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Don't forget to register your pool!

Under new pool safety laws, all pools and outdoor spas must be registered with the State Government by November 4th so compliance with new fencing standards can be monitored.

Failure to do this could result in a \$2000 fine. Registration can be made online at <http://www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/pool-safety> then follow the links.

Maintenance of pool fences and safety barriers is essential to reduce the number of drownings and serious immersion injuries of young children in swimming pools.

To find out about pool fencing standards along with swimming pool safety guidelines are also possible via that same website.

Once registered, pool owners will then have five years to get a safety certificate for their pool - sooner if they sell or rent their property.

To get this certificate any climbable objects including trees within 900mm of the fence must be removed. This tightens up laws in relation to swimming pools which were first bought in 1991.

According to Queensland Government figures pool drowning remains the single leading cause of death for Queensland toddlers aged one to four.

Maleny Community needs to upgrade sports facilities for the future

Maleny and District Sports and Recreation Club President Mike

Norman says that Maleny's sports facilities are at capacity and they need to be added to for future growth.

The area can only continue to grow in the future and sporting facilities need to grow with that population growth.

Local State M.P. Mr. Andrew Powell will convene a meeting between members of the MDSARC Inc

members and Shadow Minister for Sport, Mr. David Gibson so that the areas future needs can be considered.

Any long term planning needs to commence now. The Sunshine Coast Regional Council has ideas for the future but needs to work in conjunction with State Government to ensure that adequate funding is available to provide those facilities.

Mr. Powell said that he has studied the plans for the area and there is room for ever sporting and recreation body on that precinct.

Up The Tiber Without A Toga - Rotary Says Thanks!

Producer Bob Hall, writer John Cundill and composer Paul Coppens were presented with Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Awards by the Rotary Club of Maleny for their contribution in the Up The Tiber Without A Toga project. This was a very successful community event, which drew together so many individuals and organisations.

Nearly \$22,000 was raised for Rotary projects overseas, a magnificent community effort inspired by the musical written and produced right here in Maleny.



Photo shows: President of Rotary Club of Maleny Greg Stevens with (l-r) Paul Coppens, Bob Hall and John Cundill

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Snakes are about again ..just avoid them

Last week when doing some tidying up outside of paint shop in Lawyer Street our attention was attracted by a couple of snakes in the area.

There is a red bellied black and a carpet snake that have been there from time to time over a number of years, but they have not been sighted since winter began.

They often can be seen sitting on a concrete ledge that borders the creek bank. The red bellied black snake has also been seen entwined with the garden hose.

Different customers who have seen them have varied opinions about the snakes. Some are quite concerned that they are about.

They never cause any harm, but

we are aware that they are there and we take precautions not to sneak up on them and thus scare them.

They do have some good points in that they keep rodents away.

This is a cautionary note to advise that you too are likely to start finding snakes around your garden so take care.

A good rule is BE CAUTIOUS - NOT AFRAID. Leave them alone and they will slither away without causing any harm.

Whatever you do don't try to hunt them with a spade or a stick as that is when they will become agitated and may cause some harm. If you should get bitten call for medical assistance immediately.

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Maleny Light Horse Troop to parade to commemorate Beersheba

The Maleny Troop of the Fifth Light Horse Regiment will commemorate the October 31st, 1917 Battle of Beersheba with a parade down Maple Street, Maleny on Saturday October 29th.

The parade will commence at the intersection of Maple and Fig Streets, Maleny at 10.40a.m. and will conclude at the Maleny RSL Hall prior to a commemoration service commencing at 11a.m.



The Battle of Beersheba had been an outstanding, swift and decisive victory. Using tactics from an earlier military age, the 4th Light Horse Brigade's stunning achievement is still revered in Australia today.

This battle was so significant because of Beersheba's water wells and the allies need for water.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Tomato - Mushroom & Basil Frittata - A great family favourite!

Ingredients

- * 20g butter
- * 2 medium brown onions, halved, thinly sliced
- * 6 slices pancetta
- * 1/4 cup roughly chopped fresh basil leaves
- * 1/4 cup roughly chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- * 8 eggs
- * 1/2 cup finely grated parmesan cheese
- * 2 medium zucchini, quartered lengthways, chopped
- * 200g button mushrooms, sliced
- * 250g cherry tomatoes.

Directions

Melt butter in a 22cm (base) heavy-based, ovenproof non-stick frying pan over low heat. Add onion. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden.

Meanwhile, preheat grill on medium-high. Place pancetta on a baking tray lined with foil. Grill for 1 to 2 minutes each side or until crisp. Drain on a plate lined with paper towel. Break into small pieces. Place in a bowl. Add basil and parsley. Toss to combine.

Whisk eggs and cheese together in a jug. Season with salt and pepper.

Increase pan heat to medium-high. Add zucchini and mushrooms. Cook, stirring, for 2 to 3 minutes or until tender. Arrange tomato and pancetta mixture over zucchini mixture.

Pour egg mixture over tomato mixture. Lift and tilt pan to distribute egg mixture. Reduce heat to low. Cook for 7 to 8 minutes or until frittata is almost set (surface should still be slightly runny).

Place pan under grill. Grill frittata for 5 minutes or until just set and light golden (not browned). Set aside for 2 minutes. Loosen with a spatula. Slide onto a plate. Cut into wedges and serve.

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. Sometimes this is because they are not aware that road rules change from time to time.

One of our readers suggested that we should have a quick refresher of some of those rules.

The most dangerous thing about travelling in a motor vehicle is still the "NUT BEHIND THE WHEEL".



Driving on or across a painted island when you are not permitted to do so and you risk being fined \$40.

You may drive on a painted island provided it has only one continuous line surrounding it or partly surrounding it, and the island separates traffic flowing in opposite directions, if you need to: enter or leave the road or enter a turning lane.

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The Musings of an old codger!



Speaking to a local small business owner recently I was surprised to learn that she wanted to employ a full time labourer.

She approached a local business that finds jobs for long termed people "on the dole".

A person was sent for interview and during the interview it was ascertained that that person had been on the dole for a very long period of time.

During the course of the interview it was obvious that the only thing of importance was the rate of payment.

The business owner had inquired about the correct rate of payment and any necessary benefits to be paid and advised the party of the relevant rate of remuneration and benefits.

The person then advised the small business owner that he would not work for that amount of money and thus was not interested in the job.

This person is happier to remain on welfare payments. Is it fair to tax payers that when a long termed welfare recipient has been offered a job that somebody will do and that person can turn down the job and continue to receive welfare payments?

The police station without licences

Queensland Transport Department is in the process of upgrading motor vehicle licences to a new technology "smart" licence.

The license, which uses facial recognition, has been under development by Queensland Transport for three years, and aims to reduce fraud, simplify card issuing and cut red tape.

Users will be able to update personal information over the Internet, and possibly in the future through a series of public smart card reader terminals. Users will be able to update personal information over the Internet, and possibly in the future through a series of public smart card reader terminals.

The Department of Transport is now rolling out the smart licence issuing systems to Customer Service Centres around the state. Maleny is one of those centres.

Conversion of equipment at the Maleny Police station has been delayed and is expected that it will not be available until December 2011.

In addition to this no drivers licence transactions will be available through that station between October 24th and November 19th.

It is possible to renew a Queensland Drivers licence online at <https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/driverlicencerenewal> and then follow the prompts.

It can also be renewed at the Caloundra or Nambour offices of the Department of Transport.

Maleny RFB Roundup

with

Donna & Norm Lewis

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Fire Danger Period Declared

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) has declared a Fire Danger Period resulting in new rules on the lighting of fires.

The Fire Danger Period means Queenslanders will not be allowed to light a fire, regardless of the size, without a permit from midnight Sunday 4 September to midnight on Sunday 1 January 2012.

It is common practice for QFRS to implement a Fire Danger Period during bushfire season as a step towards preventing fire from escaping and potentially putting lives and property at risk.

A Fire Danger Period is not a Fire Ban. It simply means that you may need to receive a Permit to Light Fire for fires where a permit is not usually required, however there are still some types of fires that can be lit without a permit during the Fire Danger Period.

I want to light a fire - what do I do?

Contact your local Fire Warden to complete an Application for Permit to Light Fire.

Complete the Application for a Permit to Light Fire with your local Fire Warden.

You will be granted or denied a Permit depending on the conditions, applicable local laws and your ability to control the fire.

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard about



he was talking to his elderly neighbours had been experiencing declining memories, so they decided to take a power memory class where one is taught to remember things by association.

A few days after the class, the old man was outside talking with Truthful about how much the class helped him.

"What was the name of the Instructor?" asked the neighbour.

"Oh, ummmm, let's see," the old man pondered. "You know that flower, you know, the one that smells really nice but has those prickly thorns, what's that flower's name?"

"A rose?" asked Truthful.

"Yes, that's it," replied the old man. He then turned toward his house and shouted, "Hey, Rose, what's the name of the Instructor we took the memory class from?"

Morale: Memory is such a fickle thing and it is not something that we should make too much fun about not having as it can come to any one of us without warning.

By the way - have a great day. Is today Monday or Sunday and what day does the rubbish get collected?

Lawyer Street Businesses

Don't forget that there are a number of businesses in Lawyer Street, Maleny who offer products and services.

To find out more visit the web sit: www.hinterlandgrapevine.com then click on the link on the right hand side of the page.



Maleny Library Coming Events Story Time

A story and craft morning for younger family members aged between 3 and 6 years will be held at the Malen Library on November 3rd between 10.30a.m. and 11.30m.

It will be held at the Maleny Library in the Children's area.

This program is a great way to introduce younger family members to the facilities available at the Maleny Library.

This program is a free program, and bookings are not required.

The library details are: Maleny Library, 5 Coral Street, Maleny - Phone (07) 5435 3100.

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Chemicals not the problem!

Following a recall on dairy products manufactured by Maleny Dairies with a best by date of October 24th there appears to be an answer.

It was first thought that there may have been a contamination of the product with some non-harmful-cleaning fluids.

The results of testing has come back and cleaning fluids and other chemicals have been rules out.

A Maleny Dairies spokesperson said, "The taste has been traced to the cows munching on too much clover in the hinterland pastures."



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Will it be just another levy on businesses

The decision has been made on the future of the Carbon Tax and as from July 1st, 2012 it will be introduced in Australia's law.

What will this mean to small business?

Will this mean even more paperwork for my business?

How will it affect the prices I pay and set?

How do I explain its impact to my customers?

Will 1 July 2012 provide certainty for my business?

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council is sponsoring a workshop to answer all of these questions on November 3rd between 5pm - 6.30pm, at the Caloundra Events Centre, Minchinton St, Caloundra.

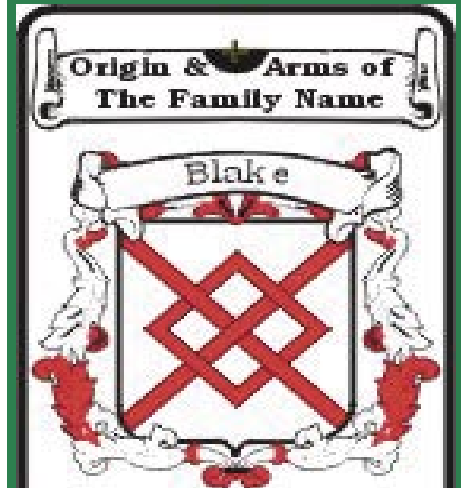
The workshop will be conducted by BDO Australia. This company is an independent and globally recognised leader in carbon accounting and Partner Dylan Byrne will take you through the steps to ensure your business is carbon tax-ready. It will also outline some of the specific opportunities for your business and how you can access them.

The workshop will also provide an overview of the government's Clean Energy Future plan.

To register to attend this workshop visit the web site:

<http://www.business.sunshine-coast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=carbon-tax-workshops>

LET US FIND OUT A BIT ABOUT OUR SURNAME



The Blakes in Ireland are one of the 'Tribes of Galway'. They descended from Richard Caddell, nicknamed 'le blaic' (possibly from a swarthy complexion),

who was Sheriff of Connacht in 1303. It was not until the seventeenth century that the name Blake finally supplanted Caddell: for three hundred years they appear in the records of the city as 'Caddell alias Blake', or 'Blake alias Caddell'. The Blakes were among the most extensive landholders in Connacht in the sixteenth century. The name is also well-known in England.

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Painting Windows

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Windows can be made of aluminium, wood or steel.

Aluminium doesn't require painting, but wood and steel do.

Steel windows are painted in a similar fashion to timber, but rust patches must be first taken back to bare metal and primed.

The two main types of windows are Sash and Casement.

Remove window fittings where possible prior to painting, and replace afterwards.

If the window is puttied, check the condition of the putty. If it is

dried and cracked, consider re-puttying the window. Seeping moisture will rot or rust the frames.

Sash Windows

Sash windows are more complicated to paint than casement windows, but easy to paint when done in a logical sequence.

A sash window has two moving parts, the window in front (inner) and the window behind (outer). Novices often paint sash windows incorrectly and risk painting them shut if the job is hurried and not thought through.

First, open both windows a little, at the top and bottom. Begin by painting the exposed section of the outer sash window (the one behind), horizontals and then verticals. Don't forget to paint the top of the window.

When the exposed area is painted, slide the inner sash window up, and the outside sash window down, to expose the unpainted section of the outer sash window. Don't fully close the window. Finish the painting of the rear sash window.

Next, paint the inner sash window, starting with the horizontals and finishing on the verticals.

The areas now remaining to be painted are the runners (jambs), in which the sash windows slide up and down, and the frame and sills.

If the runners are in good condition and don't need to be painted, leave them.

Paint build-up through numerous coats will eventually impair their use. If they need painting, paint sparingly so as not to load too much paint onto them. When dry to the

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touch, move the sash windows up and down to ensure they do not stick.

Apply a lubricant to the runners, such as silicon, to help them slide freely (ask your local paint place store for advice on the latest range of lubricants).

Last, paint the frames and sills.

Casement Windows

Casement windows may be metal or timber.

Steel windows require a metal primer and paint. Timber windows are painted as exterior or interior wood finishes.

If they are not sealed casements, open the window.

Be aware that this may be a problem on a very windy day, so the window may need to be jammed open.

Work from the inside to the outside. Paint the open sections first. Paint the horizontals first and then the verticals. Lastly paint the frame and sill.

Undercoating may be necessary beneath some oil finishes. Interior paints may not be able to stand contraction and expansion when applied to the exterior, cracking under temperature fluctuations.

Always check with manufacturer's recommendations.

If you are unsure please seek advice from your paint store expert regarding the correct paint for the substrates being painted.

Leave the window open to dry.

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Should dogs be allowed in outdoor eating areas?

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council is considering easing their bylaw in respect to dogs being allowed in open areas of coffee shops and safes as part of their bylaw review that is being conducted at the end of this year.

Presently animals are banned from these areas by Federal Government laws.

A review by the Food Standards Committee of Australia New Zealand found that there was very little to no food safety risks by allowing dogs in public alfresco areas.

At present whilst it is illegal in all states and territories of Australia to have dogs in these areas under a Federal Government law it is enforced by Local Government law enforcement officers.

A small and unscientific poll conducted in Maple Street, Maleny

over the past week found that whilst there was some opposition to dogs being allowed in these areas the majority either had no opinion or were happy to see them there.

One proviso made by a couple of people was that the animals had to be under strict control of their masters.

Even those people against allowing dogs in these areas did not express concern over health considerations, more about the behaviour of the animals such as barking and the potential for injury to pedestrians, either by being bit by the animal or falling over a dog's leash.

One business owner did say that he knew of a couple of former customers who used to stop for a coffee now do not stop because their dog is not allowed.

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Saving the World, One Party At A Time

Woodford Festival - December 27th - January 1st

The Woodford Folk Festival has launched its annual festival programme promising a renewal of its principles and a new optimism.

While it's been a challenging year emerging from the floods, Festival Director Bill Hauritz said, "there have been some tremendous outcomes, among them, Woodfordia (the festival site) is in better shape than it's ever been. This year our loyal patrons will be rewarded with the strongest cultural event to date and many positive changes", he said.

The festival's programme was launched in a ceremony for 250 enthusiastic organisers on Saturday at Woodfordia and released on their website. In a prepared speech at the launch, Hauritz said 'while the world seems to be in a bad news cycle, the programme reflects a positive way forward and a celebration of humanity. It's only with positive affirmations that our festival, communities and nation can move forward.'

The Festival's theme this year is "Pieces of the Puzzle", "Our beautiful planet is in need of some nurture and, like the festival, our people are the custodians." Hauritz said. The launch unveiled the annual festival poster; an art-piece by celebrated artist Gavin Ryan depicting people bringing their jigsaw pieces to a puzzle of planet Earth. "If everyone can bring their little piece of the puzzle", Hauritz said, "the collective contribution would be special. It's sort of like saving the world, one fantastic party at a

time."

"Woodford patrons are unbelievable. Last year, when everyone went home, there wasn't a spot of rubbish left, the recycling results have been fantastic and the respect shown during our 3 minutes of silence on New Year's Eve is total. I don't think you could do that at many festivals" said Hauritz.

Woodford's programme this year features The Dreaming Festival. Together, the event features 400 acts performing on 20 stages over the six days and nights. Hauritz described Woodford: 'It's a discovery tour, our patrons are always moved by quality artists and presenters they haven't heard of.'



RSL Maleny Sub Branch Upcoming Events

Friday Night Theme Night

The next Maleny RSL Dinner theme night will be held on Friday November 4th. The RSL Bar is open from 4.30p.m. Bar prices are as good as they get so the night does not have to empty the wallet.

The November Theme Night is "Woodstock Revisited."

Dinner is available from 6.00pm. The cost for mains is adults - \$10, kids under 12 \$7. Desserts are just another \$5.

Get along for a great family night of socialising.

Melbourne Cup Lunch

Maleny RSL Memorial Hall
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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

Birth Rates

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released details of recent research into birth rates.

The research showed that in 2010 Australia's total fertility rate (TFR) was 1.89 babies per woman, a small decrease from 1.90 babies per woman in 2009.

The number of births in 2010 increased for most states and territories, with the exception of Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania.

Details are available at: www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/3301.0

Fisher Australia Day Awards

Nominations are now open for the Fisher Community Australia Day Awards 2012.

This is the 13th annual holding of the awards, which were started in 2000 by me to provide an opportunity to recognise those who work to make a positive difference in their community.

Nominations can be made for a variety of endeavours, from community services, industry and commerce, the arts and sport.

Nominees will also be considered for the prestigious Fisher Citizen of the Year, the Fisher Junior Citizen of the Year and the Wortley Youth Encouragement Award. Community Organisations can be nominated for

the Des Scanlan Memorial Award.

Nominations for this award are open to all community organisations doing valuable, and often unrecognised, work in the Fisher electorate.

Nomination forms are available from my office or by phoning 07-5444 4888.

Nominations close on 16 December.

Rural innovation awards

ABARES is encouraging people aged 18 – 35 to apply for the 2012 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

The awards recognise those young people who have an innovative project that will provide a benefit in the areas of agriculture, fisheries, forestry, food and natural resource management sectors.

There are twelve award categories, with each offering up to \$22,000 funding for projects.

Applications for the awards close at 5.00pm AEST, Friday 18 November 2011. For further information, visit: www.abares.gov.au/conferences-events/scienceawards or contact 02 6272 2260 or 02 6272 3051.

Energy Sales

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission advises that

it is concerned about misleading conduct by door-to-door energy firm sales by energy firms, particularly when it involves the elderly and those with a limited skills in English.

The ACCC warns that misleading practices will attract severe penalties for each contravention of the guidelines of up to \$220,000 for individuals and as high as \$1.1 million for companies.

Retailers need to ensure that the agents they employ for door-to-door marketing are complying with the law.

If a retailer's agent breaks the law, not only is the agent liable, but the retailer is as well.

Details are available at: www.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1007291/fromItemId/142 and general inquiries about the issues can be directed to the infocentre at 1300 302 502

We can supply the names and phone numbers of "RELIABLE" tradespeople.

More will be added to our list as time goes on and we are satisfied that we can recommend their services with confidence.

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