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The History of New To You and The Greenhouse Environment Shop

Ten Years ago, Ann Mansfield and Jill Melody met for the first time to discuss becoming co-tenants in the empty Queenslander, located next to the Butcher Shop. CAFNEC had already negotiated to rent the building for an environment shop, run solely by volunteers, to raise money for their organization. They needed a co-tenant, and the New To You concept seemed the perfect compliment to share their building. Two years later, the building sold, and not long after that, Ann bought the business from CAFNEC, to ensure that the shop she had been so instrumental in starting-up could continue to grow, and prosper. As the new owner was unwilling to renew the lease for New To You, Jill and Luke began to look for another option to house their business. It was then that they discovered that the run-down Queenslander next door to St. Saviours

church was in danger of meeting the same fate as so many other original houses on Coondoo St. They approached the owners with a plan to renovate and rescue it, at their own expense, for their new premise. The renovation preserved all the main features of the original house with the focus on retaining the old cottage look; especially outside of trading hours. With a timber verandah, and gardens at the street frontage, the tenants were able to create a sensitive retail space, in keeping with its' beautiful neighbour - St. Saviours. The Melodys invited Ann to join them at their new location, thus continuing the relationship that had begun 5 years before. Now, 10 years later, the relationship continues, and Jill & Ann continue to be committed to serving locals and tourists in Kuranda, and providing them with good old fashioned personal service.

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

I was surprised and very disappointed to notice today that bollards have been removed along the roadside on Coondoo St., next to the corner cafe opposite the fire station. An attractively designed and spacious footpath, part of the Kuranda Development Plan which was put together over a number of years of consultation, has thus been sacrificed for the sake of 3-4 parking spots.

There is usually ample parking along Thongon Street, Barang Street, and Arara Street, not to mention the treeless parking lot at the Library. Do we have to have 'in your face' parking at the expense of room to stroll and space for local buskers/artists? Aboriginal children often danced and 'didjed' at just this spot to the delight of overseas visitors. We have a proliferation of goods being sold on the footpaths, and now we have the intrusion of cars. Should there not have been community consultation with regard to this change - i.e. a notice posted to inform village residents and ratepayers? Just what is the vision for Kuranda espoused by Council? The marketing image of the Village in the Rainforest is becoming more and more of a tired joke.

There is now a consultation process for the redevelopment of lower Coondoo St. How can one take this consultation process seriously when things can then be changed without notice? I would also like to bring your attention to the clothes displayed outside the shop at No1(Windmill Complex), Coondoo St. These commercial articles block access to the bench installed by Council and intended, I assume, for the use of visitors and residents.

Keila Waksvik

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Firstly, thanks to everyone who kindly bought tickets in the raffle for our granddaughter, Amelia, to raise money to go to Canada/USA with the under-14 soccer team. She appears to be the only player chosen from North Queensland. She is remarkably skilled for a 13-year old and leaves all our grandsons for dead when they play in our garden. I hope some of you win the excellent prizes. Whilst there they will receive coaching from the top Canadian coaches, travel around and, hopefully, learn a lot.

Secondly, thanks to the two kind gentlemen who helped me last Tuesday when I tripped on those rotten stones sticking up in Coondoo Street. I went quite a purler and was lying flat out on the road - very undignified!! To make matters worse, my raffle money shot around all over the road. These two gentlemen kindly stopped their fawn/beige van/bus, collected up the money and, finally, hauled me to my feet. Thank you both. If my wits hadn't deserted me I would have given you both a raffle ticket.

Later that morning strangers said they had seen me lying in Coondoo Street and thought I must have been drunk. All this at 9.15am, after a strong cafe' latte !!

Pam Elgar, "Windsong", SPEEWAH

Dear Kuranda Paper,

We would like to thank you all for your warm welcome and support since opening Waterlillies Healing Sanctum. We are pleased to be here, to be of service to you all, helping where we can. We have the lovely "Mini Package" where you can experience a little of the treatments on offer.

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The International tourists are responding well to Matt's artworks, so he is happy in his studio creating new pieces, when he's not in the shop massaging and healing. Once again, thank-you to you all, Love & Light & Healing, Tracey & Matt . Waterlillies Healing Sanctum.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

MAY I alert your hiking readers to the current unsatisfactory situation regarding the famous historical Smith and Douglas tracks between Speewah and Kamerunga.

I own the land adjoining the Barron Gorge National Park where Smith Track exits the park. Accessing it was (and is) trespassing.

To alter this, in 1994 I asked the Government if it would support my giving (yes, giving) to all Queenslanders about 8ha to enable access to this track to become public land.

In December 1998, an agreement was signed to enable this. It included making the Smith and Douglas tracks safe for families to walk.

A month or so ago, a Kuranda friend, who uses tourism to cam a crust, took a party to walk the Douglas Track. He was to pick them up at Kamerunga but could not find them. After calling, he located them about to walk over a rock edge. He stopped them in time. There were no track signs.

In another case, a couple from Boonooloo Country Estate walked to Stoney Creek Falls on the Smith Track. They got lost around Stoney Creek Falls and ended up, battered and torn, down in Karnerunga, with one of the lady's family distraught, not knowing where she was.

Recently, a friend of mine who is an excellent bushwalker, along with her companion. set out to walk the Smith Track front Kamerunga to Speewah. She never found the Smith Track sign at Kamerunga to Stoney Creek Falls because there is none.

Eventually, hot, tired and with water running out they reached the area around the top of the falls but realised they were lost. Eventually, she and her friend found the Smith Track from the falls area to Speewah.

On the track they encountered very tall grass completely obscuring any track. Struggling through, my friend started to slip over a sharp edge with a sharp drop but was saved by her quick-witted companion from what could have been a horrible accident.

Walkers beware! Parts of these tracks are signed and cleared; parts are not. Intending walkers should check with the national parks rangers regarding their clearance, visibility, safety and signs. Trespass on my land to access the tracks at your own risk.

Better still, ask the Government what it has been doing since December 1998, and when the tracks,, will be completed to specifications. Then I will give the people of Queensland the deeds to my land. Not before. --

R. H. Elgar, PO Box 276, Kuranda.

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WAIT-A-WHILE**Dr Lesley Clark Member for Barron River**

As you may be aware part of the Cape York Partnership Plan provides for a whole of government coordinated response to the needs and aspirations of Aboriginal communities in Cape York and the development of Community Action Plans by those communities. Earlier this year I sought and gained government support for a similar process for Kuranda Aboriginal communities. A number of meetings have been held culminating in a successful "roundtable" day long meeting at Clohesy Country Gardens of government agencies and community members. I joined one of a number of small groups, which worked together on a wide range of issues including health, education, economic development, recreation, and land management. Good progress was made and agreement reached on a number of priority actions.

I would like to thank everyone involved from both government agencies to community members, in particular the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Policy and Barry Hunter Jrn for their leadership and commitment. Much remains to be done and follow up meetings will be held but the government has already allocated \$1.2M to upgrade the infrastructure in Aboriginal communities in addition to the redevelopment of housing at Top Korowa. Queensland Health has also made a commitment to support the Kuranda doctors in their future plans for local health services.

One of the projects that will be of economic benefit to the whole community is the National Heritage Trails Rainforest Story project that we hope will be opened by Australian of the Year Pat Rafter. These rainforest walks around Kuranda are progressing well but despite my intervention I could not persuade QR to allow the public to use their bridge over Jum Rum Creek so a separate bridge will be required. These walks will become a "must do" experience for tourists and hopefully encourage people to stay longer in Kuranda. They also offer the possibility of indigenous guided walks so that visitors can learn more about Djabuguy culture.

I am hoping to get the Premier to Kuranda later this year for the another official opening – that of the Speerwah Camp ground, day use facilities and Smith and Douglas Tracks in the Barron Gorge National Park.

I was most concerned when I was told by Mr Elgar about the problems some walkers had experienced as a result of lack of adequate signage in the National Park. Subsequently I participated in a meeting which addressed his concerns about this and other matters.

The State government is very appreciative of the generous offer of the Elgar family to donate 8hec of their land adjacent to the National Park subject to the completion of a program of works on this land and in the Park to improve visitor access. I have worked closely with the Elgar family and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and to date some \$800,000 dollars have been spent on road access, camping grounds and track work.

The signs for the historic Smith and Douglas have been ordered and will be installed in the coming weeks as the final part of the Park interpretation program. I regret the delays in providing track signage and the problems this has caused for bushwalkers who are using Barron Gorge National Park more following the excellent publication Tropical Walking Tracks – Cairns and Kuranda by Kym Dungey and Jane Whytlaw. Here have been a number of significant State government initiatives recently including proposals for major reform to our education system. Booklets and flyers are available from my office about the proposal to create a full time "prep" year before year 1 and extend the school leaving age to 16 or 17 with flexible programs so that all students are "learning or earning". Also available is information about the new group insurance scheme for community organisation which will help groups like the Kuranda Amphitheatre which I know is unfortunately experiencing difficulties at present. If you require any information about other State government programs or legislation or want to see me personally please contact Cathy or Sally at the electorate office ph 4038 2800.

DEPARTMENT OF MAIN ROADS**INFORMATION SESSION
ON THE KURANDA RANGE ROAD
UPGRADE
CONCEPT PHASE**

Residents are invited to an information session about the latest stage of the Kuranda Range Road upgrade.

Main Roads' staff will give a brief presentation and be available to answer questions about what has been happening since the state Cabinet decision that the road would be upgraded to a four-lane surface route, following federal environmental approvals.

**When: 7.00 pm, Wednesday 1 May
(before the Envirocare meeting)
Where: Kuranda Sports and Social
Club, Fallon Road, Kuranda**

**Bruce Ollason
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
(PENINSULA)**

**KURANDA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE & TOURISM INC****A CHANGE OF MEETING DAY**

It has been agreed that the Chamber will now meet on the first Tuesday (NOT Wednesday) of each month. Same time (5pm), same place (Billy's Bar). It is hoped this change will make it easier for some members to attend who have found it difficult in the past.

WALKING TRACKS

The issue of using Q-Rail's bridge to connect the Esplanade and Jungle Walks has finally been resolved - it definitely cannot be used. Council is now proceeding to design an independent footbridge to cross Jum Rum Creek upstream of the Q-Rail bridge. Once this is done, we'll be able to proceed with the celebrations to officially open the tracks between the town and Barron Gorge. This will be a great opportunity for businesses in and around Kuranda to promote their attractions and services.

KURANDA RANGE ROAD

There is some interesting information coming out of the design phase of the Range Road. Things like another bridge over the Barron River, a 'fly-over' at the Kennedy Highway/Rob Veivers Drive intersection and the merging of the 4 lanes into 2 somewhere beyond Kuranda towards Mareeba.

An officer of the Dept of Main Roads will be presenting at update to the Kuranda community on Wednesday 1st May at 7pm at the Fallon Road Sports Club. This is an open meeting for all residents.

**Our next general meeting will be on
Tuesday 7 May at Billy's Garden Bar at 5 pm.**
Jax Bergersen Joy Gordon Lyle Greene
President Vice President Secretary

**OUR -VOLUNTEER
FAMILTOUR**

Eleven volunteers from Kuranda joined with approx 20 volunteers from the Atherton visitor information centre for our March famil to Herberton which included a very enjoyable campfire morning tea provided by Tim from Wilderness Expeditions, Wondecla.

Whilst we munched on delicious damper, boiled fruit cake, jam roll and billy tea, Tim introduced us to Jack, one of his (28) pack donkeys. Tim's tours include walking adventures from half day to 10 day treks, with all equipment carried in specially made pack saddles on the donkeys. Later in the year several treks, following early Australian pioneers routes are scheduled to be expertly guided by Tim, who has an extensive army survival training background. To be recommended to anyone interested in our unspoilt Australian bush with a fair dinkum 'away from the rush hour' tour.

After visiting Wilderness Expeditions, our next visit only a few kilometres away was Flagggy Creek winery on the site of the old Fosters Winery. Presently closed to the public, the new owner has some interesting plans to revive the winery, introduce accommodation and picnic visits down by the platypus inhabited creek.

Our next stop was Green Springs Holiday Farm, where we were shown through a magnificent old Queenslander built in 1936, with 8 comfortable rooms opening onto a breezy verandah and overlooking many hundreds of acres of bush. A great overnight or weekend

stay, friendly and welcoming with a huge kitchen featuring a large old wood fired combustion stove with big hanging pots and tea kettle. Upstairs, this old house has the largest stone fireplace for cold nights, with comfy old armchairs for snoozing.... a most relaxing home away from home, which would suit family groups looking for a weekend away.

On to Herberton Visitor Information Centre: it was obviously strongly supported by the Shire Council and had excellent pamphlet displays, a pleasant atmosphere, friendly helpers, inventive living displays and room to move around. We felt information retrieval in this centre was well thought out by the organisers.

Last stop was at Bluehills Retreat, 7 kms from Atherton on the Herberton road. Set in 20 acres of natural eucalypts, this relaxing and comfortable health and healing centre is a credit to the owner, Barbara Gilsenan who used to live in Kuranda, and who has put enormous effort into producing this quite lovely retreat. As yet fully developed, there is no doubt time and energy will make Bluehills even more attractive. Once very run down, it now offers peaceful walks through lovely bushland with towering eucalypts, creeks, birds, butterflies and animals. The accommodation is limited, spacious with large verandas for cool living and a kitchen fit for kings. Special services include massage, sauna, facials and others.

**Television Reception
upgrade in Speewah--****Update as at 17 April 2002**

Since the last report published in the February and April issues of the Kuranda Paper, there have been some developments. These include:-

1. The Department of Communications has agreed to the re-transmission of all five free-to-air channels in an upgrade of reception in Speewah. A further two frequencies need to be found and allocated before this can take place.
2. Mareeba Shire Council has engaged the

services of a locally based consultant to advise/investigate technical aspects of the upgrade.

3. Sites on which to locate the re-transmission facility have been thoroughly investigated and the Telstra exchange site is the only one that can possibly meet the guidelines establishment budget figure of \$25,000.

4. Mareeba Shire Council is in the process of having a proposal drawn up, which seeks an agreement with Telstra to use the site.

5. The Speewah District Residents Assoc. have sent a letter to the office of the Prime Minister setting out the concerns the Association has regarding the way the Federal Government treats

regional and remote areas differently to the capital and regional cities and areas. The government is asking local councils to meet any shortfall in costs of setting up re-transmission facilities in TV Black Spot areas over and above the \$150,000 allowed in the guidelines, as well as paying the ongoing costs of maintenance and provision of power to operate them. This situation is in contrast to the provision of television transmission facilities for capital and regional cities and areas where neither the residents nor the local councils are required to meet any of these costs. The Association seeks to know why there are different rules and treatment for different areas. (Prepared by Bob Madden, Speewah)

SWIMMING *By Pam Elgar*

Great news from Darwin from our 'golden' swimmer, Gerda Williams who owned the Kuranda Van Park years ago with John. She has just returned from two top swimming championships covered in gold. First the AUSSI Masters National swim at the wonderful Olympic pools held in March. Gerda is now swimming in the 60-64 age group although she is still 59 so perfectly set to scoop the pool which she did. She returned with five gold medals and was awarded Swimmer of the Meet. She also broke five National and five NT records in all her five swims. This was a Short course meet - 25m pool. Her twin Jannie also swam well in spite of neck and shoulder problems.

Gerda and Jannie (the twins) then flew on to Christchurch for the World Masters Championships - long course 50m pool. Here the pools were very poor as they

were three months off completing a major renovation. Warming up and swimming down were a nightmare with anything up to 2000 swimmers squeezed into a 25m pool. Altogether there were 2700 swimmers from all around the world.

Gerda won gold in the 400m IM and a bronze in the 200m breaststroke both in Australian Long Course Record time. She was 4th in the 200m IM with another Australian record. Also 4th in the 200m backstroke and 100m backstroke. Great swimming Gerda!

When Gerda first started swimming in the Masters about 1990 she mostly swam breaststroke and backstroke, but she is now equally good at all four strokes hence her gold in the 400m IM - a very gruelling race indeed.

To cap off her great year so far she is now a great grandmother with the arrival of Jake and Nathan - all this at the age of 59!!

KURANDA 8 BALL 2002

Hello to all our eight ball members and indeed to all readers of the Kuranda paper.

We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Easter. If you are still picking the paint from beneath your finger nails then you enjoyed it as much as this writer did.....???!!!

We have completed the first round of season one and have commenced the return leg of matches. Here are some details of how teams and players are fairing after week 8.

Team standings

Top Pubbers, last seasons' premiers, and a revitalised Top Shots are leading the way with 78 points, but only 8 points clear of Kuranda Kings. There is the experience in the newly formed team of Far Cues 2 points farther back. Chaos Cannons with a combination of experience and youth are definitely in the picture.

So, new players, young, or not so young, experienced or novices, are always welcome to come along and be a part of our competition. Don't be shy. As the sign says "There are no strangers here, just friends we haven't met ". If you want to join be at the Top Pub or the Sports and Social Club on any Tuesday night at 7.00 PM and ask for Jo, Janet, Steve or Gordon.

Likewise, Sunday at the Top Pub, the pool tables are open for practice and the members who are there will guide you in the

right direction. There is a place for You.

Individual Standings

Gail Keating is setting the standard at the moment. Gail is playing good, solid and uncomplicated eight ball, and is setting the pace for a very interesting second half of the season. Keep it going Gail. Ken is behind, only on percentage and is Gails' biggest threat at the moment. However, the other combatants' are within 'coohee' of Gail and Ken and should not be taken lightly.

May the best player win.

Raffles and Winners.

It sort of makes one feel like the bridesmaid. Ken has done it again. Ken Alderdice won the Easter raffle. Ken has indicated that his six month run of luck is now exhausted.... (Oh yeah!) Congratulations Ken and more luck in the future.

The numbers board winners over the last couple of months are.....

- 14 Feb, Thabo with No. 23
- 28 Feb, John Doro with No. 3
- 14 March, Gary Bresnan with No. 73
- 28 March, Veronica with No. 95
- 11 April, Meryl with No. 96

Congratulations to all the winners.

To the winners and those of you that are awaiting your turn, thank you for supporting Kuranda 8 Ball.

To win it you've got to be in it. Jo will be outside the post office each Thursday doing her best to sell you the winning number or ticket. Good luck.

That's all folks. Bye for now.

VILLAGE GREEN

GREEN LINES

BY JACK McBOWL

SPIDERS are everywhere - there are over 2000 species in our country and they evoke different feelings in people!!!! However, the 'SPIDER' played at the monthly Kuranda Charity Bowls night is the name given to a friendly game to finish off the evening and there is always a winner. To explain - I (the Jack) am positioned on the middle of the green; players spread around the edge of the green, and on the word 'Go', one bowl from each participant is rolled towards me - the bowl nearest me is the winner and the player receives a prize.

Congratulations to Kuranda Voluntary Fireys who won the game on Thursday 4th April The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre team had some interesting fund-raising ideas, ie. books for sale, lovely hand-knitted beanies, and an exciting lucky dip.

The next date-claimer for Charity Bowls at the Kuranda Bowls Club (Fallon Road) is Thursday 2nd May and registering should be completed by 7 pm. A pre-game barbeque meal is available from 6pm to 6.45 pm. costing just \$3 p.p. Tea and coffee is available at no extra cost and cold drinks are available for purchase. Cost of game is \$7 p.p. which includes a 'Spider' (\$4 goes to the charity pool- fund).

The team fundraising for this evening will be our local Q.C.W.A. branch. In addition to their raffle (drawn at the end of the evening) will be the best value in the North Mothers' Day raffle (drawn 11 May). Although the commitment of a team for the year is appreciated for the success of the programme, players in the various teams are, of course, interchangeable.

C'MON KURANDA - SCHOOL KIDS HIT THE GREENS.....

Innisfail Bowling Club has conducted the town's first interschool lawn bowls clash. Twenty-two grade 9 secondary students from each of the town's two high schools, State High School and Good Counsel College, contested recently.....so, the next generation of lawn-bowlers is coming along-at least in Innisfail !!

Social Bowls is held each Thursday evening 7 pm. (for registering). Sunday Bowls names' register by 1 pm. Telephone 4093-7631 or 4093-8057 (evenings) if you require further information. If you don't have your own bowls, bowls are available at the Club and remember footwear must be flat smooth-soled shoes.

Come along - I do enjoy company!

CONGRATULATIONS - Kuranda Roos

Back to back Tableland's Premiers 2001 - 2002

For the second consecutive year Kuranda Roos - comprising local and surrounding district players - have pulled off the Tablelands Grand final. From a slow start early in the season they again proved what commitment and sheer determination can achieve. A strong core of experienced players combined with the energy and talent of the younger players yet again combined to form a winning team. Many of the players put in exceptional performances over the season against very tough opposition from the other Tableland teams. Good on you guys ... you're legends !!!



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A Thought for May

The Fourth Sunday of Easter has for a long time been known as Good Shepherd Sunday and this month week follow that theme opening our Bibles to St Johns Gospel Chapter 10 and reading verses 1-10.

The world that Jesus knew was very familiar with the figure of the shepherd. Shepherds were absolutely vital to the economy. Ironically they were not paid well, in spite of the fact that their work entailed not only long hours outside but also a great deal of danger, particularly from wolves. The shepherd always led the flock and was responsible for finding pasture. Any suggestion that the image of the shepherd makes Jesus out to be merely gentle and nurturing is very far from the truth.

What is very significant about the shepherd's role is that it called for a person who was prepared to be gentle and tough, nurturing and driving. In the language of this passage there are many would be "shepherds" today who try to manipulate and exploit people for questionable ends. We might think of the thief and the robber of which Jesus speaks as being among these people. A particularly false shepherd is one who will lead young people towards drugs.

Such a shepherd comes, says Jesus, for no reason other than "to steal and to kill and to destroy". Jesus says of his followers that if they

are wise they will not follow such a stranger but instead flee from him. Our Lord now tries to get us to understand our relationship with him. As an image he uses the door which was in every sheepfold. Jesus speaks of our "going in and out" by the door which, in a spiritual sense, is himself.

What this means is that a Christian sets out to use Christ's path or way, to do everything "through Christ," in short, to live life through Christ's grace and help. Jesus then says something we tend to miss in our culture. He says "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Notice that he does not say he came that we might merely have religion!

Our Lord offers himself to us not only as the Lord of our religious experience but as the Lord of our total human experience. We hear this and we nod our heads in agreement but actually there is a great deal in our culture that fights this. The truth is that for a Christian Jesus is the door through which one enters into every aspect of life, into one's office or shop or plant.

Christ is the door through which a Christian enters into a library, an art gallery, anything. What we really mean by saying this is that for a Christian no area of life is outside the guidance and the grace and the companionship of Jesus. A Christian looks to Christ for leadership and follows that leadership into every aspect of life and into every experience.

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ALL WELCOME !!!



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The whole history of mankind has been a disaster. And unless we start revolting as individuals, dropping all nationalities, all religions, all races, and declare that this whole globe belongs to us and all the lines of the map are bogus and false; unless individuals start changing the whole educational system... The educational system should teach you the art of living, it should teach you the art of loving, it should teach you the art of meditation, it should teach you finally the art of dying gloriously. Your education system is not educational. It only creates clerks, stationmasters, postmen, soldiers, and you call it education. You have been deceived. But the deception has been going on so long that you have completely forgotten. And you are still going on in the same old rut. Try: www.osho.org

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Happy Mother's Day
May 12



Youri's HEART FUNDRAISER

Here follows an overview of the current state of the prizes and selling points for the raffle ticket for

Name	town	prize given	Donations Or tickets
Quicksilver	Port Douglas	1 boat trip for 2 to Low Isles	
Honey House	Kuranda	1 basket honey products	Tickets
Foodstore	Kuranda	1 voucher \$50	
Pharmacy & Newsagent	Kuranda	1 photo camera	Tickets
Skyrail	Kuranda	1 return trip for 2	
EnviroCare	Kuranda	10 native rainforest tree plants	Tickets
Green House	Kuranda,	1 voucher \$50	Tickets
Living Earth Games	Koah,	1 board game	Tickets
BP Servo	Kuranda	1 voucher \$20	Tickets
Birdworld	Kuranda	1 family day-pass	
Neighbourhood Centre	Kuranda		Tickets
Colin, Kuranda	Kuranda		Tickets
Post Office	Kuranda		Donations
Shell Petrol Station	Koah,		Tickets
And more to come...	Kuranda		
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We thank the donating and ticket selling people and business very warmly for their generous assistance.

Jos Dreezen
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Phone 07 4093 7700

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE



Hello Everyone!

It seems as though Kuranda folk are really coming out of the woodwork to support the Neighbourhood Centre these days! Looking at our statistics for the past three months we see that over 600 contacts have been made, at least 100 more than during the previous quarter. People call in or phone for all sorts of reasons: the new photocopier gets a fair bit of attention with A4 copies at a low 10 cents a page. It does a great job of reproducing photos too, so bear that in mind if you want to inexpensively double up on photos (black and white copies only).

Our call for Centre volunteers has also been answered in a big way with every morning covered except Thursdays (when KNC is closed, at least for the time being). We even have two potential volunteers on a "waiting list", which is pretty amazing! Thankyou everyone! And special thanks to the Kuranda Bowls Club which raised \$55 for us at their recent Charity Bowls night. When there's not a lot to go around, that donation seems like a small fortune!

Lots of people are also thinking of us when they have surplus items to donate. Our policy is to use for the Centre whatever we can and find good homes for the remainder. So..... to give away to those who have a GENUINE NEED and use for, are a Brother typewriter, small IBM computer monitor, Hitachi Washing Machine and older-style RICOH fax machine. Phone 4093 8933 for more info. on

these.

The Book Exchange/Bookshop boasts heaps of new stock, including a stack of particularly good boating magazines. On a rainy day, why not curl up in our comfy armchair with a good book and a cuppa by your side? You would be most welcome to take some time out in our little cottage!

Community interest sees the start of the 4 week course DEVELOPING SELF ESTEEM AND ASSERTIVENESS on Wednesday, 8th May 9.30 am at the Centre. There are still a couple of places available for anyone who would like to join us. It's free, you'll learn a lot, meet some new people and feel pretty good by the end of it! Call me on 4093 8933.

And now to a local little boy, 6 year old Youri Dreezen, and his family who need your help! KNC is one of several locations where \$1.00 raffle tickets are being sold to Heal Youri's Heart. This fundraiser is supported by the Kuranda Lions Club and aims to raise money for urgent surgery and healing of a leaking valve and small hole in Youri's heart. Some great prizes are on offer thanks to the generosity of the local business community. My experience of Kuranda so far convinces me that this is one of the most caring and supportive communities I have ever had the privilege of working with: there are some pretty exceptional people here, so please, open your heart to help heal Youri's!

Until next time.....
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FERAL PIGS AND KURANDA

by Michael Lattin

This is the first of a series of articles written to inform Kuranda residents of the status of pig trapping and activity in the Kuranda area.

Trapping was first started in this area some 5 years ago when Kuranda EnviroCare applied to be, and was successful in being appointed as a management group for a feral pig trapper. The trapper was subsidised jointly by the Department of Natural Resources and the Wet Tropics Management Authority.

The aim of the Feral Pig Trapping Program was to resource the community and train people, especially farmers, to trap and destroy feral pigs. Over time, the construction of the pig traps was refined to be species specific, that is, to only trap pigs, not Cassowaries or other non-targeted wildlife. This method of trapping was promoted as more effective than dogging or shooting. Some trials were done to prove this point.

I am the third official trapper to service the Kuranda area. Before taking on this role, I was Steve Larkin's off-sider for some two and a half years. Steve is still an active pig trapper in Kuranda.

The original program has now come to an end and it is questionable whether any more funding will come from the Federal Government. Although funding support for the Kuranda trapper was minimal, it did help to offset costs. However, it could never have been described as a profitable venture.

Because there is now no assistance whatsoever, Steve Larkin and I have formed a partnership to continue to trap in the area from Koah to Kuranda and Oakforest. We are proposing to hire out and install the traps for \$20 per week and to destroy and remove any captured pigs for \$25 per head. This is in line with the objectives of the Feral Pig Trapping Program to move towards the community taking responsibility for this service.

As you are aware, this year has been rather unusual in that when the pigs were starting to move into the domestic environment, it started to rain again, making food available in the forest. Pigs are typically shy, preferring to move away from inhabited areas. Over the past 12 months, over 350 feral pigs have been captured and destroyed in Kuranda's environs with the assistance of Steve and two other helpers, Shane Hunt and Matt Flynn. This is a large number and not likely to be repeated because, this year for the first time, pigs were destroyed in State Forest at Speewah. I am not saying that a large impact has been made on the whole area, but in Speewah we are not aware that pigs have returned in such numbers. On that note, information as to sightings of pigs, and a rough description of numbers would greatly help in understanding movement cycles etc. It would be much appreciated if this information could be forwarded to Steve or myself.

Contact phone numbers for Steve Larkin are (home) 4093 7247 or (work) 4031 6046 and for me, Michael Lattin, (home) 4093 0237 and mobile 0412 419 550.

Look for Steve Larkin's article on feral pig trapping in next month's Kuranda Paper. It will focus more on the art of trapping than the history.



We Serve

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION! LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY PROJECT NEW DATE!

Please join us at the Kuranda Sports and Social Club, Fallor Road, Kuranda. Date: Saturday 1st June 2002 Time: 2 p.m. We are celebrating "June In The North"! A Fashion Parade presented by our leading Boutiques will feature the fashions enjoyed by women in the best Winter in Australia. Following this will be a High Tea with cakes and tea from around the world.

DOOR PRIZES COURTESY: Elizabeth Arden, Estee Lauder Givenchy, Waterlillies Healing Sanctum, Noeline's Nail and Beauty, The Honey House, Kuranda Pharmacy, Terry White Pharmacy, The Australian Bush Store. **RAFFLES COURTESY** Gazebo Florist, Nutri Metics, The Green House, Yvonne Dightor three bottles of Wine. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** Phone Va 4093 9476 **TICKETS AVAILABLE:** Bobs Wood art, 24 Coondor Street, Kuranda. Phone 4093 9044.

Admission \$15.00 proceeds to Charity Projects.

QUEENSLAND'S GIANT BUTTERFLIES

By Darryl Stewart

The Cairns; Birdwing *Ornithoptera priamus euphorion* is Queensland's largest and most spectacular butterfly, and the largest in Australia. The shimmering velvety green, black and yellow males may measure 125mm across their wings, while the larger brown-black, red and yellow females can attain wingspans of 150 mm.

In Kuranda I have frequently observed the male butterfly in the early morning sailing near the tops of the tallest trees seeking for females. The courtship display that ensues is a sight to behold. The mate hovers under the female at a constant distance as if attached to her by an invisible thread. Then, as she flies ahead, he flies quickly beneath, in front, above, and then behind her before reverting to the original formation position. This courtship procedure may last up to 15 minutes.

Kuranda is situated 27 km north-west of Cairns in northern Queensland, and lies in the area of tropical rainforest that stretches from about 50km north of Cooktown to Townsville. This is the principal habitat of the Cairns Birdwing; there is also an isolated population farther south in the Mackay district. This butterfly is now permanently established in some residential areas within its range as a consequence of the establishment of its food plants in parks and gardens. Further subspecies of this butterfly also occur in the far north of Cape York Peninsular [from the Iron Range north to the Torres Strait islands], and in the Solomon Islands, the Bismarck Archipelago, Papua New Guinea, Aru and Kai Islands.

The caterpillars of the Cairns Birdwing feed exclusively on a variety of *Aristolochia* vines, particularly *A. tagala*. Like the butterflies, the mature caterpillar and chrysalis stages are also huge. Female birdwings frequently lay their eggs on the introduced Dutchman's Pipe *A. elegans*, but the leaves of this plant are toxic to the caterpillars and they are unable to survive.

The village of Kuranda became known as a rich butterfly and moth area due to a Victorian born banker named Frederick Parkhurst Dodd who settled in that village in 1904. There he made a study of the then largely unknown species of the area. He avidly collected butterflies and moths and sent many specimens to museums and private collectors in many parts of the world. Dodd's dedication in furthering the knowledge of the lepidoptera [the order to which butterflies and moths belong] in that part of Australia made him a national celebrity and earned him the title of 'Butterfly Man of Kuranda'.

In addition, Kuranda houses the largest butterfly pavilion in Australia [and one of the largest in the world], the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary. Here, gorgeous tropical butterflies of all shapes and sizes fly freely among the many captivated tourists, showing not the least concern for the presence of humans. It is with good reason that Kuranda is known as the 'Butterfly Capital of Australia'.

Birdwing butterflies, in particular, have held a very special fascination for early naturalists and collectors, who were entranced by their extreme size and brilliant colours. These giant butterflies occur throughout much of the Indo-Australian region, with their centre of abundance being in Papua New Guinea and neighbouring islands.

In 1859 the renowned naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace [co-founder of the theory of evolution with Charles Darwin] discovered the birdwing *Ornithoptera croesus* on the island of Batchian. This butterfly is much akin to the Cairns Birdwing but the upper side of the wings has the green colouration replaced by fiery orange. Wallace's account of the capture of this butterfly has been printed many times in natural history books and journals, but I feel that it warrants re-telling one more time.

He writes 'The beauty and brilliancy of this insect are indescribable and none but a naturalist can understand the intense excitement I experienced when I at length captured it. On taking it out of my net and opening the glorious wings, my heart began to beat violently, die blood rushing to my head, and I felt more like fainting than I had done when in apprehension of immediate death. I had a headache the rest of the day, so great was the excitement produced by what will appear to most people a very inadequate cause'.



Cairns Birdwing Butterfly - Female

Beware Fire Season Started



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SINGING IN THE RAIN

The recent spell of rain has given all the vegetation a real boost, including the weeds. **Sicklepod (*Senna obtusifolia*)** is rampant, with its pretty yellow pea-flowers which turn into long curved pods. The weed is very successful in the Wet Tropics and the seeds can remain viable in the soil for up to 10 years. Sicklepod, a declared weed (you must remove it), is native to tropical America.

Another yellow-flowering weed is the larger shrub, **Hairy senna (*Senna hirsuta*)**. It is characterised by its 10-14cm long, hairy, cylindrical pods. Each pod contains 50-90 seeds. This weed is also an American native.

Then there is the attractive **African tulip (*Spathodea campanulata*)** with its showy red flowers atop its 25m tree. The fruit is a long dagger-like woody capsule with many seeds. The seeds are winged and can be carried long distances even by a gentle breeze.

AN EVOLVING RAINFOREST

The good news is that the 20,000 or so trees we've planted near Big Sands, Kowrowa, are doing nicely. The weeds are under control - a constant task - and the whole area between Oakforest Road and the Barron River is gradually taking on a rainforest character. All we need now is a Cassowary or two wandering through our plantings.

If you are inspired to be part of this transformation, we plant between 100 and 200 trees **every Saturday morning from 8am** (for one hour). Follow Myola Road past the High School, past Mantaka, past Boyles Road. After that keep an eye out for our signs. There is usually quite a line up of cars. We treat ourselves to morning tea and cake at the end of the work. You know you've been meaning to come along for some time - now is the time to throw caution to the wind and join in.

BOONOOLOO & YOO

If you're closer to the Speewah end of Kuranda, the local residents at Boonooloo are having another plant-out on Saturday 18th May. Take Speewah Road to Stoney Creek Road. Follow it to Kelly Road, then take Kelly Road to Enigma Close. Follow the signs, look out for all those cars. The Boonooloo group has a reputation to uphold with their absolutely fabulous chocolate cake.

SIGNS FOR THE ENVIROLINK WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

With this project now 5 years old and 30,000 trees planted, we will soon erect signs along Oakforest Road informing you that you are now entering the 'corridor' and asking you to drive slowly and keep an eye out for animals crossing the road.

THE KURANDA RANGE ROAD

You didn't miss anything if you missed the last time we advertised an update presentation by the Dept of Main Roads. Sickness prevented the presentation going ahead, so it has been rescheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 1st May at the Fallon Road Sports Club. This is an open meeting for any and all who are interested in hearing about a second bridge over the Barron River and a possible overpass at the Rob Veivers Drive traffic lights. Have you ever heard talk of an airport at Koah? Could the 4 lanes be extended that far for that reason?

ENVIROFUND

This is an interim program between the end of the initial Natural Heritage Trust funding (which started in 1997 and finishes this year) and the new-look funding for environmental projects which will start in 2003. It offers up to \$30,000 for projects for one year. It is available for organisations such as KURANDA **EnviroCare** but is also available to individuals proposing activities that have a very high public benefit. In the case of an individual, the funds may have to be handled by an incorporated organisation. The purpose of the funding is to get community groups who haven't tried to get funding of this sort before to get involved in environmental projects. If you have any great ideas or need a hand to write an application, we'll be glad to assist. (Phone Jax on 4093 8834).

The type of project that's likely to get the nod is controlling stock access to watercourses to protect streamside habitat and improve water quality; planting native vegetation to improve habitat or prevent erosion; or monitoring of water quality where it will have a clear benefit for conservation. There is a strong emphasis on indigenous cultural heritage.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st May following the Dept Main Roads presentation on the Kuranda Range Road at 7pm at the Fallon Road Sports Club. Refreshments on hand.

EnviroCare is pulling weeds



KURANDA DISTRICT STATE SCHOOL

A SAD FAREWELL

We say a very sad farewell to our Principal, Mike Hobbs, who has received a promotion as the new Principal of Bwgcolman Community School, Palm Island.

Mr. Hobbs came to our school in 1999, bringing with him a wealth of knowledge and experience even though this was his first school as a principal. He has worked as a Principal Education Officer (Performance Measurement and Review) at the Cairns District Office, Senior Advisor for Behaviour Management in the Peninsular region, Senior Policy officer for Cultural Equity, and other roles encompassing Inclusive Curriculum. Despite these amazing achievements, he himself is the first to admit that with a background as a High School Maths and Chemistry teacher, he knew very little about Middle and Junior Primary practice! Where he does have expertise is in seeing the "big picture" of where education should be heading in the future, especially in regard to Indigenous Education.

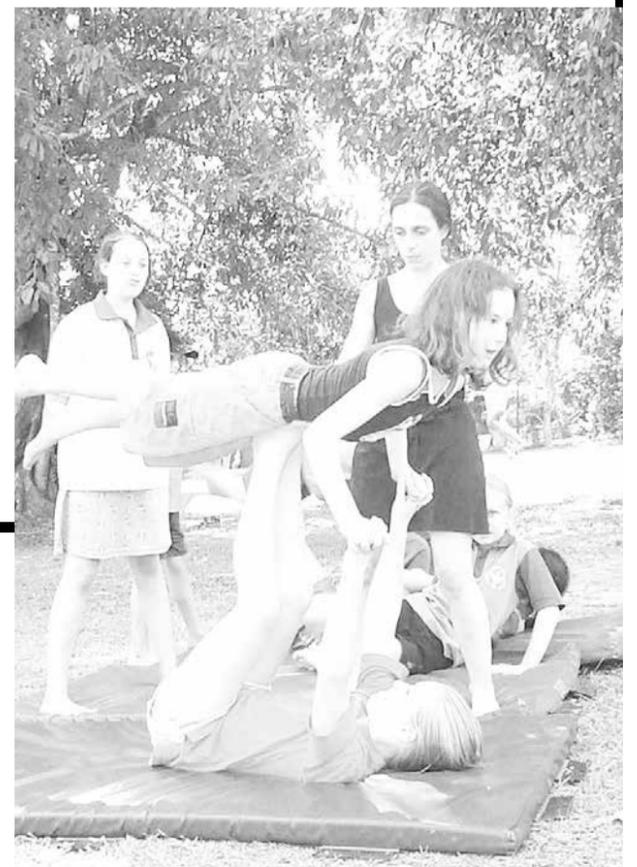
Before coming to Kuranda he headed a review into current practice for our Indigenous students, and made major contributions to education Queensland's "Partners for Success" document.

He sees the potential of full community support and participation in the learning process, and has gone a long way towards achieving that aim in Kuranda. Many major changes have occurred in Education Queensland in recent years, from school - based management, curriculum and outcomes based education through to new ways of assessment and reporting to parents. In all of these areas Mr. Hobbs has worked hard to "get us on our feet" with new systems and policies either set in place or in the process of being developed. Thank you Mike for all your hard work. We wish you and your wife Tess all the best, whatever the future holds. From the Staff, Parents and Students of Kuranda District State Primary School.



KASSOWARY CIRCUS AT SCHOOL

Kelli and Justine from "Kuranda Kassowary Circus" have been teaching Circus classes every Friday afternoon this term. Students learn circus skills and recently gave a wonderful display of their skills at Assembly. We saw hoop skills, acrobatics and displays of balance and poise. Kassowary Circus is an exciting program funded by our school to provide extra opportunities for our children to display excellence or just build their physical skills in a fun and disciplined way. Kelli and Justine also run classes on the school grounds after school on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. at a cost of \$3.00 per student, or a family discount is also available.



THE BURNING ISSUE.

Welcome back to the Burning Issue for April 2002. Kuranda Fire station has been a hive of activity for the past few months with a new recruiting drive in full swing. We have had quite a bit of interest from local residents interested in becoming auxiliary firefighters and still have vacancies available. Anyone who feels they may be interested in joining us please feel free to come along on a Wednesday night at 1730hrs and have a look and a chat. Our newest member to come on board is Steve De Prada of Steve's Lawn and Garden Care fame- Steve has just completed his ATEP primary skills course in Mossman and is now waiting for his first callout. The Road Accident and Rescue team competed at the Regional



Championships in Atherton last month and after some very silly mistakes ran a disappointing 6th overall- they did learn some very valuable lessons to be applied next year and hopefully improve on that result. The Auxiliary Skills and Drills competition crew are in full training for their competition to be held at Cardwell early next month. This years team consists of Jon Simmonds, Kevin Priestly, Andrew Hunter and David Smart. We wish them the best of luck and lots of fun. Until next time, stay firesafe-
Ima Firey



Firefighters from Kuranda Fire Station implement Road Accident Rescue Training to extricate a trapped driver in a simulated motor vehicle accident scenario recently.

BILLY'S

GARDEN BAR & BARBECUE

FRIDAY SAT & SUN NIGHTS SPECIALS

Every Friday night, the very popular Fish and Chips: Mackerel in Billy's own special batter, and home style cooked chips.

TAKE AWAY FISH & CHIPS EVERY FRIDAY

Billy's additional specials on Fri, Sat & Sun are also proving popular. 2nd Friday of the month is Oyster Lover's Night

BILLY'S SPECIAL:

Next Business Women's Dinner Monday 22nd April.

Weekend chefs tour East + West

Multicultural ingredients in new dishes

- Sat/Sun 4th. & 5th. Barra on coriander spaghetti. Lemon chicken with basil mash & garlic mayo.
- Sat/Sun 11th. & 12th. Asian mushroom risotto. Deluxe satay chicken burgers
- Sat/Sun 18th. & 19th. Roast pumpkin and ricotta lasagna. Five spice beef and sweet potato mash.
- Sat/Sun 25th. & 26th. Saffron pasta with garlic/lemon prawns. Poached coconut and green peppercorn chicken.

Friday nights at Billy's

- Friday 3— Minestrone Soup
- Friday 10— Freshly Shucked Oysters
- Friday 17— Fettuccine Marinara
- Friday 24— Pan Fried Veal Balsamic Panache Vegetables
- Friday 31— Crepe Suzette

For reservation and further enquiries phone 4093 7203

SEE YOU AT BILLY'S - THE PLACE TO BE SEEN

Special Wine Tasting at Billy's

Wine Tasting - get your tastebuds ready for a treat when Billy's presents 18 varieties of wines from 4 award winning wineries plus some delicious nibbles and finger foods. Cost is \$10 per head all inclusive with a chance to win some lucky door prizes. Add some live entertainment to "jazz " up the afternoon and there you have a recipe for a great Sunday afternoon in Kuranda. Wines will be available for purchase at discounted rates to all who attend.

Date: Sun 28th april from 4.00 pm. to 7.00 pm.
Please phone and book as numbers are limited.

Just some of the wines you will be tasting!

Casella wines - have won many awards on the wine show circuit including 3 "blue golds" at the latest Sydney international wine competition

Rosemount Estate - winner of the best Australian producer San Francisco international wine challenge for 3rd consecutive year

Wyndram Estate Bin Range- "Grand Champion wine of Show" at Royal Queensland Wine Show

Morris - Australia's most awarded fortified winemaker.

Fire Service recruiting more firefighters . . .

Are you an active, practical, self motivated individual with a strong sense of community spirit and the will to have a go? Do you have sound communication and literacy skills and a strong desire to achieve as part of a team? If so, you might be just what the Queensland Fire & Rescue Service is looking for.

Fire Stations throughout the region are now seeking to fill positions for part time firefighters to serve small communities within Far North Queensland.

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) Acting Assistant Commissioner Alan Hogg said additional auxiliary (part time) firefighters were being sought to complement the existing staff in various towns across the far northern region.

"We currently have a number of vacancies for auxiliary firefighters and we plan to recruit as soon as possible to fill additional places."

Stations with immediate openings available include Atherton, Babinda, Gordonvale, Herberton, Innisfail, Kuranda, Millaa Millaa, Mossman, Ravenshoe, Tully, and Yungaburra.

"Auxiliary firefighters are a vital part of the fire and rescue service provided by the QFRS, particularly in some of the more inaccessible areas of our diverse region. Auxiliary recruits complete base level operational training before being available to respond to fires, accidents and other emergencies. They are also offered ongoing training to ensure their own safety on the job as well as increased safety in the community."

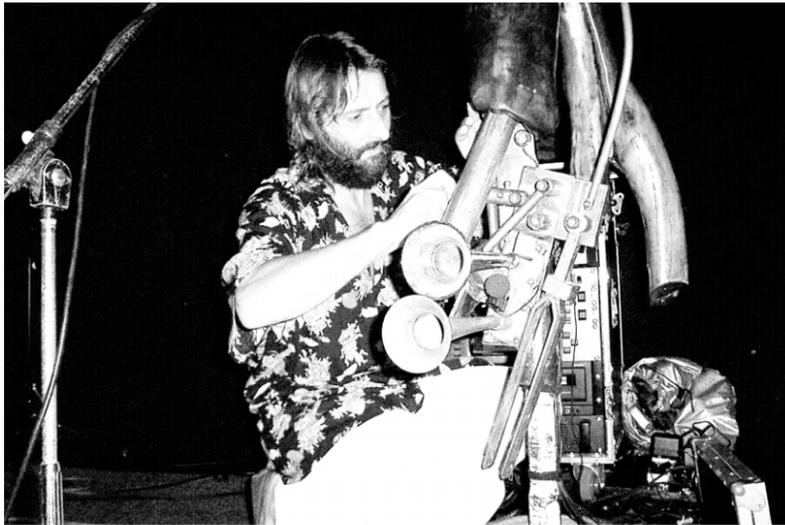
Mr Hogg said becoming a QFRS auxiliary firefighter was an opportunity for local residents to serve and protect their community, whilst gaining valuable skills which can also benefit other areas of their life.

"Being a firefighter is certainly a rewarding and fulfilling role. It offers the individual high level training in all facets of incident response including all types of fires, road accident rescues and other incidents requiring the assistance of emergency services.

"QFRS offers recruits long term, stable employment on a part time basis," Mr Hogg added.

Auxiliary firefighters are required to live or work within a five minute response time to the fire station and possess at least a manual driver's licence. Recruits must also have their employer's permission to attend emergency calls, and pass literacy, numeracy, physical and medical tests and a criminal history check as part of the induction process.

Auxiliary firefighters train one night per week and are paid for their duties. Anyone interested in becoming an Auxiliary Firefighter in Far Northern is encouraged to contact their local fire station for further information, or Maurie Barter, Station Officer, Gordonvale Fire Station on 4056 1091 Ray Wintour, Captain, Kuranda Fire Station on 4093 7406 Terry Yates, Area Director, Atherton Area on 4091 1505 (incorporating Atherton, Herberton, Millaa Millaa, Ravenshoe, Yungaburra) David Prain, Acting Area Director, Mareeba Area on 4092 4214 (incorporating Mossman)



Above: Denise poet extraordinaire.
 Above Left: Jane, Michael and David.
 Left: Nino with his Electronic Sitar (funky tree thingy).

Loony poets Venus Celebration Full Moon.

Running with the wolves and wild horses on this Good Friday 29 March 2002, Full Moon in Libra (Venus-Goddess of Love is back tonight reflecting her next cycle)... The crowd is buzzing, in fact the joint is overflowing out onto the sidewalk and there is not even standing room only! A dog wanders through, babies are hanging off musical equipment and all channels are go go go... OK... The night kicks off with a flowery-shirted bloke name of Nino making freaky out of this world sounds on some kind of wild musical instrument that looks like a tree, (I kid you not) his funky out sounds are wildly exciting and innovative.... Meantime a man in a cloak glides into the limelight and moves to these wild and exiting sounds, he discards his cloak to reveal a wild pagan man for all to see. He dances around freaking out the stray dog upfront. Danny Simony is the Mime and the performance piece is "Dance to the Forest". Bravo! David Jones does an intro on his bass, a poem name of "Love Goddess Poetry", Michael, "The Bard" Quinn is up on the performance space next with "Bridal Party"-marriage is the beginning of the story, but in the end "Shut The Bloody Door Yourself"! Clap clap clap.... After is a short poem by the aforesaid bard-"Poetry of Life", Neville and Peter MacAlistair sing "Life's Value pack", Mr Jones hath returneth with "A Bigger Burger"-'everything you see is through somebody else's eyes'.... Help those refugees aye.... Then Peter, Neville & David do a cruisy instrumental riff. Denise announces she is about to get married & that she is 'a womanist not a feminist' O-kaaay.... Denise offers us her poems "Microwave Blues & "Swiss Army Mother", Tracey's poem reminds us....'It's only on Loony poets night that the locals get out to play'.... Dave's poem Marijuana was to convince us of his straightness.... Yeah right man.... Whatever.... & His poem "Space Invaders," yearning for peace & quiet. Madame Zouvroux did a wild gig with her "Housewife" number - 'get up & dance girls while you have the chance'...an excruciatingly funny lady! Michael did his "When" poem, Ramon read his "Aussie Eden" & "Refugees" poem then he sang "Memo to my son" by Randy Newman & Bob Dylans' "May You Stay Forever Young". Jane Quinn sang a profoundly

beautiful song & Sarda accompanied her on his blues harp. The night is deliciously moist as we are all crammed in together, it's a very nice crammed in feeling as everyone is on that remarkable plane of conscious being that we all get when we gather together to laugh & appreciate one another's company.... David J cannot resist the stage & doth quote his "Butterflies" poem. Onstage after are Dave Breeze, Miguel on his Dobro slide guitar (wahoo) & Alex singing 'let nothing come between simple men, simple dreams'. Daryl from Melbourne (& other shores afar) entertains us with his stand-up Brit comedy (funny gig), with David following "To See The Myth Is To Know It's There". Denise does the wild thing with her food poem. Talei begins her tabla drums to spice up the evening as David Jones slow talks his way with her drumming.... Pitter, patter, pitter patter....'Lick the wet off the back of your neck'.... David's poem "Angst in the city " Then Talei on tabla, Nino on 'tree' instrument & Michael Q. go right off, Michael doth quote "Spaghetti Alphabet".... His words pouring forth like hailstones in a summer storm. Michael did read his "Forbidden Fruit" poem after. Aneira the Celtic storyteller was up next, (big silvery-white light full moon rising).... It's hot so I've stumbled out under the moon & stars for a breath of.... Sarda's back & playing drums for Melissa & Debbie who are singing a Diana Ross number "All my Life", Diana would smile lots! Trevor does his poems "Indian Curry Restaurant" "All Through the Night, & "Visions of a Waterbearer ". Dave Cook sings "Naive" with Melissa & Debbie backing. David Gothard on guitar singing a story from the deep shadows of time.... I'm going out to moon view so Bonsoir One & All.... See you when the horses come galloping by in the light of the next Full Moon Poets Party.... Bi-Monthly remember at the Honey house on Sunday 26 May. By the way the ABC Regional Radio crew came up and recorded this show and since various segments have appeared over ABC Regional Radio as far as Brisbane.

Om Star....

Listening

Contributed by Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre



WHAT MAKES A GOOD FRIENDSHIP EVEN BETTER?
 One of the things we know is that if you are a good listener, the quality of your friendships will be a lot better. Unfortunately, one of the things we haven't learned very well is how to TRULY listen. We, and others, tend to make communication difficult and distorted and then we wonder why misunderstandings arise! The rare creative expression of "roadblocks" to listening (below) might give you food for thought. I know they've certainly made me think about how well I really listen to another person!

I often ponder over the nature of true human sincerity, transparency. It is a rare and difficult thing, and how much it depends on the person who is listening to us!

There are those who pull down the barriers and make the smooth: there are those who force the doors and enter our territory like invaders.

Then there are those who barricade us in, shut us in upon ourselves, dig ditches and throw up walls around us.

There are those who set us out of tune and then listen only to our false notes.

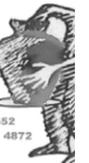
And of course, there are those for whom we always remain strangers, speaking an unknown tongue.

But, when it is our turn to listen,

WHICH OF THESE ARE WE?

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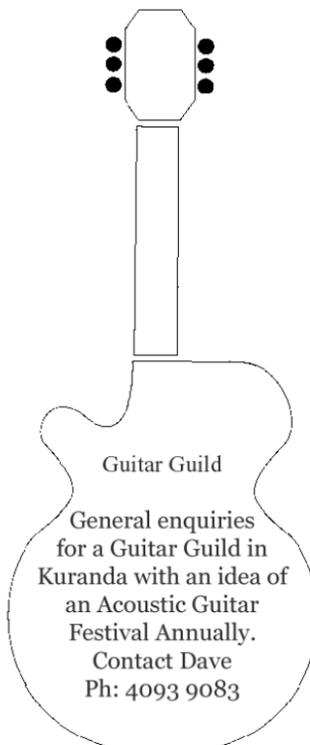


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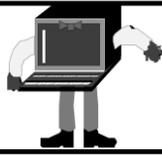
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KaZaA's file-sharing technology has been secretly
 packaged with a software component - presently dormant
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 And Altnet will offer that network to companies as
 computing power and storage space, potentially using
 millions of PCs worldwide.

Altnet will be activated in four to six weeks, linking
 member computers and using their hard drives to store
 files and their unused computing power for commercial
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Known as distributed computing, the system allows
 businesses to buy access to computer resources spread
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 2 million copies a week, millions of computers could
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The Computing Top 10 Sayings

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3. Too many clicks spoil the browse.
4. Oh, what a tangled Web site we weave when first we
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6. What boots up must come down.
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KURANDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Wasting away at Wonga

Year 8 students, teachers and parents returned to school exhausted after two very active days camping out at Wonga Beach, north of Mossman.

Fishing, beach volleyball, cricket, beachcombing and lots of swimming in the Pinnacle Village pool complex developed ravenous appetites and after an evening around the camp fire even a camp bed felt a little like five star.

Students were responsible for organising and pitching their own tents, catering for their own meals. Nobody starved from what I hear!



Speaking Out

The local round of the Rostrum Speaking Contest starts this week before our students go the Atherton High School on May 1 for their chance to speak in the Far North Queensland finals later this year.

Morgan Cochran will compete at a senior level while Cassie Chambers, Samara Stevens and Vanessa Pope compete against students from as far afield as Ravenshoe SS and Mt St Bernards College in the junior competition.

Our entrants are speaking on topics such as 'The Best Medicine' or 'The Heart of Australia'. **Good luck to our girls!**



Back to school but how its changed ...

Two generations of the Diamond family are studying side by side in a new look Year 12 programme for Post Compulsory students. Sherrienne Diamond and her son Sonny are taking the opportunity to study a range of subjects including Work Education, Computer Studies and Certificate 2 in Business and Information technology.

The programme is for local people who wish to study relevant, current programmes and gain nationally recognised certification in a flexible environment without leaving Kuranda. Enrolments are being taken now for Semester II.



Cross Country

Learning Team 5 holds the overall trophy for most points won at the 2002 Cross Country event. On a recently modified course including the infamous Torture Hill, Tasha Walker took line honours from Nadine Marquez and Hollie Davies in the 17 years girls while Jessie Lewis got a hurry on to win ahead of Chad Taylor and Elias Wright.

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My friends said "what a great idea", and "sounds like good fun, can't wait" when I issued dinner party invitations to a small group of special friends. I invited my girlfriends only and planned a late night party with a sleepover so we could enjoy a few drinks and not have to drive.

I asked our local Kuranda chef extraordinaire, Rozanna Wright (from Frogs) to cook for me, and Rozana and I planned what I refer to "as a grazing" ... where lovely food keeps coming from the kitchen in a pleasantly relaxed and unhurried fashion to accompany lots of chatter and refreshing wines. Rozanna produced a beautiful selection of Greek and middle eastern foods, antipastos, fresh dips, Turkish breads, minted lamb kebabs, Greek salads, spinach/feta triangles, pavlova, baked cheese cakes and a sri lankan orange & almond birthday cake/desert. Rozana and her friend, Kate, absolutely spoilt us, taking over my kitchen and cooking for several hours and quietly cleaning up before departing.

Somewhere during the coffees and hand-made chocolates several friends presented me with impromptu musical solos which will be remembered for their enthusiasm, beauty and soul.

My friends and I partied on until late, (this restaurant didn't close down after 10 pm) and swags and beds and camp mattresses materialised around the verandah and lounge room floors until the following morning.

I should not forget the excellent waitering provided by my very best friend, my husband, John, who looked after all my friends and cooked up a great batch of hot muffins and coffee for brekky on the verandah steps the next morning, where we started all over again, albeit a little more quietly.

Being accustomed to doing 'all the cooking' and rushing about for any previous celebrations in our family, I was somewhat lost during the afternoon prior to the arrival of my special friends. Looking back on the day, I felt I should be 'doing something' and getting organised instead of wandering about the garden, enjoying relaxed coffees and waiting for everything to start. Now, looking back..... I shall be looking for Rozanna's expertise more often, it was such a great way to have a good time.

Many thanks to my good friends.

Kathryn Edward



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This year the Kindergarten children have been learning to look after their belongings and make decisions for themselves. They were very interested in frogs, mollygrubs and worms. Our Pre Schoolers will extend their interest in life cycles of plants and creatures and will help set up our new veggie patch.

Contact 4093 8087

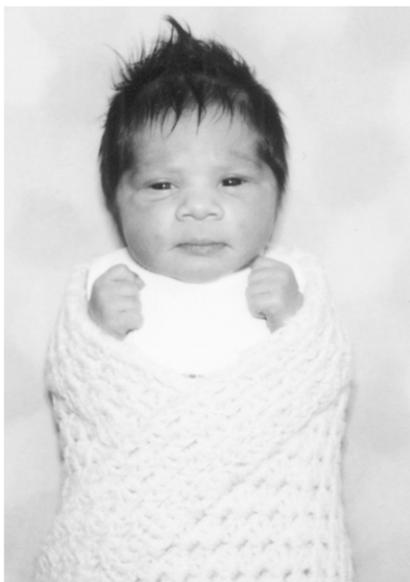
HYDROPONIC GARDENING by Jan Coulter

Well I have planted a new lot of tomatoes for the cool season. I only need six plants otherwise I have too much fruit. I am hanging out for some decent tomatoes., I never seem to work it that I have a continuous supply. The strawberries are now producing. I have them planted in half an irrigation pipe. The advantage of growing them like this is the fruit doesn't get dirty as it hangs over the side. It stops the fruit from rotting too. The lettuce are coming into their own now. I grow a lot of different varieties and they look like a flower garden. I don't eat all the lettuce I grow the chooks assist me. I am very busy but I have found that most plants survive on topping up once a day. They capillary feed so as long as the reservoir is topped up that's all they need. The exception to this is tomatoes, which are heavy feeders. I top them up twice a day. The strength of the nutrient is important with tomatoes. also the formula. If you fed tomatoes the same strength as lettuce they wouldn't grow. If lettuce were fed tomato strength they would be tough and bitter. I have had friends complain that they can produce plants but no tomatoes. This will happen if there is too much nitrogen in the formula. I mix my own formula and have relatively few problems, My bore water has calcium,,magnesium,, and other minerals in it too. For information Ph 4093 0394 or call in at the video shop.

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by Marjorie Spear 4093 7205

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Organic Gardening

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Kuranda Garden Club

We had a very interesting get together Sat 6th April (2nd of the month) at the Kuranda Environment Centre off Fallon Rd the home of Jax Bergersen. We saw hundreds of seedlings ready for future planting. It was very interesting and informative day. The Kuranda Garden Group always meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2.00 p.m. At the Home of Fay Copeland, Copeland Rd. Koah 11th May Everyone Welcome. Please bring a plate and a bag for cuttings. Anyone wanting to know more about the Garden Group, please phone *Marjorie Spear 4093 7205*.

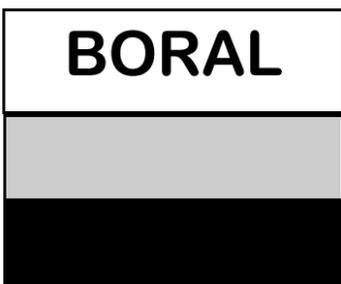
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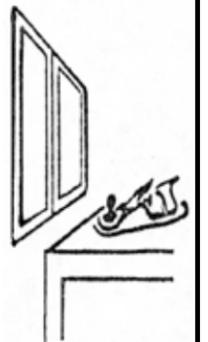
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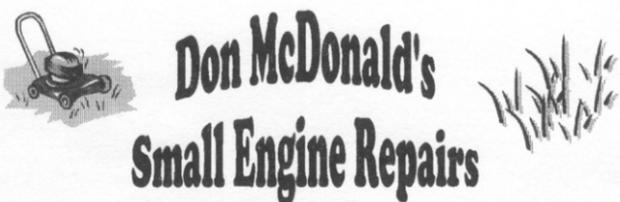
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WARTIME ARMY LIFE

I suspect that the army did me an enormous amount of good – and very little harm. Maybe all youths and maidens should spend a couple of years after school in the forces. Not everyone in the forces kills other people. In my times we were taught discipline, and the juxtaposing of 'rights' and 'obligations'. In fact, I enjoy recalling those days from time to time. In 1940, aged fifteen and living on the south coast of England, I watched the dogfights in the sky fought by the legendary Spitfires over the English Channel. I recall one enemy fighter crashed onto the Hampshire County Cricket Ground, in Bournemouth. Unlikely as it may seem, my first taste of 'action' was being told to report to the grounds in Boy Scout uniform, aged fifteen and guard the plane. By Christmas 1943, older and full of 'King and Country' stuff, I had volunteered and was enjoying (?) army life in Sauchiehall Barracks, Glasgow, a totally insalubrious spot. I vividly recall the row of twenty or more cracked toilets at the far side of the barracks, without lift-up seats or doors, but, surprisingly, with the old chain-pull. You just sat there, watching the soldiers (male and female) march across and around the square. And, more to the point, they watched you. The barracks (and Glasgow too, in those days) was a haven for vagabonds and cut-throats; a place where I learnt some aspects on life such as 'queers' and 'veille', and watched men 'working their tickets', that is, trying to get out of the army by appearing to be 'off their trees'. One amusing method I witnessed was when a soldier swung across the dining hall metal rafters (very low down, about ten feet off the ground just like a monkey), hanging from one hand and scratching under his armpit with the other. Another man (the queer, in fact), came on parade without his rifle but with an umbrella. On the command, 'Slope arms' this soldier raised his umbrella and unfurled it. The drill sergeant's comments taught me several new words in as many seconds. His ploy worked – he disappeared off the scene. Interestingly, the barracks had been condemned just after WWI, but obviously survived until WWII. They have long since been pulled down, perhaps to make way for a top class hotel.

I actually enjoyed the discipline of marching, drilling, keeping beds spotlessly tidy, polishing the studs under my boots, and firing rifles at targets. I was very good at this, which made a difference with the wretched sergeants who had to try to train us to shoot straight. We only fired at 25 yards range; not at all far, but plenty of bullets went zinging into the banks besides the targets. The language of the instructors was, of course, extremely colourful, and I began to wonder where I had been the last 17 years. I learnt fast. Although I avoid swearing these

days, except when I meet a feral or a government bureaucrat, the words were instilled into me like my army number – 14441811 – and I have them all at my tongue-tip. We were allowed out, and my adult training continued in the evening. Until I joined the army my upbringing had been Victorian/Edwardian – very, very strict. Modern teenagers would not have stood for it even one second. I recall going to a dance in army uniform (tough, unyielding material) and army boots – I had none other. The girls, short of men, reluctantly accepted this dangerous situation. But in my case the trouble lay in my education – nobody had bothered to teach me how to dance. I expect the modern army does that. My partner, plucked from the crowd at random, endured my efforts for a while until I trod heavily on her soft foot, whereupon she had me thrown out as being a danger to herself and others. Undeterred, I found myself at a Glaswegian party where the games all entailed a forfeit. These forfeits were modest compared with today's customs; but back then all that was necessary was to go outside into the hall and give the girl a kiss, or vice-versa. My forfeit was given to a girl who quickly drew her finger across her throat and told me "Ye ken all below ma throat is oot o' boons". It was my first kiss. Anyway, I obeyed. Later, in my bunk, I analysed the why's and wherefore's of her command. Life was a steep learning curve, and never a dull moment.

Being called 'a horrible little worm' by some monstrously large sergeant was offset by the pleasure of lining up for pay once a week. Your name having been called, you marched smartly forward to the table, saluted to the satisfaction of the officer, (some men found this action with hand and arm very difficult) and gave your name, rank and number in a clear voice, ending with 'Sir'. This brought the immediate reward of ten shillings – less the deduction, which was a sort of National Health deduction, returned to you at the end of a successful army career. I got about eight pounds sterling after my four years. You then clasped the loot tightly in your hand (left) saluted with your right, and 'fell out'. All very civilised. BUT THERE WAS MORE. Soldiers were issued with a round tin of Players Please cigarettes containing, I seem to recall, 50 of them – or was it 75? So I learnt another useful lesson – how to handle a cigarette. We nearly all smoked. If you ran out, you could buy Wills Windy Wiffs at the rate of ten for four pence halfpenny. I actually met one of the wealthy Wills family later on at the Royal Agricultural College. He told me these cigarettes were the sweepings off the factory floor from the Players Please, re-cycled in the best of modern traditions, and served up as the diminutive 'Wiff' – which they did! I told him

that we always kept a long pin stuck into the lapel of our tunics. We used it to smoke right down to the last centimetre by sticking the pin through the absolute end of the fag and holding the pin (and not the cigarette) to obtain the last delicious drag.

Much later, en route for Italy on the trains, we played a fascinating game at the various stations. Cigarettes were currency. The vendors who swarmed on the platforms when we stopped for a few minutes had watches to sell. We had cigarettes in a tin (with a lid) with which to buy the watches. As the train was departing, after furious haggling, and at the very last second, we handed over the tin of cigarettes (empty, of course) and in return got the watch (without any working parts, of course). All great fun; sometimes you actually made a win. Of course, we weighted the tins to make it appear they were full. At least the fags were our property. With petrol it was different. Army petrol floats on water, so the jerry cans were filled with water with just enough petrol on top to give it a petrol smell when the can was opened for inspection. The Iti's must have bought gallons of petrol water. I hope it never got into their tanks. A much more unpleasant trick was to commandeer the farmer's horses, sell them to another farmer, and then commandeer them again. I never tried the petrol or horse game; but I did have a go at the cigarette game once – and lost. There was plenty of this kind of behaviour, not very honest; but then neither is civilian life and behaviour all that honest either.

After Glasgow's eight week initial training I was sent to Strensall Barracks, near York, for Pre-OCTU training. (Officer-Cadet Training Unit). Having been selected for potential officer training in Glasgow the army wisely put all us cadets under further scrutiny during another eight-week course. If successful, this then led to the real officer training course, lasting the best part of a year. I was successful, and so in due course was posted to the Green Jackets' officers training depot in York itself. The officer i/c the pre-OCTU course bears mentioning. He was carefully selected. His name is Dwyn Bramall, and at that time, 1944, he was a Lieutenant. My brother served with him in France. After the war he became Field Marshall (and later, 'Lord') Bramall, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, which is, of course, the highest ranking officer in the British Army. I am quite proud to have been trained and selected by him to go on to York.

During the months leading up to 'D' Day I met my brother from time to time and, since he was an officer, saluted him with great vigour and pleasure. He returned my salute. It was a delicious second or two in wartime that was better than saluting a dozen Field-Marschals.

by Ron Elgar To be cont. next month.

Homeward Moon

They sat around a small blaze of dead branches in the night forest, feeling the giant presence of ancient trees around them, friendly, wise, and protective. Calypso snuggled into her sleepy puppy who seemed no worse for a long, amazing day. The rising moon, near full, slipped white rays between the golden fire patterns shimmering around them.

They had heard each other's stories, and now sat silently staring into the fire, recovering from the upheavals of a distressed Earth which had shaken off the oppressive warping and stretching of its energy lines. The trap was sprung, the prisoners freed, and Mariah assured them that at the critical moment of Shift, they had both thrown their magic into protecting the organic energy sheaths of her parents. 'The immobilising Web effectively put them in deep freeze,' Mariah had told her less experienced audience. 'We had to be sure they thawed gently, so to speak. The shock of awakening from such a Dream too suddenly might have shattered their nervous systems. When we felt the giant earth tremor release the energy pins, we felt the friendly cooperation of new and ancient magics, unfolding the distorted Web lines of imprisonment, effecting their release.' Jeremy, always intrigued by new energy technology, tried to probe a bit further.



'How--' he began, but Calypso's uncle was grinning at him so broadly he stopped, feeling foolish.

'It might be easier to start with the magic ye've learned, then we'll consider the gaps,' was the friendly offer. Jeremy's head lowered with thought, then lifted with a smile.

'I learned something about the Earth's magic--that it's ancient and powerful, and you can walk right by it and not notice it. We take everything for granted without understanding anything.' There were smiles of agreement all round.

'The dryad in the tree was very scornful of humans and their self-centered point of view,' put in Calypso.

'He saw us as animals who disturb the peace and harmony, and the deeper intelligence of the vegetable kingdom, who seem to know things without being told.' 'The interesting thing,' began Mariah seriously, 'is that we know a lot of things without being told, only we don't notice them.' Jeremy considered with a frown, then burst out. 'Of course! Case in point! Calypso KNEW by feeling that the nasty magic we were trying to undo was putting intolerable stresses on Earth itself as well as on her own emotions.'

She acted instinctively to join forces with it and shake off the unnatural strain, returning herself

with Earth's help to peace and original harmony.

'Nice and neat!' was Calypso's dry retort. 'But you weren't inside my skin when it happened. It was a bit messier than that. In fact it felt like everything was coming unglued into total chaos!'

'But you stuck with it,' insisted Jeremy. 'That took guts and a lot of faith in something.' 'As if I had any choice!' Calypso winced at the memory. 'It felt like I'd grabbed hold of something huge when I dug my fingers into the dirt, and the whole warped energy of the earth was inside of me, pushing me around like it had been pushed--out of shape! I couldn't stand it! So I pushed back with whatever was inside of me. That's all.' She shrugged her shoulders.

'There's always something almost inevitable about the final moment of a magic act,' Mariah remarked, turning to her partner.

'Ye'd be feelin' the pieces of the puzzle fitting into place--is that it?' Angus smiled. 'Like it couldn't be any other way, once ye've gotten on the right track. And it's all a matter of feelin' which is the right track for the energy to flow as it wants to.' He nodded at Jeremy who was grinning in agreement.

'It's like everything and everyone has a certain way--or energy--that's natural to it.' Jeremy's face was bright with comprehension. 'And our intuition tells us--' Uncle Angus interrupted.

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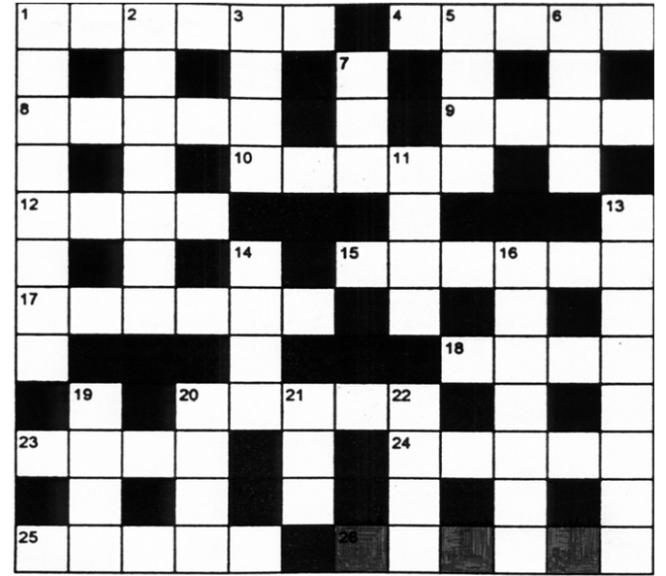
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Across

- 1 & 7down. A Kuranda 8 Ball venue. (6,3)
- 4. His year at Mantaka.
- 8. Radiation from most of a 15 across steak.
- 9. Tree part sounds mechanical.
- 10. Might find a designer one at New To You.
- 12. Smallest part of that omelette.
- 15. Humbug pig at Frogs?
- 17. Taipan certainly is.
- 18. The edge of a local family?
- 20. Loamy suburb up the Barron.
- 23. Source of Coffee Shop beverage.
- 24. Smoked or roasted.
- 25. Village retail site no rival for Eiffel!

Down

- 1. Small bit of the Barron at Kowrowa? (3,5)
- 2. Balm too is just a lottery.
- 3. Rock found on the corner opposite Billy's.
- 5. Mouth examination at Kuranda Medical Centre?
- 6. Loony Poets could put one on.
- 7. (See 1 across above).
- 11. Dutch treat at the Foodstore.
- 13. Loony Poets usual state.
- 14. Mudslingers material.
- 16. A straight shooting cocktail from Fitzies.
- 19. No gas about this palm.
- 20. Offensive bit of nutmeg.
- 21. Emu, goanna, neem or rose?
- 22. Sounds like a bottle is slightly open.



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