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Kuranda Arts Co-op Exhibition A Great Success

Tablelands: Perimeters and Parameters, an exhibition by 15 artists from the Kuranda Arts Co-op at the Tableland Regional Gallery, closes on 28 February. It was supported by a Regional Art Development Fund through the TRC and was generously sponsored by the Kuranda Media Association and the Kuranda Resort.

MC at the opening on 5 February was Councillor **Jenny Jensen** who introduced speakers **Mollie Bosworth** Chairperson KAC, and **Barbara Dover** curator. **Pat Morrish**, the well known radio presenter recently retired from ABC Far North Radio, officially opened the show. Among those present were several TRC Councillors, **Deborah Godfrey** Director of the TRG and the team of TRG volunteers who helped hang the show, KAC members and friends, friends of the gallery, and the artists: **Shona Ballantyne**, **Mollie Bosworth**, **Judith Corrighan**, **Terry Eager**, **Darryl Ely**, **Margaret Genever**, **Helen Gormley**, **Henri Hunsinger**, **Gerhard Hillman**, **Jana Iriyadi**, **Claire Jones**, **Kerryn Madsen-Pietsch**, **Shane Morris**, **Cathie Phoeda** and **Toni Rogers**. **Helen Gormley** also represented the Kuranda Media Association. While the majority of artists live in Kuranda, several members are from other Tableland areas.

The all new, innovative artworks highlighted the diverse nature of the Tablelands in a wide variety of media, including painting, pottery, limited edition prints, jewellery and sculpture. As **Dr Victoria Carless** in her review for Art Monthly said, the artworks "invite the viewer to take more than simply a Sunday drive and to look anew at this distinctive region". Through the universal language of art, the artists created fresh ways that we can appreciate and value the connections as well as some of the differences in their area. More than 100 people attended the opening and some are pictured.

Photographs by Margaret Genever
Background image: *Many Moons* by Toni Rogers



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Kuranda

TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

cordially invites you to
the opening of the upgrade of the
amenities at the former
Kuranda Primary School Site

SATURDAY 6 MARCH 2010
8.30AM

BBQ Breakfast

Entertainment

Community Football Game!



Official Opening by
Jim Turnour
Federal Member for Leichhardt



COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Please keep your letter to the point and under 250 words. All letters are subject to editing. Anonymous letters or those of doubtful origin are not published. Correct name, street address and phone contact are to be submitted with your letter which should be headed "Dear Kuranda Paper". Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Kuranda Media Association Incorporated, Publishers of the Kuranda Paper.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

What a great start to 2010. Congratulations to the brilliant designer of the Paper's website.

Member for Barron River, Steve Wettenhall, announced the completion of the toilet block at Barron Falls lookout at a cost of \$250,000. The structure is most timely and aesthetically pleasing.

The good news continued when Housing Minister, Karen Struthers, confirmed on 17th January "Queenslanders are due to see a massive roll-out of social housing across the state as the Bligh Government works to build more than 3000 social housing dwellings by the end of this year. Breakdown of planned social housing build to 2012 by region under Nation Building... Far North Queensland 260".

With just four electorates in FNQ surely we can expect 50 odd in Barron River by 2012?

In Kuranda Paper (Feb 10) Steve gave the welcome news "Top Korowa community will benefit from the completion of a capital works program that includes construction of five new four-bedroom houses and the upgrade of one existing duplex. The estimated project cost .. is \$3,814,683." - \$700,000 plus for each house? No, let's not go there!

I have been rattling on for some time about the Govt.'s lethargy in social housing construction and am very happy to now eat humble pie. I eagerly await Steve's announcements on the progress of the possible further 45 dwellings in Barron River over the next 33 months.

Barry Hodson, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

RE: Jenny's Jottings in your last edition,

Kuranda Envirocare's does support the council's upgrade project at this unsafe bridge crossing. However, we were not involved in the design or scheduling of works in the lead up to the wet season.

We alerted Council to the sensitive nature of the creek bed area as a Myola frog breeding site at the time the new bridge was announced on the project list. We were disappointed, however, to see the large disturbance footprint and the initial quality of sediment and erosion controls.

We contacted council on a number of occasions in October and November to advise on the need to improve sediment controls after a number of rain storms as initial controls were clearly inadequate. To their credit Council did improve the sediment controls and on-going maintenance may still be required to ensure their effective operation.

We also sought advice regarding the release of water from behind the council made dam wall upstream of the bridge and council followed that advice, also removing as much of their works material from the creek bed as practical, especially in the originally shallow frog breeding area.

Cathy Retter
President, Envirocare



Dear Kuranda Paper,

I would like to bring to your attention, your obvious lack of knowledge, with regard the dog and other animal related issues in the district. I personally work within the animal welfare/control area and can undoubtedly express that everything possible is being done to contain the problems that arise from animals wandering and causing a nuisance, or worse. If yourselves could see the abhorrent acts of cruelty, neglect and sad welfare cases, that we deal with every day, you and other readers, may stop "blaming the Council and Police". With all the new legislation in place, and more to come, it is still not an easy job, everyday we collect abandoned dogs, cats, and even cattle and horses, many of them severely malnourished, covered in mange, with an injury or owned by persons who take absolutely no responsibility. We witness over and over the same people, who have their animals removed from their so-called care, just to get another puppy and/or pet.

Do NOT blame or make extenuating remarks that the Council and/or the Police are responsible. Owning an animal is a privilege, not a right, and if you cannot maintain an animal to minimum standards i.e.: food, water and shelter, and cannot control that animal, and don't make any effort too, well don't have one.

The recent editorial on 'Boof', is just the icing on the cake, and thank goodness the person who witnessed the events incurred on "Boof" brought it to people's attention, and did the right thing.

I know of many people in the area who are responsible pet owners, and we applaud you wholeheartedly, but please, if you own an animal, be responsible, keep it enclosed on your property, the animal is your's not everyone else's, have it registered and micro-chipped, if it has a barking problem, purchase a barking collar and make more effort to give your pet quality time, ensure that all animals are de-sexed, wormed and vaccinated. If you can't follow those basic guidelines - well don't own a pet at all.

We know at times there are always extenuating circumstances, and you do the best to your ability, but please, consider the animals involved, TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

Jenny Miller, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Congratulations on going online. I have just read the latest edition of the paper and the new layout is fantastic. It took me quite a while to wade my way through the many pages in the edition. I think you have made your task difficult, as it will be hard to produce such a great publication every month. I look forward to accessing future editions.

Steve Caught, Charters Towers

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www.kurandapaper.com

Dear Kuranda Paper,

After the heavy rains on the 26th Jan. this car was hanging in a tree in the JumRum creek Fallon Road. I took these pictures thinking you might be interested to publish them in the Kuranda Paper.

Carla Steiner, Kuranda.



Dear Kuranda Paper,

May I congratulate the Paper Committee members and volunteer staff, and Seren in particular, for the excellent job in putting the Paper on line on the net. It will now be accessible to a world audience and can help put Kuranda more in the public spotlight.

With the latter comment in mind, it may be opportune to put a little more emphasis in the Paper on the great attributes and scenic beauty of Kuranda Village and the area generally. It could highlight some of the attractions and the appeal to visitors. Even the home page on the net could be used in part for this purpose (no criticism of Seren intended, who has done a great job). Well done!

Graham Nicholson, Kuranda

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All contributions and advertising to Pauline and Jan at "Kuranda Videos" at the BP Complex.

Deadlines must be adhered to. Photographs and items for return to be collected from the "Kuranda Videos" immediately after publication. Thanks to Pauline and Jan at the Video Shop.

Contributors please present your work in digital or good typewritten format. Classifieds and small items may be legibly handwritten and must be paid for when lodged. First time advertisers should present payment on lodging initial advertisement.

This edition No. 208 of the Kuranda Paper was produced by a volunteer team including: Garth, Liane, Seren, Helen, David, Peter, Sue, Smiling Nod. Thanks to the Paper Folders.





Tourism Kuranda Tweets the Premier

Tourism Kuranda Twitters – Tourism Kuranda has launched a new online marketing campaign through Twitter. Twitter is a free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read messages known as tweets. This exciting new marketing medium is designed to help promote Kuranda to the travel trade and will enable us to update industry partners, travel agents and importantly media organisations about “What’s New in Kuranda”. Jump online and check out www.twitter.com/tourismkuranda

Major Advertising Campaign – Tourism Kuranda has just committed significant funds to a major marketing campaign that will involve local & regional TV advertising and local newspaper & radio advertising. With the lead-up to Easter, Tourism Kuranda will be targeting intra-state and regional travellers to ensure they have Kuranda at the top of their holiday list as a ‘Must See’ destination while visiting North Queensland.

New logo for Kuranda – Tourism Kuranda has just launched a new fun and exciting logo for the Village. The new logo will be incorporated on all of our future brochure, business cards and any advertising that involves Kuranda. Tourism Kuranda encourages all local businesses to incorporate our new logo on any of their brochures or advertising material.

New Facebook Profile – We have combined our online marketing campaign to include two separate online Facebook profiles. The first site targets tourists providing hot holiday tips and general travel information about Kuranda & the region, while the second profile is designed to target media organisations and help forward the latest Kuranda updates to local agents. We have used Twitter & Facebook to send out an invitation to Premier Anna Bligh to visit Kuranda on the 1st March 2010 when she is up here in the North. If you have a facebook site, jump online and become friends and fans of Kuranda – lets spread the news!

Kuranda Businesses Help Out – Drew Hamilton the Sales & Marketing Manager from Down Under Tours headed off for Europe & UK on the 9th February for another International Sales Blitz promoting Kuranda and the North. Drew is extremely well known and respected in the International Markets and he was targeting some of the major international wholesalers during his mission. Down Under Tours sends in excess of 85,000 passengers to Kuranda every year and the Village returned the favour by donating special gifts for Drew to use as prize give-aways for the travel consultants he will be training and as a small memento from Kuranda. The following businesses donated gifts to Down under Tours - Peter Jarver Gallery, Coral Coast Leathers, Sandra Viden Design, Aussie Collections, Cairns Tropical Wines, The Kangaroo Shop, Ann and John’s Bush Jewellery, Stones Down Under; Annette’s Emu Oil; Klaus Brucksch Fused Glass, Gemstones and The Coffee Republic - thank you!

New Name - Kuranda Rainforest Resort has changed their name to simply Kuranda Resort and have undergone a major refurbishment program over the last couple of months to their one & two bedroom apartments.

Kuranda-Made – Local business lady and entrepreneur, Melissa Clinton has recently opened a new shop in the village - Kuranda-Made which is dedicated to the products and services produced in Kuranda by people who live in Kuranda. Melissa advised that Kuranda is home to an abundance of talented professionals whose Kuranda-Made products and services will be profiled in her new shop and on her new Kuranda-Made website – www.kuranda-made.com. By sourcing high quality goods and services provided by Kuranda residents, your money stays within the community and helps it to prosper, creating employment and reducing carbon footprints – good luck!!

Discover Magazine – The 2010 edition of the Discover Magazine is about to hit the sets and Kuranda is the very well represented with a total of 22 businesses featured.

New Toilets at the Barron Gorge – The long awaited and much needed toilets at the spectacular Barron Falls are finally operational! The \$250k project was a joint initiative of the Queensland Government’s Department of the Environment and Resource Management & The Tablelands Regional Council. The new toilets will certainly encourage visitors to walk or bike ride from the Village to the falls and is a wonderful additional to our tourism infrastructure in Kuranda.

Upcoming Events - Tech Talk - Kuranda businesses are invited to attend a TTNQ and Tourism Kuranda ‘Tech Talk’ workshop presented by TTNQ’s web developer Steve O’Malley. Learn techniques that will help you understand web technology, and apply it to you business. You will learn about: ■ Website search engine optimization and marketing ■ Google analytics ■ web translation and share tools ■ links strategy ■ reciprocal linking ■ HTML tags ■ RSS feeds ■ organic listings v paid listings. The “Tech Talk” will be held at the Rainforest Resort at 8.30am on the 2nd march 2010. Please RSVP to discover@kuranda.org.

For further information about any of the above topics or if you would like to know more about Tourism Kuranda please contact Marc Sleeman – Executive Officer via e-mail discover@kuranda.org or Ph: 0427 592 203.

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Monty John Davis

30 July 1926–25 January 2010



MONTY DAVIS was born on the 30th July 1926 at Hughenden: the fourth child of twelve. He left school at 12 years old; mainly, he said because he was still in Grade 3.

Monty worked as a stockman on cattle properties around the central west of Queensland and around Hughenden today you can still hear stories of Monty and his brothers.

He married Myra Grace Delacour in Charters Towers on the 15th of January 1949. Myra was the fourth of ten children. In 1956 Monty, Myra and the first four children moved to Tinaroo to start work on the Tinaroo dam. Being a good bush mechanic, he rebuilt an old Fargo truck and with a dozen or so relatives on the back he would cruise along the flats – but all on board would have to jump out and help it up the hills.

In 1959 he and Myra, now with six kids in tow, moved to Kuranda. While in Kuranda Monty worked on the Barron River Hydro scheme and the new high-level bridge over the Barron. Monty loved his old Landrover and the chance to go bush for a short break. Each son would have a different story to tell about his own particular trip.

In Kuranda Monty built the family home (much to the Council’s dismay) by demolishing old houses and salvaging what timber he could, and the nails if possible. Monty and Myra raised their twelve kids (and many others) in that house and although the house changed shape a few times it stood the wear and tear of his large ever-growing family for 45 years. Even the street it’s on is called Monty Street.

He was a truly great man; loved by his family and all who knew him.

Monty John Davis will never be forgotten.





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Neighbourhood Centre News March 2010

Community Safety Plan Sub-Committee: The Kuranda Interagency Network is developing a Sub Committee to work on a collaborative, overarching and accepted community safety plan for the Kuranda District. The plan will identify risks and issues, map services, activities and programs, identify resources and actions/pathways and include evaluation protocols. If you believe you can contribute to this process now or in the future, please contact me on 4093 8933.

Book Sale: KNC held a week long book-sale that raised some funds to contribute to future programs (such as Safe Freedom for Young Men and similar programs). Thanks go to the Mareeba and Kuranda Libraries for their generous donations as well as community members who have donated books recently. Thanks also to those who bought books.

Art In-Built: Rachael Kelly (our wonderful President) has been working tirelessly on progressing our Art In-Built Project. We are now expecting the new, and very artistic, sign for our Centre to be installed by the end of March – so keep your eyes out!

ATODS: The Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service (ATODS) Step Forward Program is being facilitated by Ceri Hughes and myself with face to face counseling available through an ATODS counselor upon referral. Step Forward is an ongoing program on the first Friday of each month for two hours. It is a free relapse prevention group that includes harm reduction skills, understanding and planning for your triggers and cues, prevention management, goal setting, relaxation skills, motivation to change and alternative activities.

Family Support Items Needed: Thank you to those who have generously donated items recently. We have an informal way of linking up families and individuals with different items of furniture and household goods etc that they need. Right now we know families who need: washing machines, fridges and dryers. If you have any of those items that you no longer need, please give us a call.

Broadband for Seniors: Broadband for Seniors Kiosk providing two computers for broadband internet and email access for people aged 55 and over. It is a free service funded by the Queensland Government.

Housing: A Dept of Housing worker is coming to KNC every second Thursday (next ones 4/3/10 and 18/3/10) between 1.30 – 3.30 - no appointment necessary. Assistance and support to fill in or update Housing applications is provided.

Kuranda Interagency Network: Is on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator

NEED A NEW WASHING MACHINE, FRIDGE OR OTHER ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD GOODS?

NILS

The **No Interest Loan Scheme** provides interest-free loans for individuals or families on low income.

How much can you borrow?
It varies, but usually up to \$1,000.00 and the repayment period is up to 2 years.

Who is eligible?
Anyone holding a health care card or pension card.

See Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre for more details.



Free Lifeline Counselling in Kuranda

A Lifeline Counsellor is coming to Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre each Thursday to see Kuranda people. There are up to six free sessions available with no obligation to have ongoing counselling. If you think this may meet your need or you want to know more, you can ring either Ceri or myself or you can contact Lifeline directly on **4050 4955**. All contact with KNC or Lifeline staff is strictly confidential.



NOTICE FOR Annual General Meeting to be held on

**Saturday 27th February 2010
STARTS 4.00PM AT THE UNDERSTAGE**

Kuranda Amphitheatre, Barron Falls Road, Kuranda

Nominations for committee positions to be submitted by
Saturday 13th February 2010 to the Secretary, PO Box 500, Kuranda 4881
or email: kuranda_amp@bigpond.com.au
Proxy votes by members not able to attend, to be forwarded to
Secretary or signed to a 2009 K.A.S. member

Kuranda/Myola Rural Fire Brigade

A public meeting will be held at the Kuranda/Myola Rural Fire Brigade on the 15th March 2010 at 424 Myola Road 7.30pm to discuss the need for a fire levy in the areas listed below to inform interested members of the public about the activities of their local volunteer run Rural Fire Brigade.

Properties which were previously in the Barron Rural Fire Brigade District on Fern Tree Place, Fan Palm Place, Coconut Grove, Salamone Drive, Kennedy Highway and Black Mountain Road as well as properties on the Kennedy Highway and Windy Hollow Road which are adjacent to the Kuranda/Myola Rural Fire Brigade District have now been included in the Kuranda/Myola Rural Fire Brigade District.

QCWA NEWSLETTER

The Christmas recess is over and our members are once again busy with projects, meetings and community work –starting with an all day session at Bunnings' Smithfield store, cooking dozens of sausages plus onions at a Sausage Sizzle, in order to fund Handcraft community projects.

With the success of our Butterfly Quilt raffle last year, our ladies are now planning to produce more crafty articles for the months ahead and, once again, we hope that the local community will support our fundraising efforts in order to maintain the QCWA hall and various projects.

A weekend at Kurrimine Holiday Units started the year off for some who took the opportunity to attend a craft school. Although the weather was very hot and wet, the air-conditioned rooms made for a comfortable time with several Teachers holding classes in Hardanger, Woodburning, Wessex Stitchery, Celtic Patchwork, Folded Star Patchwork and Bead Embroidery. Throughout this year, there will be several QCWA events at these popular holiday units including an International Weekend and a Regional Meeting/School to be held in August with around 150 members attending from branches between Mackay and Cooktown.

The first Craft and Social morning was welcomed not only by our ladies but also by several husbands/partners who were relieved to see sewing baskets heading out the doors again. Apparently some crafters were suffering from withdrawal symptoms and, judging from the volume of chitter-chatter, all were happy to be back at the craft tables once again.

A Scrappy Stars tote bag was the project lesson for February with some very striking bags produced. March lesson is **Shadow Trapunto** – kits will be available at a small cost and lunch provided on the **lesson day (24th March)**. Please contact the Secretary if interested in joining us on the day.

Hall bookings: please contact 4093 7599 or 4093 9437

**For other information,
please contact the Secretary on 4093 7016.**

Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



*I don't have hot flushes. I
have short private vacations
in the tropics.*

*If it has tyres or testicles, it's
gonna give you trouble.*





Starting a Vegetable Patch

There's great satisfaction in being able to pick vegetables from your own garden. They are as fresh as you can get and taste sensational. It doesn't take a lot of space to have a few plants like tomato, cucumber, lettuce and herbs – we have a great herb garden in pots under kitchen window where the eaves protect it from excessive rain.

While March can still be too hot and wet to really start a vegetable garden, it is never too early to plan it. If it is dry enough you could start adding manure, compost and lime/dolomite to the ground to give it a chance to break down before planting in April or May. If you have been growing green manure crops over the wet season, now is a good time to chop up the greenery and dig it into the vegetable beds.

Instead of having big areas to mow every other week, why not turn some of that lawn into a productive vegetable plot that can feed the family? If you don't want to dig the ground, raised beds can be placed straight on the lawn and filled with soil or try no-dig gardening with layers of lucerne hay and compost. You can even plant into old hay bales by creating a hollow in the bale and filling it with potting mix and compost to set the plants into. It provides an instant raised bed where the hay rots down as the plant grows.

If possible choose a garden spot that gets full sun most of the day for your vegetables. If it is partly shaded, morning sun is preferable to the hot afternoon sun. Run the rows north to south to give individual plants equal sun exposure.

As vegetables need to grow quickly with the least stress to provide a tender, tasty crop, make sure you prepare the ground well to give them a friable, well draining soil with lots of nutrients and organic material. Rainforest soils like Kuranda's clay are notoriously heavy and need lots of organic matter to open them up.

Cow manure and mushroom compost are some of the best soil conditioners, adding nutrients and organic matter to improve both sandy and clay soils. However some commercially bagged cow manure can be highly alkaline (pH 10) so don't add extra lime when using it and just spread it thinly. A light dressing of dolomite or garden lime may be necessary if the soil pH is too acidic (eg pH 4.5-6). Dolomite differs from garden lime in that it also contains magnesium. Yellowing leaves on plants often indicates a magnesium deficiency, another sign of acidic soil.

Most vegetables thrive with a pH around 6.5, which frees up nutrients and vital trace elements. Test kits for pH levels are available from plant nurseries and hardware shops.

by **Sheree Scott**

mail: info@moongardeningcalendar.com

Interested in gardening, want to learn more?

Come along to

KURANDA GARDEN GROUP

All are welcome

2.00pm Saturday 6th March

We are starting the New Year with a practical demonstration on

Flower Arranging

by **Angela Lewis**

the President of FNQ Floral Art Designers Inc.

If you would like to bring along a favourite container and what you would like to put in it, we can help and give you some tips.

**We will be meeting at the CWA Hall
on the corner of Barang and Thongon Streets.**

**We will also have a short formal meeting to adopt
Rules for Incorporation.**

Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea

Phone David or Graham 4093 9492

dpsgkp@people.net.au



Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

Just a final reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be held next Tuesday 2nd March 2010 at the Kuranda Hotel Motel commencing at 5.00pm. Nominations for the Executive positions are currently displayed on the Rotary notice board at the Kuranda Hotel Motel as required by the constitution.

During the past month, the Executive Committee has held three meetings, and members have attended two Tourism Kuranda and one Tourism Tropical Tablelands meetings. Minutes of the February General Meeting are available on the website.

Don't forget the **AGM next Tuesday 2nd March commencing 5.00pm** at the Kuranda Hotel Motel.

Mike Took
Vice President/Secretary



**FLOOD STORM
EMERGENCY
132 500**

NEWS FROM KURANDA SES

Kuranda SES has been very busy over the last couple of months with several call-outs to trees on roofs or across driveway access.

These jobs were done during daylight and night time hours. Early in the year due to a truck accident we went and helped unload the truck which was fully loaded with milk crates.

To make our response times quicker and more efficient we need to do some fundraising to buy a set of lights – which are on airbags and very bright – these lights are worth approximately \$1800.00

We also would like to buy a shipping container as this would help with our storage problem in the shed and give us a quicker response time.

To kick off our fundraising we are having a sausage sizzle this Saturday 27th February outside of Foodworks, so please come along and help support your local SES as you never know when YOU will need their service.

Floral Art

The choice of style for a flower arrangement is endless and never ending in appeal and its attraction goes beyond flowers and gardens. It opens your eyes to form, shape and colour. You become drawn by design which helps you assess your home and garden with different eyes.

The Far North Queensland Floral Art Designers Inc. hold monthly workshop meetings from **9.30am – 12.30am at the Woree Community Centre, Cnr. Toogood Road & Jasper Street, Bayview Heights** on the following dates in 2010:

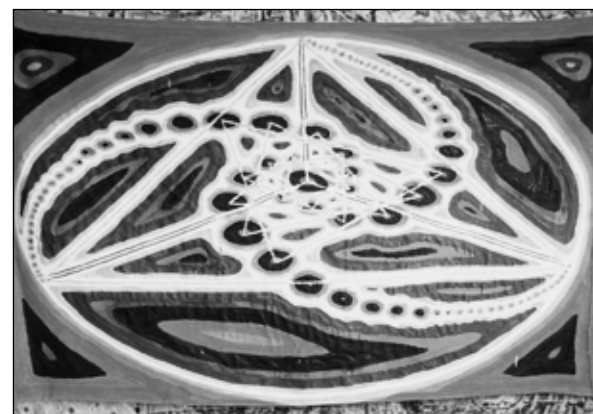
March 19th, April 23rd, May 21st, June 18th, July no meeting, August 20th, Sept. 17th, October 15th, November 19th December no meeting.

After the business meeting of The Kuranda Garden Group on 6th March at the QCWA Hall, Kuranda, a member of the above group will be giving a demonstration on a larger freestanding design and a table design using materials from the garden.

If further information is required on FNQ Floral Art Designers Inc. feel free to **ring Sheila at 4093 7617 (evenings between 7pm/9pm).**



the Arts page



freimanisart

This month's artist feature is Peter Freimanis of freimanisart. He's been an artist since childhood, drawing, painting and colouring in. Reaching school, always doodling in and around his books. This progressed later on through life in between studying and doing horticulture, land conservation, herbal medicine and going out seeing bands. Continuing on with drawing and painting in any spare time. His style could be described as playing with patterns and colours. Doing symbols, mandalas, yantras and varied patterns from many different cultures mixing in free form chaos at times. Also including cosmic universal designs with a deeper meaning, not just being aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

Peter has exhibited in events such as Winter Solstice Lifestyle Gathering, Illumination, Freakquency Nightclub, Digger Street Arts Collective and various other parties and gatherings. He has exhibited from Sydney to FNQ, and also Latvia. Now he'd like to contribute something to the Kuranda community by putting on an exhibition at the understage amphitheatre on the 13th of March, 2010. From 4pm til close. \$5 entry. To help lift the spirits even more we'll have dj's and the bar. Come one, come all.

For viewing, commissions and any other enquiries you can contact Peter for an appointment on 0439649667 or freimanisart@yahoo.com.



KURANDA CAMERA CLUB



Some samples from our last shoot, "Historic sites of Kuranda". I'm not sure who has done what because these pics have only just arrived at our office. Anyhow, come to our next shoot and capture the baldy heads of your friends at the "Shave for a Cure", at the Speewah Country Tavern.



ALL IS ART

Yes, life itself IS art. A merry dance around the cosmic dance-floor of life, full of thrills and spills. My dad always said "I wouldn't be dead for quids". Well he is now, but what a wonderful legacy he left in his wake. These pages would not be the same had he not caught the glint in Mum's eye way back then. Who knows what fantastic possibilities await us. The future is looking pretty exciting, with lots of challenges for us, so let's make our back-yard, Earth, somewhere to be proud of when the visitors come. Peace, Love, Happiness, seren

Next meeting:
Wednesday 17th March, 7:00pm.
Speewah Country Tavern.

Next shoot:
Sat. 13th March, 2:00 pm
Speewah Country Tavern for
~ SHAVE FOR A CURE ~
Hair shaving & colour
Come get the before & after
shots of your friends.



Contacts: Zananda 4093 0365
Seren 0409 499 168





LOCAL MUSO'S ROCK!
Chronic Haze release their debut album *"Under the Halo"* at the Cape York Hotel on Saturday 13th March. The CD features six tracks, all originals, progressive rock and kicks! Also appearing on the night are DJ Shift Teq and Said & Done. Doors open at 6pm. Entry \$10. CD's available at the Village Vibe Cafe, Kuranda.

FOLK NIGHT

Hello folknight friends.

Thank you so much to those who attended the February folknight, what an amazing night! All the musicians had a ball. Word is getting out about what a special space the folknight is for a musician to perform, we have been flooded with inquires from local and even distant musicians.

The next folknight will be held on the 5th of March. A few people approached us at the Feb night and asked for the night to start a little later, so this month we will kick off at 7.30pm and see how it goes.

The March feature artist "Bessy-Lou" has been performing the local arena for many years now. Previously known as

Sian Evans, due to many a debacle over the pronunciation of her one syllable name, Sian now uses Bessy-Lou as her act name. Bessy-Lou has a very unique style having been explained as; Burlesque Blues, Cabaret Roots, and Saucy folk.

Bessy-Lou will be supported by 2 other local performers.

Jonny Mew is very excited about playing the folknight, John moved to Cairns one year ago from the Sunshine Coast. Having played many gigs down south, Jonny has yet to sink his teeth into the local scene. The folknight is just the place for it to happen.

Our third artist this month is Trish Molloy. Those who attended our last folknight will recognize Trish as the beautiful cake lady (Do not fear! There still

"KURANDA FOLK NIGHT"

5th March—CWA Hall

Every First Friday
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Doors open 7.15pm
Show starts 7.30pm

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Supporting

Artists:
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Interested musicians email: kurandafolk@gmail.com

Please bring your instruments for the acoustic jam that follows the performances, all are welcome to join

will be cake. We have found another beautiful lady to serve the cakes this month). Trish has recently moved to Kuranda with her family and we are very lucky to have her both as a neighbour and a performer.

Remember to bring an instrument for the jam!!

See you there, Michael =)

THE BOOGIE BROTHERS

MUSIC REVIEW - CD review

AL DI MEOLA - "World Sinfonia": This is a sampler - giving a taste of what Al Di Meola offers in concert. Simply, virtuosity, impeccable musicianship; free-flowing latino jazz journeys, exploring musical themes that showcase the exquisite musical talents of the players. If free-form latino-jazz with nice percussive chops is to your taste, you'll love it! If you're more attuned to clearly defined melody lines and solid rock oriented structure you may find your attention wandering. Go see the concert and decide for yourself.

PORT O'BRIEN "Threadbare": An ethereal mix. Modern-day California Dreamin'. There's a touch of innocence of the early Beach Boys overlaid with the sweet velvet fog of the Cowboy Junkies. If you got into the recent flow of soft America, say Bon Iver etc then this is in the same vein - sweet and high. The lyrics are soaked with a good dose of angst - not much to laugh about in Port O'Brien it would seem - but it travels well: nice rolling rhythms and solid drumming: harmonies that hark back to the Beach Boys and the Beatles, with echoes of Neil Young drifting along that musical stream that links Canada and California. Nice.

DAVID McCORMACK "Little Murders" 2006-2009: There's 20 tracks here, worked in perfection. A study in pure pop. David's previous band, Custard, were a damn fine band, from Brisbane, and their Best of...in 2000, "Goodbye Cruel World" was



masterful pop. But here, David takes it even further with a stand-out five star CD. Songs like "The Good Time" keep following you around. There are elements of all that is great in pop music, from The Kinks in the '60's through to recent bands like the Magic Numbers and Badly Drawn Boy. Every song is different; the lyrics are thoughtful and descriptive. As

good as anything the Beatles did. A big call, but we're sticking with it. Top shelf! Check it out on www.davidmccormack.com.au

THE DEAD WEATHER "Horehound": Another one of the ubiquitous Jack White III's Projects. He's a busy boy. But the driving force here is vocalist Alison Mosshart. Hard edged vocals with a ton of heart - reminiscent of Johnette from Concrete Blonde. Yes, that intense. Some Zeppelin-esque power chords and rhythm shifts with Jack's trademark tongue-in-cheek lyrics. They play around with hip hop, punk and hard rock. Even a raucous rendition of Bob Dylan's "New Pony" that takes you by surprise with it's heavy metal guitar riffs and howling vocals and harmonies. Good fun, nice artwork too. Nice to be back on Boogie Street

- The Boogie Brothers.



With only weeks to go before guitar virtuoso, Al Di Meola will be enthralling fans at our own Kuranda Amphitheatre mainstage with his 6-piece Latin Jazz Fusion band World Sinfonia, excitement is building for many in anticipation of a truly memorable event. We are indeed blessed to have been included in the Australian and New Zealand tour.

"This is the most amazing gig to come to Cairns in years. I cannot say enough how much this man is one of the greatest living guitarists in the world today and an inspiration to countless generations of music lovers! Bring it on!" Jesse Kuch, Time-out, Cairns Post.

AL DI MEOLA SINFONIA features musicians from Argentina, Cuba and Israel, and opening the concert is Christian Hemara, from Newcastle. This talented 21 year old, of Irish/Maori/Portuguese

and Italian descent will be supporting at the Amphitheatre, as well as the Byron Bay and Bellingen concerts. He is a solo act - vocalist and acoustic guitar, with an incredible voice! - and complements Al's instrumental band beautifully.

Tickets are available at Kuranda Videos and online at www.oztix.com.au For more information on the concert: www.kurandaamphitheatre.org

Then on Sunday 25th April, we look forward to the "sure to be sell-out" Lee Kernaghan Planet Country Australian Tour concert. Lee will be supported by the lovely, talented Jasmine Rae, and country blues musician/songwriter Markus Meier. With more concerts in the pipeline 2010 looks to be a very busy year for the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

For us locals, we are kicking off the Kuranda Amphitheatre 2010 Membership drive with a special night of entertainment at the Understage on Saturday 6th March with Vikarious. Join as a 2010 member on the night, and you get in for free.

See you at the Amphi, Kitty.



KURANDA GIG GUIDE

MARCH 2010

FRIDAY 5TH

Frogs Restaurant
AZIVA
7pm till late
Kuranda Folk Night, CWA Hall
"BESSY-LOU"
Doors : 7pm Show: 7.30pm
Kuranda Resort & Spa
Dinner Music with DJ FXMX
7pm-9pm

SATURDAY 6TH

The Understage, Kuranda Amphitheatre
VIKARIOUS & GUESTS
Doors: 6.30pm Music: 7.30pm

SUNDAY 7TH

Kuranda Resort & Spa
OPEN MIKE AVO
12pm-4pm

FRIDAY 12TH

Kuranda Resort & Spa
GABRIELLE & MIC
7pm-9pm

TUESDAY 16TH

Kuranda Amphitheatre, Mainstage
AL DI MEOLA WORLD SINFONIA CONCERT
Support act: Christian Hemara
Gates Open: 6pm, Concert: 7pm

FRIDAY 19TH

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7pm-9pm

SATURDAY 20TH

Nevermind Cafe
Open Mike Jam Session
Starts 2pm

SUNDAY 21ST

"Open Mike" Avo
12pm-4pm

FRIDAY 26TH

Kuranda Resort & Spa
Shelley
7pm-9pm

MARCH EVENTS

Saturday 27th Feb: Annual General Meeting, The Understage, 4pm.

Monday 1st: TRC Official Kuranda Amphitheatre Electrical Upgrade Opening

Saturday 13th: "freimanisart" Exhibition
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Tuesday 16th: Al Di Meola World Sinfonia.

Wednesday 24th: Focus Theatre Group
The Understage, 7pm.

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Awards presented at Australia Day



The Tablelands publicly honoured its community, sporting and cultural achievers at the 2010 Regional Australia Day celebration on 26th January, held at Merriland Hall Atherton. Mayor Tom Gilmore and Tablelands Regional Councillors announced the winners of the Regional Australia Day Awards in 12 categories, with Herberton's Ivan Searston named TRC 2010 Citizen of the Year.

Local Kuranda residents were represented in the nominations, including Mrs Kathryn Edwards who was nominated for the Senior Community Service Award and Mrs Krishna Buhler who was presented with a Quiet Achiever's Award in recognition of her service to the community.

Kathryn Edwards' contribution to Kuranda and Tableland Region covers several areas across sport, cultural, education, tourism and environmental interests in this region since 1976.

Of particular note has been Kathryn's dedication to the Kuranda Pony Club, Mantaka, which secured a significant parcel of land and community infrastructure which has now benefited several generations of local children and which is a favourite sports venue for equestrians across the Tablelands.

It is 16 years since this facility was secured through Kathryn's efforts. Activities such as horse sports competitions, regular pony club rally days, equine instruction schools, endurance rides and bush dances and fund raising events have all benefited from the infrastructure secured through her work. In the 1980s and early 1990s families coming to pony club had no electricity, no water, no toilets and it was difficult to maintain the enthusiasm of the membership.

This facility would not have eventuated without some single-minded dedication and persistence over many years. The land was Crown Land and was due to be returned to the Crown at the end of the pony club lease and would have been lost forever without intervention.

Kathryn worked with the then State Member, Tom Gilmore and Shire Clerk, Colin McDowell, the Lands Department and the State Sports and Recreation Department to secure the land in perpetuity and add built infrastructure through club fundraising, state

grants and generous donations of time and effort by various locals including her husband, John.

Today, the Kuranda Pony Club is a prize asset for the Kuranda region. It is particularly significant that this year is the 40th anniversary of the 'Kuranda Pony Club Association' being in existence in Kuranda.

Kathryn was for 10 years the Kuranda Pony Club Secretary and Events Organiser, also founder / member of the Endurance Horse Riding Club FNQ for 20 years and Founder/Secretary of the Arabian Horse Club FNQ for 14 years.

Kathryn's artistic and small business expertise was shared for 5 years with the Mareeba Shire Council Regional Arts Development Committee of which she was a member.

She also participated in the support of the Kuranda Primary School and the Kuranda Information Centre for a number of years and is a life member of Kuranda Envirocare.

Krishna Buhler's contributions have not only been centred within the region close to where she has lived since 1990 but have extended across different areas of

the Tablelands Shire and in various areas of activity. Her care for community is centred on its people and social well-being and she has created foundations in this community which extend to a wider network of people who help each other

Krishna stepped down last year from the position of President of Kuranda Information and Support Centre (the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre – next to the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary) after 10 years and is now an honorary member.

Krishna was an inaugural committee member in 1991 and in 2000 garnered the enthusiasm and commitment of a wide range of caring community members to manage the set up of the \$1.3m facility, and paid staff which now services the identified needs of the Kuranda community including; community group support and facilitation, family support and counselling, Interagency networking, community space for meetings, Senior's computer/internet support and service, Not for Profit Loan, second hand bookshop/photocopying, work and training experience opportunities and a Play Group Centre amongst other activities.

This contribution was facilitated concurrently whilst also managing a full time small business with husband Rudi and staff. Many of Krishna's business and management skills were transferred to this project, which benefited from the professionalism that she brought to management decisions.

Krishna's horticultural interests found her contributing to committees such as the Cairns Garden Expo, the Far North Qld Nursery Industry and the Mareeba Uniting Church Annual Flower Shows for over 15 years. Krishna was the initiator/Secretary in 1991 of the Kuranda Media Association (The Kuranda Paper), was actively involved for 8 years, and is now an honorary member.

Krishna's qualifications in theology and counselling equipped her to offer her skills as a Lifeline volunteer for Far North Queensland Community Care/Lifeline Australia for 10 years, preside over the Cairns Uniting Church hospital chaplaincy committee for 10 years, and conduct public services in Kuranda such as ANZAC Day and local church services.



Tablelands Regional Council

ROUTINE CLEANING OF KURANDA WATER RESERVOIRS

Tablelands Regional Council advises Kuranda residents that water reservoirs in the Kuranda area will be routinely cleaned out on **Wednesday, 3 March 2010**.

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Astrology Stars in March

Rob Hart



So, marching into March to the sound of a different drummer. A lot of action around the fire and air cusps this month. Venus goes into Aries on the 7th Mars, Ruler of Aries, comes to a halt at zero degrees Leo on the 11th, and Mercury enters Aries on the 18th with the Moon crossing the Aries. cusp on the 16th. The astrological New Year begins on the 21st March with the sun at zero degrees Aries: the equinox. Everything poised for new beginnings. Saturn is slowly grinding away at zero degrees Libra, getting everything into formation.

That's the basic framework for the month. Let's hope that we're not going to see, yet again, the flexing of military muscle although it's certainly a possibility. Maybe all this warrior energy can be directed towards breaking down the barriers which block an equitable distribution of planetary resources. Saturn holding the zero Libra point demands nothing less.

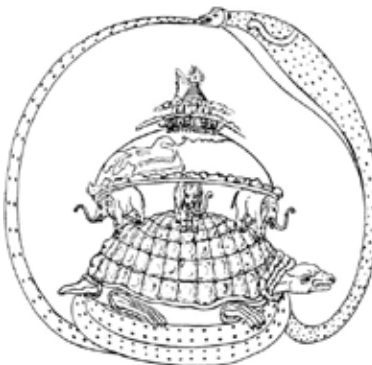
Mars at zero Leo in harmonious aspect to Saturn and all the Aries planets indicates a strong sense of pride. Doing a Robin Hood – taking from the rich, etc.

As the planets washed through Pisces in February we let go of a lot. Now it's action time. Pay attention to dream symbolism on the 16th and 17th and you will know what course to take. If it suggests a new direction, dive in with innocent enthusiasm. Children will be restless and very intuitive,

Over the next six months relationships will be stripped to their essentials – restructured or ended. Many karmic contracts are being fulfilled and new foundations being laid. And, speaking of being laid, well Venus is racing towards Mars with Sun, Moon, Mercury and Uranus all conjoining

in Pisces on 15th, 16th March. Anything goes, and all obstacles dissolve into pleasure. Enjoy!

Another month that ends with a full moon. A Libran Full Moon on the 30th shines its light on our world. A real opportunity to see the beauty and harmony which surrounds us. The interplay of the positive and negative energies seeking equilibrium: that which holds the Universe in existence. Aim to be a point of perfect balance. A magical time.



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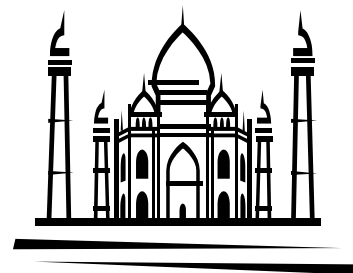
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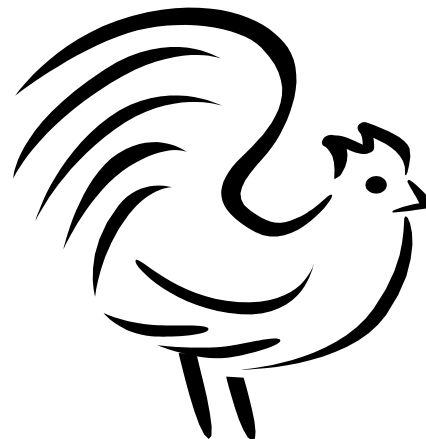
Everyone needs massage on a regular basis whether you do it yourself, enjoy one with a partner, or get one from a professional masseuse. In just the same way as a machine needs greasing, the body loves to be oiled for sheer pleasure as well as to protect it against the ravages of time.

Vata people – in particular – should have regular professional massage at least once a month or give themselves an oily massage daily; in the early morning or before a warm bath in the evening. Vata types need to be cared for to feel secure, and are usually dry and cool by nature, so benefit greatly from the nurturing quality of a warm oily massage. This kind of oily massage lubricates the skin, protects joints, provides grounding and protects Vata dosha from subtle, harmful energies (including radiation and negative emotions) by strengthening the aura.

Vata people are very sensitive to touch. If they can learn to trust someone else, it is one of the ways they can experience love, nurturing and support. Ayurvedic and Swedish styles of massage are best. Rolling and other forms of deep-tissue massage should be done rarely or as needed, and with great care as Vata energy is easily disrupted. Even the more subtle energy types of massage can have dramatic effects as Vata types are so sensitive.

For Vata types, oil used should always be warm when applied so it can penetrate more deeply and calm the nervous system. Too much oil may cause disturbances to the Vata sensitive digestive tract.

Sandalwood, rose, or jasmine are good for facilitating a calm and grounded state of mind.



KURANDA KUNG FU CHICKEN

The purpose of the method is to ease the desire to commit violence, and to elevate the frustration of living in the 21st century. That is, if you are not happy with your lot.

It is also to expose the total skin area of the bird to crisp browning.

“When in disgrace with fortune and men’s eyes – Kung Fu Chop a Chook!”

STEP ONE: Wipe chicken, cut down the breast bone, and open out, skin side up.

STEP TWO: With all your concentration give the bird a Kung Fu chop down the spine to flatten.

STEP THREE: Cover with one of the suggestions below and bake in a moderate oven (170c, 350f) for 1 to 1 ¼ hours.

DRESSINGS: Many years of experimenting with this dish have led to the invention of countless variations, some of which are listed below.

Please try the blue vein cheese dressing – it is most unusual and bound to thrill.

FIRST VARIATION: MIX 1 carton of thick sour cream with 2 portions of blue vein cheese.

SECOND VARIATION: HEAT 1 jar of thick cut marmalade with some chopped fresh ginger root and a little dark syrup to smooth out.

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An Active Indigenous Life

THE PROFILE FOR THIS MONTH is of an Indigenous lady who has lead a very active life and is still active in the community. She is **Glenis Grogan**, a member of the long established Grogan Family from the Kuranda area. However, she has an ancestry that extends beyond the local Djabugay people to include the Djurri (Mission Beach), Tagalaka (Croydon) and Western Yalanji (Palmer River/Maytown) peoples. Her ancestors include several members of the stolen generation. Glenis's family are also of Irish (Grogan) and Malayan (Assan) descent. Her mother June is still alive and living on their family block at Boyles Road. Her Indigenous family history involved much suffering and is still very much a living thing. This bred in her a strong sense of justice. She describes herself as a change leader rather than an activist.

Born in Cairns, she was brought up in Kuranda. She attended the local school and then in Cairns. A bright student, she went to Business College in Brisbane until she was old enough to start nurses training. Glenis enrolled and completed both her General Nursing and Midwifery at Innisfail District Hospital. As a Registered Nurse, what followed was a long period working in various locations across the country, mostly with Indigenous people, in Queensland, Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia. Her first Nursing post was at the Normanton Hospital.

During this time Glenis and her sister (Sheryl) ran the first café in Kuranda called Bamboo Inn. She went to work to make money for the café equipment and never returned. Sheryl continued with the shop for some time – before she went off to work at Groote Island.

Glenis's early work in the Territory included a stint with the Central Aboriginal Congress where she was the first qualified Aboriginal Nurse. While there, she was a part of a team sent out to work among the Anangu people of the Pitjantjatjarra Desert Lands collecting data to set up their Homelands Health Service and later moved to the desert to work for the newly established service. She lived with the Pitjantjatjarra people for some years.

Glenis also coordinated the clinics in the Kuranda, Mareeba and the Tablelands area for the mass national eye health screening for Aboriginal people conducted by the late Fred Hollows and as a Nurse joined one of the Torres Strait Island screening teams.

She became involved in assisting to establish several Indigenous services such as the Mookai Rosie Bi Bayun home for pregnant mums and was the first RN at Wu Chopperen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service in Cairns.

With a group of Indigenous health professionals she went to China in the 80s to look at the barefoot doctors scheme. During the mid 80s she worked the Cairns based Alcohol Rehabilitation Program and soon after with the Aboriginal Health Programme, looking after the Kuranda region and soon after ran the Mareeba program. Her husband was then appointed as ranger at Laura and she became the unofficial nurse as no paid position in Laura was available.

Her only son Brad had a motor bike accident at Mona Mona and living at Laura became difficult. Soon after she decided to leave Laura and separated from her husband, moving to Tennant Creek and worked as a midwife. After an attempt at reconciliation, she moved to Brisbane, and then to Perth for Brad to attend as a Boarding Student at the WA Carmel College. Glenis worked at the Coonana community outside of Kalgoorlie. While there, Curtin University of Technology staff discovered Glenis, an Indigenous nurse working there, and soon after offered her a position to steer the development of higher award courses in Indigenous Health for Indigenous Health Workers. This culminated in the then Premier Carmen Lawrence launching the Curtin University Associate Diploma and Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Indigenous Community Health.

Glenis was involved heavily in the development of these courses and the new Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University, a leader in its field. She was a tenured staff member/senior lecturer at Curtin even though she had not completed her Masters in Public Health. At the same time she undertook state and federal government consultancies in relation to Indigenous Health and Aboriginal terms of reference. She has given many lectures and has written many articles.

Glenis travelled widely and has been to New Zealand, China, Malaya, Mexico, various states of the USA and Canada.

In 1996, she took a position as District Manager with the Health Department at Weipa. Unfortunately this led to some conflict that took nearly eighteen months to resolve. Glenis was devastated at her treatment. She decided to give up health work. She moved to Bribie Island (unknown to her, according to Aboriginal people of that region is known as the Place of Healing Sands). She with family set up a home maintenance business and worked at part-time as a Cultural Liaison Officer at Woodford Men's Correctional Centre. During this time at Bribie Island, she re-established and further developed her interest in the arts and held markets at Eumundi and Brisbane Riverside. Glenis was always interested in Aboriginal Art and had also worked in a Cairns Art Gallery for a few months as a younger woman.

Her father (Finley) died in 2001 and by 2003 she decided to move back to Kuranda to look after her mother and to manage Ngoonbi while the then Executive Officer was away on leave. She tried an Indigenous Art Shop in Therwine Street without much success. In July 2007, she and her cousin Coralie took over the shop in Central Coodoo Street, trading as Djurri Dadagal Art Enterprises, which she still successfully runs.

Among her other current activities she is on the Western Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and the Mona Mona Steering Committee. She goes to Perth at least once a year to see her 14 year old Grandson Tuan. She also has a 10 month old Granddaughter Timmirri who lives in Cairns.

Her present objectives include getting her Gallery in order, supporting local Indigenous artists and further development towards reclaiming local ownership of local Indigenous art. She's optimistic about the future and sees plenty of scope for Aboriginal people today and for future empowerment and self development for individuals, family and the community in general. She says that we must be responsible for our own issues and to develop our own capacities with appropriate support. She believes that you must never stop, her father's words being that there is no such word as "can't". Her long term aim is to set up a healing centre in this area. We hope she succeeds!

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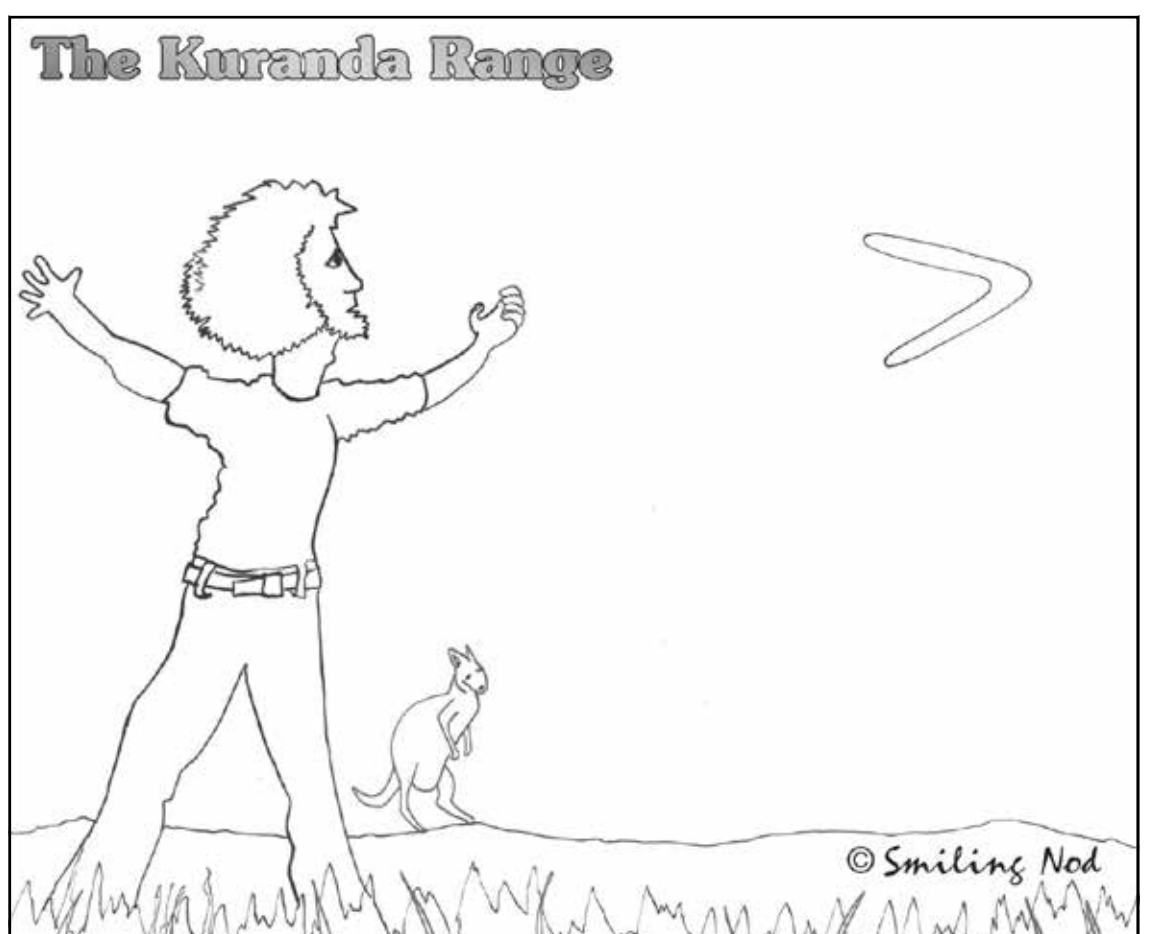


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A Thought for March

This month we open our Bibles to St Luke's gospel Chapter 5 and read verses to 11.

As we watch Jesus move towards Simon's boat and climb into it we might ask ourselves a question. What in my life could Jesus use? Are there things I may not think a great deal of, things I take for granted, which I could offer my Jesus? Could he use some of my time? Could he use some of my money? Could he use some of my professional gifts? These things are to each of us what Simon's boat was to him.

"Put out into the deep water and let down your nets. Simon is nonplussed. They have just had a frustrating night: they didn't catch a thing. However, Simon pulls out into the lake, probably expecting to say "I told you so." What happens shakes him to the depths of his being. They are inundated with fish; so much so that they have to yell for help.

What would it mean for you and for me for Jesus to say to us "Put out into the deep and let down your nets?" He might be saying that he wants us to invest ourselves in areas where we are holding back. He might be saying that he wants us to invest more, risk more, contribute more to our marriage, or our job, or our children or our own spiritual journey. He might be suggesting that if we don't expect more we will certainly not find more!

Simon responds to the great catch by feeling unworthy. He has done nothing to deserve it. But, come to think of it, when we look at the various blessings we have been given, can we really say that we deserve them? If there is any truth in that thought, then perhaps it is time for us to bow down to Jesus and acknowledge our unworthiness, as Peter did. Our Lord's great generosity and love toward us will fill us with a sense of gratitude, and will give us a sense of great joy. I know that this may sound too simple, yet the good news of Christ is essentially simple! Jesus said that unless we can be childlike, which surely includes simplicity; we can't even see his kingdom.

If Jesus said to his disciples "You will be catching men," and if we claim to be his disciples today, what can this promise mean for us? It will mean different things for each of us. But surely it means for all of us that we find some way of communicating to others that faith in Jesus Christ is an important factor in our lives. After all, if you or I discovered something of immense help to us, wouldn't we share it with others for whom we care? If Jesus used Simon's boat, what ordinary and taken-for granted elements of our lives could he use?

Here is an interesting and lovely way to look at the beauty of mathematics, and of God, the sum of all wonders.

1 x 8 + 1 = 9
12 x 8 + 2 = 98
123 x 8 + 3 = 987
1234 x 8 + 4 = 9876
12345 x 8 + 5 = 98765
123456 x 8 + 6 = 987654
1234567 x 8 + 7 = 9876543
12345678 x 8 + 8 = 98765432
123456789 x 8 + 9 = 987654321

1 x 9 + 2 = 11
12 x 9 + 3 = 111
123 x 9 + 4 = 1111
1234 x 9 + 5 = 11111
12345 x 9 + 6 = 111111
123456 x 9 + 7 = 1111111
1234567 x 9 + 8 = 11111111
12345678 x 9 + 9 = 111111111
123456789 x 9 + 10 = 1111111111

9 x 9 + 7 = 88
98 x 9 + 6 = 888
987 x 9 + 5 = 8888
9876 x 9 + 4 = 88888
98765 x 9 + 3 = 888888
987654 x 9 + 2 = 8888888
9876543 x 9 + 1 = 88888888
98765432 x 9 + 0 = 888888888
Brilliant, isn't it?

And look at this symmetry:

1 x 1 = 1
11 x 11 = 121
111 x 111 = 12321
1111 x 1111 = 1234321
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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

"The utterance of God is a lamp, whose light is these words: Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship. He Who is the Daystar of Truth beareth Me witness! So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth. The One true God, He Who knoweth all things, Himself testifieth to the truth of these words."

— (Baha'u'llah, Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, p. 13)

Meditations/Reflections

spiritual readings from the great religions, every Wednesday
7 pm, Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda, new theme each week.

Morning prayers

each Tuesday 7.30 am, park in centre of Kuranda

Study Circles

and devotions by arrangement

Intercalary day

27 February – 1 March

BAHA'IS WELCOME CONTACT WITH THE FOLLOWERS OF ALL RELIGIONS AND BELIEFS

Telephone 4093 7120 / 9571

From the Baha'is of the Tablelands

*... Not by bread
alone ...*

**Q. What do they call pastors
in Germany ?**

A. German Shepherds.

**Q. WHO WAS THE GREATEST
FINANCIER IN THE BIBLE?**

**A. NOAH HE WAS FLOATING HIS
STOCK WHILE EVERYONE ELSE
WAS IN LIQUIDATION.**

**Q. Which Bible character had
no parents?**

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

*St Cristopher's Catholic
Church
Barang St*

Our Sunday Mass will be held at 6 pm

1st Wednesday of each month
Mass 7.00 pm

**Kuranda
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Conversation as Prayer





KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE



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Ph: 40855333



From the Principal

Kuranda District State College has begun the year with significant growth and community support. Our school is one of only a couple of schools in the region that increased enrolments and are very happy to report the addition of 2.5 new staff members. The college has received approximately 45 new students across the college and now boasts very strong numbers in the prep, year 11 and 12 cohorts. Enrolment trends were significant across the college. This adds depth to our teaching staff and a small increase in funding for our programs and curriculum.

The new P-6 facilities are now open with the Junior Multi-Purpose area adding a wonderful learning and playing space and the new Resource Library is awaiting furniture deliveries to arrive. The year 7 multi purpose play area is well under construction and should be ready for use by the end of the month. Our school is also very close to agreement with contractors to begin the Science and Language Performance Centre on the 7-12 campus. All these facilities add to the learning opportunities and active engagement of our students.

Our college focus for 2010 is directed on individual learning plans and meeting the literacy and numeracy needs of all students in the college. We have set some challenging targets and strive to make a difference to each student's progress towards achieving the school service commitment. Parents play a significant role in the process and must endeavour to have their child at school prepared for learning each and every day of the school year. With this support our teachers and teacher aides have a real chance to make learning an enjoyable and rewarding part of each child's life.

Gary Toshach

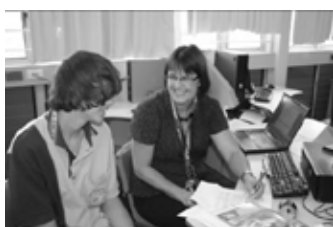
Senior School News

Firstly, I would like to welcome all Senior Students back and especially to the number of new students who have enrolled and also our new Year 10s who form part of the Senior School. It is quite evident that the learning taking place across the Senior School is enhancing future opportunities and enabling Senior students the opportunity to explore future career pathways.



Left: Certificate II in Recreation student Dominic Oui performs CPR for TAFE Cairns instructor Jason Taylor as part of his two day First Aid Certificate course being delivered at the College.

Right: Certificate II Rural Operations students Freddy Riley, Rachel Zivkov, Jacob Cappelletto and Will Turner proudly pose beside the new College Agribusiness Department tractor with Instructor David Kilpatrick from the Australian Agriculture College.



Left: Year 12 student Tai Klose reviewing his Senior English forming task with teacher Belinda O'Reilly

Kerry Hardy
Head of School (Senior)

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Moving and Expanding: Visitors to the Junior Campus in the last couple of weeks would have noticed a hive of activity. Teachers, volunteers, students, teacher aides and our grounds staff have all pitched in to move our resource centre into the new premises.

At the same time, Ms Henderson and Ms Senini were moving out of their class-room and into the temporary library.

This was to make way for the creation of a new year 1 class. Our new year 1 teacher, Mr Paul McCall took up duties on Monday 15th February and is looking forward to becoming part of the Kuranda community.

A huge thanks to everyone who helped move books, shelves, desks, boxes and more.

Special thanks to Ms Mandy who co-ordinated the resource centre move and who has been working tirelessly to make our new space exciting and welcoming for our students.

Classroom Round-up: Children in the lower school are learning about environments and how people live in and use them. Students in years 4 & 5 are exploring the concept of identity, and the way people interact with and change environments over time. Our year 6 students are exploring life in the rainforest.

New Faces: We welcome to our staff Glynis Williams (4W), Paul McCall (1M) and Krystyna Artiemiew (2A) Myee Maxfield is not new to the school but has made the move from the secondary campus and brings with her a love of Performing Arts which she is passing on to our students in combined music, dance and drama classes.

Congratulations: to Maryanne Sullivan on the birth of her son Aidan on 10th February.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back all Middle Schoolers !
I am sitting in for Shane Curley, who is on leave for Term One.

Middle School Learners require approaches that are innovative, practical and stimulating. Throughout lessons this semester, specialist Maths and English teachers will be taking lessons for the Year 8 and 9 students. I welcome the challenge –

Kylie Guy - Head of Middle School (Acting)

8/9 CLASSES

The restructuring of the Year 8/9 classes was necessary due to class sizes.

With the new classes

- Smaller sizes
- Specialist Maths/English teachers
- Productive goal setting and improved achievement

The mixture of Year 8 and Year 9 students has been carefully arranged to optimise the learning in each class.

The Year 8 students will be exposed to higher learning options and challenged with the Year 9 students.

The Year 9 students will have extra consolidation of work when necessary.



MAZLIN CREEK GARDENS CSA: How it started

by Sara Stott

IN MID 2007, after both of us had spent several (collective) years travelling, working, volunteering and WWOOFing at organic and biodynamic farms, we decided we wanted to get our teeth into something. The concept of Community Supported Agriculture was all but unheard of in FNQ, so before we launched into a full scale system, we grew mixed vegetables and herbs at home, where we live with our extended family of seven.

We supplied a small number of families and individuals (seven, to be exact), with vegetables and herbs for a few months. In the meantime, we researched CSAs and their myriad beginnings. One thing was apparent: they were all completely different. The only common thread seemed to be that they were passionate about creating a link between wholesome food, the grower and the people who eat it.

We did an initial market research survey, and from the respondents of that we drew our first members. We agreed with a landowner that we would rent one hectare of land from him at the going rate, that is, \$300 per year, per acre. We started work in about August 2008. The area was mapped out on paper, then the landlord fenced the land and put a water line in. We paid for a contractor to deep rip the soil. We spent a lot of money on irrigation, tools, a tractor, and all the various equipment we needed to begin. We built a potting shed and another shelter.

Before anything could be sown we had to plan for our members needs. We had started out with twelve paid up members. They had signed up for three months, starting in November 2008. Before we put a seed in the ground we meticulously planned the quantities we'd need to produce every week, based on the area required for each crop. We had to bear in mind bad weather, failures and natural attrition rates, and still give our members a decent selection of weekly vegetables. We were on a steep learning curve, and still are.

We used, and still use, a combination of organic and biodynamic growing methods. We regularly sprayed out 500 and 501, made BD compost, and used various BD-enhanced compost teas, but by no means are we experts in biodynamics. We attended as many BDFNQ (the local biodynamics association) events as we could and tried to put as much as possible into practice.

In 2009 we signed up 22 member families, or about 60-70 people - and we have supplied produce from May until December. We grew about 90% of the contents of the boxes, but bought potatoes and garlic from a certified farm in Kaban, and avocados from an organic grower in Kairi. The crops we had varied from season to season but included potatoes, onions, garlic, carrots, beetroot, parsnips, lettuce, Asian greens, radishes, broccoli, cabbages, zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers, corn, silverbeet, and peas.

We took on 2 volunteers (we wanted to have more, but we were restricted by the fact that we didn't own the land). There were issues with insurance because we didn't have any and really didn't want to pay a bunch of parasites in an insurance company. In the end the volunteers, who were friends as well as colleagues, signed a Disclaimer Statement to the effect that we wouldn't be legally liable if they got injured.

In 2010 we have other plans. At the moment we are meeting with about eight other organic/biodynamic growers to create a food co-op which we will all use to sell our produce locally. There is growing demand for organic/biodynamic produce. A lot of people get in touch with me asking when they can join. From our perspective, it will take the pressure off us to try to supply the growing numbers who are keen to get involved! We still intend to keep our CSA going, only it will be under the name of our new co-op.

We are always willing to talk to others about CSA and growing food in general. It's our belief that we should all be cooperating in our work. There will always be room for one more CSA, wherever we are. CSAs are small scale, beautiful, individual, and life-affirming! They can supply 5 families, or 300. They are created according to the needs of their members, and so, inevitably, they are the reflection of a positive, empowered, and *healthy* community.

We wish you the best of luck,

Sara and Chris

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**Sunday March 7th at 4 pm at the Sports
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Kuranda Film Society at the Sports & Social Club

Bring a plate to share.

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\$20 per year or \$5 for a one-day membership.

For more information ring Hans at 4093 8393

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Nichol's debut feature after a string of successes on Broadway retained the taboo-breaking profane and sexually charged dialogue of Albee's stage play, the likes of which had not previously been heard in a big studio film. Burton and Taylor play a married couple in decline who engages in a relentless, vitriolic war of words over the course of one night in the presence of their guests. The film was rehearsed for three weeks before shooting started and was both a critical and box-office success, winning five Oscars.

AGM will be held in the interval

Visitors

Tough, determined and capable, Georgia Perry has long dreamed of joining the elite ranks of those who have sailed solo around the world. Yet, the confidence of her demeanour belies the insecurities by which she is plagued. A childhood marred by tragedy has left emotional scars that threaten to resurface under the rigours of such an endeavour. Alone on her 38 foot yacht Leander, save for her cat Taco, her one link to the outside world is a two way radio. On the homeward stretch of her solo voyage, her yacht is becalmed and immersed in dense fog in the Indian Ocean. Several days pass and strange occurrences begin. Deprived of sleep, Georgia's nerves are stretched to breaking point. With no breeze to fill her sails and without the comforting rhythm of day into night, she drifts in fog and her fantasies, demons, friars and phobias start to visit... and once you let one visitor on board the rest will follow...

A Message from the Hopi Elders for 2010

You have been telling people this is the Eleventh Hour.
Now you must go back and tell the people that this is THE Hour.

Here are the things that must be considered:

Where are you living?
What are you doing?
What are your relationships?
Are you in right relation?
Where is your water?
Know your garden.
It is time to speak your Truth.
Create your community.
Be good to each other.

And do not look outside yourself for the leader.
This could be a good time!

There is a river flowing now very fast.
It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid.

They will try to hold on to the shore.

They will feel like they are being torn apart, and they will suffer greatly.
Know the river has its destination.

The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off toward the middle of the river, keep your eyes open, and our heads above the water.

See who is here with you and celebrate.

At this time in history, we are to take nothing personally, least of all ourselves! For the moment we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt.

The time of the lonely wolf is over.

Gather yourselves!

Banish the word struggle from your attitude and vocabulary.

All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration.
We are the ones we have been waiting for.

*The Elders
Oraibi, Arizona
Hopi Nation*





KURANDA RAINFOREST RAIDERS
 Have already begun our very first season with much fanfare on the first signup day with a visit from the Sydney City Rooster players Braith Anasta, Lopini Paea and Mitchell Aubusson. There was a great turnout with lots of girls and boys signing up, although many players are still required in teams from Under 7 to Under 16 (Girls can play until Under 12s).

Training has already begun, Tuesdays and Thursdays - 5pm to 6pm, and we would love to see you down at the field, Bartley Park (Old School Oval), where you can sign up before our first game around Easter. Prospective players must bring their birth certificate or similar and a parent or guardian to sign you on.

The fee for this year is \$80, payable on sign on – payment arrangements can be made. Remember, we are a new club all about the kids and sport. The mums and dads are all friendly, reasonable and understanding as well. So come on down and sign on, you won't regret it, you will love it.

"Our Vision is to provide a structured sporting environment through which the children:

- *Enjoy & Participate safely in the sport of Rugby League*
 - *Learn & further develop motor skills*
 - *Further develop traits of responsibility, reliability & respect for self and others*
 - *Increase ability of self discipline/control*
 - *Feel the strength of team/club comradery*
 - *Be mentored on healthy lifestyle choices,*
- Which all goes towards the children realising their future potential and promoting community wellbeing".*

If you want to be part of this great club and help with coaching, refereeing, first aid, touchies, team managers etc etc., whatever talent you have to offer, we would love to see you down at the Oval on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Your help will be much appreciated by the club and the Kuranda community.

Any businesses which would like to sponsor our teams and help out our young Kuranda Raiders then please contact club President Rick Brown on 0417077812. We also have a Facebook group page - Kuranda Rainforest Raiders, look us up and join our group.

Mick Jones, Promotions & Media Co-Ordinator



Tablelands Regional Council

RATES ISSUED **Due 29 March 2010**

The half-yearly Rate Notices for the six-month period ending 30 June 2010 have been issued and should arrive in letterboxes this week or next. This notice will be a **combined rates and water consumption notice**. Water consumption will be included in all future rates notices issued in February and August each year.

The discount period closes on Monday 29 March 2010. If you have not received your Rate Notices, please contact one of Council's Service Centres.

HOW CAN I PAY MY RATES?

You can pay your Rates in a number of ways. This includes BPay, EFTPOS including debit and credit card, cash, cheque and money orders. Change or cash out is not given on credit card payments. To receive the Discount, you need to ensure the BPay transactions are processed and funds cleared into Council's bank account on or before the Discount Date.

Council only accepts credit card payments from Mastercard or Visa.

WHERE CAN I PAY MY RATES?

You can pay at any of the Council's four Service Centres or at our Agencies listed below;

Council Service Centres

- **Atherton:** 45 Mabel Street – open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.45pm (Tuesday opening 9.00am)
- **Herberton:** 40 Grace Street – open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.45pm (Wednesday opening 9.00am)
- **Malanda:** 31 James Street – open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.45pm (Wednesday opening 9.00am)
- **Mareeba:** 65 Rankin Street – open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.45pm (Thursday opening 9.00am)
- **Kuranda:** 4-12 Thooree Street – open Tuesday 11.00am - 6.00pm; Wednesday & Thursday 11.00am - 5.00pm; Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

Council's Agencies

- paying in person at one of Council's partner agencies:
- **Highland Country Store, 60 Grigg Street, Ravenshoe** or
- **McDonald Brothers Store, Garnet Street, Mt Garnet**
- paying in person at any Australia Post Office
- phoning 13 18 16 at any time of day for the cost of a local call (within Australia) Visa and MasterCard are accepted, normal call charges apply from public phones, mobile phones and overseas phones
- posting a cheque to Tablelands Regional Council, PO Box 573, ATHERTON QLD 4883, AUSTRALIA
- using Australia Post Billpay - www.postbillpay.com.au
- calling your financial institution (or logging onto their website) to pay your rates by cheque, savings or credit card account, BPAY Biller Code 122234 and your customer reference number that is found on the top right hand corner of your rates notice

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS?

Direct Payments Arrangements

To help ease the financial burden, Council will accept regular payments against your rates account. Please contact your bank to establish this arrangement and ensure that you use your billing number or property number as a reference (this can be found on the top right corner of your rates notice).

Rates Discount

Discount on the differential general rate will only be applied if ALL rates and charges are received at Council's service centres by the due date of Monday, 29 March 2010. Please check the opening times of your preferred service centre. If rates not paid by the due date and you experiencing financial problems, please contact Council to work out a payment plan to suit your individual situation.

Use of Electronic and Third party payment options

It is strongly recommended that payment is not left until the last day of the discount period as Council does not accept responsibility for postal or other unforeseen delays. Council will only allow discounts in relation to monies received at its bank account ON OR BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF THE DISCOUNT PERIOD.

Pensioner Rebate

A Pensioner Rebate also applies to those holders of a State Government Pensioner Concession Card or Repatriation Gold Card.

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New Agreement for Kuranda Tourism Infrastructure, Upgrade to Amphitheatre

A new agreement between the State Government and Tablelands Regional Council that will ensure funding for tourism-related infrastructure in Kuranda over the next 10 years will be signed at 2.30pm on March 1 at the Kuranda Amphitheatre, which is also the focus of celebrations with the completion of an important upgrade to the facility.

Minister for Local Government Desley Boyle will join with Tablelands Mayor Tom Gilmore and Chief Executive Officer Ian Church to sign the new Kuranda Infrastructure Agreement which will replace the previous agreement.

Over the years, the agreement has provided funding through the agreement has been used over the years to provide Kuranda with improved infrastructure including the Lower Therwine Street footpath, the refurbishment of Coondoo Street, improvements to Centenary Park and the upgrading of Wrights Lookout.

A number of projects are currently in the planning stages for the village in the rainforest, with the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee set to develop a new 10-year strategic and conceptual plan over the next six months in association with lead consultants, the Arup Group.

Arup will be consulting widely with businesses and local residents on matters such as traffic and parking, tourism infrastructure and streetscape and has established a dedicated website (www.kurandainfrastructureplan.com.au) which will keep locals up to date on projects, background information and

will be a host for surveys that will tap into the views of residents, visitors and businesses.

Kuranda will also be celebrating a \$125,000 upgrade to its famous amphitheatre. The project means the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society can look forward to operating with a reliable power supply without blackouts, flickering, overloads and common power failures.

The project objectives were:

- to increase the power supply coming into the Kuranda Amphitheatre.
- to upgrade the stage power installations to accommodate at least 400kva.
- to upgrade all auxiliary power installations to safety standards.
- to create an electrically safe venue for the greater community and groups.
- to enable the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society to promote the facility to the region as a whole.

The upgrade will virtually eliminate the need for hire generators with significant cost savings to the Society which in turn will improve the financial viability of the Society to host major acts and attract high profile artists which will be beneficial to the wider Kuranda community and to the region as a whole.

The State Government, through the Rural Living Infrastructure Program, contributed \$50,000 to the works, with Tablelands Regional Council contributing \$50,000 and another \$25,000 was contributed by the Society.

Community Cash Grants Available

Tablelands Regional Council invites applications from eligible, not-for-profit community organisations to apply for cash donations up to \$3,000 under the Financial and In-Kind Support Program.

Applications close at 4.45pm on Monday, 1 March 2010 and must be made on the relevant application form. No late applications will be accepted.

The purpose of the Financial and In-kind Support Program is to provide financial assistance to community organisations in order to:

- Contribute to the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefit and wellbeing of residents in the Tablelands region;
- Support the fabric of community life in the region including supporting festivals, community events and celebrations;
- Support not-for-profit groups and organisations that rely on volunteers;
- Provide seed funding for new initiatives; and
- Increase the capacity of community organisations to leverage other sources of funding for community projects.

Two funding rounds will be held each year for cash donations, September and March.

Please note that applications for in-kind assistance can be made at any time throughout the year. Information for Applicants and Application Forms can be accessed on Council's web site at www.trc.qld.gov.au or contact Gwen Fyfe on 4043 4112.

Kuranda Aquatic Centre News

MUCH has been happening at the Pool in the last month in the way of meetings, discussions and implementation of lots of infrastructure toward further finishing the site and also progressing opportunities to develop participation in a Swimming Club. In short we have been recognized by Council as requiring more support for the four Ss; seating, signage, shelving and dare I say it; some Shade!! A better setup should help all of us and finally we are getting somewhere.

The impetus toward forming a Swimming Club has increased with the Summer and New Year. An informal gathering at the pool on Sunday 14th February saw seven individuals with various skills and backgrounds come together. From this group it was decided to delegate out a series of jobs to research, collate and then inform ourselves properly on how to formulate a Club. A Club that would allow for high level participation and family fun as well as create competition swimming, pathways to higher levels and for training/coaching sessions to be set up.

The interim committee will conduct a "Come and Swim Day" at the pool on **Sunday 14th March** which involve Swim School members, parents, school kids and Ngoonbi. This day would enable kids and families in the district the chance to experience a "Club Feel" with some races, relays, lifesaving and all sorts of water based games like Water Polo. Anyone who wants to see the fostering of healthy structured activity can participate in some way. There will be a need for timekeepers,

recorders, judges, marshalls etc. The day is meant to stimulate homegrown talent in sport and healthy lifelong pastimes that can be done at home rather than spending so much time, money and effort trudging up and down the hill. Come along and just take in the atmosphere, if you like, an audience is also very important and plenty of spectacle will be available. Refreshments will also be available on the day.

On the day, a register will be developed to help target the appropriate demographics and needs of those groups to be catered for as the club finds its feet.

Meanwhile the group of active members will put into place pathways and strategies to move the process along effectively in the way of a constitution, aims, contacts, courses and requirements. At first, setting some calendar dates will also be looked at to host some more days of fun and racing to get the community active and together.

Finally, we hosted the Colleges 2nd Annual Swimming Carnival last week and from where we stood as lessees, everything flowed well and the weather held up overhead. It was certainly wet underfoot and the combination of numbers, mud and newly mown grass really tested the facilities and pool which stood up very well; it will be the dry season soon!

Cheers,
Gary and Linda Davis



COUNCIL ACTS ON PARKING ISSUES

A dedicated Local Laws officer will be employed by Tablelands Regional Council to focus on managing regulated parking areas within Mareeba, Atherton and Kuranda.

Council also decided to increase parking fines from \$10 to \$20 to fund the new position after numerous complaints from business owners in the three shopping precincts that vehicles were being parked in available bays for long periods of time.

The increase in parking fines will not be passed on until the appropriate processes have been completed which will take several months, as the parking fines as part of the Local Laws.

Steering Committee to investigate the establishment of performing arts centre

A steering committee will be formed to investigate the possibility of establishing a purpose-built performing arts centre for the Tablelands region. A preliminary

report into the proposal was presented to Tablelands Regional Council's Mareeba meeting yesterday which indicated that a dedicated performing arts centre could cost between \$5 million and \$15 million.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said Council would not be committing to the project before it determined whether there was a desire or need for such a facility, where it may be located, what form it would take, and how it would be funded.

The preliminary report stated that based on advice from Cairns Regional Council, the cost to establish a theatre that would seat approximately 500-600 people could be around \$7.5 million. Taking into account possible subsidies from government and public donations, Council could be facing a contribution of around \$5 million. The report also estimates that annual costs to operate and maintain the centre would be in the vicinity of \$500,000.

Council will soon advertise for expressions of interest from groups or individuals who wish to be part of the Performing Arts Centre Steering Committee which will also include four Councillors - Cr Evan McGrath, Cr Jenny Jensen, Cr Chris Adams and Cr Len Curtis.



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Inside My Studio



DARRYL ELY, a professional metal artist, works from his studio in Mareeba often in collaboration with other 3D artists. He has exhibited in many group exhibitions including *2007 Artisans in the Gardens*, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW and in the Kuranda Arts Co-operative 2005 *Growth* exhibition at the Cairns Regional Gallery, and the current *Tablelands – Perimeters and Parameters* at the Tablelands Regional Gallery. Darryl has won numerous awards and was most recently included in a combined commission with Trevor Allwood, Tolga timber craftsman to create furniture pieces and artifacts for St Andrews College Chapel in Cairns.

Where is your current studio?

In my outdoor studio at Verandah Gallery Studios 72 Strattman Street, Mareeba.

Do you work alone or with others?

I mostly work alone, but often collaborate with Tolga Woodworks on private and public commissions. I also work on sculptured pieces with my partner, Jana Iriyadi, and anyone else who may wish to use me.

How long have you been working in your current studio?

Since 1994, but it certainly seems a lot longer.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

An open air forge and plenty of fresh air.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

It depends on the work load, but normally I treat my art work as my day job.

Describe the work you do in your studio.

Mainly metal sculptures, various commissions, some 'homewares' in various metals, stainless steel and precious metals. My metal fruit bowls are very popular.

List three things you listen to while working.

My mind, my hammers, and my bank manager's words ring in my ears.

Your favourite tool?

Hammers, I love them.

How do you identify your work? (signature/stamp/chop)

With my engraved signature.

How do you sell your work?

Through our own gallery, Verandah Gallery Studios in Mareeba, and from other regional art galleries, exhibitions, our website, promotions, and sometimes art markets.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

Our gallery and studio is open for sales to the public most days. I do not teach, however, if any other local artist requires advice or assistance I readily help out.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

I do periodical maintenance at hydro power stations around the country to placate the bank manager.

If you could change one thing about your studio what would that be?

Drainage. I have an outdoor studio and although covered, the elements sometimes get in, particularly in the wet season.

If you were not working with art what would you be doing?

I would do anything that would require my creativity. I can't imagine a life without creating. I have been doing this for so long it has become part of me, physically and metaphysically.

Darryl Ely is a member of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative.

NEWS from your council

Rates, water usage now all in one account

Rates notices issued, residents urged to pay in discount period

Tablelands residents will now only get one bill twice a year for all Council rates and service charges including water consumption.

Tablelands Regional Council has streamlined its accounts system so that ratepayers will pay one bill twice a year that will contain all charges including general rates, water access, water consumption, the State fire levy, and applicable waste and sewerage charges.

More than 23,000 ratepayers will receive their half-yearly accounts in the mail this week, and are being urged to pay the **full amount owing by close of business on Monday, 29 March 2010** to take advantage of the 10 per cent discount on the rates portion of the account.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said he recognised the difficulty people had paying their rates and other charges and encouraged them

to contact Council immediately if they were experiencing financial issues.

"The message is 'don't wait until it's too late' – people should call Council and make an arrangement to pay if they are having problems," he said.

"I also urge people to consider setting up a direct payment arrangement whereby a certain amount of money is debited from their bank account on a regular basis and paid directly into their rates account.

"Rates are one of those bigger bills and when they come, they can leave a fairly large hole in the family budget.

"A direct payment arrangement is one way Council can help to ease that financial burden. The 10 per cent discount will still apply, provided rates and other charges are paid in full by the due date."

Those people wishing to take this action

should make the arrangement with their bank. Ratepayers should ensure they use their billing number or property number as a reference (this can be found on the top right corner of the rates notice).

A pensioner discount also applies to those holders of a State Government Pensioner Concession Card or Repatriation Gold Card. Rates can be paid at all of the Council's service centres or agencies. A detailed list of agency locations and opening hours is on the back of the rates notice.

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Ratepayers are reminded that BPay transactions **should be processed and funds cleared into Council's bank account on or before the discount date, to benefit from the discount.**



Senator Jan McLucas and Mayor Tom Gilmore and open the new accommodation facility at Dimbulah.

Communities benefit from projects

Several community projects funded under the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program for Dimbulah, Millaa Millaa, Malanda, Mt Garnet and Herberton have been completed. Mayor Tom Gilmore and Senator Jan McLucas officially "opened" the completed projects last week which included:

- Two new transportable buildings to increase accommodation at Dimbulah Caravan Park
- Improvements to the walking tracks and shelters at Millaa Millaa Falls

- Reconstruction of the pathway and retaining walls of Malanda Falls pool
- Installation of a new ceiling and insulation for the Mt Garnet Hall, and
- Extension to the Herberton Mining Centre to accommodate a community archive.

On March 6 at 8.30am, a community project will be opened at Kuranda – an upgrade of amenities and storage shed at the former Kuranda Primary School site, an undercover area near Bartley Park, and repairs to Block C within the precinct.

Community cash grants on offer

Tablelands Regional Council invites applications from eligible, not-for-profit community organisations to apply for cash donations up to \$3,000 under the Financial and In-Kind Support Program.

Applications close at 4.45pm on Monday, 1 March 2010 and must be made on the relevant application form. Two funding rounds will be held each year for cash donations – September and March. Applications for in-kind assistance can be made at any time throughout the year.

Information for Applicants and Application Forms can be accessed on Council's website at www.trc.qld.gov.au or contact Gwen Fyfe on 4043 4112.

Planning scheme

Residents are urged to take time to look at Council's Statement of Proposals as part of the development of the new planning scheme for the region.

Comments can be submitted until Friday 19 March 2010. The Statement of Proposals is available online at www.trc.qld.gov.au or in hard copy from any Council service centre and TRC library.



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Kuranda Medical Centre

Kuranda Medical Centre would like to inform all patients that Dr Charles McCaldin "our fantastic and long time GP" has left the Practice with effect from 8th January 2010.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Charles for all the hard work and commitment he has shown both our patients and the Medical Centre during the past few years. Charles will be sadly missed by all.

On a brighter note, we are also pleased to announce that Dr Elliot Coates will continue to work at Kuranda Medical Centre and become part of the team. Please help us in welcoming Elliot and making him feel a part of the lovely community we all live in.

Dr Anna Seth our Medical Registrar will remain with us for an extra six months, taking her time with us until July 2010.

Doctors Dave, Helen and Julia continue to work on their set rostered days on.

We would also like to "THANK" all our lovely patients who gave us wonderful homemade biscuits, cake, chocolates and cards for the Christmas Season. It was very thoughtful of you all, and your generosity was very much appreciated.

— From all the Doctors and Staff at Kuranda Medical Centre

[Ed: Apologies. This article was omitted from February edition. The miscreant responsible is being sent to the Medical Centre for suitable treatment.]



Dental Care through Kuranda Medical Centre & Stephen King Dental Group

We would just like to advise the Kuranda Community that although Stephen King Dental Group operate out of our Medical Centre, they are not a free Bulk billing Dentist – they work hard to keep costs low to give you a fair price for local Dental treatment.

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If you have a Chronic Illness and you require Dental work, you will need to make an appointment to see the Doctor first to ascertain if you are entitled to receive an EPC Referral for the Dentist. This will then entitle you to Dental Treatment.

If you require Emergency Dental, there is the Smithfield Community Health Dental Unit which can be contacted on: 40 389 900. You will require a current Pension or Health Care Card for this Dental Service also.

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Residents urged to comment on next step in new planning scheme

Residents are urged to take time to look at Tablelands Regional Council's **Statement of Proposals** as part of the development of the new planning scheme.

The Statement of Proposals is a consultation tool, which communicates Council's broad land use strategies, and provides an opportunity for public comment, before proceeding with the development of a new planning scheme.

The document will be available for public comment until **Friday 19 March 2010**.

From mid to late 2009, the planning team of TRC conducted an extensive program of preliminary consultation for the new planning scheme. The new TRC planning scheme is now in its very early stages of development.

The Statement of Proposals has been developed on the basis of feedback from the communities within the Tablelands region, and key sectors and stakeholder groups operating in the region.

The new TRC planning scheme will be developed over the course of the coming years, and is scheduled to be adopted in 2013.

Members of the community are encouraged to read the Statement of Proposals and submit your comments and views on its policy directions, and land use planning issues within the Tablelands.

If you have concerns or ideas regarding a planning issue which the new planning scheme may be able to address, the Statement of Proposals represents an opportunity to raise it, before work has commenced on drafting the codes and provisions for the proposed new planning scheme.

The Statement of Proposals is available (for perusal) online at www.trc.qld.gov.au or in hard copy from any Council service centre and TRC library.

If you would like a copy of the Statement of Proposals sent to you, please email TRCplanningscheme@trc.qld.gov.au or phone 4043 4382.

The philosophy of ambiguity

(uncertainty or inexactness of meaning in language)

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- Is there another word for synonym?
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- What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
- If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
- Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
- Why do they lock petrol station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
- If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
- Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
- If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- How do they get koalas to cross the road only at those road signs?
- What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
- Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
- How is it possible to have a civil war?
- If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
- If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
- If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
- Whose cruel idea was it for the word 'lisp' to have 's' in it?
- Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" instead of "assteroids"?
- Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
- Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
- If you spin an oriental person in a circle three times, do they become disoriented?
- Can an atheist get insurance against acts of god?



Tablelands Regional Council

Community Group Cash Donations Funding Round Open

Tablelands Regional Council invites applications from eligible, not-for-profit community organisations for cash donations up to \$3,000 under the Financial and In-Kind Support Program. **Applications close Monday 4.45pm on 1 March 2010** and must be made on the relevant application form. No late applications will be accepted.

The purpose of the Financial and In-kind Support Program is to provide financial assistance to community organisations in order to:

- Contribute to the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefit and wellbeing of residents in the Tablelands region;
- Support the fabric of community life in the region including supporting festivals, community events and celebrations;
- Support not-for-profit groups and organisations that rely on volunteers;
- Provide seed funding for new initiatives; and
- Increase the capacity of community organisations to leverage other sources of funding for community projects.

Two funding rounds will be held each year for cash donations - September and March. Please note that applications for in-kind assistance can be made at any time throughout the year. Information for Applicants and Application Forms can be accessed on Council's website at www.trc.qld.gov.au or contact Gwen Fyfe on 4043 4112.

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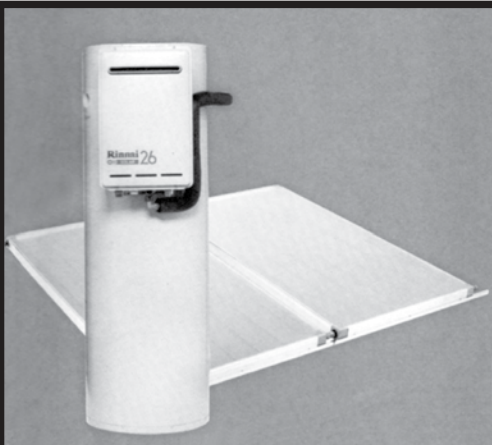
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Residents of Speewah – We Are at the Crossroads

What lies ahead for our future?

It is crunch time! Do residents want a voice to represent their interests in Speewah or will the 20 year old Residents Association wind up? If you, as a resident of Speewah, are interested in our future, please read on...

Over the past 20 years the interests of Speewah residents have been “looked after” by an Incorporated body of interested residents who established and operated The Speewah District Residents Association Incorporated. This association has met at least four times each year to consider issues that affected the amenities and lifestyle of our residents.

A bit of History (which may be helpful for new or recent residents)

The association was formed in 1990 to discuss a major development application for the rural property known as “Boonaloo”.

Ron and Pam Elgar, the owners of this property, were proposing a major development of their property called “Boonaloo”. Ron and Pam had hired consultant to draw up plans for an 18 hole golf course, along with a lot of accommodation in the form of condominiums. It was the era when the Japanese were the dominant group of tourists visiting the Far North: they were particularly interested in playing golf and wanted to buy residences or holiday homes in Australia.

Some residents had approached the Elgars to seek more information on their proposal. The information was not made available. It was then decided by a few residents to have an Incorporated body to represent the interests of residents. This was done and after the Incorporated Association was established, a public meeting was held. The Elgars were asked if their consultant could attend the meeting to answer questions and give answers to the concerns of the residents about the proposed development.

The Elgars agreed to the Association’s request and the consultant was present at the meeting to give answers to the residents’ questions.

The establishment of the Residents Association made the developer more accountable to the community than to individual members of the community and this strength has proved of value in subsequent issues as well. The outcome of the consultations was a revised development of rural residential blocks.

Development application by Bob Norman for 51 Park Residential blocks

Bob Norman applied to Mareeba Shire Council for the above-mentioned development on the site of the present “Possum Valley” on the Douglas Track.

Mareeba Shire Council agreed to his application with the condition that reticulated water be provided to the site. Council passed a motion to allow Bob Norman to bring water from the Kuranda Village from the end of Masons Road. The Council was to assume an easement from landholders to enable easy access to bring the water to the subdivision. This would have saved Bob Norman a lot of money. Council also announced that the Speewah area would be required to connect to the Kuranda water supply from the new development. As this was not a viable option for the Speewah residents, after a lot of discussion, this decision was reversed with the new development now being constructed into rural residential blocks.

TV Reception Blackspot Funding.

When it was announced that this community was not eligible for Blackspot Funding (as there were not sufficient residents or interest in this area), the Association gathered sufficient evidence and made representation to the local member Warren Entsch and Mareeba Shire Council and the Communications Dept it was decided that we were entitled to the reception.

Roscommon Park Community Development.

In 1983 the then Grove Creek Rural Fire Brigade was formed and is now known as Speewah RFB. When they purchased their fire truck it was recognised that a suitable location was required to house their equipment. Through a combined effort, representation was made to Mareeba Shire Council for a site to house community facilities, be made from their developers parks contribution fund. Council then came to the party and purchased the corner block which now houses the RFB and the tennis courts. The council has now also provided this community with children’s play equipment, a dressage ring and picnic table. The members of the association wish to continue with the work that has been done in the past but it will only be possible with input from the community. If you are interested in looking after your community by becoming a member please join us at the **next AGM (the first for some time), which will be held at the RFB Shed on Roscommon Park on Monday 22th March commencing at 7.30 pm.** Membership of \$5 is requested to assist with the running costs of the Association.

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Controversy Over the Kuranda Train Service

Peter Ryle

WITH THE GRIDLOCK on the access roads north and south of Cairns at peak traffic times, many people are suggesting that Queensland Rail provide a commuter transport system utilizing the existing rail tracks. This is not a new idea, as regular railmotor services were provided on both north and south lines for many years. Even before the introduction of railmotors, the Railway Department was planning a new timetable offering a commuter train service between Cairns and Kuranda, as early as 1913.

However, good intentions do not always end in good results. A correspondent writing under the pseudonym "Passenger" wrote to *The Cairns Post* in November 1913 doubted the Railway Department could run an efficient service:

Sir,- There has been a great deal said about a new Time Table coming into force shortly, which will enable business people of Cairns to reside at Kuranda during the summer or permanently, as they are to arrive in time for business in the morning and return in reasonable time in the evening. This would be a great boon indeed and one sought for many years, but under the present management would it be a success? What is wanted is an up-to-date management with some idea of what half an hour's delay in 20 miles means to a business man going or returning from his office. Last Wednesday and Saturday the trains leaving Cairns at 5 o'clock and 3.20 p.m. respectively were about half an hour late. The cause appears to be running an overloaded goods train in front of the passengers in one case, and overloading the mixed train in the other. Last night the passenger train stuck on the range a quarter of an hour at a time, through overloading a small engine. A few extra people are now living at Kuranda anticipating a new service. Is the Traffic Manager trying to disgust them before the new service comes in?

Other correspondents to the paper defended the operation of the railway, pointing out that the traffic manager was only in charge of one facet of the system, and had no control over the speed allowed over any section of the track or the power of the engine pulling the train. One correspondent writing in November 1913 under the name "Steele Rudd" criticized "Passenger's" letter:

Take the last affair when the afternoon train stuck on the Range, and a Kuranda resident was late for dinner and had to take his soup cold. Surely he did not blame the Traffic Manager for the engine losing steam? - in conclusion I will offer a suggestion to the folks who desire this express service. Let them collect the names of fifty persons who are willing to avail themselves of its use, and hand in their applications for first-class yearly season tickets along with the cash for same, and then see if the Railway Department will meet them; and in the meantime extend a little more fair play to the Traffic Manager.

The controversy raged on, with one group of people sending a telegram to the Commissioner for Railways complaining about the service. This brought a reaction in January 1914 when "Fogsignal" wrote a letter to *The Cairns Post* and *The Northern Herald*:

Sir,- Fully 99 per cent of the Cairns public are heartily sick and tired of reading these tirades against the Traffic Manager, regarding "late trains to Kuranda". None of the "Noble Nine" who signed that famous telegram to the Railways Commissioner at the New Year had the common decency to come out in the open and state their complaints, and suggest a reasonable remedy in the press with their names appended. They prefer to hide their identity under such nom-de-plume as "passenger." Perhaps if the truth were known they were dead-heads, because some were very likely traveling at their firm's expense. They forget that on that particular day, the up-train had a very valuable freight on board, some 300 navvies going to work on the Mount Mulligan line, and it was far more important to the State in general that they should be conveyed to their destination safely and speedily; besides, they were all wage earners, and the loss of half a day's pay to them was of some concern, whilst on the other hand, the "Noble Nine" who were delayed at Kuranda did not risk losing a half-day's pay, in fact a few days more rest might have improved their digestive organs.

It is strange but true, that one of them is noted for missing the train at Nelson, and is often seen motoring into Cairns on that account; perhaps the next time he is going to Kuranda he will take his motor up Douglas Track, and be independent of trains.

"Fogsignal" seemed oblivious of the irony of him criticizing the "Noble Nine" for not having the decency to append their names to their complaint while he wrote under a nom-de-plume himself.

The editor of *The Cairns Post* even entered the fray. He pointed out that the railways had to pay for themselves and said the Cairns railway was probably the most difficult line in the state to operate. It had to service vast distances of harsh terrain, but the area had little population to make the lines pay. He said "We would be only too delighted to see fast expresses speeding up and down the Range at short intervals. But all that kind of thing depends upon a reasonably dense population."

Not to be outdone, "Blowfly" entered into the fray with yet another letter to the papers about the subject. It is clear that correspondents then had no fear of being sued for defamation. There seemed to be no insult that was too crude to use:

Sir,- I have been suffering from influenza during this week, but the unpleasantness of my complaint has been modified somewhat by my amusement at the wild effusions of correspondents who are attacking the management of the Cairns railway. The only sensible letter I have seen on the subject is that which appears under the nom-de-plume of "Fogsignal." I agree with him that our local Traffic Manager believed in the greatest good for the greatest number, and not bowing and scraping to any little clique who, if attendance is not danced upon them, wire hysterically to the Commissioner about their alleged paltry grievances.

As to the letter which appeared from "Passenger" a few days ago I have my doubts if he is a genuine passenger at all, judging from his rubbishy effusion. He is biased from the very first sentence, and is out from beginning to end to condemn the whole railway management. Let me again din the fact into the stupid powers of apprehension, evidently possessed by "Passenger," that the Cairns railway is admitted to be the best managed in the State. We have had visitors from all parts of the world here, but never a complaint from them about the way the railway is run. It is only a local clique, who should get the burr out of their whiskers, who are crying unceasingly day and night. Anyway, Kuranda is only a one-eyed place at the best of times. There is not very much permanent settlement there, and what does it matter if a train is a few minutes late.

As to "Passenger" saying that the members of the Shire (Barron Shire I suppose he means) who were traveling to their meeting in Cairns did some tall swearing because they were delayed a little at Kuranda, I don't believe it. From press reports the Councilors seem to reserve their category of recriminations for the meetings, and don't bother about paltry trifles at Kuranda. The whole letter of "Passenger" reminds me of a lunatic obsessed with one idea, and no power in heaven or the other place will remove it.

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Regarding the letter from "Flyblown," I think he must be a Chinaman, as to make any logic out of his arguments I should doubtless have to read them backwards.

The letter from "Nemo" reminded me of a drunken man who has gone to a waterhole to light his pipe. From beginning to end his screed is one tirade of stupid assertions, and in not one sentence is a grain of wisdom to be found. "Nemo's" attempt to be funny is a hopeless failure, and I should advise him to go in for breeding alligators or some other harmless pastime before he attempts the impossible task of proving that the management of the Cairns Railways is up to mud. He says he attended an excursion and was not satisfied with the carriages. The next time he goes I would advise Mr. Prewett (the traffic manager) to put the Governor's State car on for his special benefit.

Despite the furor being played out in the local newspapers one Kuranda publican saw the proposed new timetable as a boon to his trade. The Cairns Post carried a notice in April 1914:

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Obviously there were some residents of Cairns who were satisfied with the railway service, as an article in The Cairns Post in June 1915 under the heading "Over The Range" shows:

Some 350 persons traveled by Sunday's excursion train to Kuranda and Mareeba. The "Midsummer Night's Dream" party, numbering about 60, got out at Kuranda, where Mr. Hogan entertained them to games behind the State School. Mr. and Mrs. Cordug brought their instruments, and contributed music. Cairns was reached again at 8.15 p.m., all having spent a most enjoyable day. The railway arrangements were excellent, and all the carriages were well lighted.

One interesting article in The Cairns Post in September 1925 raised the prospect of an innovation in rail services:

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It is difficult to discover if the "autocars" referred to in the article were what we call railmotors or if they were some other form of vehicle. ■

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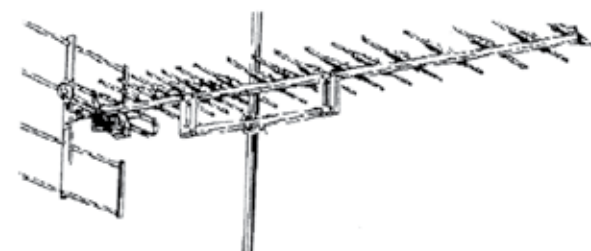
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Sickie pod is a class 2 declared weed which means it's established in the State and has adverse impact. By law, land owners must take reasonable steps to keep the land free of these weeds.

It's related to annual weeds, grows up to 2.5m high and 1m wide. It has leaves divided into 3 opposite pairs, rounded at the end and wedge shaped at the base. It has five-petalled yellow flowers and a long slender seed pod, 10-15cm in length. Recognise it now?



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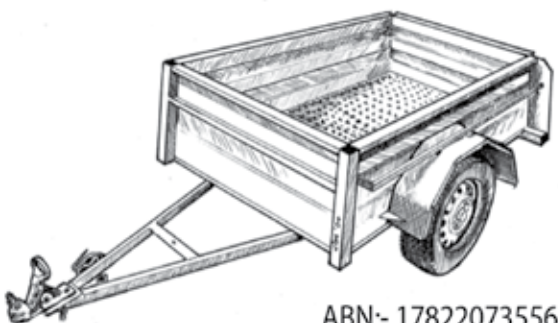
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Amphitheatre: Joint funding from Council, the state government and the Amphitheatre Society has enabled the recent electrical upgrade at the Kuranda Amphitheatre. The Amphitheatre is a wonderful asset in our community and it is great to see these works now completed. There will be a small ceremony on March 1st at 2.30pm to "open" the electrical upgrade. Everyone is welcome.

Works at Old Primary School: The works on Block C, the Undercover Shelter area, the toilet/shower block and Sports Store shed are very close to completion. These works were funded under the federal government's RLCIP program and will be officially opened by Jim Turnour MP on **Saturday March 6th from 8.30am to 10.30am**. The Kuranda community is invited to attend the opening and the free BBQ breakfast. The Advisory Committee is currently working on Guidelines for use of these facilities. Other areas of the old school have not yet been repaired. The old Pre-School is available for commercial lease. Interested parties can contact Dean Davidson at Council (Email: deand@trc.qld.gov.au)

FIKS Grants applications: All community groups and organisations are invited to apply for small grants (up to \$3000) to assist them in their work. Grants can cover such things as events, projects and equipment. Applications for these Financial and In-Kind Support Grants (FIKS) are now open and closing date is March

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Tourism Infrastructure: On March 1st, the new Kuranda Infrastructure Agreement will be signed with the Minister for Local Government. This will ensure funding from the State government for tourism related infrastructure in Kuranda over the next 10 years. In preparation for planning for projects, the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee (KIAC) will be developing a new Strategic Plan. Over the next 6 months, a team from Arup will be preparing the new plan and will be consulting widely with businesses and local residents on matters such as traffic and parking, tourism infrastructure and streetscape design. Further details will be published to residents very soon.

Gardens and Figs: With the assistance of ITEC Employment, a team will soon begin work on gardens projects and irrigation systems in the village area. Council staff are also investigating ways to ensure the long term health of the large fig trees in Coondoo Street.

Composting Trial: Council has agreed in principle to undertake a 12 month Composting Trial at the Mareeba Transfer Station. The details of the Trial are still being finalised. The project will see waste composted to produce materials which will be sold to farms in the local area. This is an exciting initiative as it provides great potential for the future.

Safer Communities: Council has recently made application for funding for 2 projects to assist in creating safer communities across the region. We are

still awaiting the outcome of the application (hopefully it will be approved). If the application is successful, the funding will assist in providing more Youth Activities across the region and a trial CCTV project in Kuranda. If you are interested in more details, please contact me.

Aged Care Housing: Council has been successful in accessing federal funding of \$3.3million to build pensioner units across the region. Two new units will be built in Kuranda and these are expected to be available by December this year. To be eligible for consideration for allocation of these units, a current application is required. Please contact Council for further information on how to apply.

New Planning Scheme: Many residents will be aware that Council is developing a new planning scheme which will direct and manage growth over the entire Tablelands region. The new Planning Scheme will replace the four separate planning schemes of the former Atherton, Eacham, Herberton and Mareeba Shire Councils. This is a complex and lengthy process. If you would like regular updates, you can subscribe the quarterly e-newsletter. For more information about this project please email TRCPlanningScheme@trc.qld.gov.au or phone 4043 4382.

Council Contact Details: Log on to the Council website at www.trc.qld.gov.au to find out about Council News, "Report a Problem" or "Have My Say" or phone Council at 1300 362 242 or email info@trc.qld.gov.au. **Emergency After Hours Contact is 1300 362 242.**

Councillor Contact Details: Ph: 4093 8466 or 0417 002 046 or 4093 0798 (all numbers have voicemail: please wait for the message) Email: jenny@trc.qld.gov.au

Council Meetings: Council Meetings in March will be held on Wednesday March 3rd in Atherton and Wednesday March 17th in Malanda. Residents are welcome to attend any Council meetings. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office.



Steve Wettenhall MP

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A number of projects I have been working on for some time are now coming to fruition.

Most residents will be aware that tourists travelling to Kuranda on the scenic rail and Skyrail pay a levy that is used to fund tourism infrastructure in Kuranda. The levy is collected by the state and given to Tablelands Regional Council to spend according to the terms of a formal agreement, originally made in 1997. If it were not for this levy, ratepayers would have been saddled with the cost of keeping Kuranda an attractive tourist destination.

In 2007, I initiated a process of reviewing the original levy arrangements which has resulted in the complete re-negotiation of the agreement to reflect modern practice and current circumstances. The new agreement, to be signed at community cabinet, extends the life of the levy for a further five years until 2019. Now, the continued development of tourism infrastructure can be planned with confidence and certainty.

Residents will soon be asked to have input into the development of a new strategic plan that will guide the

development of new infrastructure that will benefit residents and tourists.

Also at Community Cabinet, a major electricity upgrade at Kuranda Amphitheatre will be officially opened. In 2006, I secured a state government election commitment of \$50,000 toward patron safety enhancements at the amphitheatre. That funding commitment has leveraged additional funding of

\$30,000 from the amphitheatre society and matching funds from TRC. The Kuranda amphitheatre is a famous and much loved venue among locals and performers. It is one of very few community managed and controlled entertainment venues in the country and I am delighted to have been able to support live outdoor cultural events in the heart of Kuranda.

RURAL FIRE BRIGADES

Recently I attended a February "Christmas dinner" for the local rural fire brigades at Koah because they were too busy fighting fires in December to celebrate Christmas and mark what would usually be the end of

the fire season.

I would like to thank all our rural firefighter volunteers at Kuranda/Myola, Speewah, Koah and Davies Creek for the great work they undertook preparing their districts for the fire season and fighting wildfires throughout the region - very late into the year and for the support they received from their mates at the SES and throughout the emergency services agencies.

Steve Wettenhall MP

PS: Frederick Parkhurst Dodd became known as 'The Butterfly Man of Kuranda' following a national tour of his spectacular collection tropical insects of North Queensland in the 1920's. If you are in Brisbane over the next couple of months, why not pay a visit to the Queensland Museum at Southbank and visit this amazing exhibition of beetles and butterflies collected from Tropics including the Kuranda area. Exhibition finishes 12 July 2010.





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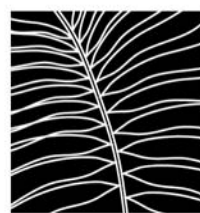
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Kuranda Recreation Centre

FALLON ROAD KURANDA

What's Happening and When?

Weekday	Activity	When?	Contact?
Monday	Tribal Belly Dancing	Every Monday 6 to 8.15pm from 1 Feb to 29 March 2010	Ring Lisa 0458 182 489
Tuesday	Hall free For Bookings		
Wednesday		Volley Ball under Lights 6.00pm-8.00pm	Arch 4093 7511 Gary 4093 7109
Thursday	Biodanza	Every Thursday from 6.00 to 8pm	Catherine Borgeaud 4057 8549
Friday	Sandra's Kitchen	Every Friday 6pm to 10pm Bar Open. Bare Foot Bowls, Pool Tables, Darts, Table Tennis	Ring Sandra 4093 7393 Wednesday for booking
Saturday	Easy Yoga	10am to 11.30am	Ring Aileen 4093 7401
Sunday	Film Club	First Sunday of every month 4pm to 8pm.	Ring Margaret or Hans 4093 8393

- **Club Development Plan** has been completed and we need enthusiastic volunteers to help put this in place.
- **Volley ball** has had an enthusiastic turn out over the last two Wednesday nights and this looks like becoming a regular event. Volleyball is a great mix of competition and fun under lights. Children are well catered for and welcome and are beginning to develop Soccer skills.
- **Netball** will start on Tuesday the 2nd March. Again the aim is to save locals travelling down the hill for structured activity as well as to cater to the youngsters who attend in the early evening by developing ball skills that encourage coordination and social development.
- **Sandra's Kitchen** if you want an inexpensive night out with a tasty meal ring Sandra by Thursday. Our liquor prices are also very reasonable.
- **Table Tennis** We have a player who wants to start social games or competition anyone interested?
- **Membership enquiries?** Keen to join a Kuranda community group? Check out what's happening at the Recreation Centre.
- **Venue Hire** Need a venue for a private function? A business function or a community group meeting place?

If you want to get involved in any of the above telephone 4093 7109 or 4093 7511 for information.

Kuranda Recreation Centre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 4pm on 27 MARCH 2010

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Centre at Fallon road at 4pm on 27 March 2010

Agenda

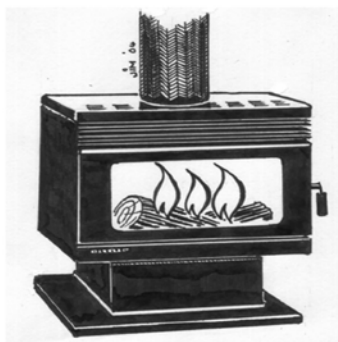
- To ratify the Centre Development Plan
- Pass accounts for period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009
- To elect a management committee.

If you wish to nominate for committee please contact Arch McArthur on 4093 7511 or Gary Davis on 4093 7109. Refreshments will be available.

We are now playing volley ball on a regular basis and netball will start in the next couple of weeks. We would like to start getting ready for Junior Soccer in April. If you are interested in any of these sports please come along for a discussion after the meeting.

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BatReach update

A BIG THANK YOU to the many kind folk who responded to our call for volunteers in the February edition of the Kuranda Paper. Your assistance with fruit chopping has lightened the load at this busy time of year. Thanks also to those who have donated fruit and gathered foliage and native blossom to keep our animals healthy and happy.

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Speewah Country Market: every Sunday 8.00am–2.00pm. Local produce, country prices. Have a stall \$5. Enquiries 4093 0361.

Land for sale: Greenhills Road. www.owner.com.au ID 46787.

Massage: Remedial and Therapeutic Massage Therapist now at Kuranda Acupuncture Clinic. To book please call Fiona 0466 469 228.

Pottery Classes: Learn, Relax, Create. Lessons based on individual projects in small classes, hand building and wheel throwing. Beginners and experienced welcome. Fully equipped Kuranda studio. Wednesday 9.30–12.30pm. Flexible 4-week sessions. Information & bookings phone Mollie 4093 9063.

Wanted to Rent: Shed min. 5m x 10m, 240v for 6 months. Quiet, reliable, clean-living couple with sober habits. Good references, no pets. Can trade building/landscaping/gardening/organising or childcare/teaching skills. Ph: 0419 434 260.

Expressions of Interest: Following the success of the Motorcycle Expo +1, an invitation is extended to all: enthusiasts, cruisers, dirt, road, racing, two and four wheel, who would like to share their passion for the riding world with those of similar interests in the community. The concept is to form a broad group which can exchange ideas and information on safety, mechanics, maintenance, any topic that is felt to be relevant to potential members. So, if you are up for it and would like to be part of the “Motorcycle Enthusiasts Kuranda Association” contact in the first instance: Mike Richardson 0408 774 059, Carl Neal 0427 811 113 or just turn out at the Sports & Social Club at 7.00pm on Wednesday 10 March for the inaugural meeting.

Wanted to Buy or Rent: house block in Kuranda, Speewah, Koah or Korowa. Ph: 0409 134 713.

Casual Cleaner wanted: Wed -Sun for accommodation section of local business. Will split days between two people. Must have TFN or ABN. Ph: 4093 7316

Wanted: Old water tank for vegie growing. Please Ph: Larry 4093 0257

The Monthly Meeting: of the “Cairns Friendship Force” will be held at the Cairns Library, Abbott St on Sunday 28th Feb at 3-30pm. Dinner will follow at the Keung Kee restaurant, 3 Windarra St. Worree at 6pm. Come and celebrate ‘World Friendship Day’ with us. New members are welcomed to join this friendly club. Inquiries call Helen Ph 4039 1650

Kuranda Visitor Information Centre: is looking for enthusiastic volunteers willing to join our team at the Centre as Tourism Information Providers! Currently we have two vacancies on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided, as well as shirt, badge, real coffee and biscuits. Please call Cathy on 4093 9311 or 0407 748 645, or drop into the centre and talk to us there.

Expressions of Interest: The Junior Squad & Assistant Coach Course will be held at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre in the near future. Anyone who is interested in completing this course should register their details by 12 March 2010. Phone 4093 7109.

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Training is every second Tuesday 7.30–9.30pm plus the occasional Saturday. For further information please call Jim on 0427 037 054

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- Every Sat **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting , phone 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
Tai Chi Chuan 9:30 am **Tai Chun Kung Fu** 10:30 am CWA Hall. Not on public holidays.
- 1st Sat **Kuranda Camera Club - Photo Shoot** 2:30 pm, (see Art Pages for this month's location)
Garden Group 2 pm Phone David or Graham 4093 9492
- 3rd Sat **Music Jam at the Nevermind Cafe**
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- Every Sun **A.A.** CWA Hall 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599
Speewah Country Market 8am to 2pm 4093 0361
- 1st Sun **R.S.L.** 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.
Kuranda Film Society 4 pm - 8pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
- Every Mon **Al-Anon Family Groups** 8 pm Phone Diane 4093 0462
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm – 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Salsa dancing. Kuranda Recreation Centre 6:30 -8:00 pm Ph Kevin 0414 364 965
H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9:00 start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617
- 1st Mon **Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30 pm Mantaka
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- 2nd Mon **Kuranda Camera Club - Meeting and showing**
The 2nd. Monday AFTER the 1st. Sat. meet at Speewah Tavern 7:00 pm for tech talk and display of photos at our Tavern Gallery.
- 3rd Mon **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dr. Ph 4093 8933
- Every Tue **Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults** 7.00 pm QCWA hall Ph 4093 8682
8 Ball 7.00 pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537
Belly Dance at Amphitheatre Understage. Have fun and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393
The KCCT meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel.
Tourism Kuranda meets behind St. Saviour's Church.
Kuranda SES Training, Commencing 1st. September. 7.30 pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642
- Every Wed **Craft and Social Morning** at QCWA hall 9 am
Kuranda Playgroup – 9:30 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre - New families please RSVP Michelle ph 4093 9851
Weekly Meditations/Reflections 7pm at The Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street.
Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm – 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Yoga at CWA
- 1st Wed **Kuranda Interagency Network** Mtng 2.00 pm at KNC
- 2nd Wed **QCWA** meeting 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
- Every Thur **Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682
Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)
Women's Acapella Choir Smithfield Neighbour Centre Stanton Road 7-9pm Thursdays
- 2nd Thur **Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road
- Every Fri **Barefoot bowls and BBQ.** Kuranda Recreation Centre 6pm-10pm Ph Lorraine 4093 9583 or Sandra 4093 7393 by Wed prior for catering purposes.

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PLEASE CHECK THAT ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT

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RURAL FIRE BRIGADE CONTACTS

Davies Creek	4093 3181	Lloyd
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CAIRNS (Central)	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.10pm
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.15pm	2.15pm	4.05pm

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KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.20am	9.55am	1.10pm	2.55pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.25am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm
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KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.30pm	7.30am	10.05am	10.05am
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.15am	11.20am	5.20pm	8.15am	11.20am	11.20am
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	11.25am	5.35pm	8.35am	11.25am	11.25am

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.30am	3.15pm	5.30pm	8.30am	3.15pm	3.15pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	3.20pm	5.35pm	8.35am	3.20pm	3.20pm
KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.10pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.40pm	9.45am	4.40pm	4.40pm
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