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First abduction attempt in Maleny

Maleny Police are seeking two male persons who attempted to abduct a 14 year old female who was at a telephone box at the intersection of Maple Street and Fig Street, Maleny at about 6.15p.m. on Thursday March 19th.

The public telephone box is situated adjacent to the main street of Maleny and about 100 yards from the Maleny Police Station.

This attempted abduction was carried out by two male persons who were travelling in a white "courier type" van with a side door.

The 14-year-old girl escaped by kicking one of her attackers in the leg as he was attempting to get her into the vehicle. This caused him to loosen his grip allowing her run away permitting an escape.

The girl was at a telephone box on Fig Street about 6.15pm when a white car pulled up and a male passenger stepped out. The

girl thought she knew the occupants but then realised that she didn't.

Photofit photos have been released by police of the persons wanted for questioning.

The two male persons involved in this instance are described as Caucasian.

The passenger was about 184cm tall, had a slim build

is not expected in Maleny where most people know each other.

It is believed that the victim in this instance was not se-



Abduction Suspect - Passenger

and was wearing denim shirts.

The driver had a slim build and light brown hair.

This is believed to be the first abduction attempt in Maleny. Inquiries of some Maleny residents revealed that this type of incident



Abduction Suspect - Driver

riously physically injured in this incident.

This incident shows that it does not matter how close the community is there is always the possibility of similar incidents occurring.

It is hoped that because of the time of day and the location somebody may have witnessed this incident.

Anyone with information that could assist police should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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Truthful Jones Tells...



that his neighbour's son Seamus had gone to the United States to find work. He quickly got a job on a building site and was doing very well.

He did so well that he was soon made acting foreman and given a big rise in pay.

Naturally like any good Irish boy, he decided to share his good fortune with the folks back home in Witta. He searched hard and long for the ideal present for mum and dad and settled on a beautiful gold-rimmed mirror for the hallway.

He duly parcelled and posted it, little knowing the reaction it would arouse back home. When it arrived at Witta Casey Senior hung it on the wall in the hallway.

'Come here!' called Casey Senior to his wife, staring into the mirror.

'Mary, come and see how your son has aged since he went to that over inflated country.'

Mother leaned over father's shoulder, saw her own reflection and said:

'I'm not surprised! Look at the ugly old hag he's living with!'

Morale: Not everyone will interpret what they see the same although they may have the same vision.

Pride in workmanship

The Maleny Rotary Club is seeking nominations for its Pride in Workmanship awards for 2009.

This is for any person under 30 years of age in any occupation who deserved recognition for their workmanship and lives in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Inquiries to 5494 2886.

Think now about your bush fire plan

The Victorian bush fires may now be out but the victims have not even started to deal with their aftermath. Now that bushfire stories have left the front pages of newspapers and are not shown nightly on the television news we can comfortably forget them!

Well, maybe. Did you know that areas of the Sunshine Coast were potential bushfire disaster zones according to Queensland Fire Service experts.

Areas most at risk include Noosa, Maleny, Beerwah, Montville, Flaxton, Cooroy, Cooran and Buderim were among the hotspots they mentioned.

These expert firefighters said that it was time Coast residents in suburban bushland areas got serious about bushfire preparedness.

People in semi-rural areas are most likely most at risk. Whilst it is something special to live in a bushland setting there are also special risks.

It is important to have a plan as to how you are going to attend to the fire. That is whether you are going to stay or leave and when is the right time to leave.

It is important not to make the decision to leave until the last minute as circumstances outside of your control may prevent you from leaving.

Some basic maintenance is also very important, for example make sure that there is no rubbish in roofing gutters, there are no openings through which embers can get into the roofing cavity or other areas.

Areas around buildings should be kept free of litter and an area immediately around the house should be free of overhanging trees and bushes.

A roofing sprinkler system would be a great help if there is a good supply of water available and a supplementary way of powering the pump in case of electricity failure.

If you intend to "stay and fight" have the appropriate type of clothing available to reduce chances of injury - stubbies and thongs just don't cut it.

This is nothing new in this information as local emergency service personnel have been giving the same warning for years now but because nothing too serious happened last year or the year before we tend to think that nothing serious will ever occur.

Look at the Victorian fires - they just came out of nowhere and look at the devastation they caused - a once in the history of Australia event.

Home owners have to understand they can not start preparing two days in advance for potential fire threats - they had to be ready all the time. So, over this coming winter period homeowners in rural settings should overview their property and the country around that property to ensure that there are adequate safety precautions in place.

Don't become a statistic during the next fire season. It is possible in our area to prepare adequately for a bush fire.

For information on planning for a bushfire contact the Queensland Fire Service on 1800 815080.

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News from the Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club inc



**Maleny District Sport
& Recreation Club**

Women's soccer in Maleny is going from strength to strength.

The Maleny Rangers women's soccer team (The Magic Maleny Rangers) will be going into the club's second season very determined to improve on performances from last year.

Maleny Ranger's Soccer Club is pleased to welcome the team's new coach, Dale Gower, who has recently relocated to Maleny from NSW.

Dale has been playing soccer since the age of 6 and has a lot to bring to the club, and has been training the new women's team at the Showground for the last three weeks, preparing for the start of the season.

The Magic Maleny Rangers Women's team still has room for new players, so come on down

and join in if you are looking for some exercise and a lot of fun.

The first home match against Maroochydore will be on the 3rd of April at 18.45 down the Showground.

Spectators most welcome.

For further information contact Annemette: 5429 6345 or 0434 866 437 (or just come and join us).

The club is also delighted in the strong interest shown for girls soccer, fielding sides in U'15, 13's and 11's.

Contact April on 5494 2776 for all enquiries.

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 "students" who just amble across pedestrian crossings without even looking to see how close a car is before they even step onto the crossing.

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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!

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- * 4 hard boiled eggs
- * 1 tin asparagus tips
- * 1/2 pint white sauce
- * Pepper and salt
- * Grated cheese
- * Fine breadcrumbs

Method

Make 1/2 pint of white sauce. Add hard boiled eggs (cut in thick slices) and asparagus (cut in pieces). Pepper and salt to taste. Cover with grated cheese and fine breadcrumbs.

Place in oven till slightly browned on top (about 10 minutes). Serve with mashed potatoes.

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Maleny Swimming Club planning workshop

The Maleny Swimming Club is holding a planning workshop to prepare a Development Plan to provide direction and needs of the club and pool for the next three to five years.

It is to be held on Wednesday night 1 st April 2009 between 6p.m. and 9p.m

As part of this planning process, you are invited to put your ideas for the future of the club's swimming activities and facilities. Who knows, you may not be involved with the club at the moment but could become involved in the future. This is your opportunity to ensure that the club provides for the Maleny community into the future.

For some help with consideration there is a questionnaire available. For more information about this document contact Joyce Newton.

It will be held at the Maleny Swimming Club House, Maleny Centenary Pool, Bunya Street, Maleny Refreshments will be provided.

For further information, please contact Joyce Newton on 5494 4448.

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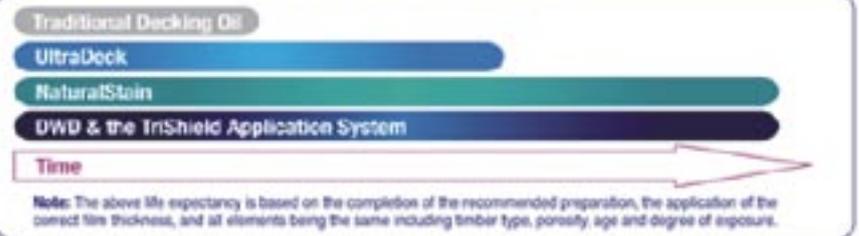
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News from Maleny Bowls Club with Chairman Ian Hansen

Last week Bowls were able to be played on both Tuesday and Thursday but not Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

However, some Championship matches were played on Sunday morning. The weather this time of the year makes it extremely difficult for our green-keeper and heavy greens really can't be avoided.

Hopefully, with the onset of our usual autumn weather-- clear, blue skies and favourable temperatures in the low twenties-- you will see a vast improvement in the pace of the green.

The winners on Tuesday were Eric Drew and Sandra Kapetanic who registered two wins plus 21. The Touchers were won by Brian Emmerton, Nev Littler and Doug Frawley and Di Drew made it a double for the Drew household by winning the raffle.

Three ladies were delighted when negative one was drawn for the Jackpot and even forgave the Chairman when he overpaid them \$11 each first up and then had to take it back but they still finished with \$78 each.

The lucky ladies were Gail Turner, Lucy Oldfield and Jo Littler.

Thursday's Mixed Nominated Triples winners were the Mooloolah Valley combination of Dick Metcalfe and Judy and Lloyd Walker who had two wins plus 17.

The runners-up with plus 11 in the second game were the local trio of Doug Frawley, Jo Littler and Curley Petersen.

The raffle winners were Sandra Kapetanic and Judy Walker. Two Bowl Triples is a most enjoyable format with two games of 18 ends, one either side of lunch.

Many thanks to last Thursday's helpers: viz. Maggie Crowe for the pasta, Lucy Oldfield for the rice, Helga Falcongren for custard etc. and Faye Petersen and Carol Frawley for their work in the kitchen.

It is a shame we can't get more than eight teams to nominate for this monthly event.

None of the Sponsors' Prize winners were present.

Had they been, two very new

Social Members would have been winners: Penny Edwards for the \$140 IGA Prize now worth \$160 this week and Sherry Wright for the Full Monte prize. The other two were Helen Caulley and Phil Crowe.

This week, weather permitting, there would have been Men's Monthly Jackpot Pairs on Monday and the usual Jackpot Pairs/ Triples on Tuesday.

Wednesday is the first round of Ladies Pairs at 8.30 for 9.00a.m., Thursday the Men's "B" Singles, social bowls on Friday and the Men's Pairs on Saturday morning at 8.30 for 9.00a.m. An extremely busy week. To cap it off there is the Trivia Quiz on Saturday evening at 6.30 for 7.00p.m.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Uni job placements / work experience

An initiative that may be of interest to local business owners who need staff is "The Brolga Project", which aims to offer university students who must do work experience as part of their curriculum an opportunity to gain that work experience with short-staffed businesses in rural and regional areas.

The Brolga Project was launched at the Queensland University of Technology last October and now has the involvement of ten universities stretching from the University of Adelaide to the James Cook University in North Queensland.

The promoters have attracted considerable interest from students and businesses alike and now have some 170 interested students on their books who are interested in working in regional Australia.

The promoters of The Brolga Project believe it is also an opportunity for students to experience life in a smaller community, possibly leading to a decision to reside in the community for a longer term.

For further details contact:

The Brolga Project at www.brolga-project.com.au/

Unit Pricing

Work is underway for the development of a code of practice for the national unit pricing policy.

Unit pricing refers to the display of the price of goods per unit of measure (for example, per 100 grams or per kilogram). The aim is to ensure shoppers can compare the cost per unit of products that are comparable but are packaged with differing volumes.

Submissions are invited to assist with the development of the code, which is due for completion by July 1 and will be implemented on December 1.

The closing date for submissions is 20 April 2009.

The draft code released recently is available at: www.treasury.gov.au.

For further details about making a submission for the code, visit: <http://www.treasury.gov.au/contentitem.asp?NavId=037&ContentID=1503>

Warm Autumn?

Research by the Bureau of Meteorology suggests that the outlook for average temperatures during March to May includes warmer-than-average night temperature over most of Queensland.

The BOM says this is mostly as a result of warmer conditions over the Indian Ocean in the early months of this year.

For further information can be found at:

www.bom.gov.au/announcements/media_releases/climate/ahead/20090220T_naus.shtml

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