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Covering Queensland's Sunshine Coast Hinterland



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## Maleny Hospital staff subjected to threats

Police were called to an incident at the Maleny Hospital emergency department at about 8.15am on Saturday 22nd after nurses were subjected to threats and abuse from an aggressive male patient.

The patient had run out of his pain medication and demanded more.

When the nurses refused, he became aggressive and abusive.

Police questioned the man, but no charges were laid. No further information is available at the time of writing this story.

## Fire bans imposed

It is hard to believe that it is still officially winter with recent days local temperatures being well into the 20's.

With those temperatures expected to top 33 degrees in the next few days which would be a winter record. The previous record of 33 degrees was set in 1946.

The above average rainfall earlier in the year encouraged thick undergrowth that has since been subjected to a long spell of dry warm weather. The warm temperatures and some strong gusty warm winds that have travelled from northern Australia together with a low humidity have created the perfect conditions for forest and grass fires.

A complete fire ban was imposed as from August 24th but since lifted. This means that no fires are legally allowed to be lit and this includes by people who presently hold fire permits.

We have been advising property owners over the last few weeks that residents in bushfire prone areas should have cleared any unnecessary vegetation from around their property, checked their water system and have hoses ready to use if re-

quired. People who have to battle fires also should be well prepared. It is necessary to drink plenty of water, and wear suitable protective clothing.

Hopefully those suggestions have been heeded so that homes and other property is not placed at greater risk than necessary.

Any fire that broke out in bushland over the next few days would be difficult to control. Residents need to remain vigilant and report any unplanned fires immediately by phoning triple zero (000).

Water-bombing helicopters have also been put on alert as summer-like temperatures are expected to persist before a cool change mid-week.

ABC radio is the official station for bushfire information.



## 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

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## Truthful Jones Tells...



that his grandson was an avid golfer. One afternoon recently he found himself with a few hours to spare. He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in nine holes before he had to head home.

Just as he was about to tee off Truthful joined him and asked if he could accompany him as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed Truthful to join him.

To his surprise Truthful played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time.

Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and Truthful's grandson found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball - and directly between his ball and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot Truthful finally said, "You know, when I was your age I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay.

Then Truthful offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only three feet tall."

**Morale: Age and experience beats youthful exuberance every time.**



## Maleny Show holiday to remain in 2010

Sunshine Coast Regional Council has voted once again to support three show holidays for the Sunshine Coast area for the 2010 year.

Those holidays will relate to the Nambour Show, Maleny Show and the Kenilworth Show.

Once again ratepayers will continue to subsidise the cost of running a show in each of the former shires.

The decision, whilst passed by council was a divided one but was carried following recommendations from Council officers, several councillors, the relevant show societies and chambers of commerce".

Only two councillors opposed the decision in this instance. Division 1 councillor, Cr Grosskreutz said that she was dismayed that councillors were still making "populist decisions because people love a holiday".

The future of show holidays in

the Sunshine Coast Council area is uncertain.

In the short term, council will consider whether to retain the status quo, have only one show day or none at all, or if an alternative special day off for the region is more suitable.



Many coastal businesses count the cost of the present three separate show holidays on their business and would prefer to have a single day for the region.

Sunshine Coast Division 5 councillor and Nambour Show president, Jenny McKay says the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Shows is investigating how much each event contributes to the community.

### "Weightwatchers"

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

Click here now to go to Online Registration

Click here to go to our

"Events Guide"

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Who remembers the old days  
The old chap and his horse selling Horehound Beer door to door....

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## Dog registrations due September 30th

Not too often do council charges drop but this year dog owners will find that fees to register their pets will be dropping to \$10 a year for dogs that are microchipped and desexed.

Dog registration fees are due by 30 September 2009 and council has significantly dropped dog registration fees. Pensioners who desex and microchip their dogs will save even more – paying nothing over the coming year.

Dog owners will receive a reminder in the mail this month that registration fees are due. Owners who have recently microchipped or desexed their dogs should advise council when they renew their registration to receive the discount.

Pensioners who are recorded in the system as having a desexed and micro-chipped dog would not receive a reminder in the mail – but can rest assured that their dogs are still registered at no cost for the coming year.

The purpose of registration and micro-chipping is to reunite lost or impounded dogs with their owners more easily.

Once dog owners have had their dogs microchipped and desexed they need to provide council with a certificate or micro-chip number to receive the discount.

Dog registration fees for 2009-10 are:

Resident - Pensioner

Desexed and microchipped dog:  
\$10 Nil

Desexed dog: \$22 \$16

Non-desexed and non-micro-chipped dog: \$106 \$88

Dangerous, menacing or restricted dog: \$400 \$400

For further information about pets and pet registration can be obtained from the Sunshine Coast Council web site:

<http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=animals>

## 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 VP Commodore sedan which was heading towards Landsborough through the “Ice Box” on Saturday morning. It was severely overloaded with passengers and they were hanging out the windows. A tragic accident waiting to happen with perhaps many injuries.

## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Savoury Steak

- easy evening meal on these warm afternoons.

#### Ingredients

- \* 1kg bladebone steak
- \* 3 teaspoons flour
- \* 2 teaspoons sugar
- \* 1/4 teaspoon mustard
- \* 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- \* 1 teaspoon salt

#### Method

Mix together seasonings and flour and rub well into steak on both sides. Put in casserole, adding 3 teaspoons tomato sauce, 3 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce, 4 teaspoons vinegar and about 1 1/2 cups cold water. Place in oven.

Cook in a moderate oven until steak begins to simmer and then lower gas and cook very slowly for 2 1/2 hours. Sliced carrots, parsnips and potatoes may be cooked on top.

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Danger lurks where ever you go, even the kitchen is really a no-go zone !!!.\*

## \*The Environmental Dangers of Bread\*

Another message from that reader, Rowly!!

A Cincinnati Enquirer item read, "SMELL OF BAKED BREAD MAY BE HEALTH HAZARD."

It outlines the hazards of the smell of baking bread. The main danger is that the organic components of this aroma may break down ozone layers.

When are we going to do something about bread-induced global warming?

Sure, we attack tobacco companies, but is the government going to go after Big Bread?

Some quick research reveals enough to make anyone think twice .....

- 1 More than 98 percent of convicted felons are bread eaters.
- 2 Fully HALF of all children who grow up in bread-consuming households score below average on standardized tests.
- 3 More than 90 percent of violent crimes are committed within 24 hours of eating bread.
- 4 In the 18th century, when all bread was baked in the home, the average life expectancy was less than 50 years; infant mortality rates were unacceptably high; women died in childbirth; and diseases such as typhoid, yellow fever and influenza ravaged whole nations.
- 5 Bread is made from a substance called "dough." It has been proven that as little as one pound of "dough" can be used to suffocate a mouse. The average American eats more bread than that in one month!
- 6 Primitive tribal societies that have no bread, exhibit a low occurrence of cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's Disease and osteoporosis.
- 7 Bread is addictive. Men deprived of bread and given only water to eat, actually begged for bread after only two days.
- 8 Bread is a "gateway" food item,

leading the user to harder items such as butter, jelly, peanut butter and even cold cuts.

- 9 Bread absorbs water. As the human body is over 90 percent water, it follows that eating bread could lead to your body being taken over by this absorptive food product, turning you into a soggy, gooey bread-pudding person.
- 10 Newborn babies can choke on bread.
- 11 Most bread eaters are utterly unable to distinguish between significant scientific fact and meaningless statistical babbling.

In the light of these frightening facts, the Australian Federal Minister for the Environment proposes the following restrictions:

- a No sale of bread to minors.
- b No advertising of bread within 1000 feet of a school.
- c A 300 percent federal tax on all bread to pay for all the societal ills we associate with bread.
- d No animal or human images, nor any primary colors appealing to children, may be used to promote bread usage.
- e A \$4.2 zillion fine on all home bread makers.

*As it often said "Some experts can make figures and numbers tell any story that they like. That goes for almost any story!!!! Thanks Rowley for another interesting fact.*

## 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.

Click here and follow the prompts to buy NOW



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## Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

### **Mould and mildew a problem - here are a few tips...**

Mould or mildew is the formation of black, grey or brown spots or areas on the surface of paint or caulk. Because there are specific reasons for it it is a good idea to attend to those reasons first. Some of those reasons could be leaking water pipes or rooves leaking, permanent shading caused by overgrown trees or undue steam sources such as bathrooms.

#### **It is generally caused by;**

- \* Warm, moist, humid conditions (bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms)
- \* Poor ventilation for example bathroom walls not drying after the shower is used
- \* Low quality water-based paint
- \* Failure to prime bare wood before painting
- \* Painting over a surface from which mildew has not been completely removed.

#### **Solution;**

- \* First test for mildew by applying a few drops of bleach to the area; if it can be bleached away, it is probably mildew.
- \* Remove all mildew from the surface by scrubbing with a household bleach solution (1 part bleach, 3 parts water). Be sure to observe safety precautions - wear rubber gloves and eye protection. Rinse thoroughly.

- \* To protect against further mildew, use an ultra premium quality acrylic paint. These paints tend to have more mildewcide than do lower quality paints and will resist the formation of mildew.
- \* Clean the surface in future as needed with a bleach or detergent solution. Consider installing exhaust fans or improve ventilation in high moisture areas.

There are a number of products that can assist in keeping mould and mildew at bay.

One such product that is specifically formulated for wet areas such as kitchens, bathrooms and laundries is a paint called Perma-white by Zinsser.

It is durable, is long lasting finish – washable/scrubbable, blister-proof, and stain-resistant.

It has superior adhesion without sanding – seals porous surfaces, and bonds to glossy surfaces without sanding.

It has a 5 Year Mildew-Proof Paint Film money-back guarantee.

It has been tested for more than a decade in 'real world' residential, commercial and remediation environments, has been proven effective in independent laboratory tests.

It is available at Maleny Paint Place, 6/ 14 Lawyer Street, Maleny.

## **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)**

## **Paint Place, Maleny**



**6/14 Lawyer Street,**

Maleny. 4552.

**Ph 54942002**

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right hand side of page.*

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



## Unit Pricing

By now, many of you may have seen additional information known as "Unit Pricing" that is starting to become available on price tickets at your local supermarket.

Unit Pricing involves displaying a price per unit (for example, per 100 grams) so that two similar food items that are packaged differently can be compared more easily on the basis of price.

This is a significant development because it means that the average consumer who does not carry around a calculator is now able to make quickly a more-informed decision on the item that represents the best value to them.

Unit Pricing laws came into affect on 1 July and prices must be displayed by 1 December 2009 by all retailers who sell food-based items, have floor space greater than 1000 square metres, and sell the minimum range of food based items.

For further information, visit [www.accc.gov.au/unitpricingguide](http://www.accc.gov.au/unitpricingguide) or contact the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Unit

Pricing hotline on 1300 746 245.

## Insulation

A reminder to local home owners that the Energy Efficient Homes Package is offering a rebate of up to \$1,600 for roof insulation and also a rebate of \$1600 to help homeowners or tenants replace electric hot water systems with a solar system or a heat pump system.

A new register of approved insulation installers has been launched to assist households to find a suitable insulation installer.

For further information about the efficiency packages, or to search the register visit [www.environment.gov.au/energyefficiency](http://www.environment.gov.au/energyefficiency) or call 1800 808 571.

## Missing Person week

National Missing Persons week recently focused on those with dementia or memory loss, which make up a significant proportion of those who go missing.

Of 35,000 people who are reported missing each year, a significant proportion are older people with dementia.

The Missing Persons Week this year has the theme 'Not knowing is like living in darkness' and reflects the call for Australians to keep an eye out for older people.

Some 95% of missing people are located within a short period of time, but some 1600 people still remain missing more than six months after they disappeared.

Those who may have information about a missing person, or would like more information, visit; [www.missingpersons.gov.au](http://www.missingpersons.gov.au)

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- ⇒ **Plumbers**

**More will be added to  
our list as time goes  
on and we are satis-  
fied that we can rec-  
ommend their servic-  
es 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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