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## George Thorpe honoured

by "Rowley Rowsell, President of Maleny R.S.L. Sub-Branch"

**T**he Queensland State President of the Returned services League, Mr. Doug Formby, hauled himself from the wildlife of the city of Brisbane and entered the wild country of the Sunshine coast to visit the Maleny Sub Branch general meeting.

His visit was much appreciated, as he came to visit us country folk to present a life Membership to Mr. George Thorpe O.A.M.



George Thorpe

After being greeted to the sub branch, the State President at the invitation of the President of the sub branch, gave a run down on the workings of the State Branch Office and his vision for

the future of the Returned Service League.

A few questions were asked of the President by the members including a question on the State v Sub Branch Constitution and the problems of incompatibility.

At 10 am the President of the Sub Branch called forward Mr George Thorpe OAM and his wife Elva to receive his life membership and badge from the State President. The State President commented that

at the time he was sure that Elva deserved a life membership for being behind the man. Mr George Thorpe O.A.M.

GEORGE JOINED THE RETURNED & SERVICES

LEAGUE AT COOPAROO IN 1966. HE MOVED TO RATHDOWNEY IN 1983 UNTIL 1988, WHERE HE HELD THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE SUB BRANCH

AND THE R.S.L. MEN'S BOWLS CLUB. DURING HIS TIME AT RATHDOWNEY GEORGE ALSO WAS THEIR PENSIONS AND WELFARE OFFICER.

GEORGE AND ELVA MOVED TO MALENY IN 1988. GEORGE BECAME PRESIDENT OF R.S.L. MALENY SUB BRANCH IN 1991 AND HELD THAT POSITION FOR 2 YEARS, THEN AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR 1 YEAR.

IN 1994 GEORGE ESTABLISHED A WELFARE CAPABILITY AND BECAME THE SUB BRANCH'S FIRST WELFARE AND PENSIONS OFFICER. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THIS POSITION FOR 10 YEARS.

GEORGE THORPE WAS AWARDED THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL FOR HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE IN 1999. GEORGE'S COMMUNI-

TY SERVICE INCLUDED RATHDOWNEY & AND MALENY BOWLS CLUBS, AND MALENY MEALS ON WHEELS.



HE WAS THE INAUGURAL PRESIDENT OF THE MALENY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

GEORGE THROUGHOUT HIS R.S.L. AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HAS ALWAYS SHOWN WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND AT ALL TIMES HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY HIS WIFE ELVA.

The Maleny community and the R.S.L. salute you George Thorpe.

*Its no use boiling your cabbage twice..*

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## Truthful Jones Tells... us that



his local Salvation Army Officer friend realized that the organization had never received a donation from the town's most successful lawyer. The person in charge of contributions called him to persuade him to contribute to the "Sallie's appeal".

"Our research shows that out of a yearly income of at least \$500,000, you give not a penny to charity. Wouldn't you like to give back to the community in some way?"

The lawyer mulled this over for a moment and replied, "First, did your research also show that my mother is dying after a long illness, and has medical bills that are several times her annual income?"

Embarrassed, the Salvation Army Officer mumbled, "Um ... no."

The lawyer interrupts, "or that my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair?"

The Salvation Army Officer began to stammer out an apology, but was interrupted again.

"or that my sister's husband died in a traffic accident," the lawyer's voice rising in indignation, "leaving her penniless with three children?!"

The Salvation Army Officer, completely beaten, said simply, "I had no idea..."

On a roll, the lawyer cut him off once again, "So if I don't give any money to them, why should I give any to you?"

Shows that we all know where our feelings lie and some care about our family and friends more than others.

*There's no need to fear the wind if your haystacks are tied down....*

## Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

### How to get a good finish?

**The secret to a good paint job is to use good tools. Cheap does not always mean a good economical job.**

**Every year, new products come on the market to help make painting more enjoyable. You'll want to select the best ones for your job.**

### Natural or Synthetic Brushes

**Generally, paint brushes with natural bristles are meant for oil-based paints, but this is changing. Natural bristles will soak up the water and go limp in water-based paints. The newer synthetic bristles were designed for water-based paints, but can be used for anything. Densely packed bristles that taper to a chisel edge help with painting a straight edge, cutting in or tipping. Split ends or "flags" hold more paint and spread it more evenly and smoothly. Choose the right brush for your job.**

### Foam Brushes and Rollers

**Foam brushes come in many widths, are inexpensive, and are great for small jobs or**

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touch-ups.

**Foam paint rollers work well, don't spatter the paint, and are easy to use when you want a really smooth wall. Normally they are used with "glossed" paints.**

**Don't try them on rough surfaces, though, as they will not hold up.**

### Pad Painters

**Smooth pad painters offer simple and neat paint application and easy clean ups. Don't apply too much paint to the pad, as it will drip. You'll have to take it apart, clean it, dry it thoroughly, and start over. If you use ones with guide wheels keep those wheels clean.**

### Paint Rollers

**A paint roller with a plastic core will last longer than one with a cardboard core. Select a roller "nap" (fullness of the covering) according to the texture on your walls. Use a flat, smooth roller for flat, smooth walls and a thicker, more plush roller for rough textured walls.**

### Drop Cloths

**The best material for a drop cloth is a heavy canvas cloth. It's not as slippery as plastic and covers better than newspaper. Fold the cloth to fit any size room and tape down the corners to prevent paint from oozing over the edge. To prevent scratching, be sure to vacuum hardwood floors before you put the drop cloth down.**

**For more information about paint or "how to hints" click here to go to the**

***Maleny Paint Place***  
***web page.***

## Witta Rec Reserve draft master plan now on display

Hinterland residents can have their say on a draft Master Plan for the Witta Recreation Reserve, which is now on display.

Sunshine Coast Regional Director of Assets and Infrastructure Andrew Ryan said the draft Master Plan, which has been developed through consultation with key user groups, aims to improve facilities and range of use of the popular reserve.

“The overall aim of the draft Master Plan is to achieve an attractive, practical sporting and recreational precinct for use by residents, sporting club participants and the broader community,” Mr Ryan said.

Some of the key features of the short term plan include the undergrounding of power to allow three senior touch football fields, upgrades to carparking, access and equity improvements and entry

statement. The key features of the 5-20 year plan is the expansion to two full sized rugby union fields, four touch football fields, buffer planting to re-aligned creek, improved outdoor infrastructure and various facility improvements, as well as upgrades to the clubhouse, toilet facilities and playground.

All feedback received will be considered as part of the development of the final Master Plan.

The draft Witta Recreation Reserve Master Plan will be on display until Friday 10 April at the Caloundra office of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, the Witta Recreation Reserve Clubhouse, and Maleny Library. Reply paid comment forms will be available at these locations.

*You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.*

## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Sesame Chicken Kababs

- easy evening meal on these warm afternoons.

#### Ingredients

1 frozen pastry squares for quiches - 1 block of Feta - 1 block same weight of Ricotta - 2 box of frozen spinach - 1 egg some parmesan cheese

#### Directions

- × Preheat oven at about 170 degrees
- × defrost spinach
- × mix spinach, egg, feta and ricotta in bowl
- × line bowl or square tin with pastry put mix on top of pastry spread some parmesan cheese on top

Put in oven and in approx 45 min's you will have a nutritious yummy pie!

## 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:-

All of those drivers who were caught in the FIXED speed camera on the Bruce Highway at Burpengary during the Easter weekend. We all know where it is and that it is operating so there is no excuse when you get caught there.

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## Driller's Tales,

### Interesting interlude in the Philippines, 1998

I was in Bicol, central Luzon, helping to organise a geophysical survey and check out potential drill sites, and was told that the NPA had a new commander, Ka Ajin (Ka meaning comrade), a 40-ish lady and the highest ranking in Bicol. The NPA are the New People's Army, the military wing of the Philippines Communist Party, and just one of the groups of terrorists hassling everyone throughout the Philippines, and they lived in the hills around our potential exploration site. Newspaper reports claimed that there were 6,000 NPA under arms. That afternoon a young boy had brought a note from the NPA asking for a meeting, so they had observed my arrival.

The next NPA note asked information regarding our intentions. When we replied if they would accept goods (rice, tinned sardines, cigarettes) as a tribute instead of their revolutionary tax, which was 15% (of wages, budget) etc., they said that they would have to confer with their higher-ups in Makati, Manila

Ka Ajin said, Nice People Always, their new orders were cash only, demanding P.6,000 per month (\$150). There was a sign on the road to our camp saying 'thank you from mixed friends' which sounded quite cheerful, despite being a veiled warning from the NPA. Another joke is that NPA means, No Permanent Address.



More stories from local mining drilling expert, Maleny resident and author about incidents that he witnessed during his journeys into third world countries.

I had been told that when the NPA burnt the LY36 & 44 on September 7, 1986, during a previous drilling program, the military were in a bunker 200 metres away but did not see the activity. The NPA told the crew to disappear, but could not start the burning with diesel.

Then they found the gasoline mud mixer fuel and set everything alight. Finally, one morning at 0630, with an interpreter and our security chief, I walked to the river for my meeting with the five NPA, as they wanted to know our program, and were under the impression that a mine was going into production. We sat on logs and there were three M-16s pointed at me. Ka Ajin, another high ranking NPA, and the three youths with the guns. They all relaxed somewhat when I explained that it was only the start of an exploration program, which would last for a long time. When a chicken walked across the clearing, and I asked them if that was the NPA too, they all burst into laughter, and the guns were removed. Then they thanked me for coming to meet them, and all shook hands when I left the two hour meeting.

On my way back to Manila, I stayed at a hotel which had these interesting instructions in the bathroom:

- (1) Set the heater to the position either, hot, warm or cold.
- (2) Open the faucet.
- (3) Then don't move the controller anymore to avoid electric shocked.

News from  
Maleny  
Bowls Club



by Chairman Ian Hansen

Once again the inclement weather caused Bowls to be cancelled on both Tuesday and Thursday last week.

I've lost count of the number of times Bowls have had to be cancelled this year because of the weather. Wouldn't it have been marvellous had we had a covered, artificial green on the Precinct with a new Clubhouse shared with other sports. The weather would not have cancellation of any games and there wouldn't have been such a significant loss in income.

One can only hope that there will be just such a scenario in the not too distant future.

We still had the Sponsors' Draws on the Thursday before Easter and the lone winner present was Marianne Osborne who became only the second person to win the QLD Villages prize. This was \$60 worth of IGA vouchers. The other winners would have been: John Kapetanic for IGA now worth \$80 this week, Brett Scott for Maleny Paints, Cliff Deans for the Full Monte and Joyce Walsh for Beechwood Bakehouse. The lucky raffle winner was Diane Drew.

This week, hopefully even though it's raining at time of writing, there will have been the unusual Tuesday Jackpot Pairs/ Triples and Social Bowls on Friday. Sunday, the Junior Cricketers are having their Presentation Day at the Club and helpers will be needed in the kitchen and as cooks for the Bar-Be-Que.

Monday, 31st of March, is the Men's Monthly Jackpot Pairs.

Surely the weather will be kind and all three games can be played. Good Bowling All.

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## Jobs from Hinterland Employment Services

### Dispensary Assistant

A busy pharmacy situated on the Southern end of the Sunshine Coast is currently seeking a Pharmacy Assistant with experience in Dispensary. This is a casual position, which may lead to more work for the right person with current experience in Pharmacy.

To express interest in this positions or to receive full job description please forward recent resume together with checkable references by email to [employment@hinterland.biz](mailto:employment@hinterland.biz)

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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.

## Some notes from Peter Slipper M.H.R.

### Film Classifications

New laws have been introduced that enable the advertising of unclassified films, computer games and publications prior to them being given an official rating from the Classification Board. Previously this was allowed for only a limited number of films for cinematic release.

New technologies leading to an increase in piracy of films and computer games in particular forced producers to severely restrict any pre-release circulation of their productions, often meaning they were only receiving their official classification just prior to their public release, which meant limited opportunities for promotion.

The new laws give industry assessors the ability to recommend the likely classification of the product and allow advertising with conditions.

### Sex discrimination

The Sex Discrimination Commissioner will be holding a series of

forums in Queensland on 14-18 April. The "Listening Tour" is seeking input on how best to build a fair and equal society for women and men in Australia.

For further information about the Listening Tour, visit: [www.human-rights.gov.au](http://www.human-rights.gov.au) <http://www.human-rights.gov.au>

### Environment funds

The Australian Government will spend \$2.25b between now and 2013 to help improve the environment and help further improve land management practices.

The programme, known as "Caring for our Country" programme will deliver funds to communities through a single entity that covers several funding streams, including the National Heritage Trust and National Landcare.

**A turkey never voted for an early Christmas.**

### Old libraries - New services for all

*The libraries of Noosa, Caloundra and Maroochy Councils are merging to deliver a one-stop Library Service that you can access from your local branch.*

*They aim to take the best that each has to offer and add a little extra to bring an even better library service with more benefits.*

*It will be a library service for the whole Sunshine Coast community, with a focus on providing more libraries and more choice.*

*It is expected that a new catalogue system will be up and running by the end of May 2008.*

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