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Man injured in industrial accident

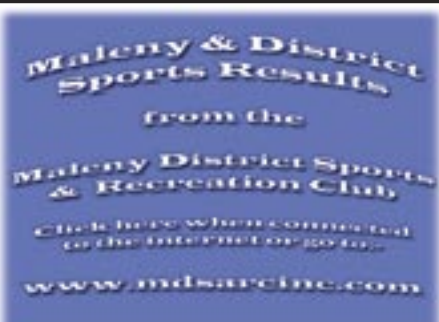
A Mooloolaba man has been airlifted to hospital from the Maleny Showgrounds after treatment at the Maleny Hospital for a serious injury to his arm.

The man's arm became caught in a conveyor belt at Conondale sand and gravel plant.

The young man suffered serious injuries to his right arm and was airlifted to Royal Brisbane Hospital for treatment in a stable condition.

Police and Industrial Safety inspectors are completing inquiries into the cause of this accident.

Police have not released the name of the person involved in this instance.



Maleny celebrates Australia Day 2012

Australia Day 2012 at Maleny saw thirty-one people swear an allegiance to Australia and become Australia's newest citizens.

During a period of inclement weather the sun broke out for a period whilst the 2012 Maleny Australia Day Ceremony was held at the Maleny RSL Hall.

Australia Day is the most popular day of the year for people to take out Australian citizenship.

An Australian citizenship affirma-



Peter Slipper M.P. presents an Australian Citizenship certificate to one of the 31 new Australians at the Maleny Australia Day Citizenship ceremony.

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Local Government Elections to be delayed

Local government elections have been delayed to a date to be fixed in late April or early May as a result of the Premier, Anna Bligh calling an election for March 24. She said that she first wanted to go on March 3 but wanted to wait until after the Flood Inquiry final report which will be delivered on March 16th.

With arrangements already in the process for the March Local Government elections it will cause inconveniences for Local Governments. Local Government had previously been given a written guarantee by the State Government that their elections would not be moved from March 31st and as a result they had put their arrangements in place.

The official state campaign will begin on February 19 after she visits the Governor who will then dissolve the Parliament and issue the writs for the 2012 election.

It is now anticipated that the local government elections will be held on either April 21st or 28th. The official calling of nominations for the council elections will take place on March 10th with councils going into a caretaker period on that same day.

The Premier said that the people of Queensland had a right to see the results of the Flood Inquiry before they went to the ballot box.

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News from the Maleny SES Group

Most people would not realise that there is a SES Cadet program in Queensland. This program has been in existence since 2003.



The Emergency Services Cadet Program is a youth development program that aims to assist young people to develop life skills and encourages young people to participate in their local community.

It builds initiative, leadership, self-discipline and loyalty. The skills and knowledge learned in the program can be used to assist community safety.

The program introduces Queensland's young people to forms of emergency services related training that will better equip them for community life.

To qualify for enrolment as an Emergency Services Cadet, a young person must have commenced grade 8 at high school but not reached the age of 16 years, have their parent's or guardian's permission to enrol, be a resident of Australia, and be certified by their parent or guardian as being capable of carrying out the normal duties and activities of the Emergency Services Cadets.

It is hoped that cadets will eventually join local SES groups as they reach the appropriate age. The nearest cadet program to Maleny is at Maroochydore.

The Maleny SES Group trains on Monday Nights at the SES HQ in the showgrounds (the big green building on the left). Training starts at 7pm (be there at quarter to seven just to be early) and finish about 9.30 pm.

Why not become a member of the Maleny SES Group.

Follow Maleny SES on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/malenyses>.



Maleny Community Volunteer Educator to receive Australia Day Medal

Volunteer Community Education Officer with the Maleny Rural Fire Brigade, Norm Lewis has been named to receive an Australia Day Medal from the Director General of the Dept of Community Safety for his volunteer work bringing fire safety messages to the community.

Norm and his wife, Donna have been spreading the safety message on behalf of the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service for just over two years now. He takes his message to all community groups.

Norm, who is presently overseas in New Zealand visiting friends and relatives said that he is honoured by the award.

The award will be officially presented on a date to be announced after Norm and Donna return from New Zealand.

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Maleny RSL Sub Branch

Dodgy Brothers & Shonky Sheilas Bus Trip



The next Dodgy Brothers and Shonky Sheilas RSL Bus Trip is on Tuesday February 14th, 2011. The location at this time is undecided. As soon as Uncle Chris and the team advise of the location for the day then we will let you know. Lunch will be served "somewhere" in the traditional manner.

The bus departs town at approximately 8.45am and returns at 2.30p.m.

The fare \$5pp bus only and lunch cost is just \$10.

Lunch is all pre-arranged and monies collected on the bus.

These trips have become very popular so it is highly suggested that you book to ensure that you get a seat.

To make a booking ring the Maleny RSL, phone - 5499 3717. These seats are very popular so get in before they are all gone.

Mum's favourite Recipes



Bar B. Q. Beef Burger

- One of my favourites - best cooked by Mum!

INGREDIENTS

- * 500g beef mince
- * 1 small onion, finely chopped
- * 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- * 1 egg, lightly beaten
- * 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- * Spray oil
- * 4 damper rolls, halved, toasted
- * 1/3 cup tomato sauce
- * 4 butter lettuce leaves
- * 4 slices tasty cheese
- * 4 large slices canned beetroot, drained
- * 2 tomatoes, thinly sliced
- * 1 red onion, thinly sliced (or sautéed if preferred)
- * Fresh cooked chips to serve

Directions

1. In a medium bowl, combine beef, onion, parsley, egg, garlic and season to taste. Mix well.
2. Shape mixture into 4 even-sized patties. Place on a tray. Cover and chill 20 minutes until firm.
3. Spray a barbecue grill plate with oil. Preheat on medium. Barbecue patties for 3-5 minutes each side until cooked through.
4. Meanwhile, spread one side of each roll with tomato sauce. Top with lettuce, patty, cheese, beetroot, tomato and onion. Top with remaining half of roll and serve with chips.

Top tip

It is important that your patties are firm when cooking them on a char-grill so as they don't fall apart.

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".



As a cyclist, what must I do at an intersection with a bicycle storage area?

- you must enter a bicycle storage area from a bicycle lane (unless it is impractical to ride in the bicycle lane)
- you must give way to any vehicle that is in the bicycle storage area
- you must give way to any vehicle entering the bicycle storage area where there is a green or yellow traffic light.

How do I identify a bicycle storage area? Bicycle storage areas are usually painted green and would have white bicycle symbols painted on the road.

School is back - take care!

School is back for the 2012 year and once again it is important that we all realise that there are extra dangers on the roads, especially in Bunya and Maple Streets, Maleny.

An extremely busy area is Bunya Street in front of the Maleny State School. Over the years this area has caused problems, partly because of the need for school busses to discharge their passengers.

Many of these problems are caused by parents dropping off children. They park in the bus zones causing school busses to double park or they themselves double park whilst students get out of the car.

Both of these situations cause dangers for all students who are in the area at the time, especially those who have just been dropped off.

Other drivers must be aware that there are young people crossing the road.

A child's peripheral vision and skill development can limit their ability to judge speed and distance, and their lack of experience can lead to simply forgetting to look out for cars. A child's small size also limits their ability to see over parked cars or to be seen easily by motorists

Younger childrens cognitive skills become developed more fully around the age of 10. Therefore many of those younger people have very limited road sense. That is basically why the speed limits around schools has been reduced during certain school hours.

Road users can improve children's safety by:

- driving cautiously where chil-

dren might be found

- not speeding and being ready to stop quickly to avoid a child
- parking legally and safely when collecting or dropping off children; and
- never dropping children off while in traffic, at traffic lights or at a supervised crossing.

School zone operating times for all schools in Queensland will be standardised 7-9 am and 2-4 pm, unless specifically signed. This will come into effect gradually in 2012 as road speed signs are upgraded, with all signs in South East Queensland expected to be replaced by Easter 2012.

Police are keeping a higher profile in these areas, especially on the lookout for drivers exceeding the legal speed limits in these areas.

Children who walk to school should be taught to always walk on footpaths where possible, and always be looking out for vehicles coming in and out of driveways, parking lots and busy intersections.

It only takes two seconds for a child to run from the curb to the centre line of a road and the faster a vehicle is travelling, the longer it will take to stop.

It is too late to reconsider what went wrong once one of our precious younger people is seriously injured, or worse still killed - just to save a couple of minutes.

Please, let us all work at keeping all our younger ones safe this year.



News from Ebenezer

Last year we heard about Matthew, a young man who was left destitute when his father died last March. This meant that life became even tougher for Matthew, who not only had to fend for himself but also do small jobs to pay his school fees.

To add to his misery his house, which his father had built him before he died, was about to collapse and he was very fearful of the rains (due to come in November last year).

As a result of this sad news many people sent us funds, enough to build Matthew a small house.



We are pleased to let you know that Matthew has now moved into his new house, a happy and contented young man.

Ebenezer is also helping him in a small way with his education, so that he can sit for his exams at the end of this year. Matthew realises how lucky he has been to receive such relief when he was facing the storms of life!

Ebenezer Orphanage and Matthew thanks all of those who helped him to be able to progress his life.

If you can help Ebenezer ring Lenore on 5429 6194.

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tion ceremony is a short ceremony where those present can publicly affirm their loyalty and commitment to Australia and its people by reciting an affirmation that is based on the Australian citizenship pledge.

At the citizenship ceremony, the new Australian citizens pledge that they share Australia's democratic beliefs and that you respect the rights and liberties of the people of Australia.

The 2012 ceremony organised by the Maleny Apex Club is the second one which included a citizenship ceremony which was conducted by local Federal Member of Parliament, Mr. Peter Slipper.

One of the rights bestowed on the new Australian citizens is the right to vote in Australian elections. With both state and local elections about to be held in Queensland it is important that the new citizens quickly make application to have their names placed on the electoral roll.

The necessary application forms can be

obtained from the local post office or via the internet on www.aec.gov.au

The day started off with a typical Aussie breakfast of sausages, eggs and toast followed by coffee which was prepared by members of the Maleny Apex Club.

The crowd of over 200 people who attended watched as witness as thirty-one people became new Australian citizens.

Public Naturalisation Ceremonies have been held around Australia for sixty years and during that time there have been just over four million people become naturalised Australians.

Following the naturalisation ceremony the Naval Cadet Unit, TS Centaur which is based in the Maleny Showgrounds conducted the Flag Raising Ceremony.



The Hon Peter Slipper, Federal Member for Fisher (centre) conducted the ceremony



Part of the 200+ people in attendance

Maleny businessman named in Aussie Day Awards

Maleny businessman, Ross Hopper of Maleny Dairies received the Business Award in the fourth annual Sunshine Coast Australia Day Awards.

Ross is the son of well known Maleny Family, Harold and Dorothy Hopper and is the owner-manager of Maleny Dairies.

Just prior to Christmas Maleny Dairies gave away thousands of litres of milk from their milk factory to customers as a Christmas gesture.

Congratulations to the Hopper family on this Aussie Day award.

Take care with flooded roads

Despite a recent advertising campaign by the State Government about the dangers of driving into rising water over roadways there are still many people disregarding the message.

With further heavy rain about to hit the Sunshine Coast hinterland area next week the government's message is not about to change; "If it is flooded then forget it."

There is no excuse for those who deliberately drive past a road closed sign into flood water. Floodwaters are treacherous and the dangers are hidden under the surface.

Although firefighters are highly trained and skilled, swift water rescue is the most dangerous operation they are required to undertake.

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Local naturalist Grant talks nature



Galah - "“*Ecolophus Roseicapilla*”

Over a period we have been seeing an increase in the number of galahs visiting our garden. They appear to have been attracted by the wild bird seed that we place in a bird feeder and the large, shallow birdbath. They need drinking water daily and they are often seen bathing in the bird bath.



It is not easy to miss when the galahs are visiting the "food bar" in the back yard as they are very noisy

The Galah is probably the most successful member of the cockatoo family in terms of both distribution and abundance and can be found in almost all parts of Australia, in-

cluding the desert areas.

Galahs can live for a long time - in the wild they can live up to 30 years or more, but in captivity can live much longer, with some known to live for 70 to 80 years. They can make very good life long pets.

If it is started early enough galahs, both males and females can be taught to imitate human speech.

It should be noted though that galahs cannot legally be caught from the wild and kept as pets.

It is ironical that the word "galah" is an Australian slang word for a rather silly person, but don't put the bird in the same class.

The galah is coloured like no other parrot. It has flamingo pink underparts, soft gray upperparts, and a white cap and crest on the head. They are usually found in flocks.

Galahs are ground-feeders, and readily forage around our lawn and eat grain seed placed out for them.

It is interesting to watch our flock of galahs at feeding times. Occasionally a petty squabble will break out between two feeding birds and this dispute will then engulf other birds. Then as a flock they will all fly away. Occasionally one or two birds will return after the dispute to continue

feeding.

Often those galahs can be seen preening each other's facial feathers. They usually mate for life, or until one of the pair dies. Then the remaining bird may pair-up again. Galahs rarely reach maturity and breed before their fourth year.



They usually breed in hollow logs on eucalyptus trees. The female will lay up to eight eggs and both the male and female bird will tend to the eggs until they hatch. The incubation period is about 30 days and the babies leave the nest at about 8 weeks old.

Galahs and cockatoos can be very destructive birds. I can remember as a young child out west a flock of galahs and cockatoos attacking the wooden blades of a windmill and over a very short period of time totally destroying those blades.

Keep an eye out for these pretty birds.

About the Author

Long termed Maleny resident, Grant Meyer loves photographing insects, animals and native flowers.

Over the coming issues he will bring us some photos of some of the natural scenes that he has witnessed along with an explanation of the story surrounding the photo.

The story is often as interesting, if not more than the photo.

The photos shown in this series of stories are taken by Grant and are available for sale from him.

He can be contacted on mobile phone 0404 606 677.

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Maleny Precinct construction set to start

Sunshine Coast Council has re-inforced its commitment to the Maleny precinct with a number of priority works mapped out and ready to go this year.

Division 5 Councillor Jenny McKay said council was very pleased to see the Maleny precinct works program starting to take shape.

"The Maleny Community Precinct Master Plan – endorsed in June 2010 – is a culmination of many years of community and council collaboration to provide community-use facilities on former agricultural land," she said.

"The three year staging of the plan is now well underway, and 2012 will be a year of delivery with \$2million to be invested in precinct works."

Cr McKay said one of the first projects to start will be the walking trails which are scheduled to commence construction after the wet season ends in April.

"The first stage of the interpretive trail is a loop from Pattermore House down to Reynolds Crossing which takes in some interesting bushland and Armstrong Creek," she said.

"Over the next few years and subject to agreement with landholders, we are hopeful of being able to extend this trail from the Maleny Riverside Precinct to Gardiners Falls with a bridge over the Obi Obi.

"In April we will also commence building the access road and car park behind Pattermore House. "This will enable people to park their cars and easily access the precinct from Porters Lane.

It will be particularly beneficial to walkers, visitors to the house, golfers and members of Barung Land-care.

"We have also commenced detailed design for an amenities block for this area which will be built in the second half of 2012."

Cr McKay said the first stage of works on the historic Pattermore House have now been completed.

"These conservation works have ensured the heritage house is structurally sound and able to meet public building standards. The next stage of these works is to make the house available for public use," she said..

"All works around the house, including the car park, are being done under the watchful and caring eyes of the Friends of Pattermore House group to ensure that the heritage of the house and grounds are respected. The Friends who recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with council have big plans to restore the gardens around the house in the near future."



Earlier this month Greenhills in partnership with council have started vegetation work along Obi Obi Creek as part of their Caring for our Country Community Action Grant. Further priority works planned in 2012 include construction of the first part of the Parkland Drive access road into the precinct.

It is also hoped that the Maleny Golf's Material Change of Use

(MCU) for the first nine holes of its golf course will be finalised in the next few weeks. Maleny Community Precinct Advisory Committee Chair, Graham Hart said he was delighted to see the extensive works on the horizon, or already in full swing, for 2012.



Official opening of the Golf Club chipping area

"The advisory group, in partnership with key community stakeholders, has been working hard towards the vision for the Maleny precinct to become a place for the whole community to enjoy a wide range of recreational, sporting, cultural, educational and ecological experiences," he said.

"This year I look forward to seeing a number of important projects undertaken that will provide a great outcome for the community of Maleny and for the Sunshine Coast."

The Maleny Community Precinct Master Plan recognises the importance of protecting and enhancing significant vegetation and ecosystems and retaining the character of the region and its relationship with the surrounding landscape and nearby township.



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Maleny Rangers Football Club

Sign-on for 2012

Venue: Maleny Showgrounds, Main Pavillion

Dates: Sunday January 29th & Saturday February 4th between 9AM to 2PM on both days.

The home ground is at the Maleny Showgrounds on Stanley River Road Maleny. The club promotes a fun, safe and fair environment to ensure players, parents, coaches, officials and administrators alike all enjoy the game of soccer.

Under 6 players are FREE in 2012 apart from the cost of their match gear.

*Payment by cash, cheque, credit card (Visa/MasterCard)

NB: All new players require proof of age document (birth certificate, passport or letter from school).

For further information visit the club web site at www.malenyrangerssoccer.com or ring Clive Brodner on 0428 148 678.

Volunteers Needed

For an opportunity to give to the community and also gain counselling skills, consider Lifeline's next volunteer telephone crisis supporter training course. (Previously telephone counselling)

Lifeline is inviting the community to consider becoming a volunteer telephone crisis supporter; we always need more volunteers.

Our next course at Lifeline's Client Services Centre, 37 Duporth Avenue, Maroochydore, will be conducted from 6 to 9pm each Thursday commencing 2nd February and continuing until 7th June.

The cost of the course is \$500 or \$450 concession. Please phone 5409 2633 weekdays for a brochure.

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Maleny RFB Roundup

with

Donna & Norm Lewis

Volunteer Community Education Officers



Many children are fascinated by fire and fighting fires.

Childhood fire fascination which leads to firesetting is not 'just a phase'. While curiosity about fire is common, fireplay or firesetting can be deadly, and can even develop into adult arson.

The Fight Fire Fascination Program (FFF) is designed to tackle the firesetting problem with young people and children.

The FFF program is based on education and development, with trained firefighters visiting children and their families at home to promote an awareness of fire safety.

Over an average period of six months, the firefighter develops trust and understanding with the child and explains the consequences as well as the benefits of fire, showing that fire is a tool not a toy and must be respected.

By incorporating a series of goals, objectives and rewards into the FFF program, QFRS is able to turn a negative into a positive and stop childhood fire fascination at an early age.

The statewide program has achieved excellent success and has the potential to save dozens of lives, significantly reduce fire-related injuries to young children and save millions of dollars in damage to property and the environment.

If you have concerns about your child's fascination for fire, contact your local fire station and ask about the FFF.

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard



about the night that two of his friends, Paddy and Seamus were walking home from the Maleny pub.

Paddy says to Seamus, 'What a beautiful night, look at the moon.' Seamus stops and looks at Paddy, 'You are wrong, that's not the moon, that's the sun.'

Both started arguing for a while when they come upon a real drunk walking in the other direction, so they stopped him.

'Sir, could you please help settle our argument?'

Tell us what that thing is up in the sky that's shining. Is it the moon or the sun?'

The drunk looked at the sky and then looked at them, and said, 'Sorry, I don't live around here.'

Morale: Sometimes there just isn't a morale to the story One good thing is that Truthful has so many neighbours who provide such great stories.

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Maleny Library Coming Events

Computer workshop

There will be a FREE workshop at the Maleny Library on Thursday February 23rd between 9a.m. and 10.30a.m. to help people become conversant with keeping in touch with friends and family through their computer.

With software such as skype and messenger it is possible to have free or almost free conversations with people all over the world via the provisions of the internet.

These services can bring families who live long distances away back to regular contact. To be able to use these various softwares is not difficult when you get a few hints.

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

Lawyer Street Businesses

Don't forget that there are a number of businesses in Lawyer Street, Maleny who offer products and services.

To find out more visit the web sit: www.hinterlandgrapevine.com then click on the link on the right hand side of the page.

Shorty Awards

The Shorty Awards honor the best of social media, recognizing the people and organizations producing real-time short form content on across Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, YouTube, Foursquare, and the rest of the social Web.



These awards were started in 2008 to foster online content to ensure a continuous amount of interesting information being provided via the internet.

Weekly the Hinterlandgrapevine Online News web site brings you local news and information.

If you think that it provides a usefu; service why not nominate it for a shorty award in the news section.

The nomination period is January 3, 2012 through February 17, 2012 on Twitter.

To make the nomination go to the web site below and follow the links to make the nomination.

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**MALENY
BOWLS CLUB
FRIDAY
SOCIAL BOWLS**

Why not join as a social member and enjoy all the benefits of the club?

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Do you want to buy "Phantom of the Opera" on DVD

Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom Of The Opera is a worldwide entertainment phenomenon.

It has been staged in 145 cities across 27 countries and its box office sales eclipse Avatar, Titanic and Star Wars. Seen by over 130 million people, the stage show has never been available to own on DVD or Blu-ray. Until now.

To celebrate its 25th Anniversary year, Cameron Mackintosh presents The Phantom Of The Opera in a fully-staged, lavish production, set in the sumptuous Victorian splendour of the Royal Albert Hall.

Phantom Of The Opera At The Albert Hall stars Ramin Karimloo as 'The Phantom' and Sierra Boggess as 'Christine'.

This is a spectacular, once-in-a-lifetime staging of the world's biggest musical, and a must-have on DVD and Blu-ray for fans everywhere.

To buy this DVD you simply click on this link when connected to the internet and then look for the ABC Shop page logo on the HG Gig Guide web page.

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.

Slipper calls for Cooperation

As time is running out for public consultation on the Transport and Main Roads proposed Bruce Highway closure of on/off ramps, Member for Fisher Peter Slipper has asked for political games to end and for cooperation to begin.

"This is an important issue which will affect everyone on the Sunshine Coast and in particular those businesses and residents along the 7km strip with the proposed closure of six on/off ramps. This needs to be our focus not political grandstanding."

This section of roadway is part of Highway No 1 which is the main road around Australia. Funding for this route is the responsibility Australia's Federal Government.

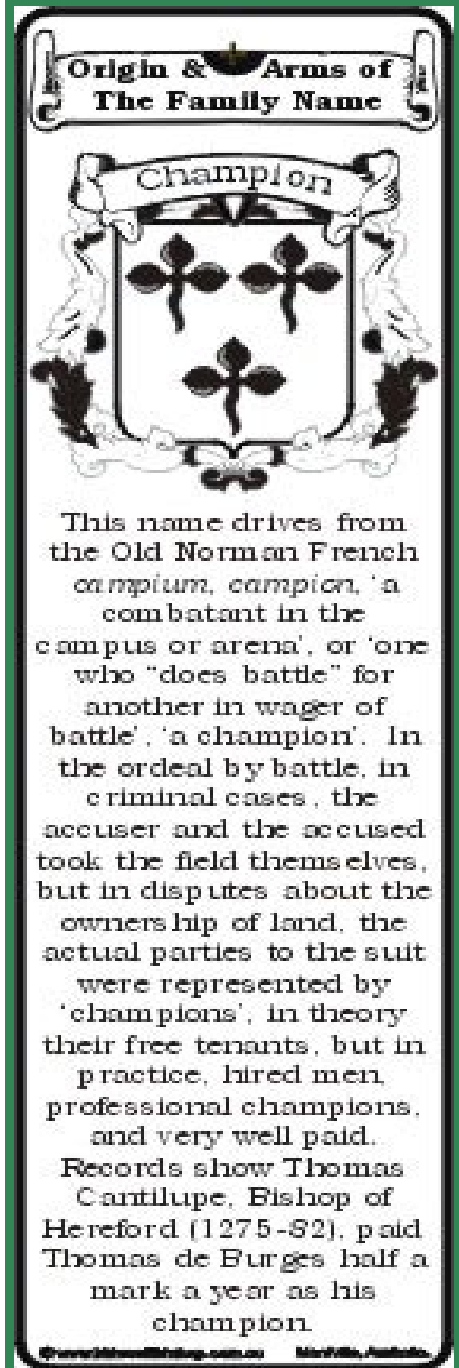
The closure of the ramp will effect all of the businesses along that section of roadway as access to those businesses and residents premises in that area will be much more difficult.

It will also cause some congestion for Sippy Downs residents.

Mr Slipper issued invitations on the morning of Friday 13 January for his 29 January public forum (taking place at Aussie World at 6pm) to Queensland Premier Anna Bligh, Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Anthony Albanese, Queensland Minister for Main Roads Craig Wallace, Queensland Minister for Transport Annastacia Palszczuk, all Sunshine Coast State members, Sunshine Coast Council Mayor, Councillors and candidates, as well as businesses and organisations actively working to address this issues at hand.

The Community will be held on Sunday January 29th at 6pm in the Aussie World function room.

LET US FIND OUT A BIT ABOUT OUR SURNAMES



For further information about your clan contact Jack Frost - his web address is:

<http://www.irishscot-tishshop.com.au/>

The Musings of an old codger!

The last couple of weeks in the federal parliament and the decision by the Independent M.P. Andrew Wilkie to withdraw his support from the government of Prime Minister Julia Gillard shows the importance of the decision by our local member Mr. Peter Slipper to take the position of Speaker of the House.

With the withdrawal of Mr. Wilkie's vote the Federal Government would have been in a dire position without Mr. Slipper's support.

Whilst the Federal Government didn't have the majority of the house to carry out an agenda without the help of the independents and the Greens Party it is now more vulnerable.

This is not an ideal situation for Australia as the Government is forced to make decisions on the basis of numbers to stay in power instead of what is best for Australia.

Individual Australians are paying for those decisions through an unstable parliamentary process.

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Let us quote on that paint job now -

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place *Which roller is right for that paint job?*

It is important that you have the right paint roller when you decide to paint. A paint roller has a handle, a roller cover, and a cage. The roller cover is also referred to as the sleeve.

Here are a few things to look for to choose the right paint roller:

- * You should pick a handle that is made up of steel and comes with a plastic grip that will be threaded. The threading on the handle of the roller will let you use an extension pole for areas that you cannot reach. When looking at the handle be sure that it feels comfortable in your hand.
- * When choosing a roller make sure that the cage on the roller can be replaced easily.
- * When you choose a roller make sure that the roller cover will stay in place and not slip off. Also make sure that the cage will not slide off as well.
- * If you are doing a job where you will be using oil-based paint you should choose a roller cover that is made from natural fibers. Some of the natural fibers you can look for are sheepskin, mohair, and wool. You can use a synthetic-fiber roller cover but

natural ones tend to work better with oil-based paints.

- * If you are using water-based paint (acrylic paint) you should always use a roller cover that is made of synthetic fiber.
- * To get better coverage with the paint using a roller cover you should choose one that has fibers that are dense. For the length of the fiber a rule of thumb can be that the smoother the surface of what you will be painting the shorter the lengths of the fibers on the roller cover should be.

TIPS

- * The first tip is to pick a good roller. Do not choose a cheap roller, as they will cause the paint to drip more and splatter. They also do not give as even a coverage than with better roller covers.
- * For painting smaller areas you can choose rollers that are specifically designed for smaller areas and trim. If you are a beginner it may be a good idea to brush the trim and then roll the rest of what you are painting.
- * Make sure that you also have a roller tray or roller grid to remove excess paint from the roller before you paint thus reducing drips.

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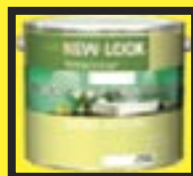
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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

I hope this finds everyone safe and dry after our recent flooding rain.

The recent flooding and traffic chaos it contributed to once again illustrates the need for attention to our streets and highways. Which brings me to the current state of the Bruce Highway upgrade:

As many of you would know, I have been working with the Federal Government for years to increase the Bruce Highway from four to six lanes, and was successful in the first phase from north Brisbane to Caboolture where the greatest bottleneck occurred. My focus now is to continue the conversations with the government to extend the upgrade from Caboolture to the Sunshine Coast.

The most immediate need for action is with regards to the draft plan put forward by the Transport and Main Roads (TMR).

In summary, they are proposing to close six on/off ramps along a 7km stretch from Caloundra Road to the Sunshine Coast Motorway (to see the draft plan information, go to <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Projects/Name/B/Bruce-Highway-Upgrade-Planning-Study-Caloundra-Road-to-Sunshine-Motorway.aspx>).

If this plan were to go ahead as proposed, it would significantly impact thousands of Sunshine Coast residents and businesses.

Several community forums have

been organised to garner input from the community to address the concerns and also offer alternatives.

I encourage you to attend these forums and also make your voice be heard by sending in your thoughts to the TMR. All the details are available on my website: www.peterslippermp.com.au and updates are also being made on my Facebook page: PeterSlipperMP.

I look forward to hearing your comments and bringing these to the attention of the Federal government and those agencies who will be progressing this work.

As always, you can also contact my office on 54 444 888 or email me: peter.slipper.mp@aph.gov.au

Rain not all gone yet!

Another round of heavy rain is likely to re-emerge late Friday (27.01.2012) or Saturday and proceed through until next Tuesday when we will feel the full urging of the monsoons, a trough that has been impacting the north.

A Weather Bureau spokesperson said weather models showed that the next phase would deliver heavy rainfall events across almost every part of the state.

It could see widespread falls of 200mm to 300mm over a couple of days.

Girl injured at Gardners Falls

A female swimmer was injured at Gardner's Falls, Maleny on Sunday January 21st.

She had been swinging from a rope tied to tree branches overhanging the Gardner's Falls swimming hole.

Luckily she was swimming with a group of friends who quickly dived into the swimming hole and pulled her to the bank.

She received treatment at the scene by Ambulance officers.

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

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