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Should we raise the alcohol drinking age?

The ability to drink alcohol has been a right of passage for many Australians and it is like a ritual to take that first legal drink.

Presently, the legal age is 18 years. Up until the mid 1970's the legal drinking age was 21 years.

Of recent times alcohol fueled violence and the number of serious traffic accidents involving youth have skyrocketed out of control in many parts of Queensland.

The Australian Medical Association Queensland president Dr Mason Stevenson said, "AT least 100 lives a year could be saved if Australia raised the legal drinking age to 21."

As a result is there a valid reason to once again raise the legal alcohol drinking age in an effort to reduce violence and other medical problems?

2010 Utribe fundraiser

December 5th at Crystal Waters

The first fundraising gig for the 2010 Utribe Festival at Green Park, Conondale is on at Crystal Waters on Saturday 5th December.

With the line-up including Maleny's Hayden Hack and band, Khan and band from the Sunshine Coast, Tim Loydell and the Deckchairs fresh from their recent east coast tour, solo artists Kyla Cobe, Adam Scriven and possibly others, Utribe fans are in for a great night of roots, funk, reggae and folk.

This event will be starting at 5pm and running through until midnight.

Food and drink will be available on the night.

Tickets will be available at the door

- \$15 for adults, \$8 for under 18's, kids under 12 free.

The Utribe planning team will be hosting a gig every six weeks or so at different locations to help clear outstanding 09 Festival debts and enable planning for the 2010 Utribe Festival.

So, if you would like to see Utribe Festival return even stronger and better in 2010, come down to Crystal Waters for a night of wonderful music and the great atmosphere that Utribe brought to the region.

For enquiries or if you would like to help, please contact the Utribe Office on 5435 2166 – leave a message if the office is unattended and you will be contacted.

Beerwah forestry once again threatened

The Beerwah forestry plantation in Roys Road, Beerwah was threatened with fire when a bushfire broke out on Wednesday 22nd at about lunch time.

The fire was subsequently contained in the late afternoon after a tense fight by about 50 firefighters using fire vehicles and fire fighting helicopters. This fire came within close proximity to homes and the pine forest which the state government is intending to sell off to private operators in the next few years.

In both 1994 and 1995 large bushfires in the Beerwah / Beerburum forestry plantations destroyed large amounts of pine forest stocks during spring / summer heat waves. During those fires plantation timber in excess of \$35 million was destroyed along with 23 houses and 93 other buildings,

A number of Rural Fire volunteers were severely injured in those fires when they were overrun by fire in a sudden wind change.



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Truthful Jones Tells...

that one of his neighbours was concerned that the newsagent had missed delivering his Sunday newspaper.

Truthful says;

For all of us who are---seniors--- for all of you who know seniors--- and for all of you who will be seniors.

It pays to be able to laugh about it when you are a senior!

'Where Is My Paper?'

His irate neighbour called the newsagency, loudly demanding to know where his Sunday paper was.

'Sir', said the employee, today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered 'til Sunday.'

There was quite a pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition.

'So that's why no one was in church today.' relented Truthful's neighbour.

Morale: *It always pays to have a good idea as to what the answer to the question may be before poking ones nose out as it may be quickly cut off.*



News from the Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club inc



Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club

Regional sport and recreation study

Sunshine Coast Regional Council is working to ensure that quality sport and recreation facilities and services are there for everyone, including future generations.

Do not miss this opportunity to have your say!

Overview

Council is currently preparing the Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy to:

- * develop a shared vision for council and the community.
- * guide the current and future provision of formal sport and recreation facilities across the Sunshine Coast's diverse communities.

This Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy covers:

- *activities that require legitimate/formal venues and services
- *provision of facilities where council has a role sharing

opportunities

with the education sector.

The strategy excludes:

- * non-competitive or passive recreation activities such as nature appreciation, recreational swimming, bird watching, bushwalking, camping or picnicking
- * difficult to locate sports such as shooting, powerboating, 4WD, water skiing, trail bike riding.

Community engagement

Don't miss your opportunity to have your say. Council is conducting a series of community forums from late November 2009 to early January 2010. Registration for forums is required.

To register attendance at any of the community forums contact our partner, the Department of Communities (Sport and Recreation Services) on (07) 5458 7100.



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

Who remembers the old days

Collecting all the lead (thrown away waste) sweepings from the rear of the local newspaper office, melting down into a block and selling to the fishermen in town to make sinkers....



"Weightwatchers"

Join Online today and save \$24 on a 3 month plan

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Maleny Garden Club now has own web page

"The Maleny Garden Club was established in the fifties and continues to thrive. The first recorded meeting of people interested in forming a garden club was held in 1952 at Rixon Burnett's' home.

The Club meets monthly in a Members garden (weather permitting) where there is usually an informative talk on gardening topics relevant to the Range and the opportunity to view the members garden.

The present goals of the club are to foster and promote an active interest in all matters relating to gardening on the Range. To stage events that promote the beauty and diversity of the region and at the same time raise funds for local

community groups.

One of the upcoming events in 2010 will be the Gardening on the Edge and ASrts festival which will be held on June 12th and 13th.

Another great learning opportunity is at the monthly Sip & Snips. Members gather in a member's garden for morning tea and a walk around the garden collecting cuttings of interest.

There are a range of other social/ learning opportunities including organised tours to garden related events and gardens of interest.

Check out www.malenygardenclub.org for more information and for a Membership Application Form.

The "NUT" Award

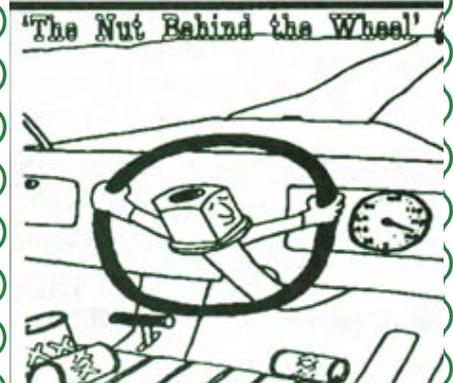
It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

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 and pillion passenger on a motor cycle travelling towards Landsborough through the 'Ice-Box' about midday on Wed 25th. Speed and double lines meant nothing to them. Neither, especially the girl pillion had substantial clothing on to protect against an accident.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Fish Pie

- everyone needs a regular feed of fish.

Ingredients

- * .5 kg cooked potatoes
- * .5 kg cooked fish (without skin & bone)
- * 1 1/2 gills cheese sauce
- * 1 hard-boiled egg
- * Butter
- * Milk
- * Grated cheese
- * Seasoning

Method

Remove the skin and bones from the fish, flake up the flesh and season it.

Mash with potatoes, add a lump of butter, moisten them with milk and add seasoning.

Make the cheese sauce by making a thick white sauce and stirring in 1 1/2 oz of finely grated cheese. Stir until the cheese is melted, and add salt and pepper to taste.

Put a layer of potatoes in a buttered pie dish. Mix the sauce with the fish, and add them to the pie dish. A few cold green peas may also be included.

Cover the fish with more potatoes, sprinkle the top with a little more cheese and heat the pie through in the oven, then brown it under the grill.

Serve fish pie garnished with sliced hard-boiled egg. Sufficient for 4 people.

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Desal plant needs a lot more thought

You would know you had a bad day if you got a parking ticket as described below

Horse Play?

You leave your horse in the street and what do you expect to find when you get back?

A small pile of manure perhaps, but not a parking ticket.

Amazingly, however, this is exactly what happened to Robert McFarland, a retired blacksmith from Yorkshire when he left his trusty steed, Charlie Boy, for a few brief moments.

On the ticket, the over-zealous warden had written the vehicle description as "brown horse".

Now the decision about the Traveston Dam construction has been made and Queensland Premier, Anna Bligh has indicated that no appeal will be made against the decision made by Federal Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage and the Arts that the dam should not go ahead.

Premier Bligh immediately announced that a number of desal plants needed to be built, including one at Marcoola.

A spokesperson for the Department of Natural Resources said, "Preliminary investigations have been completed which resulted in the identification of Lytton and Marcoola as priority desalination sites for the region. Further investigations will commence shortly to assist in selecting the order of the sites. These plants may be required as early as 2017."

"The Queensland Government's own analysis shows that we do not need any new water infrastructure to be commissioned until 2026," said Griffith University Traveston Dam researcher Robert Hales recently.

In this case it is important that the correct scientific and environmental investigations are made before any work is commenced.

There are two main kinds of desalina-

tion: reverse osmosis and multi-effects. Reverse osmosis separates salt from water by pushing salt water through a membrane to separate salt from water. Multi-effects evaporates salt water using a vacuum and recondenses the vapor into drinking water. Both methods require large amounts of electricity to complete the process.

One prime question that must be asked is "Where is that amount of electricity going to come from and what process is going to be used to generate that electricity." Presently base load electricity is generated in Queensland by the burning of fossil fuels.

This is the very process that creates the effects of global warming that the Federal Government is trying to reduce, at a great financial cost to Australians.

If it is shown that desal plants are needed to supply a continued reliable water supply to South East Queensland the State Government must consider the use of other forms of energy generation, such as solar and nuclear generation to power the desalination plants.

A complete and thorough investigation must be completed in respect to this project as Queensland cannot afford the Queensland government's economic analysis of the options to be undertaken in a piecemeal way thus causing the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars only to have the project not go ahead as happened with the Traveston Dam project.

Ms Bligh claimed recently that the refusal of the Traveston Dam would result in more expensive water. But that proposal would have happened even if Traveston Dam had gone ahead - just look at what happened with the privatisation of the electricity industry.

Apple iMac

Slim, all-in-one design

Setting the highest standards for elegance and simplicity, the all-in-one iMac packs all its components — from processor to video camera — into an astoundingly thin, anodized aluminum frame.

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Blackall Range

Woodworker's Guild

To read a copy of the Club's latest newsletter simply click on this logo when connected to the internet. You will be taken to the index page of the Club's web page. Pick the relevant date.

Cheers Pres Dave

The secret of many a man's success in the world resides in his insight into the moods of men and his tact in dealing with them.



This weeks Special

Wattyl Trademax
W.T.B. - Int - L/S

4 lts - \$44.00

(Must mention this add to get special price - Normally \$49.00)

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

**A good paint job requires
a good base coat**

Preparation and a good primer - sealer - undercoat is a must if you want that paint finish to be a quality job.

Taubmans 3 in 1 is a high performance water based, all purpose primer, sealer and undercoat that is suitable for both interior and exterior applications.

It has outstanding hiding, filling and sanding properties, and is also quick drying.

How to Apply

Surface Preparation is especially important if the end result is to be a quality job. Ensure surfaces to be painted are clean, dry and free of contamination before painting.

When completing new work always dust down bare wall-boards and interior timber. New concrete and cement render must be allowed to cure for 28 days before painting.

Apply one coat by brush, roller or spray. Do not overspread. Keep brushes and rollers work-

ing freely by rinsing occasionally in clean water. Coverage changes depending on the type and quality of the surface being coated. As a general rule about 14 sq meters per litre can be expected but rough surfaces means a lower area covered.

Taubmans 3 in 1 is cleaned up in water. This should be done carefully and waste NOT allowed to enter drains.

Prior to painting paint should always be well stirred. Stir paint with a 25mm wide flat stirrer in a circular lifting motion for at least 5 minutes before use. Do not use if the temperatures are below 10°C or above 35°C or when humidity is excessive.



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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



RSL Sub-branch Grant

I am pleased to have announced a government grant for the Beerwah/ Peachester RSL. The RSL has been allocated \$850 from the "Saluting Their Service" programme to hold a service in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Binh Ba and other actions involving Australians during the Vietnam War.

Deadline for Award Nominations

I remind local residents that the deadline for nominations is now very close for the Fisher Community Australia Day Awards.

If you know someone who is doing great things in the community, you should consider lodging a nomination. It is a relatively simple process and nomination forms are available from my electorate office or by phoning 5443 3555 or 1300 301 981 (toll free within Fisher). Recipients are recognised for their contributions in the areas of community service, industry and commerce, the arts, sport and recreation, and for their work with

seniors' groups, sporting clubs, youth organisations, and welfare and community support organisations.

Go ahead. Nominate a local hero!

Tax Office warning

The Australian Tax Office is warning locals to be wary of investing in life insurance policies that are issues by firms that are based in so-called tax havens.

Promoters of these policies have advised some investors that proceeds from these policies qualify for tax concessions and/or fees paid to the schemes are tax deductible.

The ATO warns that these schemes may not qualify for such concessions and consumers should be aware.

Information about the schemes is available at www.ato.gov.au/atp

Tax agents with information about such schemes should report it to the Tax Practitioner Integrity Service on 1800 639 745.

Anyone with information about such policies should contact the ATO on 1800 060 062 or at www.ato.gov.au/reportevasion

Home Energy Assessment

Free assessments are now available for energy and water usage at our homes.

This is an opportunity for local homeowners to get an idea of where they're at with regards to energy and water use, and get advice on how they can improve, which can in turn help save on power and water costs.

To book an assessment, contact the Australian Government Green Loans Programme on 1800 895

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.

Support your local Businesses

Humphries & Fisk Real Estate	- 5499 9850
Impact Painters	- 0429 640 732
Maleny Cheese Factory	- 5494 2207
Maleny Print & Copy Centre	- 5494 2888
Maleny Paint Place	- 5494 2002

Local Businesses offer support and services to you and your business. They also provide local employment. Why not support them.

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