the day delivering a well organized, exciting and fun-filled day with terrific results all round.

Improvements to hinterland bus service

A new trial bus service connecting Landsborough and Beerwah will be launched on Monday 1 March 2010.

This new service will improve travel between the two towns and across the region using the Sunshine Coast's growing public transport network.

The seven day a week service meets the Translink 605 bus (Kawana to Landsborough via Caloundra), the 615 (Maroochydore to Landsborough via Mooloolaba and Sunshine Coast University), and some rail services.

The service also connects with Glasshouse Country Coaches daily services between Landsborough and Maleny, which, as a result of this trial service have now been extended to include weekends. Regular commuters should check the new timetable as several changes have been made.

In addition to making regular stops you can hail 'n ride the bus. This means, as long as it is safe for the driver to stop, you can board the bus after clearly signalling to the driver by placing your hand out as the bus approaches.

The new bus service is a joint initiative of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

It is funded by council's Public Transport Levy which is raised to improve local public transport services, infrastructure and patronage across the Coast.

As it is a trial we need to show patronage for the service to continue beyond the trial period.

Sunshine Coast Council makes pet microchipping too easy

How often do we hear of loved pets roaming and becoming lost or stolen and not being able to be relocated to their owners? This causes grief for both the owner and the pet.

Well now that can be a thing of the past. Microchipping is the most effective way to permanently identify a cat or dog. Sunshine Coast Council is launching a microchipping bonanza for pets, offering to microchip dogs and cats at a heavily discounted price of \$25.00 across Sunshine Coast parks from now until May. Records will be kept on a national database so pets can be identified from anywhere in Australia

Microchipping days run from Monday 22 February at La Balsa off leash dog park and then continue in February, April and May at various locations throughout the Sunshine Coast Council area. Maleny's turn will be on Thursday 29th April between the hours of 10am till 2pm at the Maleny Show-grounds.

Registration fees will be reduced for de-sexed and microchipped dogs.

All owners must register their cats and dogs with council every year.

So do your bit for your pet and give it an identity.

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Don't let computer crime get you.

Have you ever given much thought to identity theft or fraud by computer?

On both accounts it is very easy to become the victim of a crime that can be devastating to the victim. Often, because there is no apparent danger in sight we take the possibility of computer fraud or crime too lightly.

Recently there has been an increase in computer fraud around the world, not only involving large companies but individuals.

We often hear about people being taken in by "dating web sites" but they are only the tip of the iceberg.

There is one simple rule to reduce your chance of becoming a victim of computer crime and that is never share personal details via email or unknown web sites. If you receive a request from an official looking address with a logo and letterhead do not answer it. It is a guarantee that no "legitimate company" will

ever send you an email asking you to share your bank account number, address or phone numbers over email.

If you receive one of these messages contact the organisation via a trusted method and advise them as they then can then take action to protect their customers.

Have you ever wondered where all those "chain mail" letters start? Almost all are started in an effort to harvest active email addresses so they can be used in spam email campaigns. They have embedded in them a tracking code that collects active email addresses.

Unscrupulous sellers then sell these email addresses to the anyone that will pay for them.

Legitimate companies will treat client email addresses as if they were gold. Chain letters might be fun but in the interests of your friend's identity safety - don't forward them on. It is not worth the risk.

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:-

I have had no emails this week with motorists bad habits or mistakes, but I am sure that not everybody has driven perfectly.

Maybe our readers have not been annoyed or concerned enough to let us know this week.

Let us do our bit to make our streets safer.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Tuna Oriental

a quick but taste Sunday night easy meal!

Ingredients

- * 1x450g can pineapple pieces
- * 2 packets sweet and sour sauce mix
- * 1 medium green pepper
- * 2 stalks celery, sliced (optional)
- * 2 185g cans tuna
- * 1 305g can bamboo shoots
- * 1 305g can sliced water chestnuts.

Directions

15 minutes before serving, drain pineapple and set aside pieces. Add enough water to juice to make 2 cups liquid. In saucepan heat sauce mix and juice until thickened, stirring occasionally.

Add green pepper and celery and cook 5 minutes. Add tuna and pineapple pieces, bamboo shoots and water chestnuts; cook until thoroughly heated. Serve with rice.

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Cheers Pres Dave



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Let us quote on that paint job now -

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

How does a painter work out what to charge for a paint job

When a painter quotes to complete a paint job there is a lot of thought going into how that price is arrived at. If a painter just picks an amount out of the air then it is most likely that job will cost him money.

Generally, the first move is to walk around the house and get a clear picture of what's needed. This survey includes some basic questions: Will there be a significant color change? Are there any areas in need of repair (broken leaders and gutter, rotten wood, etc.)? Will the owner take care of these problems prior to commencing the paint job? Does the customer want one coat of paint, or two? (The first goes on slowly, the second more easily because the covered surface is smoother and less absorbent.)

They are also looking to see that there are no access problems to any part of the job. If so how can they be overcome and at what cost.

They will take note of any special needs such as removing and restoring screens or blinds,

window shades etc. Do the gutters need cleaning so they can be painted.

Most quotes are based on a window count (because the frames are the most time-consuming areas to paint, what with the detail and the care that's needed to avoid smearing the glass), square meterage of all walls, number of downpipes, posts and other items that need to be painted.

Proper preparation, including washing down, mould and grease removal and re-puttying take an extordinate amount of time and this all adds to adding to the final cost.

Always use the best quality paint you can afford because it will always give a superior job that will last longer. It is also the cheapest part of the job. Short-cuts always cost more in the long term.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Citizenship Ceremonies

I was honoured to be able to conduct a citizenship ceremony on Australia Day for some 46 new citizens.

This was a great honour and it is wonderful to be able to be a part of such a significant milestone for those taking this step and pledging allegiance to our nation.

I am also authorised to conduct private citizenship ceremonies at the home of a prospective citizen or at a function at another location.

If anyone is in the process of becoming citizen and would like a more personal ceremony with friends and family, please enquire with my office on 5444 4888.

Insulation safety hotline

For those who received foil insulation under the Government's failed insulation programme, I urge you to contact the safety hotline as soon as possible to organise a safety check. The number is 131 792.

The programme has been linked to four tragic deaths and it is astounding to hear some of the horror stories getting around.

There are official figures now that insulation installed under the programme has been linked to some 93 house fires around Australia, around 1000 homes that may have electrified roofs, and 240,000 homes with insulation that is unsafe or substandard.

There was one recent story on the TV news where a homeowner (not from the local area) had insulation installed under the scheme, only to discover later that she had been ripped off by the government approved contractor who had installed wall sarking instead of insulation. It is totally unacceptable.

It is sad that the abrupt end to the programme has resulted in hundreds of insulation workers being laid off, yet the Minister responsible for the many shortcomings has kept his job.

Seniors Forum

The 10th annual Fisher Seniors' Forum and Expo will return again on May 21 at the Lake Kawana Community Centre. Please call my office on 5444 4888 or 1300 301 981 (local call within Fisher) to book your place.

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