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Now is the time to decide!

How often do we hear people complain about what politicians, from any party do and how they do it.

Politicians are there to carry out the will of the people. That is how a democracy works.

An election has now been called for Queensland. Whether it should be held now or later in the year is a something that should be discussed at a later time, but it has been called.

NOW is the time that people have an opportunity to mark the performance of those who are presently elected members of parliament.

It is important that each and every one of us thinks about how we want our government to act.

If you are not happy with the present government let it know at the ballot box. If you think that it has done a good job then you also let it know at the ballot box.

Do not complain after the fact as by then it is TOO LATE. Make your vote count.

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Mary Cairncross Reserve gets a very important hand from a long time friend

One of the jewels in Maleny's crown is Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve. This important parcel of land comprises 52 hectares of National Estate listed subtropical rainforest overlooking the Glasshouse Mountains.

In a past era much of the Blackall Range area was covered in rainforest. The Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve is a living museum of diverse plant and animal life.

Unfortunately, with the coming of European settlement in the Sunshine Coast hinterland region the axe reigned supreme and the rainforest country very quickly became dairy and crop country.

The Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve is one of the few places where some of that past rainforest environment can still be seen.

Stewart and Gretel Pickering first found Maleny when they visited on a holiday in 1967. They loved the country feel of the place so much that they returned in 1977 and took over the Maleny Hotel.

Both were well known in the community for their very quiet

but generous donations to local community organisations. Over the years through her family trust, "The Moore Family Philanthropic Foundation" the Pickerings have donated various large amounts of money to the Maleny Soldiers Hospital to complete various works.

In 1996 they sold the Maleny Hotel and purchased the Mapleton Tavern, and to this day are mine hosts there. They still live in Maleny, sharing a boundary with Mary Cairncross reserve.

For many years Gretel served as a volunteer at the Park. She still has the future of the park in her heart and still keeps watch over it.

When she heard that a survey of the park was to be conducted and that a sound monitoring device was needed she put up her hand to supply it.

In a couple of weeks we will be bringing you further in formation about the survey that is to be conducted and what is expected to be found. Mary Cairncross Guide, Greg Ivey is excited about what may be found and will be bringing us this update as the information comes to hand.

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Truthful Jones Tells...



that his neighbour Seamus had a major mishap on his first day of mountain climbing on Mt Beerwah.

He slipped from the highish peak and fell twenty feet, stopping himself only by grabbing hold of a very, very small clump of bushes.

There he hung, every second expecting the bushes to snap and send him hurtling hundreds of feet to his death.

After some time he thought that he heard sounds coming from the direction of the walking track. 'Is there anyone up there? Is there anyone who can help me? Is there anyone at all?'

Suddenly the heavens boomed with the sound of a mighty voice:

'I am the Almighty. I am here to help you, Seamus. Trust me. Let go of the bush and let yourself drop and I will catch you in my arms and carry you safely to earth!'

Seamus pondered for a while, and then said, 'I appreciate the offer. But is there anyone else up there?'

Morale: Sometimes when one is faced with a very serious decision it is good to get a second opinion as there is often more than one way to overcome a problem.

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**Who remembers the old days
The back fence sagging under the weight
of the Choco vines.**

News from the Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club inc



**Maleny District Sport
& Recreation Club**

Open Day at Maleny Gym

On Saturday 28th February between 7.00 am - midday the Maleny Community Gym in Coral Street is holding an open day. This is a great opportunity to see what facilities are available to the community to assist with a fitness program.

The Maleny Community Gym was incorporated on the 28th January 1998, beginning with the hard work and dedication of early members Peter Campbell and Charmaine Bergann, working for nothing to get everything up and running.

With some borrowed weights from Dr Greg Wren and industry standard equipment (manufactured by Peter Campbell), the gym opened at the Riverside Centre, in premises owned by Mike Katsaras and made available at a reduced rental cost.

Peter Campbell very generously waited until a grant application to Jupiters was successful to be

paid for the equipment, much of which is

still used today. As the Gym outgrew the small shopfront, the gym relocated to rooms under Autopro (owned by Rod and Kerry Daniels) again, at a reduced rent.

Steady growth in the club over this time necessitated yet another relocation, hence the move to 23 Coral Street, Maleny. And it is still there today and going strong.

The hours that the Gym opens have steadily increased over the last 11 years from 20 to 43.

The gym is available to its members under the watchful eyes of fully qualified trainers.

It now boasts 200+ members, all enjoying the benefits of better health and the support of their fellow gym members.

Everyone is welcome to join in so see you Saturday, at the Maleny Gym Open Day!

Enquiries apriladsett@hotmail.com



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Do you know what is on your phone bill?

Have you ever noticed amounts on your telephone bill that you cannot explain or remember?

There is a growing trend for companies to send text messages to phone numbers requiring the receiver to open to see what the message is about. There is nothing to indicate the subject matter of the message until it is opened. By opening the message a 1900 phone number is dialled thus creating a charge, mostly at an inflated phone cost.

This sending of unsolicited texts is a serious problem and must be banned immediately. People are also signing up to long term subscriptions for services (eg ringtones) when the customer thinks they are buying only one thing (eg a single ringtone).

In many cases companies fail to tell customers how they can cancel a subscription.

"The current arrangements, where the industry self regu-

lates according to a code drafted in 2006, are not working," Mr Hartsuyker M.P., Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs said.

"Thousand of Australians are being charged for services they clearly do not want. In some cases phone users are being charged thousands of dollars.

Inquiries with Telstra, phone provider revealed that there is nothing that the companies are doing is wrong and it is up to the phone account holder to actually register to not receive txt messages from these particular companies. Until then the phone account holder is responsible for all charges.

Companies providing phone services must take more responsibility for the industry's behaviour and be more proactive in handling complaints.

Is this another reason why we had to have an industry deregulated and privatised?

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:-

the rider of that green trail bike that uses the back streets of Maleny township. He either cannot read or does not know what the speed limit is in a "built up" area.

I hope that you don't hurt some innocent person.

Mum's favourite Recipes



Hot savory eggs

there were always lots of eggs available from our own chooks so Mum had plenty of different ways of getting us to eat them!

Ingredients

- * 6 hard boiled eggs
- * 1 tablespoon minced ham
- * Pepper and salt
- * 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- * 1 teaspoon butter
- * Flour
- * Breadcrumbs

Method

Cut eggs in half lengthwise. Remove yolks and rub through sieve. Add to yolks the minced ham, chopped parsley, butter, pepper and salt.

Fill the whites with this mixture. Put the halves together, roll in flour, dip in egg, roll in breadcrumbs. Fry in hot fat. Garnish with parsley and serve with gravy.

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*News from
the Blackall
Range Woodies
with
Pres Dave Bannister*

Many skills...

In the very recent time another seven citizens of our area have joined us as members. I know that they will enjoy their time with us, and I am sure that they will very quickly gain new skills.

There is a very large amount of experience and great skill levels shared by some of the longer termed members of The Blackall Range Woodworkers (Woodies for short).

When a person, and we have both male and female members join they can decide what type of woodworking they wish to do. Some examples are wood turning, furniture making, toy making, intigate box making (see the picture below) on a style made by a number of members.

The club also slabs and dries a lot of the timber used by members so there is the opportunity to learn how to do those things as well.



This weeks Special

Trademax L/S WTB

4 lts - \$44.00

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get special price.)**

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Exterior Decks can take a real beating but you can help to lessen the damage

Intergrain is a well known product to help with protecting your exterior deck. They have two products that offer exterior protection, UltraDeck and Natural Stain. What is the difference between a decking oil (Nature's Timber Oil and UltraDeck) and a decking stain (NaturalStain)?

Nature's Timber Oil is a semi transparent protective finish that penetrates into the timber. UltraDeck is also a semi transparent protective finish that not only penetrates into the timber but it also forms a protective coating on the surface.

Nature's Timber Oil is available as Natural (which is suitable for all timbers as it doesn't change the colour of the timber) or in tinted timber colours such as Merbau and Jarrah. These tinted timber colours impart an increased depth of colour to the natural colour of the timber whilst providing extra protection. The tint helps to protect the timber from UV attack and will help maintain the timber colour for longer. UltraDeck

and Nature's Timber Oil are ideal for using on new timber, timber that has retained its colour, or weathered timber whose colour can be revived by sanding back or with using Reviva.

NaturalStain is semi-transparent protective staining finish that both penetrates into the timber and forms a protective coat. NaturalStain does not penetrate as deeply into the timber as Nature's Timber Oil or UltraDeck. It has more colour than a decking oil and therefore can be used to change the colour of the timber while still allowing the natural grain of the timber to show through. For example, a light timber, such as treated pine can be stained to a Jarrah colour. It can also be used to stain old, grey, weathered timber that has lost all natural colour. For example, NaturalStain Merbau can be used on an old, weathered merbau deck to add colour. Generally, stains will last longer than decking oils as the tints give more UV protection.

Paint Place, Maleny



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Barefoot Bowls to support Ebenezer Children's Charity Cancelled

The Friends of Ebenezer children's charity were to hold a social bowls day on February 28th at the Maleny Bowls Club. Organiser, Lenore Burton said, "Unfortunately we have had to postpone it at this time. It will be held later in the year."

Ebenezer Child Care Trust (ECCT) was founded in March 2001, initially as a feeding programme for street kids in the town of Livingstone, Zambia.

Today ECCT has expanded into a school for orphans and three rented homes, where orphans are given a sense of family to replace the family they have lost.

The MOTO of the Charity Trust is "A PLACE TO CALL HOME AND SOMEONE TO CALL MOTHER."



What child does not deserve this simple promise. It is in our power to help provide this promise.

Any Inquiries about either the project or the future day of bowls can be made by ringing 5499 9016 or 5494 3410.

TELL ME IT IS NOT TRUE!

I got this tough, but heart-warming story...with a picture of John Gebhardt in Iraq in an email chain letter. Normally I don't take too much notice of this type of email.

It was difficult not to notice this one and I am fully aware that someone is going to contact me and tell me that it is not true or it was staged or give some other reason to put it down, but in spite of this I am passing it on for your thought. Why not have some GOOD news come out of the bad!



"John Gebhardt's wife, Mindy, said that this little girl's entire family was executed. The insurgents intended to execute the little girl also, and shot her in the head...but they failed to kill her.

She was cared for in John's hospital and is healing up, but continues to cry and moan.

The nurses said John is the only one who seems to calm

her down, so John has spent the last four nights holding her while they both slept in that chair.

The girl is coming along with her healing.

He is a real Star of the war, and represents what the Western world is trying to do.

This, my friends, is worth sharing with the WORLD! Go for it!!"

As I said "tell me it is not true nor is the freely given assistance being sent to Victorian Bush Fire Victims and North Queensland Flood Victims!!!!

Talk to us about a Trade-person!
We can supply the names and phone numbers of the following "RELIABLE" tradespeople.



- ⇒ **Landscapers**
- ⇒ **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.

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News from Maleny Bowls Club

by Chairman Ian Hansen



Last Tuesday we managed to play our Jackpot Pairs before the rains came. The winners, on countback from Ernie White and Ian Hansen, were Faye Lankester and Bas Crain with a score of two wins plus 11.

However, Faye and Bas won 12 ends while Ernie and Ian only won 10 ends. The Touchers went to Peter Harris, Ernie White [how unusual] and Nev Littler all of whom were playing on the same rink. Sandra Kapetanic was the lucky raffle winner but the Jackpot of \$166 wasn't won.

Friday, the Social Bowls winners were Maureen Holdway and visiting player Bob Wilson who then made it a double by winning the raffle. None of the Sponsors' Prize winners were present so the IGA and Live Life Villages prizes are starting to build up.

Winners would have been: Tony Turner for IGA, Rosemary Jackson for the Full Monte, Yvonne English for Beechwood Bakehouse and Sheila Jollow for Live Life Villages.

Sunday morning the Mooloolah Valley Social Club visited and we managed to get the two games in

before the rain. The Mooloolah players are off to Woodford next Sunday and any of our players are welcome to join them. Let Ian Hansen know if you are interested.

In the not too distant future we must get a number of players to travel to Mooloolah to play with them on a Sunday morning.

They are a most sociable group of chaps who enjoy their Bowls and are great company. We thoroughly enjoy their visits and should return the visit.

Unfortunately, the weather wasn't so kind on Sunday afternoon and play with the visiting Hibiscus players was washed out after only a few ends.

I told them it never rained in Maleny on Bowls days and I was correct --- it didn't rain it absolutely bucketed down.

Fortunately, they accepted this in good spirit and have agreed to return on November 8th. We shall look forward to their visit and hope the weather is kind. Because only a few ends were played, all prizes were decided on a draw of the cards.

This week there was to be the

Men's Monthly
Jackpot Pairs

[cancelled because of the weather] and the usual Jackpot Pairs/Triples followed by the AGM.

Hopefully we will have been able to play Tuesday. Friday is Social Bowls and Saturday is the 'Ebenezer' Barefoot Bowls afternoon.

Saturday evening is the Maleny District Sport and Recreation Dinner at the Show Pavillion. Two of our members, Nev Watson and Wayne Peters, will be the recipients of awards for their contribution to Bowls over the years.

Nev has been a member since 1962, has been Men's President on three occasions and is Patron and a Life Member.

Wayne has been a member for almost 30 years and has also been President on three occasions and is being recognised for his work with Junior Bowlers and in fund raising.

Congratulations Nev and Wayne.

Finally, many thanks to our helpers last Sunday and to the volunteers to help with "Ebenezer" on Saturday afternoon and the Bar at the Show Pavillion on Saturday evening.

Can somebody explain it to me?

THE price of petrol is still rising, six weeks after bottoming out near \$1 a litre. Data from the Australian Institute of Petroleum shows the national average price for unleaded fuel rose 1.2 cents to just over \$1.22 in the past week.

At the same time, as at Monday 23rd February the price of OIL was \$40.62 a barrel - this is a drop of almost \$100.00 a barrel in just a few months.

Why is it that Australian motorists are once again being fleeced at the petrol bowser. Who is pocketing the windfall at the expense of motorists.



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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Thanks for Bushfire Donations

I want to thank those residents who donated goods to the various bushfire appeals around the region. My Maroochydore office also was a drop off point for collected goods and it was great to see the dedication of residents to helping out those affected by the tragedy.

One of the characteristics of Australia that always shines through in times of disaster is our ability to band together to help each other cope.

The deaths in the bushfires in Victoria has seen this tragic event elevated to be now listed as Australia's worst ever natural disaster.

Citizenship Ceremonies

I was honoured to be able to conduct a citizenship ceremony on Australia Day for some 25 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 a citizen and would like a more personal ceremony with friends and family, please enquire with my office on 5443 3555.

Rainfall

The Bureau of Meteorology suggests there's a 50% chance of higher than average rainfall in the region.

The national outlook for total autumn rainfall, shows mixed odds for exceeding the seasonal median.

There is a moderate shift in the odds favouring higher than normal rainfall over much of northern Queensland and southeastern SA. Conversely, there is a moderate shift in the odds favouring lower than normal rainfall over the southwest corner of WA.

For further information, visit: www.bom.gov.au/announcements/media_releases/climate/ahead/20090220R.shtml

Community Meetings

I have a number of free community sausage sizzles on Sat 7th March at Peacheater between 1.30pm – 3pm.

These functions are designed to give local residents who are unable to meet me in my electorate office, a chance to catch up in an informal setting to exchange ideas about key local issues.

RSVPs to my office at 5443 3555.

Ageing population demands Govt action

Member for Fisher Peter Slipper says the Government's failure to respond to the findings of important new report about ageing highlights its lack of interest in caring for seniors.

Recommendations made in the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission interim report target key challenges facing older Australians, such as bed shortages and waiting lists, as well as making the aged care sector financially viable.

"This is an important issue for Fisher residents – we have 20,165 residents aged 65 and over, a figure that's expected to increase to more than 33,000 in a little over a decade," Mr Slipper said.

"Minister Elliot's refusal to provide a comprehensive response to the recommendations in the report is further proof that the Government simply does not care about Australia's aged and frail."

The 2008/09 Aged Care Approvals Round, now six months behind schedule, saw an under subscription in bed applications from Hobart to Perth.

The 2008 Grant Thornton Survey found that 40% of Aged Care Homes are currently operating in the red.

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