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## Australians living in prosperous times, says CommSec

We are living in prosperous times according to economists from the major Australian banks.

CommSec economists believe that ordinary Aussies have never had it so good as their wealth increased sharply in 2009 and affordability is the strongest in 35 years.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics national accounts data showed Australia outperformed the rest of the world in 2009.

Many local small businesses are not seeing this side of Australia's financial success. It makes one wonder where these rich ordinary Aussies live.

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## Join earth hour March 27th

Earth Hour started in Sydney, Australia in 2007.

Approximately 2.2 million people and 2,100 businesses took part in the first year.

In 2009 Millions of people in over 4,000 towns and municipalities in 88 countries took part.

2010 Earth Hour is on Saturday 27th March and Sunshine Coast hinterland residents are asked to join in between 8.30p.m. and 9.30p.m. by shutting off lights.

Sunshine Coast Regional Council will again participate in Earth Hour in 2010 by turning off non-essential lighting on its buildings.

Environment portfolio holder councillor Keryn Jones said that by joining together for Earth Hour the community can show how lots of little actions can add up to one big statement on climate change.

The simple act of turning lights off sends a powerful message that if individuals take small steps, collectively we can make a huge differ-

ence in reducing our carbon footprint.

By turning off non-essential lighting and other electronic appliances everyone can do their bit. The energy saving doesn't have to stop there. While turning off lights during Earth Hour is a great first step, the idea is to make a commitment beyond the hour.

By joining council's LivingSmart or EcoBiz program you can make simple changes in the home and business to become more energy efficient and environmentally friendly all year long.

To find out more you can visit the Earth Hour web site at <http://www.earthhour.org> for more information.

## Sunshine Coast Council Easter Closures

- \* April 2 Good Friday, all council offices and libraries closed
- \* 1 April 3 Easter Sunday, all council libraries closed
- \* 2 April 5 Easter Monday, all council offices and libraries closed.



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## The Hinterlandgrapevine

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## Bridge Tolls to rise

Approximately twice a week return journey from Maleny to Brisbane via the Brisbane Gateway Bridge is about to get a whole lot more expensive. And for those who have to do it more often it will be much more expensive.

A State Treasury spokes person advises that tolls on the Brisbane Gateway bridge will rise for private motor cars as from July 1st from \$2.95 to \$3.85.

Commercial vehicles will face even bigger rises.

The State Treasurer, Andrew Fraser advised that is actually only a rise of 35 cents as the remainder of the price increase wasn't actually a price rise, but was merely meant to bring the toll into line with the Clem 7 tunnel which opened recently.

Incidentally, the Gateway Bridge is to be put up for sale by the Government in 2011.

The toll increase could only help to increase the expected sale price.

## How much do you depend on electricity?

Australian consumers are being warned to brace for a surge in electricity prices after New South Wales announced a 30 and 64 per cent increase over the next three years.

At just 7.5 per cent increase it will cost the average householder \$215 a year more.

Some of this price rise could be said to be because various State Governments are heading further down the privatisation road whilst some of the rise will be because of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme which is being introduced by the Federal Government.

People need to be aware of how much electricity that is being used within the residence.

The Queensland Government presently has a scheme whereby you can organise an inspection to show where you are using electricity and how to save on electricity cost.

This system, known as the Smart Energy Saving Program can be accessed by email on [smartenergy@cleanenergy.qld.gov.au](mailto:smartenergy@cleanenergy.qld.gov.au) or by phone 07 3224 7527.

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"Events Guide"  
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the internet at the time)*

## Feel like a dance?

DANCE CLASSES are held at the BEERWAH COMMUNITY HALL every WEDNESDAY NIGHT from 7.00pm.

The night starts with dances classes for beginners and finish with an advanced classes.

Everyone is welcome.

Any Questions simply ring SHANE on mobile 0411473 448.

A dance is held at the BEERWAH COMMUNITY HALL on the first SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH starting at 5.30p.m. and going until about 9.00p.m.

This is called the SUNSET DANCE and is LOADS OF FUN.

There will be no dance on EASTER SUNDAY, but there will be a dance EVERY OTHER FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

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*Who remembers the old days  
The Paper boy with the timber box cart  
drawn behind his bike. The familiar whistle  
Sunday morns....*

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## Truthful Jones Tells... about when

**he** was flying by plane from Brisbane to Cairns. He was sitting in the Business class seats. They had just taken off from Brisbane Airport.

After the plane reached a comfortable cruising altitude, the captain made an announcement over the intercom, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. Welcome to Flight number 293, nonstop from Brisbane to Cairns. The weather head is good and, therefore, we should have a smooth and uneventful flight. Now sit back and relax..."

Then came over the intercom, "OH, MY GOD!" Silence followed.

After a few minutes, the captain came back on the intercom and said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am so sorry if I scared you earlier. While I was talking to you, the flight attendant accidentally spilled a cup of hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!"

The passenger seated in Business class next to Truthful yelled, "That's nothing. You should see the back of mine!"

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## Volunteer grants now available for community groups

Member for Fisher, Peter Slipper encourages local non-profit organisations to apply for grants of up to \$5,000 under the 2010 Volunteer Grants program.

The funds are available to purchase equipment, cover the cost of petrol, provide training courses and undertake background checks.

"Volunteer groups often struggle with raffles and pie drives to raise money, and this scheme offers an opportunity to secure much-needed funds through a government programme," Mr Slipper said.

"I urge volunteer community groups, sporting clubs, as well as school P&Cs and the like, to set aside some time as soon as possible to prepare a funding application."

Local community organisations

can apply for a grant of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to help purchase a variety of equipment to assist the work of volunteers.

In previous years, organisations have used the grants to purchase items such as computers, first aid kits, gardening equipment, microwaves, printers, sporting equipment and the like.

Further information on the 2010 Volunteer Grants program and an online application form can be found at [http://fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer\\_grants2010.aspx](http://fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer_grants2010.aspx)

Organisations can also request paper-based application forms by calling 1800 183 374 or by emailing [vg2010@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:vg2010@fahcsia.gov.au)

Applications close at 2pm on Friday 16 April 2010 AEST.

## Easter events to occupy young minds

The Easter school holiday break is just around the corner and Sunshine Coast Council is offering a full program of activities to nourish young bodies and minds.

From percussion to puppetry to picture books, council is planning a feast of events for children from 1 to 12 April. These activities are a great way to introduce our younger family members to the local library.

To find out more contact the Maleny Library to find out just what is being offered.

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## Locals subject to drug searches

Hot on the heels of a large drug bust at Eudlo in the Sunshine Coast hinterland which netted drugs valued at over \$300,000, further drug raids of recent times have been conducted on properties in the Maleny, Kenilworth and Conondale areas.

Twenty-two people were arrested on more than 50 charges in an operation which Sunshine Coast police mounted following important information supplied by members of local communities.

Some of the cannabis plants found were over 2 meters in height with an estimated street value of \$70,000.

Sunshine Coast police superintendent Ben Hanbidge said the hinterland provided "excellent" growing

conditions for a lot of cannabis." He continued that Sunshine Police have a running list of targeted operations targeting specific drug producers. These operations have a strong focus on the prevention of the production, sale and distribution of all forms of illicit drugs on the Sunshine Coast.

Offenders from these raids will appear in the Maroochydore Magistrates Court on various dates in the immediate future.

Growing conditions in the Sunshine Coast hinterland at the present time are excellent for growing cannabis.

Supt Hanbidge said, "Police will continue following up leads supplied by members of the various local communities.

## 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: - those skateboard riders who travel down Bunya Street during the hours of darkness.

Not a light between them and usually in dark clothing.

This does not give the vehicle driver much time or vision to take avoidance action.

## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Baked fish with cheese sauce

- One of my favourites!

#### Ingredients

- \* 1 kilo. large fish
- \* Small pieces butter
- \* Lemon juice
- \* Few stuffed olives
- \* Salt and pepper
- \* Parsley.
- \* Sauce
- \* 1 1/2 oz
- \* Butter
- \* 3 oz. Cheese
- \* 1 oz. Flour
- \* 1 egg yolk
- \* 3/4 pint milk
- \* Salt and pepper.

#### Directions

Wash and dry fish and cut into 6 pieces. Place on greased dish, add lemon juice, sprinkle with salt and pepper and place small pieces of butter on top. Cover with greased paper. Bake in a moderate oven 15 minutes or till flesh leaves the bone easily. Lift on to heated entree dish and garnish with slices of stuffed olives and with parsley

#### Sauce

Add milk, stir till boiling and cook 3 minutes. Remove from fire; add finely grated cheese, beaten egg yolk and salt and pepper.

Cook 2 minutes without boiling. Serve sauce in sauceboat.

Melt butter, add flour and cook over gas 1 minute, stirring constantly.

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## Blackall Range

Woodworker's Guild

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Cheers Pres Dave



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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



## Naval Association

I was honoured to be able to deliver the address for the official opening of the 55th State Conference of the Naval Association of Australia, which was held on the Sunshine Coast.

This is a great organisation that is today the largest organisation of its kind, with some 92 branches - 28 in Queensland.

The Association was formed in 1920 after the chance meeting of two former shipmates who thought it there was room for an organisation that united former and currently-serving naval personnel for the purpose of mutual benefit. It proudly lives up to its motto: "Each for All - All for Each".

## Volunteer Grants

I wish to advise local community groups that the annual Volunteer Grants programme has opened for applications.

The grants are for small equipment purchases for community groups, sporting clubs, and the like of up to \$5000.

Applications must be lodged before 16 April. For details visit the website of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs at [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au) or by contacting 1800 183 374

## Seniors Forum

Popular Member of Parliament Bronwyn Bishop, the Shadow Minister for Seniors, is confirmed as the key speaker at the 10th annual Fisher Seniors' Forum and Expo, which will be held on May 21 at the Lake Kawana Community Centre.

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