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Covering Queensland's Sunshine Coast Hinterland



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## The Big Barrel V.I.C not yet dead!

Reports in the media recently reported that the Sunshine Coast Regional Council would not be supporting the Big Barrel Visitors Information Centre on the expiration of the current lease in December 2009.

At an ordinary Council meeting on October 26th the Council resolved to request a 12 month extension to the lease on the Maleny Hinterland "Big Barrel" Visitor Information Service.

The Council will hold discussions with the Hinterland Tourism Association in relation to the continuation of the Maleny Hinterland "Big Barrel" Visitor Information Centre as a community run Centre.

The long term continuation of the Centre will be considered as part of the Visitor Information Centre review to be undertaken in conjunction with the tourism transition reform project which is being undertaken by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

## Water restrictions as from December 1st

As from December 1st 2009 the Queensland government's laws in relation to their water resources strategy comes into effect for the Sunshine Coast council area. This change is a critical element of the strategy to standardise the requirements of the Queensland Water Commission's (QWC) across the region.

As a result residents will be required to meet 'Target 230' bringing Sunshine Coast residents into line with other South East Queensland local authority areas.

Targets do not apply only to residential properties but to businesses as well. Busi-

nesses must have water efficiency targets that can be achieved by making permanent changes to improve water efficiency via those 'Water Efficiency Management Plans'.

Another part of this strategy is the separating of payments for council rates and the supply of water, up until now payment has been included in the one document.

A spokesperson for The Queensland Water Commission said that; "Residents need to continue to conserve water so that our supplies are secure even in times of drought."

## Maleny's only heritage listed house could be devalued by council

Members of the Maleny Historic and Preservation Society believe that the application by Barung Landcare for a change of material use zoning to nearby land so it can build shade houses for plant propagation at the new nursery complex on the Maleny Precinct will devalue the historical value of Pattermore House.

Pattermore House is a 1907 structure - built on site from white beech trees milled on the farm.

This project by Barung Landcare is at the entrance to the proposed precinct development and the "Friends of Pattermore House Society" believe there is plenty of other room on the development rather than in this particular spot.

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**Truthful Jones Tells...** that he lives on a quiet rural road. As time has gone by, the mount of traffic built up at an alarming rate.



Truthful said, "The traffic is now so heavy and so fast that his chickens are being run over at a rate of three to six a day.

So Truthful called Senior Constable Bob and said, "You've got to do something about all of these people driving so fast and killing all of my chickens."

"What do you want me to do?" asked Senior Constable Bob.

"I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!" said Truthful.

So the next day Senior Constable Bob had the council workers go out and erected a sign that said:

**SLOW: - SCHOOL CROSSING**

Three days later Truthful again called Senior Constable Bob and said, "You've got to do something about these drivers. The 'school crossing' sign seems to make them go even faster."

So, again, the council workers and they put up a new sign:

**SLOW: - CHILDREN AT PLAY**

That really sped them up. So Truthful again called Senior Constable Bob and he called and called every day for three weeks.

Finally, Truthful asked Senior Constable Bob, "Your signs are doing no good. Can I put up my own sign?"

Senior Constable Bob told him, "Sure thing, put up your own sign." He was going to let Truthful do just about anything in order to get him to stop calling everyday to complain.

Senior Constable Bob got no more calls from Truthful. Three weeks later, curiosity got the best of Senior Constable Bob so he decided to give Truthful a call.

"How's the problem with those drivers. Did you put up your sign?" asked Senior Constable Bob.

"Oh, I sure did. And not one chicken has been killed since then. I've got to go. I'm very busy." replied Truthful and he then hung up the phone.

Senior Constable Bob was really curious now and he thought to himself, "I'd better go out there and take a look at that sign. It might be something that WE could use to slow down drivers."

So the Senior Constable Bob drove out to Truthful's house, and his jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign. It was spray painted on a sheet of wood.

**NUDIST COLONY**

**Go slow and watch out for chicks!**

**Morale; Where there is a will there is a way. There is always more than one way to skin the cat!**

## Sunshine Coast Regional Council releases a snapshot of key townships in the council area

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council has released figures relating to statistics concerning the Maleny - Witta and Nrth Maleny area.

Summary snapshot profiles present a sub-set of socio-demographic information and are designed for areas which are considered key townships within the Sunshine Coast region. In turn this will assist council when making decisions about future infrastructure.

These figures were taken from the last Commonwealth Census which was held on August 8th, 2006. The next Census will be conducted in 2011.

The stated population of this area is just 4705, 2239 malee and 2466 females living in 2126 dwellings.

The total Sunshine Coast Council area houses a population of 312804 people based on 2008 figures which was an increase of 3% and this has been a steady increase since 2001.

The area has the services of 1580 volunteers working with one or more community organisations. This shows the commitment that a band of socially interested workers have in their community, making it a better place for all to live.

Of the 2126 dwellings in the area 1215 have internet connections and this is a higher percentage than the rest of the Council area.

### Who remembers

*the old days*



*The hand washing machine with a metal cone linked to a handle you pumped up and down...*

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## Digital TV is coming - don't get caught..

Between 2011 and 2013 Australian television transmission will change as the present analogue system is phased out and a new digital system is introduced. Already digital transmissions are being made in tandem with the analogue system.

When the analogue system is finally turned off analogue television sets will not of themselves receive the digital signal. That is not to say that you will not be able to use your present television set. You will need a digital set top box to attach to your television to receive the new digital signal or buy a digital television set.

Digital television provides vastly improved picture and sound quality, including widescreen pictures and digital audio, including radio broadcasts. Digital television also offers the benefits of more channels and content.

The Federal Government spokesperson for the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy recently issued a warning about salespeople going door to door claiming to represent the Federal Government selling digital set top boxes. The Federal Government does not have any people so going door to door selling digital television equipment and attempting to upgrade television antennas.

These people are targetting mainly elderly people.

Anybody approached by door to door salespeople claiming to be from the Federal Government should immediately contact the Digital Switchover Taskforce on 1800 201 013. More information is available on the website; [www.digitalready.gov.au](http://www.digitalready.gov.au)

Don't let these salespeople con you out of your money.

## 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 driver of the toyota hilux who pulled over double lines in the face of oncoming traffic in Maple Street, Maleny on Monday morning to pull into a parking spot in front of the Maleny chemist shop. Undoubtedly he crossed double lines again to get out.

## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Spicy Curry Salad

- something a bit different.....

#### Ingredients

- \* 1/2 cup French dressing
- \* 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- \* Salt, pepper
- \* 1 1/2 teaspoons curry powder
- \* 1 green pepper
- \* 1/2 small cauliflower
- \* 1/4 lb long grain rice, cooked
- \* 1kg prawns
- \* 2 cups sliced celery
- \* 2 small onions, finely sliced

#### Method

In a basin, combine French dressing, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper and curry powder. Cut cauliflower into small flowerets (there should be enough to make 2 cups), mix with cooked, drained rice; pour the combined dressing over and marinate 1 11/2hours, stirring occasionally.

Shell prawns, cut into 1/2inch pieces. Cut green pepper into thin 2 inch strips. Stir remaining vegetables and prawns into rice.

Refrigerate until required.

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

## **Feeling run down?**

Think that being badly injured is an excuse to park illegally? Think again.

When Nadhim Zahawi of South London was thrown from his scooter and left lying in the road with a broken leg, a heartless warden from Lambeth Council slapped a £100 ticket on his bike.

## **"Weightwatchers"**

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

**Click here now to go to  
Online Registration**

## **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**



*From*  
**\$2599**  
*(delivered to your door)*

## **Another Tax Scam**

There is an old joke about not getting caught by a hoax tax scam as the Taxation Department have enough scams of their own.

So there is some seriousness in the matter when the Australian Taxation Department sends out advice about hoaxes doing the rounds.

The Department of Taxation advises that there have been reports of bogus emails doing the rounds claiming to be from the Australian Tax Office and offering a \$250.50 tax refund.

The email asks the recipient to fill out a refund form by clicking on a link which takes them to a fake ATO and requests personal details and credit card details.

The ATO advises that anyone who received such an email should report it immediately to their credit card provider.

Further Information about the scam and also online security is available at [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)

The internet can be full of scams for the unsuspecting, from romance to winning money to selling unsolicited goods. Most sites are genuine but which are genuine?

## **Were you a child of the '50's**

Can you remember the songs; "Crazy, Man, Crazy" and "Rock around the Clock" by Bill Haley and the movie, Black Board Jungle starring Glen Ford and Vic Morrow. If you can remember then you are most likely was from that era.



The Maleny R.S.L. auxiliary are holding a Rock'n Roll Dance at Maleny RSL on Saturday October 31st starting at 7p.m. and will continue until late.

So why not dust off those cobwebs and shake things up. Get out kick up your heels and give the night away with Maleny D.J. extraordinary, Ray Oldfield.

He will be playing the Rock'n Roll sounds of the 1950s, guaranteed to get the muscles twitching and the feet tapping. Who could forget that gravel voice of Johnny O'Keefe and the Dee Jays.

Get in the spirit of the night and come dressed for the 50' and the best dressed couple will be rewarded with a prize. Here is an opportunity to re-live your youth for just one night.

The club is fully licensed with drinks at club prices and light snacks will be available.

Funds raised by the Maleny RSL Sub Branch are used for veterans welfare support, to support community activities and upkeep of the Maleny RSL building.

**LNP**  
For a new Queensland

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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

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## 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

**You have a good quality brush & roller,  
but you need to look after them...**

### Care and Cleaning

To ensure brushes and rollers last longer and maintain their original condition they must be cared for correctly.

1. Squeeze as much paint as possible from rollers, brushes and trays back into the paint can for future use.
2. Wipe remaining paint from brush or roller onto an absorbent material such as a rag or newspaper. Allow these materials to dry and dispose of with normal household waste.
3. Wash brush or roller in a large bucket with the solvent recommended for the paint used.
4. Wash brush or roller in a separate bucket of warm, soapy water.
5. Buckets of water and/or solvents should be left to rest overnight so paint sediment can settle to the bottom. When paint has settled water can be poured onto grass or garden. Solvent can be retained for future use. Paint sediment at the bottom of the bucket should be wiped out

with an absorbent material such as a rag or newspaper. Allow these materials to dry and dispose of with normal household waste.

6. Shake out excess water from brush or roller.

### Brushes

Comb the bristles of brushes and shape while still wet. Brushes can be stored hanging up or flat, either in their original packaging or in newspaper. Ensure brush bristle or filament is not stored in contact with anything that can distort its shape.

### Rollers

Rollers are best dried and stored standing up to avoid flat spots developing in the nap. Remember to always rinse roller covers in water prior to use to ensure dust and loose fibres do not contaminate your paint.

Never stir paint with a brush or roller, always use a paint mixer.

Quality brushes and roller covers are available at Maleny Paint Place, 6/14 Lawyer Street, Maleny.

## Paint Place, Maleny



6/14 Lawyer Street,  
Maleny. 4552.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.



## Pink Ribbons

Australians recently commemorated Pink Ribbon Day, which is designed to help promote awareness about breast cancer and breast cancer screening.

Around 12,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, with some 2500 losing their lives to the disease.

While survival rates are rising in Australia, events such as Pink Ribbon Day help to ensure that we don't become complacent about the disease and are aware of the need for regular screening and check-ups.

## Girl Guides

Next year has been declared the Year of the Girl Guide. The event also commemorates 100 years since the Girl Guide movement started in Australia.

The Girl Guide movement is known for its goal of supporting girls as they develop into confident and inspiring young women. For information about celebration planned for 2010, visit: [www.girlguides.org.au](http://www.girlguides.org.au)

## Internet Protection

It may be a surprise to know that young people spend as much as 65 per cent of their time online being involved in some sort of social interaction.

With this in mind, it is important that parents and guardians do all they can to ensure that our young people are safe from potential harm while online.

For more information on cyber-safety plans visit [www.dbcde.gov.au/cybersafetyplan](http://www.dbcde.gov.au/cybersafetyplan)

## Scam

Just a reminder to local residents that there have been reports of bogus emails doing the rounds claiming to be from the Australian Tax Office and offering the recipient a \$250 tax refund.

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## Bushfire Dangers

The prolonged dry weather combined with the intermittent showers ensures that there is plenty of dry fuel as we come into bushfire season.

It is timely now to remind ourselves that we must be vigilant in taking the necessary precautions to ensure we are as prepared as possible for bushfire season.

I urge residents not to do anything that may pose a fire risk. Residents should ensure their properties are free of clutter and rubbish, that their gutters are cleared of leaves, that vegetation around their homes is pruned appropriately.

**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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