



Council can't collect our rubbish

In a cost cutting exercise the Sunshine Coast Regional Council is going to cut the "kerbside rubbish removal scheme".

Whilst this will save the budget approximately \$700,000 per year it does not mean that there will be a saving to the ratepayer as council rates are set to skyrocket and a number of separate levys are to be added.

Sunshine Coast Regional Council staff are investigating the implementation of a user-pays kerbside collection service where customers could contact the waste contractor to arrange a collection and pay a fee for service.

A council spokesperson blamed both the cost cutting and the skyrocketing of rates on the amalgamation of the three previous local councils into the one body.

This is in spite of assurances given by the state government that costs would not go up as a result of amalgamation.

Don't forget

**Maleny Show
May 28th & 29th**

Maple Street upgrade to continue now

Stage two of Maleny Streetscape is about to commence.

These works will include a new roundabout at the intersection of Coral Street and Maple Street as well as a reconfiguration of the Teak Street and Maple Street intersection.

Service relocations will be required for these works which will include power pole relocations, water main upgrades and drainage.

Landscape embellishments associated with the roadworks will include the following:

- * major refurbishment of Tesch Park including park shelter, artwork, tree planting and playground fencing
- * roundabout landscaping including the installation of an advanced tree (Illawarra Flame Tree) and uplighting
- * entry sign artwork
- * new footpaths and street furniture.

A temporary works compound will be set up in Tesch Park and a Traffic Management Plan will also be implemented.

Council is committed to providing clear and ongoing communication with traders and locals throughout the project and requests some

patience and understanding during construction.

Prior to this work commencing it will be necessary to have a liquidamber tree in Tesch Park, Maleny removed.

This follows the commissioning by council of expert advice about the state of this tree.

This advice recommended the removal of the liquidamber tree located near Coral Street due to concerns with the structural integrity and overall health of the tree.

Investigation has discovered several pockets of decay which are advancing and has resulted in reduced ability to absorb and dampen wind load, putting more pressure on already compromised branches.

If the tree were to fail it could potentially cause a catastrophic event. The council has decided to remove the tree in the interests of public safety.



Drawing of the Coral Street roundabout

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When is a parking permit not a parking permit?

Some months ago we mentioned the difference between a blue and a red disabled parking permit and where they allow you to park.

In the last week there has been another check on disabled parking in Maple Street, Maleny with a number of vehicles displaying red parking permits parked in the disabled parking spots being given traffic tickets.

It is important to remember that there are two types of disabled parking permits issued, a blue coloured one and a red coloured one.

They have different parking conditions entitled to them.

The red parking permit only applies to the use of disability parking bays in off-street locations including hospitals and shopping centres.

The blue permit applies to on-street parking so be careful.

Council to use bio-diesel

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council is putting the environment first and will start using B20 biodiesel in all its heavy vehicles and machinery from mid-2010 to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Sunshine Coast Council is one of the first councils in Queensland to introduce biodiesel. This fuel will be used in everything with a diesel motor from trucks and graders to excavators and tractors.

A tanker, capable of fuelling all council's heavy fleet vehicles is now stationed at the Nambour Council Depot.

B20 diesel is a mix of 20 per cent biodiesel and 80 per cent petroleum diesel. It burns cleaner and faster, resulting in less wear and tear on engines and it reduces harmful emissions.

The amount of diesel used by the Council is approximately 3 million litres a year.

"B20 is sourced and produced in Australia from either tallow, a bi-product of the abattoir industry, recycled oil or seeds." Because B20 contains 20 per cent less fossil fuel than ordinary diesel thus reducing council greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent."

It is also hoped to see some cost benefits when biodiesel is introduced.



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Making a canoe from galvanised roof
sheets oofing with black bitumen...*

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Council decisions on rate costs

At a recent meeting of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council two points for the upcoming budget were re-visited following some outrage about those items.

Following a move by Councillor D. Blumel to have the normal 10% discount on early payment of rates to be retained the matter was re-visited.

However, it was decided by the majority of councillors that the amendment cutting the discount to 5% should stand. This was further conditioned that the discount of 5% to be allowed on general rates only, to a maximum of \$200.00 per annum.

This reduced discount is expected to cost the average ratepayer in the vicinity of an extra \$100.00 per annum.

To retain the previous level of discount was becoming too expensive for council according to Mayor Bob Abbott. It has been projected

that the discount would have cost council in 2009-10 approximately \$16.3 million.

At the same meeting it was moved by Councillor Hungerford that the proposed \$5-a-year heritage levy on all ratepayers across the entire Coast be recinded.

Again this decision was defeated so this levy will also be implemented.

It is anticipated that the heritage levy will raise an estimated \$800,000 annually. Cr Abbot said a portion of the levy will be spent on the Coast's museums, as they were largely run by volunteers.

The only councillors voting to have this levy dropped were Councillor E. Hungerford and Councillor C. Thompson.

With the implementation of these levies it is most likely that the Sunshine Coast council will consider more levies to help top up its diminishing coffers in the coming years.

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 who continue to park outside of the laundromat in Coral Street, Maleny - right on the curve of the road. This is a NO STANDING ZONE.

There is no sight for oncoming cars and is extremely dangerous for those cars coming towards each other.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Cheese Balls

- great to go with coldie!

Ingredients

- * 50 gms grated cheddar cheese
- * 50 gms cream cheese
- * Black pepper
- * 1 teaspoon finely chopped marjoram
- * Pinch of cayenne pepper
- * Pinch of paprika
- * 1 1/2 tablespoons toasted sesame seed

Method

Place all above ingredients (except the sesame seed) in a small bowl; mash and mix well until thoroughly blended. Take two teaspoons of the mixture and roll between the fingers to form a small ball. Repeat until the mixture has been used. Spread the sesame seed on a small plate and roll each ball in the seed until evenly coated. Pierce each with a cocktail stick, arrange on a plate and place in the fridge to chill. Serve as a pre-dinner appetiser, or party snack. Makes approx. 14.

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Truthful Jones Tells... he was told



by his neighbours wife that she was guilty of looking at others her own age and thinking, surely I can't look that old. She told Truthful about an incident that happened to her recently.....

She said, "I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his diploma, which had his full name."

She suddenly remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30-odd years ago. She silently said to herself, "Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?"

Upon seeing him, however, she quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been her classmate.

After he examined my teeth she asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High school.

'Yes. Yes, I did.' he gleamed with pride.

'When did you graduate?' she asked.

He answered, 'In 1967. Why do you ask?'

'You were in my class!' she exclaimed.

He looked at her closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald, wrinkled, fat, gray-haired man asked, 'What did you teach?'

Morale; We are all susceptible to the passing years. Mature age comes to us all sooner rather than later.

Truthful also warns you "Don't let the government bring in daylight saving because she'll take the extra hour you give her at the start of summer and flog it off with the rest of the \$15 billion worth of assets she didn't tell you about before she's due to give it back."

Morale; Make sure that you have a watertight contract that you keep what is yours when an acquaintance takes an interest in something you own.

Our Green Hint

Energy efficient appliances reduce costs in two ways:



- They use lesser energy
- They throw off lesser heat, which reduces the load on other green appliances used to maintain thermal comfort.

Both these factors are instrumental in as much as a 50 percent reduction in utility bills.

Here are five ways that you can be environmentally friendly

Tip 1 - Conduct An Energy Audit. *An energy audits tell you where there is potential for energy savings. Using the results of an energy audit, you can identify those appliances that waste energy and have them replaced with greener ones.*

Tip 2 - Go For Energy-star Rated Appliances. *Energy-star rated appliances are those that conserve both energy and water and most common green office appliances have Energy-star certified versions available. They can cut down energy consumption by 10-50 percent. They can also save paper and water, if applicable. You can see the reduction in costs within three to five years.*

Tip 3 - Harness the Power Of The Sun. *Explore the possibility of installing a solar-powered heater to heat the water for your business, instead of gas-fired heaters that use precious non-renewable resources. Solar heating also has negligible impact on the green environment.*

Tip 4 - Choose an Air-conditioner Of The Right Capacity. *Air conditioners should be selected to suit the size of the room they are to cool; buying one that is too powerful or too small results in inefficient use green office appliances of energy.*

Tip 5 - Use A Ceiling Fan Whenever Possible. *Ceiling fans are inexpensive and low-power appliances compared to air conditioners and should be used green office appliances as much as possible to conserve energy especially at times when it is just slightly warm and turning on an air conditioner is not justified.*



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Who remembers the old days



The grocer who placed all perishables in your fridge when delivered to your home....

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Exterior Painting hints

Your finished job will only be as good as the preparation. Paint applied over a poorly prepared surface will not last as long or look as good. To avoid lengthy preparation, freshen up your paintwork before it deteriorates!

Choosing the right primers, undercoats and topcoats is an essential step in achieving excellent results.

Timber

Before you start surface filling, any rotten or decaying timber must be removed and replaced. The surface should be prepared as outlined below. Sort out the cracks and holes into those which will be subject to movement (usually the joint between two surfaces or materials) and those which will be stable.

There are a number of fillers you can use. These range from linseed oil putty or cellulose based compounds. Linseed oil putty is popular, but it becomes dry and

brittle with age. Timber should be primed prior to being filled if linseed oil putty is used. Cellulose fillers are more flexible.

To fill holes or dents, simply make sure the area is clean and apply the filler with a spatula or putty knife. If the hole is particularly deep you may need to over-fill or apply a second lot of filler as it will shrink during setting.

Where you think movement is likely to occur, in places like the joints between walls and windows, an exterior flexible filler is recommended.

Masonry and Brick

To fill in small holes in brick or render scrape away any loose paint and fill the hole with an exterior filler using a broad-bladed knife or scraper.

Deeper holes may need overfilling or a second application to compensate for shrinkage during setting. Use a brush or rag to roughen the filler before it is completely dry to match the texture of the surrounding surface.

Larger holes may need to be repaired with a 6:1 mix of sand and cement. Mix it dry and then gradually add water until it is of

a doughy consistency. Wet the area you're going to patch and fill with the mortar using a trowel or wide scraper. Using a pre-mixed filler will usually shorten the drying time.

If your smoothing with a knife is less than perfect, a quick wipe with a damp sponge will take out small ridges and save sanding later on.

Sanding

Surfaces must be sanded smooth before any paint is applied. Sanding can be a laborious job so if you have a significant amount to do it may be wise to consider some of the mechanical help available.

On paintwork and wood, a general purpose sandpaper can be used. On bare metal you'll find cloth-backed emery paper will last much longer and do the job faster.

Bare Timber

Timber which has been exposed for more than four weeks should be sanded back to a fresh, new surface before painting. A grey or weathered surface is an unsound base on which to paint and will encourage peeling and flaking.

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Exterior Painting hints

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Punch any nails well below the surface, spot prime (just paint a little dob of primer into the nail hole) and fill with a filler. Sand smooth and apply an acrylic primer undercoat to maximise paint durability.

Nail Head Staining

Undercoat steel nails, or old nails on which the galvanising has broken down as these can cause staining as heat from the sun draws moisture towards the exterior surface.

If any old steel nails have risen to the surface and can be easily removed, replace them with new galvanised nails.

Sand or wire brush the stains off the paint and exposed old nail-heads until the surface is bright and shiny.

Counter-sink nails to 3mm-4mm

below the surface and spot prime (just paint a little dob of metal primer into the nail hole) and fill the nail holes with filler.

Sand smooth and prepare the rest of the surface for painting.

Good preparation is imperative for a good finish to your painting job. Don't scrimp on preparation - it will cost in the long term.

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You can help by becoming a Lifeline volunteer counsellor. Lifeline telephone counsellors are ready to talk and listen no matter how big or how small the problem might seem.

They are trained to offer emotional support in times of crisis or when callers may be feeling down.

"Lifeline's next Volunteer Telephone Counselling Course starts 2nd June and continues each until 28th July. Cost \$400 or \$350 concession.

The training is held at Lifeline's Client Services Centre, 37 Duporth Avenue, Maroochydore every Wednesday between 8.30am and 4pm.

Please phone 5409 2633 for a brochure."

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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

Did you know that Suicide Deaths Double Road Deaths

Deaths from suicide are almost double road related deaths for men and women in Australia between the ages of 15 and 44, and is also the leading cause of death in this age group.

That's according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Causes of Death 2008 report, when looking at the top ten causes of death for these age groups.

Why not do away with the first home owners grant?

Over the past few years the federal government's first home owners grant has been used to regulate the building industry and subsequently has increased and decreased.

With the real need to do something about climate change perhaps there is another way to help people to get into their first home.

Following the debacle with the home insulation program perhaps all the government's desires in these regards can be implemented in the same program.

Do away with the first home owners grant all together. In its place install insulation, solar panels, solar hot water and tank water to toilets, laundry and showers all at the time of home construction.

This could be subjected to restricted areas where homes are built. It would not apply in areas where there is already high population stresses.

Instead, where new homes are built in regional areas make the bundle available to ALL people who build a new home valued under \$400,000.

This would help to decentralise Australia thus taking some stress off capitol cities and other areas with burgeoning population numbers.

This project should be taken hand in hand with decentralising government business centres, ie why do we need to have all government departments, both state and federal doing their administration in the cen-

tre of capitol cities.

People should not be required to settle in areas with no future and no facilities ensuring a flourishing future

So, these areas would need to have infrastructure upgraded thus creating employment opportunities.

By providing extra infrastructure in major regional cities along with some employment will encourage people to move to those regional cities. This should also include an upgrade of transport facilities to those specific areas and this should include premium rail services for both passengers and goods thus taking some pressure off our provincial road networks.

By planning and doing this correctly will take some pressure on areas that are already overcrowded.

Many of these regional areas have many benefits that appeal to people so why not encourage people to make the most of those benefits.

It is unsustainable to continue to entice people to live in areas that are already overcrowded.

In the longer time this could not only save Australia many millions of dollars, but could help to reduce the problems being created by pollution.

It is time that the various levels of government got serious about looking after the living standards of the ordinary Australian instead of looking after their own pockets and creating policy purely to ensure that they stay in power.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



Seniors Forum

It was the perfect way to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Fisher Seniors Forum and Expo. A large crowd of more than 250 people turned out for this year's event at the Lake Kawana Community Centre.

The Shadow Minister for Seniors Bronwyn Bishop was a big draw card. The auditorium was packed when she took to the stage to discuss her dedication to Australia's older population. Mrs Bishop then chatted individually to as many guests as time allowed.

The forum was complimented by over 20 information booths on the services and products available to local seniors. Guests always comment that the stalls are a convenient way to access so much information.

The Fisher Seniors Forum and Expo is organised to help seniors feel connected to each other and to their community. Judging by the fantastic feedback, this is being achieved. That is why I look forward to staging the event for many years to come.

Meet Pete in the Park

It's nearly time to fire up the barbie again.

The next 'Meet Pete in the Park' barbecue is on Saturday, June 12,

3pm at Boyle Park, Conondale.

You can enjoy a freshly-cooked snag and a chat about what's on your mind. It's essential that I find out what matters to you. It's also important for me to explain the work I'm doing here and in Canberra.

Please RSVP on 5444 4888 for catering purposes.

Community Meetings

Friday, June 11 is a great day to get your voice heard.

That's when I'm holding several community meetings across my electorate. I arrange these regular events to give residents a convenient forum to raise their ideas and concerns.

The meetings are at 1pm at the Landsborough School of Arts Memorial Hall and 3pm at the Mooloolah Valley Community Centre.

Please RSVP on 5444 4888 for catering purposes.

HMAS Tobruk

My plan to get a second dive wreck for the Sunshine Coast is closer to becoming a reality.

A possible location to scuttle the HMAS Tobruk has been identified. I'm also in the process of organising a meeting of stakeholders. A business plan will also be drawn up.

I am lobbying to turn the iconic naval ship into an artificial reef, when the vessel is decommissioned in 2012. The tourist attraction would create more jobs and be a fitting tribute to the Tobruk's war legacy.

There is still a long way to go before we can confirm the ship will come here.

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