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Don't forget this Sunday!

This Sunday (September 28th) the Maleny Hospital "Relay for Life" team gets off to a start with their fundraising with a fun bowls day at the Maleny Bowls Club.

This is a great time to join in some fun for a good cause. The day will start at about 12md and will include a fun day of bowls, raffles and a sausage sizzle.

This is your chance to support the hospital staff who will be taking part in the "Relay for Life" walk on October 12th.

REESVILLE COUPLE ESCAPE SERIOUS INJURY IN TRAFFIC CRASH

On Wednesday September 24th at about 12.30p.m. a man was killed in a traffic crash that caused enormous chaos on the Bruce Highway at Narangba.

The north-bound lanes were closed for several hours backing traffic up back as far as the Brisbane Airport motorway turnoff.

Reesville couple, Brian Edward James, 72, and 69-year-old Margaret Elizabeth James received minor injuries when their car collided headon with a north bound vehicle driven by Derek Anthony Thompson, 34.

This is just another instance how lives can be changed in just a fraction of a second.

Conondale Hall has another story to tell...

For near on a century the Conondale Public Hall has stood on the hillside just up from the Conondale Store. The hall has been used for community events of all kinds.

If only the walls of this great old community hall could talk there would be a million stories, some sad, some funny but all about Conondale community and the great place Conondale is to live.

Unfortunately, a new story can now be told, one that the "old" hall would rather forget. On Saturday night of September 20th a party was organised. It was supposed to be a happy event but it was invaded by some uninvited and about 150 people started into wrecking the hall. Doors were smashed, holes punched in walls and hundreds of bottles littered the inside of the venue.

The ground outside the hall was littered with broken glass and timber boards had been ripped from walls, leaving a damage bill which is expected to run into some thousands of dollars.

It is understood that the celebrations on this occasion were advertised on the internet. Time and time again we hear of the crowd mentality at these types of events when unknown "guests" turn up at what is principally a "private" event and gate-crashes.

This type of incident is on the rise and it is seen as some sort of "badge of coolness" to take part in them. Who could forget 16 year old Corey whose party wrecked his parents home then he was "rewarded" by being made a "star and much richer" by television current affairs programs.

It is most difficult to plan for these events as it is an unknown as to who and how many people will actually attend. It is also a major concern as to how these people arrive and more importantly, depart as it is obvious that a large quantities of alcohol had been consumed and then vehicles driven away from the area on our country roads.

Members of The Conondale community work hard to keep the hall in good repair for the use of its members and it is of great disappointment to them that this damage has been caused.

Conondale is a small community and those who held the party are well known within the community but those gate-crashed the party are less well known.

Police are investigating this incident.

If there is only one lesson from this incident is NOT to advertise any party on the internet as it will always end in disaster. After all the people attending are not friends so there is no reason to be well behaved but are there just to create havoc.

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Truthful Jones Tells...

that his son Mick recently got married. After the wedding the newlywed wife said to her husband, Mick when he returned from work, "I have great news for you. Pretty soon, we're going to be three in this house instead of two."

Her husband ran to her with a smile on his face and delight in his eyes.

He was glowing of happiness and kissing his wife when she said, "I'm glad that you feel this way since tomorrow morning, my mother moves in with us."

Mick reported to his father, Truthful that he was devastated because his mother-in-law was so ugly that when she went to the beauty parlor it took 3 hours for an estimate.

MORALE: *Think about what people are really telling you before you you make a judgement on what is being told.*



A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.

Click here to go to our "Gig Guide" (Must be connected to the internet at the time)

This weeks

Special

**Taubmans Duraclean
W.T.B. - Int - L/S**

6 lts - \$66.00

(Must mention this add to get special price -

Normally \$72.00)

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Have you got Squeaky Decks?

Timber decks are integral to the Australian lifestyle, but they get a beating from extreme heat and sunlight as well as regular wetting, leading to weathering, rotting and loosening around fastenings.

In no time there can be loose boards and popping nails. The standard fix is to re-nail or even replace boards. That'll last a year or so and the whole process starts again.

Now, if you use a Selleys Liquid Nails Floors and Decks when you fasten deck boards you'll break the cycle because the strong bond restricts movement and wear.

The product uses polyurethane technology and expands during curing to fill gaps and reduce movement. It makes decks amazingly tight and quiet. All you need is a little squirt of the special polyurethane adhesive between the decking and the frame, to eliminate the unwanted movement of timber in any flooring or decking job.

The deck then can be rejuvenated by coating with an exterior timber oil and here are three easy steps to oiling the deck.

1. If the timber is oily, has black spots (mould) or has greyed from weathering, clean the deck thoroughly using Wattyl Exterior Timber Cleaner. Some sanding may be required for previously coated timber or timber in poor condition. Leave to dry completely before coating. This may take 1 - 2 days.
2. Apply one generous coat of New Look Deck and Exterior Timber Oil by Wattyl to the entire surface and edges. Spread out any area where the product appears to be pooling. Leave to dry for 24 hours.
3. Apply a second coat of Wattyl Deck and Exterior Timber Oil.

See the back of the pack for detailed preparation and application instructions.

Tip: *Apply the product along the length of the surface with a woolen applicator, not across it. All products are available at the Maleny Paint Place.*



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When will the danger on our roads sink in?

Whilst watching the local news early in the week I could not believe my eyes when a video of a person on a skateboard was shown travelling at speed down the range between Mapleton and Nambour.

Not only was the male person travelling at speed but crossing double lines thus putting not only himself but other motorists in danger.

There are enough dangers on our roads without the likes of this person using them just as if they were a private runway for his use.

There is no doubt that had a vehicle travelling in the opposite direction hit him head on there would have been one more death.

O.K. for the one killed but many others, including the deceased persons parents and the driver of the other vehicle would have to deal with this incident for the rest of their lives.

It was reported that this person said he understood what he was doing

was "not totally legal" but did not feel his actions were "unduly dangerous". I am not sure how else you could describe his actions.

He went on to say that "He was training for an international speedboarding competition and that he was a professional athlete."

If he was truly a professional he would not have taken the action he in fact did. If he was in fact training for this competition why was it necessary for him to film the incident and load that film of this ride onto the web site "Utube" for the world to see thus encouraging others who may not be as experienced to try the same type of stunt?

Every day we read of the actions being taken to protect motorists and others who use our roads but it appears that many people just do not recognise that dangers that abound on our roads.

It may be possible to legislate for road use but impossible to legislate against idiocy.

The "NUT" Award

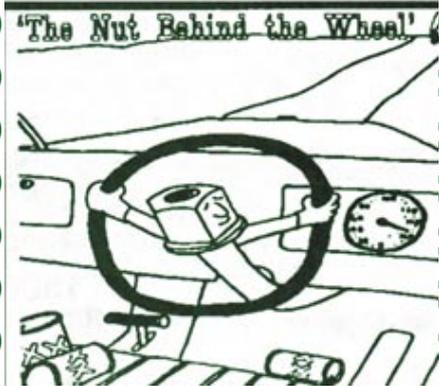
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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 young ones on skateboards who ride over the pedestrian crossings in front of cars. They come out of nowhere so quickly some people may not see them in time.

They need to be aware of the time that it takes to stop a car and that they are not seen until the last moment.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Hasselback potatoes

- nut free for those who cannot eat nuts.

Ingredients

- * 16 medium desiree potatoes, peeled
- * Freshly ground white pepper
- * 1 litre chicken stock (or vegetable stock for vegetarians)
- * Sea salt
- * 120g butter, melted
- * 1 tbs fresh thyme leaves
- * 1 cup breadcrumbs

Method

Preheat oven to 180C. Cut each potato into 1/4cm slices, but do not cut all the way through. Stop about 1cm from the base, so the potato remains together. Place in a baking dish, sliced side upward. Season. Bring chicken stock to boil and pour over. Brush tops of potatoes with butter, bake 30 minutes.

Remove from oven, brush with butter, sprinkle over thyme and breadcrumbs and bake 20 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through.

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WHY IS IT SO?



Car Rust & how to stop it.

Could you put some kind of sacrificial metal onto your car to stop it from rusting. After all, this “sacrificial metal” trick works on boats and ships and bridges. Are the car companies simply not doing this, so their cars rust sooner, and we have to buy more new cars.

The process is called “cathodic protection”. You attach another metal which will corrode first, before the iron in your car, bridge or boat. The sacrificial metal that’s usually used is zinc. As the iron turns into rust, it gives up electrons. If there’s a lump of zinc nearby, the iron get the electrons back from the zinc and so stays protected, while the zinc begins to corrode away.

For this process to work, you need a complete electrical circuit to bring the electrons back. In the case of an outboard motor on a boat, the sea water completes the circuit. In the case of a bridge, the wet soil completes the circuit. But in your car, the only way to complete the circuit on all the metal in your car is to drive into sea water!

There are various products on the market claiming to provide cathodic electrochemical protection to your car, just by injecting electrons into your metal work - but they don’t work. The FCC in the United States of America has actually got court orders to stop these products from being sold - simply because they don’t work.

In your car, there are lots of little nooks and crannies where dirt and/or water can collect. The rust happens not where the metal is dry, nor where the metal is wet - but at the interface between the wet and dry metal. So if you screwed a lump of zinc right on the interface, it would protect it. But you’d have to have little lumps of zinc all over your car.

Modern car manufacturers often do a process called zinc electroplating on the entire chassis of the car. So long as the zinc is complete, the car won’t rust. Your best bet is to regularly clean out all the drain holes so that the water can’t collect, scrape off any mud that has collected so that metal doesn’t rust away underneath the mud, and remove the leaves and dirt. And of course, once you’ve washed the car, you should always take it for a drive so that any trapped water can slosh out.

THRIVING WITH TEENS...

Free Seminars in Maleny and Beerwah

Are you a parent of teenagers and experiencing frustration with your kids?

Join professional life coach, Dixon Hammer, for a free seminar designed to give you the tools to engage in respectful communication with your teen and become the parent you wish to be. Discover why older children and teens can be such a challenge and what you can do to empower them and yourself to live a harmonious and inspiring life.

‘Regardless of whether you’re a single parent or living with a partner, bringing out the best in young, defiant and head-strong adolescents can be challenging.’ says Dixon. These two free evening seminars are targeted specifically at supporting passionate parents with children in the upper primary and early high school years who want to create the best possible experience for themselves and their family.

Over the last 7 years Dixon has coached hundreds of teens and parents from all walks of life. He is a regular parenting and relationship columnist in Eco-living Magazine and is also the author of a number of parenting articles, ebooks and an online course- The Liberated Parent.

The details for the two seminars are as follows. We hope you can make it:

Maleny Library meeting room on Monday 29th September 6:30-8:00 pm.

Beerwah Library meeting room Tuesday 30th September 6:30-8:00 pm.

**Bookings essential phone 5494 3180
or
e-mail info@redwoodcoaching.com.**

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*A little insight into the history of Maleny and District
And other things*

Some information about Magpies!

Around this time of year we have the magpie breeding season upon us. Whilst the official breeding season is from July to December with a peak in August–October. Magpies Pairs mate for life.

Magpies were one of few native Australian birds to benefit from European settlement. The clearing of land for housing and farmland created a new landscape dominated by short grass and few trees—an ideal habitat for magpies.



When magpie eggs or young are in the nest, the dominant male magpie may show concern for his chicks by defending the territory from intruders including other magpies, cats and people. And while a magpie may swoop a person, very few will do so, as people aren't normally seen as a threat. This aggressive period does not last for too long as the young stay in the nest for only about four weeks.

Around this time of year, from time to time we do hear of magpies attacking people who get too close to chicks in nests.

The male magpie is responsible for most swoops and the swooping is almost entirely limited to the magpie 'defence zone' – the area around the

nest tree. While their territory is a few hectares, the defence zone is usually only about 100 metres in radius.

The Environmental Protection Agency supplied the following hints about how to avoid a magpie attack

- The magpie's aim is to drive the perceived intruder away from the nest, not to cause injury. Leaving the area quickly almost always stops the swooping.
- Stay well clear of areas where magpies are known to be swooping, particularly the nesting tree.
- If you must enter the area, move through it quickly, but don't run. Wear a hat and sunglasses or carry an umbrella. Cyclists should dismount and walk through the territory, which will reduce the chance of falling off the bike or swerving if a bird does swoop. Cyclists can also attach large cable ties to the back of their helmet – use two black ties, sticking up like antennae.

The magpie is an intelligent bird. The male will attack and drive off any animal likely to threaten its territory, nest, mate or chicks. In its natural habitat people are not seen as a threat. But in a suburban environment, this isn't the case. Irresponsible actions such as throwing stones have made magpies think people are a potential threat during breeding season.

If you deliberately or accidentally provoke a magpie, you're likely to be attacked.

M A G P I E S C A N B E V E R Y T A M E . . .

Magpies living in the wild can be very tame. When they nest around familiar homes they do not worry about humans being around them.

Whilst it is not recommended to hand feed birds living in the wild magpies can even become so tame that they will allow you to feed them by hand. We have a family of magpies that either

return year after year and bring their young with them or they don't leave the area. They aren't even concerned by the family cat.



We can learn to live with magpies.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.H.R.



Organ Donation

A new body known as the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority is to be launched early next year to administer Australia's new organ donation and transplant system.

The aim of the authority is to reduce suffering for those who are on the waiting lists for a donor organ.

The Australian Government plans to allocate \$67-million for dedicated organ donation specialist doctors.

People who wish to register on the donation register can obtain forms at the Medicare Australia web site, www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/organ, by calling Medicare on 1800 777 203, or by visiting their local Medicare office.

Paralympians

My congratulations go to the Australian Paralympic team, which has recently returned from Beijing after another stellar performance on the world sporting and athletic stage.

The Australian team finished in the top five in terms of medals, with a haul of 79 medals, including 23 gold.

Paralympians are required to make considerable sacrifices and overcome a great number of challenges to achieve their goals of competition at the highest level, so they are worthy of praise for their efforts.

Human Rights awards

The deadline for nominations for the 2008 Human Rights Awards is the close of business on Friday, October 3.

The awards recognise those who have taken selfless steps to assist in areas of human rights, social justice and equality. Nominations are being accepted for various categories. These are: the Human Rights Medal and the Young People's Human Rights Medal.

Nominations are also open to various categories under the general Human Rights Awards category, including Community (Individual), Community (Organisation), Law (sponsored by the Law Council of Australia), Literature (Non-fiction), Print Media, Television and Radio.

The winners will be announced at a function in Sydney on Human Rights Day, December 10.

For further information or a nomination form, visit: www.humanrights.gov.au/hr_awards or phone 02 - 9284 9618 or email to hrawards@humanrights.gov.au

Funds for Volunteer Groups

A reminder to volunteers that applications are now open to the Australian Government's Volunteer Grants Program.

The Volunteer Grants Program

provides funding for eligible not-for-profit organisations to support their volunteers by purchasing small equipment to help existing volunteers and to encourage more people to become volunteers.

The programme also offers contributions to groups to assist with fuel costs incurred by volunteers while carrying out their roles, up to \$2,500 for the group.

Under the Program, grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 can also be used to purchase equipment, including computers, tools, air conditioners and sporting equipment.

School Parents and Citizens Associations (P&Cs) will also have the opportunity to apply for funding along with other not-for-profit organisations.

Applications close on Friday 17 October. Organisations will receive funding by the end of the year.

More information on the program, including application forms and guidelines, is available at www.fahcsia.gov.au or by calling the toll-free hotline on 1800 183 374.

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Humphries & Fisk Real Estate - 5499 9850

Impact Painters - 0429 640 732

Maleny Print & Copy Centre - 5494 2888

Maleny Paint Place - 5494 2002

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