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Our Thoughts

The federal election is now over and those infuriating advertisements are in the past.

One of the promises Kevin Rudd made on behalf of Labor if they got in was to legislate that NO government is able to use "our" funds to carry out pre-election advertising as we saw in the immediate period before the election was officially called.

Those advertisements may have been said to be for public information but the thinking person knows better.

At over One Million dollars a day this was a waste of public money.

Don't fret, ALL governments do it. Look at the state labor governments. The Queensland Labour government proved to be a master of this type of advertising before the last Queensland election.

Hopefully, now that Kevin Rudd has the tiller firmly in his hands he will carry out this promise and make it so that it influences pre-election advertising State Election as well as Federal elections.

CONONDALE TRIVIA NIGHT

Don't forget the trivia night Friday Nov 30th at the Conondale Hall starting at 7p.m.

Click here to go to our "Gig Guide" (Must be connected to the internet at the time)

Meet you at the street carnival

The Maleny Chamber of Commerce is planning to make this year's Maleny Street Carnival the best ever.

It will be held on December 7th starting at 5.30p.m. The popular carnival entertainment this year features a number of local entertainers and it is going to be a beauty.

President Rod Thamm said the carnival heralded the start of the festive season and brought together the business community, arts community, service clubs, residents and families in an uplifting celebration.

Most local business operators feel that the Street Carnival adds to the positive atmosphere in the community. It unites the town and helps makes Maleny a nice place to live." This promises to be a great night of entertainment.

This year the chamber has organised food stalls in the street, face painting, rides and street performers, and Santa. The IGA fireworks demonstration takes place at 7pm.

Rod said he had called on help from Lions, Rotary,

Apex and Quota to help ensure success this year. Road blocks will be set up from 5pm to 10pm as Maleny takes control of its street.

Who can remember some of the street carnivals of the early 1990's where the youngsters, including a local doctor enjoyed themselves as only young ones and the young at heart can.

The original street carnival came out of the idea of a social afternoon where the business houses invited their loyal customers to celebrate the coming christmas season and to thank them for their support through the past year.

Today this idea has been greatly expanded but remains a social evening where everyone can meet with neighbours, old friends and make new friends and that is what Maleny living is all about.

Rod Thamm, president of the Maleny Chamber of Commerce of Maleny Menswear is keen to hear from anyone interested in helping out at the street carnival or from Maleny business people who wish to support the carnival financially. Rod can be contacted on 5429 6466.

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Truthful Jones Tells...



us that one of his female neighbours went to the local Medical-Centre where she was seen by one of the newly arrived younger doctors.

After about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out of the room screaming and ran down the hall. A well known doctor from that surgery stopped her and asked what the problem was and when she calmed down, she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room.

He then marched down the hallway to the back where the young doctor was writing on his clipboard. "What's the matter with you?" the older doctor demanded. "Mrs. Reid is 69 years old, has four grown children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and you told her she was pregnant?"

The younger doctor continued writing and without looking up said, "But does she still have the hiccups?"

He does have a point.

[Click here to go to our "Events Guide" \(Must be connected to the internet at the time\)](#)

The Pirate Queen comes to Maleny

The Maleny Players present their latest extravaganza, "The Pirate Queen" at the Maleny Community Centre on December 14th & 15th at 7.30p.m. and the 16th at 4p.m.

This is another production written by Jo Denver and Owen Gray.

Tickets available at "The Bowerbird", Maple Street, Maleny.

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Previously Painted Surfaces

Test the paint in several areas by cutting with a sharp knife and pressing 10 cm or so of adhesive tape firmly across the middle of the cut. Rip the tape away quickly - if any pieces of paint come with it, you will need to strip the loose paint.

Stripping

If the paint needs to be stripped back, the most common method is to use a heat gun or a chemical stripper such as Polystripper. For small areas, a manual or drill mounted wire brush or dry scraper may be adequate.

Sound Paint Work

If the paint work is in good condition, a light but thorough sand should be sufficient. Any small areas of peeling or cracking may be sanded back. Holes or defects should be filled and spot primed. Painted brick or masonry should be washed with a high pressure cleaner and a stiff bristled brush.

Blistering Flaking and Peeling

On wooden surfaces this is usually caused by moisture trapped beneath the paint. This weeks Special

Paintit Low Sheen - Int W.T.B. by Wattyl

6 lts - \$39.95

Paint Place, Maleny



12 Bunya Street,
Maleny. 4552.

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Click on the word Paint on the right hand side of page.

It happens most frequently on the north and west sides, as these areas receive the most heat from sunlight and is more common with dark colours have been applied over old paint. The first thing to do is remove the source of the moisture. Around windows and doors, look for cracks and seal them. In the walls the problem may be condensation, so the installation of additional vents may be required. Strip as much as practicable, sand smooth and prepare using Exterior/Interior Acrylic Primer Sealer Undercoat - all in one.

Chalking on timber

Over time Oil based enamel breaks down in our high UV sunlight to create a chalky or powdery surface. This should be scrubbed off and the adhesion of the old paint tested before repainting.

Mould

Remove surface mould growth by using a household bleach (hypochlorite) solution prepared by mixing one part bleach with 3 parts of water. Wear gloves and goggles to protect yourself from splashes, and apply with a thick scouring pad, rubbing to remove the mould. Leave the solution on the surface for 15 minutes then wash down with clean water. This process may need to be repeated to fully remove mould growth.

All your paint and paint accessories are available at the Paint Place, Maleny. (Next to the Primary School)

For more information click here:

Only a drongo outstays their welcome.

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Recycled Computers

We are all asked to recycle our used products so that we can not only save our environment but reduce the amount of toxic waste that goes into our landfills.

Each year we produce heaps of electronic devices. I look around my place and wonder about the number of used computers that will have to be disposed of and most of these items contain huge amounts of toxic waste. Similar items are mostly being dumped in local landfill sites.

These electronic products contain many toxic substances, including lead solder and toxic fibreglass boards. TV screens and energy-saving lightbulbs can have mercury in them. Mercury is a highly toxic substance, and if it gets into the local fisheries or water systems, we have a huge problem.

Most smoke detectors have a small amount of a radioactive substance in them. These smoke detectors should not be thrown into the normal rubbish for this reason?

Our generation continues to produce huge numbers of electric devices with a life expectancy of only a few years. Because of this short working life there has to be effective systems in place to easily and safely recycle all the resources tied up in them.

More effort should be made to ensure that these electronics be built from materials that are non-toxic and easily recycled. Until then we should have special recycling systems in place for our electronic waste.

Humour is always welcome around the camp fire.

Mum's favourite Recipes

Thai pumpkin soup

- maybe better for winter nights

Ingredients:- * 1kg pumpkin (aussie sunrise gives good colour) - * 1 tablespoon peanut oil - * 2 cloves of garlic, crushed - * 1 large onion, chopped - * 1 teaspoon sambal oelek (I've left it out and it still tastes good) - * 2 tablespoon (or more) chopped fresh lemongrass - * 1 L (4 cups) water - * 1 teaspoon chicken or vegie stock powder - * 1 tablespoon fish sauce - * 3 teaspoon lime juice - * 1 cup coconut cream - * 2 tablespoon chopped fresh basil - * 2 tablespoon (or more) chopped fresh coriander

Directions: Peel & seed pumpkin, cut pumpkin into 1.5 cm cubes. Heat oil in large pan, add garlic, onion, sambal oelek & lemon grass. cook, stirring until onion is soft. Add pumpkin, cook, stirring 1 minute. Add water, stock powder, sauce, juice. Simmer covered until pumpkin is just tender. Blend or process the mixture until smooth and return puree to pan. Add coconut cream & herbs, stir over heat until hot.

Serves 4-6. Based on a recipe from the Australian Women's Weekly cookbook for all seasons.

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.



This week's award goes to:-

the motorcyclist overtaking the line of traffic travelling down the range towards Landsborough on the morning of Thursday November 29th. He overtook a line of AT LEAST 20 cars and two large gravel trucks around a sweeping curve. Vehicles travelling up the range would not have been able to see the motorcyclist until the last moment and would have been left with little reaction time to take avoidance action.

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Chapter 6

After the calamitous breakfast with the engineers, Penny was sitting in the hotel lobby, idly scratching Tomasino's ears under the table, and looking most forlorn, when Marina walked in.

"Hi, I'm Marina, and why the gloom? I often drink coffee here, it's a great spot, and a

you in a coffee. Last night I met five nice Americans, and this morning I have found out that they are actually 'Ugly Americans'. They are building a dam to flood the farms and livelihood of thousands of poor people." Tears welled in her

eyes, and she managed a large gulp of anguish.

Marina leant forward and patted her arm. "Every two weeks, one of those five, in rotation, take a day off to come to the Presa Linda orphanage here in Santa Marta. They rent a bus and take all the 25 children and their four carers to the beach for a picnic. Those five guys financially support the orphanage, and there is no publicity. It

church in El Cristobal. Neither the government, nor any charity or other citizen do that for the orphans of this Republic, and it is the only orphanage in Santa Marta, along with one the company building the dam supports in the town of Lindacita itself".

She went on to elaborate about the orphanage Christmas party which had become such a social event that even the President and his wife attended.

Pepé came over with the coffee and placed it before both girls, then stepping back, noticed Tomasino's tail protruding from under Penny's chair. With a sly grin he stepped heavily upon it, but the instantaneous sharp raking claws down his shin destroyed his triumph. Neither of the protagonists had made a sound, so the girls sipped on unaware.

Marina continued. "There is going to be a fiesta in Lindacita soon, and a friend of mine is driving me. Would you like to come with us? It will be fun. There are sports and plenty of food, everything for families. The Gringos stay in the background mostly, except with the orphans and the young children, and of course the tug of

We continue with our serialisation of the adventure "La Presa Linda" written by Jervis Sparks.



Jervis Sparks is an international drilling consultant and local Maleny identity.

His profession takes him all around the world, mostly to most remote areas. This has given him an insight into an adventurous life style.

He has previously written a number of technical books and articles for industry magazines and also a book on his life's adventures.

Now he has written a purely fiction adventure novel and we are pleased to be able to serialise it over the next few weeks.

A full copy of this book will be available from the "Hinterlandgrapevine Online" web site in the "Stories of Interest Section"

great brew".

"Well, I'm Penny, and I'll join

is in fact the only orphanage which is not funded by the

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LA PRESA LINDA (Continued)

war. For three years now there have been the five of them against 25 ladies, and we ladies have always won”.

Penny, her mind again in a turmoil, smiled weakly, and said that she would like to go, so Marina told her to go up to her room, freshen up, and she would take her to a typical Santa Marta meal, steaming with chilli.

Over the meal Marina asked Penny if she had really researched how environmentally friendly this dam was. Never before had anything like it been done in Central America. All the animals and people would be relocated to better surroundings and huge forests replanted on land previously destroyed by the disastrous ‘slash and burn’ practices of the local farmers. Those will become national parks. The land to be given to the farmers

would never be raped again, but instead be eco-managed to enable them to quadruple their yield, year after year. The wanton yearly destruction of the land would cease forever. And birth control and education, both free, would be a number one priority. These Gringos are doing wonders and their benefits will be far reaching and long lasting.

“Already the birds are coming back to the trees they have planted, and the lizards and frogs are able to enjoy the safety below. Your beloved downtrodden peasants don’t care about those things at all.

They contribute nothing to the welfare of others, their own country, or the future of their brood of children”.

“Do not be a newcomer arriving with unfounded prejudices, Penny”.

Fifth Avenue Collection

We create beauty and success

Less than four weeks to Christmas and shopping time is getting short. Along with perfume, jewellery is just what women like to receive as a gift. Fifth Avenue Collection has a wonderful range of gorgeous pieces, something for everyone.

Shirley is holding an Open House on Sunday 2nd December. Why not go along and have a look.

It is possible to take home your purchases on the same day - no waiting for goods to arrive. If something needs to be ordered, it can be here within a couple of days. Cash, cheque and Credit

card are all accepted. Articles can be gift wrapped ready for giving, so call into 29 Centenary Drive, Maleny any time between 10.00am and 4.00pm for a look. No obligation.

I can be contacted any time if you wish for a private viewing, or to arrange a home showing.

You can check Shirley’s website at any time, see something you like and order direct for direct delivery, or give her a call to arrange your purchase. Click here to visit Shirley’s website

Don’t become a statistic take care of yourself

Christmas School holidays are quickly coming upon us. This is also a very dangerous part of the year for our young people as far as accidents are concerned. Many of these accidents result in spinal injuries.

Spinal Cord injury can happen to anyone, at any age and at anytime. A disability such as a Spinal Cord Injury can be a life changing experience. An individual’s life can be thrown into turmoil, as well as the lives of family members.

Spinal cord injuries in Queensland are most commonly caused by motor vehicle accidents, falls and acts of violence. Sports-related spinal cord injuries occur more commonly in children and teenagers, while work-related injuries (especially from construction work) predominate in adults.

They can also be caused by accidents that happen so quickly and simply from apparently minor incidents such as diving into water that is too shallow and hitting the bottom as a hard blow to the head can injure the brain, even when there are no visible signs of trauma to the scalp or face. Head injuries can be serious and require urgent medical attention.

In many of these injuries alcohol and drug abuse are contributing factors.

The best treatment for spinal injuries is to not be injured in the first place.

In life, we all aspire to be Healthy, Wealthy and Wise so please end the year safely and start the next year in the same way.

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Jobs from Hinterland Employment Services Sales Position

Experienced Junior Sales Assistant required for unique hand-made import retail boutique business situated in the sought after Sunshine Coast Hinterland region open 7 days per week from 9.30am -4.30pm.

The position will commence on a casual basis approx 15 hrs to start but could lead to more permanent work. Looking for a junior willing to make a commitment to learning about the retail business including the import and wholesale side. Must have good people skills, well groomed very reliable and able to commence straight away.

To express interest in these positions or to receive full job description please forward recent resume together with checkable references by email to employment@hinterland.biz

PH: 54999850

Maleny Bowls Club has a break from bowls

Each year over the Christmas break members of the Maleny Bowls Club take a break from playing lawn bowls so that they can repair the lawn for the next season.

This is necessary so that the grass surface can rejuvenate itself and be at its best for the next year.

This week saw the last game for the 2007 year.

The club still operates as a social venue so no need to miss the social afternoons.

December 8th is the club's Christmas party and is sure to be a great occasion. You will need to get in quick to book a seat as they are limited. The club phone number is 5494 2335

Who is printing your Christmas Needs

Maleny Print & Copy Service has a new name, Maleny Green Printery. The name reflects more the direction in which the business is heading.

Maleny Green Printery can handle nearly any print job and as a boutique printing business they specialize in giving you individual help in defining your objectives, and find the right printing options for you.

They can do it all for you from logo design to business cards to brochures, signs, posters and web sites. Click here to visit their web page.

Need Help buying a car? New or second hand

Suncoast Auto Brokers can help you when buying a new or used car. Dan Kelly has been around the auto industry since Adam was a boy and knows how to deal with car dealers.

One person who had Dan "shop for her" had this to say"

"... we can highly recommend dealing with Dan Kelly. He made the whole process easy and stress-free.

Dan was able to get the car we wanted at \$2,000 less than the best deal we were able to get through the car yards ourselves, he saved us time, money and lots of running around.

Thanks Dan"

*Robyn Plim
Peregian Beach*

Dan Kelly can do the same for you so why not contact him. Click on this story to go to his web page.

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Hinterland Employment Service		5499 9850
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Maleny Cheese Factory	-	5494 2207
Maleny Print & Copy Centre	-	5494 2888
Maleny Paint Place	-	5494 2002
Partner Foods	-	5494 3155
Maleny Paint Place	-	54942002
Suncoast Auto Brokers	-	1300 365 352

Local Businesses offer support and services to you and your business. They also provide local employment. Why not support them.

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