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Movie and Family Fun Night

Who said Kuranda was lacking great fun activities for families of young children!! Come and experience a fun filled night time event on Saturday 15 October from 5.30pm when the C&K Kuranda Community Kindergarten presents Under the Stars: Movie and Family Fun Night. This event caters to families of kindy and primary school aged children, with memorable entertainment, cheap yummy food, and heaps of fun activities.

Bring your rugs (or chairs), family and friends, and get comfy under the stars at the Kuranda Recreation Centre on Fallon Road for a special outdoor big screen experience of Disney and Pixar Animations Studio's brilliant Short Story Collections. We are also really excited to have Kassowary Circus perform their new acrobatic show.

Our fun filled program includes 13 short movie masterpieces that are perfect for all ages, fire shows, glow tents, and lots of silly games for kids (and adults). To add to the night time fun, cool glow sticks will be on sale.

Make a night of it because there's a menu of fabulous affordable movie food including Kuranda Cyber Café pizza, Sausage Sizzle (vegetarians catered for), popcorn and hot chocolate. The Kuranda Recreation Centre are also running their bar to keep the dads happy.

Now we mentioned games before, and you may have to get a little silly, but your kids will think it's excellent (or embarrassing, depending on their age)! Come dressed as your favourite movie star and you could win a great prize!

Doors open: 5.30pm. Finish: 8.30pm. Entry: \$15 per family, \$4 per person & children under three free. For more info call the Liz on 0414 661 942.

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COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

Feedback On Fig Trees

It was with great interest and some concern that I read the front cover story on the Coondoo Street figs. I am pleased that the council recognises the importance and value of these icons of Kuranda and is prepared to spend a considerable sum of money on their preservation. I don't doubt the good intentions and integrity of people who have been involved, but as a professional horticulturist with over thirty five years experience I disagree with the assessment and recommendations of the report.

Firstly I think that the trees having 'a short lifespan due to the growing conditions' is not necessarily true. They are essentially growing in containers, and having grown many species of figs as Bonsai I feel I can safely say that they can adapt to their growing conditions and live for an indefinite period if their nutritional needs are met. Figs are gross feeders with a high demand for nitrogen; their roots naturally spread over the forest floor in a thick layer of leaf mulch. In their current situation they have almost no sources of nitrogen available to them and I believe this is the main cause of their lack of vigour. This could be easily and economically remedied in any number of ways.

I am glad to see that the editor corrected the description of the epiphytes as parasitic. I would hope that the arborist who wrote the report also understood the distinction. Epiphytes are a natural and perhaps even beneficial part of the ecology of large fig trees. A visit to the Cathedral Fig near Lake Barrine should be enough to convince even a casual observer that large figs occur as a whole community of plants and animals, rather than discrete individuals. Of course, large basket ferns at the end of long skinny limbs have the potential to be a falling hazard, but I hope that the epiphytes will be assessed on an individual basis and not all removed as a matter of course.

If I read it correctly, I understand that the council has rejected the recommendations to remove trees, either now or every 5 to 8 years, and the council is to be greatly commended for this approach.

I would be concerned about what the 'more suitable species' would be if they were replaced; I guess ones that aren't as 'messy'. Figs by their nature produce and drop a lot of fruit and this is what makes them so important to local ecologies.

At the time of writing, many of the trees have just produced a big flush of healthy new growth. Managed properly, I believe the trees have the potential to outlive us all.

Les Anwyl, Kuranda



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Social Housing

Steve Wettenhall, Member for Barron River, lauded his considerable achievements over the last five years (KP Sep 11).

Steve said "a local action plan is being developed and I am confident that I will be able to secure additional funding to address the need for housing in Kuranda".

With only five homes built in the Kuranda region over the last fifteen years it is quite churlish of Steve to assert "it is a pity some media chose only to focus on the negative and ignore the progress being made".

Steve has avoided addressing my letters (KP May & July) on the *lack of progress of the "massive roll-out of social housing across the state. This "massive roll-out" announced in Jan 10 includes 260 for FNQ (four electorates) by 2012.* Barron River has 37 units being constructed at Palm Cove and Trinity Park (and none for Kuranda region), leaving 223 for Mulgrave, Cairns and Cook electorates.

So I ask Steve to stop ducking and weaving and respond to a simple question – how are the 260 housing units in FNQ allocated between these four electorates?

I don't want to start this process all over again in 2012 with the next local member.

Barry Hodson, Kuranda

Note: See article on page 4. Ed.

Obstructions at Traffic Lights



Can we please not attach signs to the traffic-light intersection into Kuranda? On two separate occasions a car has turned wrongly across the traffic when these signs have been present, flapping in the wind and put at eye-level. The last incident had two vehicles backing up to avoid a collision. As more traffic is now using our roads, we all need to promote a safe driving environment.

Gayle, Warril Drive

A Subtle Agenda?

Further to my letter recently about misinformation about Cassowaries, have I stumbled on Envirocare and assorted greenies' subtle agenda to make Kuranda the Mission Beach of the mountains? I refer to their obsession of planting Cassowary food trees in and around Kuranda with the object to lure wild Cassowaries from the surrounding rainforest into and around town. You can see they are already planning their agenda for Kuranda with their (the law is on our side) attack on domestic dogs at the same time ignoring dingoes. In the not so distant future you will see many speed bumps on the roads to control local traffic and all this in the name of conservation. If they were genuine they would be planting food trees where the birds actually live and NOT in the town area!!!

Clem Wright, Koah

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Census Letter to the Community

As everyone is aware the Census was held on Tuesday night, 9th August and involved our entire community. This mammoth job was undertaken by local people who live here amongst us. These people set about a very daunting task with pride and commitment in recognition of the benefits that the results can and will generate for this community.

On the whole they found their job interesting, challenging and on some occasions very enlightening. They had the pleasure of meeting the best of you and also the not so "best". It was a challenging task they did and on very low pay, with dedication and commitment.

To our community who responded positively we thank you as you demonstrated your positive attitude to your community in the understanding of what the Census could do. To the householders out there who responded by doing their Census online we thank you most of all. Your contribution to lightening your collectors workload was greatly appreciated, not to mention your responsible attitude towards our environment by reducing their petrol consumption and the additional pollution.

To Suzie and the team who undertook the collections for the Kowrowa/Mantaka/Mona Mona and local Kuranda peoples – your people and community owe you much. You are the team who has produced the hard facts that can and will be required when you request more and better facilities and housing for your people. You now have all the evidence you need to support your claims. Your community will be all the better for it in the long run, as there is no government department that can now claim lack of figures to substantiate your claims. I thank you greatly. Your results were outstanding.

To those in this community who failed to co-operate for whatever reasons, you have missed the easiest, most credible and most cost effective means for better facilities and services for this area – your home turf. If in the future you wish to challenge matters in this community by calling "wolf", can I say you question your reasons and your methods, as your actions leave you highly questionable in your legitimacy in making your claim/statements.

In total this community can be very proud of the outcome it has been instigational in producing. Your attitude and support has been wonderful so, on behalf of my team (who I can't commend highly enough), I and we thank you.

**Cheryl Tonkin,
Area Supervisor for the Census**

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Marc's Tourism Tweets

Great Train Race To Return

Plans are underway for next Cairns 2 Kuranda Great Train Race in June 2012. Race organisers Alan and Andrea Courtney are very excited about the next event as they have already had expressions of interest from overseas contestants. Marc Sleeman presented a plaque to Alan and Andrea to commemorate the inaugural event and to thank them for their amazing efforts.

The Cairns 2 Kuranda Great Train Race is an excellent vehicle to showcase Kuranda village and is designed to deliver additional visitors to the village. Next year Tourism Kuranda will be including some evening activities to encourage all the contestants and families to overnight in the village. Marc is pictured presenting the commemorative plaque to Alan and Andrea.



Discover a Turtle

Keep the kids active in the school holidays with one of the many walks around Kuranda where they will discover exciting things such as the turtles in Jum Rum Creek. From the Visitor Information Centre three linked paths form an easy circuit walk through the rainforest in Kuranda Village which takes only an hour for the family to do at a leisurely pace.

The Jum Rum Creek walk follows a short paved path past the fire station on Coondoo Street to the Jum Rum Creek Conservation Park where it winds through rainforest, crosses Jum Rum Creek, and then climbs to Barron Falls Road. At this point it connects to the Jungle Walk, which continues through rainforest to the River Walk beside the Barron River. The River Walk follows the riverbank to the railway station where a staircase links the walk to Coondoo Street, 500 metres from the Visitor Information Centre.

Boost for Busking

Buskers will be flocking to Kuranda after concerns about the high costs of public liability insurance and the red tape involved in applying for a permit have been addressed by the Tablelands Regional Council. The new rules will streamline the application process through the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre and make it easier for buskers to hit the streets of Kuranda village and bring back the vibe that Kuranda is famous for.

Cruising into the Village

The expedition cruise ship Orion arrives in Cairns on September 21 with a crew of 75 and the capacity for 106 guests. Many of the guests will be travelling to Kuranda on Skyrail and the train before they return aboard to travel south through the Great Barrier Reef. Kuranda is an integral part of many day trip itineraries for cruise ships visiting the region as guests enjoy the festive feel in Kuranda. This year, 33 cruise ships will arrive in Cairns carrying more than 22,000 passengers, with an additional nine visits by larger cruise liners scheduled to moor off Yorkeys Knob.

Get Ready to Party

The next major event for our Village in the Rainforest and the final one for the year is Kuranda Day, which is being held on Sunday, October 23. It is the date of the official survey of the village back in 1888. The day will include the annual Bash of the Barron River Raft Race, music in Centenary Park and a day of fun and festivity celebrating everything that makes Kuranda such an amazing place.

Spot the Local

The new Kuranda television commercial is almost ready to hit the small screen and will be launched to promote Kuranda Day. There are quite a few local faces in the commercial so make sure you keep your eyes out for it next month.

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Kuranda Day 23 OCTOBER 2011

The next major event for the village is "Kuranda Day" which is being held on the 23rd October 2011 and celebrates our official survey date – 23rd October 1888.

"Kuranda Day" is organised by Tourism Kuranda and is a day to celebrate everything that makes Kuranda such an amazing and vibrant village.

Marty & Jess from Hot FM will be in Kuranda on the 23rd October holding an Outside Broadcast and some of the other activities include:

- Bash of the Barron River Raft Race Challenge (photo below from last year)
- Lingerie Fashion Parade which will be held at the original markets showcasing local designers.
- German Tucker Sausage eating competition • Busking in the village
- Street Performers (stilt walkers)
- Live music in the Park (Koahlition)
- Local School Brass Bands
- Circus workshops
- Jumping castles
- Horse Carriage Rides
- Pony rides
- Massive Lolly Hunt!
- Face Painting
- Magic Show



Annual General Meeting

Saturday 1st October 9.30am

(back of Kuranda Fire Station, Coondoo Street)

DON'T FORGET THE KMA AGM.

If you are a current member of KMA you are urged to attend the AGM.

Only members financial as at 1 October 2011 are eligible to vote at the AGM.

Refreshments provided by Kuranda CWA will be served at the completion of AGM business.





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Neighbourhood Centre News October 2011

New Lifeline Counselling for Children: Lifeline will be adding to their counselling services they deliver to Kuranda with the introduction of counselling for children and young people. We are still sorting out the day they will be here – possibly on Tuesday or Thursday. Please contact the Centre to find out more details and the exact day for appointments. This joins the Generalist Counselling (Wednesdays) and Financial Counselling (Mondays) services they have been providing.

Kuranda Pedestrian, Traffic and Parking Study: Bitzios Consulting are conducting a community consultation and traffic study of Kuranda. There will be information, a poster and box for suggestions located at various places across Kuranda, including KNC – so please make sure you have your say!

Furniture Exchange: Thank you for recent donations of household furniture. We have a growing list of needed items, so if you have anything you are replacing or getting rid of, please contact Ceri or myself on 40938933 – Thanks! We would particularly like to thank our two new volunteers, Rick and Jill Benwell who are assisting with furniture pick up and drop off – Thank You!

Step Forward: Step Forward is a relapse prevention program that identifies the change cycle to assist people modify behaviours that are causing ongoing negative consequences in their lives. The program is by Ceri Hughes and myself with face to face counselling available through an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service (ATODS) counsellor upon referral. The next program commences on Wednesday 2nd March from 10.30–12.30 weekly for four weeks. Referral is necessary – please contact us to find out more or fill in a referral form. The program is strictly confidential and we do not even need to know what behaviour you are seeking to change.

No Interest Loan Scheme: NILS is a no fee, no interest loan for low income earners to purchase an essential household item in an affordable and responsible way. For more information on eligibility and processes please call to make an appointment at KNC on 40938933.

Mahjong: Please remember also that we have a Mahjong games group on Wednesday afternoons – beginners welcome, 1.00–4.00pm. Please come along and have a go – there are also advanced players for those who desire a more challenging game.

— *Marg Yandell, Coordinator*

The Management Committee and Staff of the
KURANDA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
would like to invite you to attend our
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 17 October 2011 at 6.00pm – 6 Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda

Refreshments will be provided • Please RSVP by 10 October on 4093 8933
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\$7 million for Indigenous Housing in Kuranda

A partnership between a local Indigenous community housing organisation and the Queensland Government will result in new homes and existing homes being renovated in Kuranda.

Steve Wettenhall MP today (23 September) announced \$4 million in Queensland Government funding to build 16 new homes on land owned by Ngoonbi Cooperative Society (Ngoonbi). These homes will be owned and managed by Ngoonbi under the One Social Housing System.

A further \$3 million in funds will be spent upgrading and refurbishing Ngoonbi's existing 24 rental properties, many of which are 30-40 years old. These funds have been provided by the Commonwealth Government under their Indigenous Community Housing Organisation funding.

Mr Wettenhall said that as a result of the partnership, Ngoonbi would now operate its housing service as a community housing provider under the One Social Housing Scheme.

Transitioning to the One Social Housing Service means Ngoonbi will have support from Queensland Government's Department of Communities to assist with tenancy management, maintenance, and links to support services.

"I know that overcrowding and unsuitable accommodation is a critical issue in Kuranda, with a growing demand for affordable housing for Indigenous peoples in the area," Mr Wettenhall said.

"That is why I am committed to working with Indigenous Community Housing Organisations, such as Ngoonbi, to access available Federal and Queensland Government funding to build the number and quality of long-term community housing to reduce overcrowding in the region.

"The \$4 million in Queensland Government funding will target the construction of seniors and two-bedroom units to provide senior and single people with suitable homes.

"This housing development will also improve access to health services, education and employment opportunities for people living in settlements outside of Kuranda.

"The Queensland Government is committed to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Queenslanders and we understand that improved housing is an essential building block in achieving this."

"This new funding is a major step forward however I will continue to work with the community to achieve further improved housing options for local people."

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Gardening in Kuranda



October and, by now, the Winter sleepers should be emerging – Caladiums, Globbas and some of the more heat-loving gingers and Alocasias. Application of a general fertiliser well watered in will boost growth and flower production around the garden and again mulching will conserve moisture until the rains come and also provide cover against soil compaction when the predicted heavier than usual Wet begins.

The frantic drama of bush turkey nesting continues apace and the emergence of grasshoppers and other leaf-munchers is upon us, ditto the bloody horse-flies. The Kuranda Garden Group, meeting monthly, is the ideal opportunity for both the keen gardener and particularly, the newcomer to tropical gardening, to see how it's done and share commiserations about bandicoot bandits, pesky pademelons and the awful Alectura.

Plant of the Month

Brunfelsia: formerly called *Franciscea* and often commonly called "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" or "Morning, Noon and Night" as many in this genus of about 40 species of neotropical shrubs and small trees have flowers that change colour as they age. Brunfelsias are in the family Solanaceae and all parts of these plants are poisonous.

Leaves are alternate and simple, with shapes generally elliptic to ovate with large five petal tubular flowers which in many species, are highly perfumed particularly in the evening.

Of easy cultivation, preferring full to half-day sun, good drainage and average soil, with tip pruning most can be kept to manageable size and also make excellent hedging or large potted specimens.

Most commonly seen is *Brunfelsia bonodora* (syn. *B. australis*, *B. latifolia*) (pictured) which has masses of violet, lilac and white scented flowers. A look-a-like *Brunfelsia*, *B. pauciflora* (syns. *B. calycina*, *B. eximia*), has similar looking flowers and is also sold as Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow, but the flowers have no perfume. As being difficult to tell apart, smell before you buy!

My personal favourite is *B. americana* with its repeat blooming, small clusters of large white fading to cream flowers intoxicatingly perfumed in the evening. However there are many others of significant garden worthiness that are sometimes available including: *B. brasiliensis*, *B. chiricampi*, *B. densifolia*, *B. grandiflora*, *B. nitida*, *B. splendida*, *B. undulate* and *B. uniflora*. The Friends of the Flecker Botanical Gardens Plant Sales are a great source of well grown and excellently priced, more difficult to obtain, species.

Most are readily grown from cutting taken in the warmer months and respond well when established to regular feeding.





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Q @ A. *Dear James*, N-P-K refers to the ratio of the major elements in fertilisers where N stands for nitrogen, responsible for strong stem and foliage growth, P for phosphorus, which assists healthy root growth, flower and seed production and K stands for potassium, responsible for improving overall health and disease resistance. NPK ratios vary from product to product and you need to think about the plant's requirement and what you are wanting to boost. One sound dictum with applying fertiliser in any form is less more frequently than more, less frequently. This applies particularly when fertilising tender or ailing plants, seedlings and house plants. The consequence of overdosing, just as with humans, can prove fatal.

While some native plants including a few *Grevilleas* are extremely sensitive to any significant presence of phosphorous in the soil, most Australian native plants respond well to a regular fertiliser regime. While paying a little more, there are specially formulated fertilisers for use on specific plants, e.g. citrus, houseplants, roses and Australian native formula.

Dear Jean, An easy-to-care-for miniature garden for your mum in the retirement village, requiring minimum space and care would be mounted Tillandsias or potted *Cryptanthus*. The Tillandsias could be mounted with Liquid Nails on well washed drift wood and hung in a window receiving morning sun and only requiring regular misting. Small shallow bowls provide ample room for good displays of *Cryptanthus* in their highly coloured starfish forms and again require minimum maintenance. Again bright light is necessary to maximise and retain colour. These plants provide a lasting alternative to the usual cut flowers and the ubiquitous orchid – a dream in flower but rather uninspiring the rest of the time. Both suggested plant families are readily available at local markets at most reasonable prices and given their varying forms, you may find Mother re-engaging with her old collector-self once again.

*For plant sourcing, identification or general questions, contact Alectura
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**Kuranda
Garden
Club Inc.**

Kuranda Garden Club Outing on 1st October

We have arranged a very special garden to visit in October, the garden of Marie and Kurt Roth near Bellenden Ker. Their garden is featured in the September edition of **Better Homes and Gardens** on page 56, and won **Great Australian Gardens** ten years ago.

The garden includes a range of tropical planting, such as heliconias, gingers, crotons, cordylines, water lilies, with Balinese and Japanese areas.

Meet at about 1.40pm on the side of the Bruce Highway in Deeral, about 20km south of Gordonvale. We aim to leave there in convoy for the last 4km at about 1.50pm, to be there at two. We recommend that you leave Kuranda no later than 12.00 in order to arrive in time.

Graham and David are going to have lunch on the way at the Gordonvale Hotel, the old pub on the corner of Norman and Cannon Streets. Anyone who wants to join us there at about 12 noon will be most welcome.

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As of NOW the Community Farmers Market will be open every:
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Kuranda can truly become **a leading example** for our wider region and Australia as a whole.

Extra community info booklets and mandates available at Recharge Kuranda

Upcoming Recharge Events:

23, 24, 25 September: The Great Embrace Meditation Nights start at 6.00pm

25 September: Kick up 'party' Fluoride-Free Kuranda 3.00pm–5.00pm

2 & 9 October: Fluoride-Free Community Steering Group meeting starts at 3.00pm at Original Markets. All welcome.

Contact:

rechargekuranda@gmail.com • 0488 552 671

www.rechargekuranda.org

Kuranda Pedestrian, Traffic and Parking Study

Tablelands Regional Council has engaged Bitzios Consulting to undertake a pedestrian, parking and traffic study for the Kuranda village. The purpose of this study is to undertake a technical assessment of existing traffic and transport issues around Kuranda village and to then identify and prioritise improvement measures for pedestrians, traffic and parking. The study's recommendations will then be considered by Tablelands Regional Council for funding and implementation.

As part of the study we have called on the public to provide comments on what they perceive as issues and areas of improvements for pedestrian, traffic and parking provisions around the village. If you have not already provided comment and would like to, comments can be made by the following means:

- Email: kuranda@bitziosconsulting.com.au; or
- Post: Kuranda Study, PO Box 5102, Q Super Centre Mermaid Waters Qld 4218

Details on the previously identified issues are available online via Council's website or at the Kuranda Library, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, Kuranda Post Office and Ngoonbi Co-Operative Society for review and comment until the 14th October, 2011.

Findings from the 'Issues Identification' phase of the study will be presented to Council and used to determine proposed recommendations, with further public consultation on potential improvements during November, 2011.

For more information about the study please visit: <http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/my-community/kuranda-community> or phone 1300 362 242.

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the Arts Page

Art of Vision

Kuba Fiedorowicz

I remember watching my dad draw metamorphosing humanoid insects and my eager desire to learn and follow the path of the artist. As a child I had a life changing dream in which I experienced firsthand the love, truth and eternal nature of the omnipotent and omnipresent Creator. Art became a means of catharsis and later a language for translating the journeys of the spirit. After studying art at uni I headed to Europe in search of the trail of the Old and the New Masters and to retrace my own family roots. While in Vienna, the city where I'd been conceived, I was 'led' to an experience of unity consciousness. Looking into the light refracted within an insect's wing I felt all time and space crescendo into a single point then collapse into the present moment. The experience showed me my place within the unity of creation and the illusion of death. Two days later I was on a train headed for Klagenfurt where I began a 5 month apprenticeship with an Austrian artist and founder of the Vienna School of Fantastic Realism, Prof. Ernst Fuchs. Ernst had been commissioned to paint the Apocalypse Chapel, a series of murals depicting scenes from the book of revelation, painted in a section of the 1000 year old Church of St. Egid.

Upon returning to Melbourne I landed a job as a picture framer and restorer and met a woman whom I later married. Soon after our meeting we began receiving channellings from inter-dimensional beings. One particular day we received a message from Adam Kadmon, the Universal Man. He told us that we had a soul contract to complete which we'd agreed upon prior to incarnating. It involved painting an image called 'The Vine of Adam'. A journey of personal healing began, using the tools of various healing modalities to expand our consciousness and to release the old patterns. Following our intuition we eventually embarked upon a trip to Jordan and Israel. Last year after the Winter Solstice Festival I moved to Far North Queensland and settled into the lush landscape of Kuranda. In June



Kuba painting a mural at the Original Markets

I flew to Bali for the 'Alchemy of Art Retreat' - to pass on the egg tempera and oil painting techniques I'd been taught by my teacher Ernst Fuchs. At the moment I'm working on the final stages of a book - 'The Vine of Adam', an account of the events which led to these experiences.

Each Saturday we'll be hosting live painting sessions at the Original Markets Recharge Kuranda Farmer's and Artist's Market hub. Local artists are invited to set up an easel and share their visions with the public.

Namaste :))

Kuba Fiedorowicz

0467 890 331

email:melbournemind@gmail.com

Loony Poets' Full Moon Night



Loony Poets, Friday November 4,
doors open 7:30
Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage.
...see you there, if you dare!



Vine of Adam - Kuba Fiedorowicz

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Kuba at work

see kurandapaper.com for coloured pics

ALL IS ART

Fantastic Realism! And what a really fantastic art form it is too. Isn't it great to see so many different art styles happening today; unlike the bad old days when you had to wait years for change, now you can do it yourself! I just heard of one called New Sensitivity. Well I won't get snagged on that one again. I'm into Super Naturalism these days. With so many options, so much going on, surely the academics will run out of labels. Those who come along after the event, and try to make sense of it, will come to the limits of their ordered minds, then they may understand. Anyhow, in the meantime we oughta just get on with the job of creation, and let the Neo Analysts come along later and tell us their stories. I guess it's their stories that make it pay, but who gets rich, and who is wealthy? So long Art Lovers, watch out for the Super Naturalists, seren



President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,

The launch of the Amphitheatre's 30th year may have been on the light side as far as attendance goes, but it was certainly a memorable night. Each act was high quality, kept the audience entertained all night and most attained another gig out of it. Thankyou to everyone who pitched in to help make it a great night, the cake was fabulous!

October is looking to be a very busy month at the Understage with some new bands lined up to entertain us. Come along and check them out.

8th Oct - Mettaphor

9th Oct - Kuranda Acoustic

15th Oct - Vikarious

29th Oct - Kathryn Hartnett and band

4th Nov - Loony Poets

See the Music Page for more information.

There wasn't a quorum at the last General Meeting, so we're giving it another go on the 8th October in the Top Shed.

In 2010 members called for KAS Constitutional change. Several meetings and workshops have been held to facilitate

these changes. This has now been finalised and ready for acceptance by members.

A Special General Meeting is scheduled for 8th October, 4pm followed by a General Meeting, to be held in the Top Shed.

Attending meetings is necessary for members, and potential members, to become informed on the future plans for the Amphitheatre and an opportunity to have input to these plans. Hope to see you there.

Zdenek Styk has had to leave his position of Bookings Officer for personal reasons. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Zdenek for his contribution to the Amphitheatre and the management committee over the last four years, and wish him well in his new endeavours.

We would like to welcome James Warner to the position of Bookings Officer. James is well known in the regional music industry, and a new member of the Amphitheatre team.

info@kurandaamphitheatre.org

Cheers, Mandy



Film grant for Amphitheatre 30th birthday celebrations



arts access statewide...

Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Inc. would like to express their gratitude to the Queensland Arts Council for giving us a Quick Response Grant for Mr. Peter McCabe to film and edit happenings around our 30th Birthday Celebrations. The grant enables Pete to teach two indigenous youth techniques in camera use and editing.

All of this, of course, adds to our memorabilia collection.

When all of the events are over, and the editing done, there will be a small film night in the Understage where the film will be shown, with talks by the participants on their experience. The date for this is not set at this point, so please look out for posters.

Diana Monaghan (Grants Officer)

Recharge Kuranda

The new groove in the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets neighbourhood is 'Recharge Kuranda', a community hub where 'it has all been happening' since their allocation there around three months ago. 'Recharge Kuranda' is a transition towns initiative (www.transition-network.org/) which focuses on local community resilience and wellbeing in essential life areas such as food, water, energy, transport, buildings and infrastructure, heart and soul and health and other aspects of life we all share. It's all about co-creating together a beautiful vision for our region for our children and their children's children.

The recharge hub is the home of 'real foods network', a foodbox system which gathers beautiful fresh locally grown produce from our regions farmers, much of which is organic or biodynamic, and all of which is from 'your local farmers'. Realfoods is the hub's host, open four days a week, thursday friday saturday and sunday, with fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables, and is a pick-up/delivery/information space for the local foodbox system, which is just one of the solutions in the transition towns resilient community plan around the world.

Recharge has been gathering interested Locals to put forward their ideas and visions for the way we wish to 'grow from here' for the councils proposed 30 year plan. The work done through these meetings and resulting in a strong document has been appreciated by some council and community members for its creative foresight and thoroughness, and all input has been greatly appreciated - thank you.

Other activities have included support for the re-activation for the kuranda community peace gardens, now growing beautifully. Come and have a play in the garden with us, hosting sensitive permaculture, living archi-

ture, fire birthing network events, amongst others. Alanna Moore, renowned for her geomancy and dowsing work 'installed' a 'tower of power' in the community gardens at her workshop, and each full moon and new moon there is a gathering to initiate the new beginnings for the gardens and to 'recharge' the tower of power. Original Markets artist Hannah created the bejewelled top to the tower, and it is in the process of being painted by the children. Movies that Matter is a regular event at the hub, with an interesting collection of informative documentaries which build our knowledge on 'how' to reach for resilience, and also on why getting together and connecting our passions/gifts/abilities and resources at this time is a step in the right direction. Koa Windsong has been sharing his expansive bushfood and weaving knowledge, and Polly Higgins recently recharged us all on her world tour to establish 'ecocide' as a crime. Everyone who attended had a life-changing experience. The current clean, clear water campaign "Flouride Free Kuranda" also flows thru the Hub, assisting the activation of a People's Mandate, which needs all of us to participate, so thank you for having your voice heard, or please ask for further information.

Recharge Kuranda looks forward to meeting you, and to celebrating our community as it grows through the coming changes, respectfully and with awareness of how our actions impact on our own health and wellbeing and that of others, on our environment and therefore the global environment, and how to up-skill ourselves to joyfully co-create a strong, healthy, resilient community for generations to come. Open thursdays fridays and saturdays and sundays, with community garden activities on the full and new moons, or any time you have some time to play in the peace gardens. Kuranda has so many wonderful, gifted, talented people, and active community niche's...how will our visions be if we can bring us all together...what can we co-create from unity consciousness...Get into the new groove...re-igniting community spirit.



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THE PEOPLES EXPO

Venue: KANGAVENTURE Kuranda
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Sweet Leaf is an exciting new addition to the thriving hub that is attracting new life in the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets. We offer a peaceful and energizing atmosphere overlooking quaint gardens, and the laughter & fun of Mini Golf. Delicious, fresh, nutritious meals are served with a range of quenching drinks that hope to satisfy village locals and travellers alike.

A seasonal blackboard menu offers new fare as the fruits and vegetables of our local area grow and change. Coconuts are served as drinks and made into many tasty dishes.

Wholesome foods full of flavor, friendly service and healthy choices...all strive to provide you with a delightful and satisfying experience. Our foods are Organic where possible, preservative free and vegetarian.

The majority of our menu is dairy free, gluten free and is totally delicious! We use nature's whole foods; grains, legumes, fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds and superfoods. Our oils are all cold pressed, foods are seasoned with herbs, spices and Himalayan salt...but don't forget the main ingredient of a healthy meal...LOVE! We are happy to share with you our passion...to live healthy, Wealthy and Wise! To share good food and good times amongst loved ones.

Opening on October 1st, *Sweet Leaf* will be open from 9am to 3pm Wednesday to Sunday.

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MUSIC PAGE



What's On at the Amphi

The 30th Year Celebrations continue at the Amphitheatre in October with an awesome line-up of live entertainment in the Understage. On Saturday 8th October, vibrant duo **mettaphor** will be performing for one night only.

mettaphor

"A soulful lyrical nu jazz experience"

mettaphor are on a mission to make 100% original feel good music... smooth funk, sublime & hip, jazzy vox, alto & soprano sax, guitar grooves over chilled beats. **Nu jazz** is just a label for the musical train **metaphor** rides around the world on from home town Sunshine Coast Qld to Europe, NZ, USA and back to the national frontline playing shows in towns and cities across Australia.

"Inspired by the funk of Maceo Parker, the smooth of St Germain, the sublime Joss Stone or the very hip Prince and all things groove and **mettaphor** remain a whole lot like themselves".

Kaeleen Hunter & Angelika Heinrich are the collaborative artistic force of **mettaphor**. To whet your appetite check them out at www.mettaphor.com

Kuranda Acoustic is staging the third of their six part series of artists' performances, this month featuring "Shells" on Sunday 9th October.

These monthly performances feature a FREE workshop prior to the entertainment on the day. (Check out article below for more details).

Vikarious

"Welcome back to the Understage"

Saturday 15th October

Vikarious, well known & beloved, and always a favourite with Kuranda audiences, is a live acoustic trio often accompanied by guest musicians.

Elias Wright fronts the line up on vocals & percussion backed by the choppy acoustic style of **Zdenek Styk** on guitar, keys & vocals, and a smooth bass sound & vocals of **Josiah Rusch**. Their repertoire spans the ages with contemporary tunes & some old favourites too. Don't miss this great night!

The entertainment continues on Saturday, the

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29th October with **Kathryn Hartnett and her band.**

Kathryn's folk/roots/rock songs have an intensity and a depth that is firmly stamped on her debut EP **"Apple of Desire"**. Her vitality is matched by her voice, spirited, and above all vital. She's always ecstatic to be on stage.

Her love of Oz artists like *Missy Higgins*, *The Waifs* and *Powderfinger* have helped shape a distinctive voice and songwriting style.

Kathryn recently supported *Dallas Frasca*, and to quote Dallas, 'When I first heard Kathryn's voice I just had to find out who this girl was, this is the raw talent that our music industry is missing'.

See the Gig Guide for more details or visit the new Amphi website at www.kurandaamphitheatre.org for more info. See you at the Amphitheatre.

Kitty

Kathryn Hartnett - Live in the Understage on Sat 29th October

The Boogie Brothers

The Boogie Brothers will be returning soon to the Kuranda Paper with more up-to-date Music News, CD and Live Reviews.



**Kuranda Acoustic
homegrown**

Featuring 'Shells'
Supported by Ben Glove & Chris Oakshot

Sunday 9th October, 4pm

The Understage, Kuranda Amphitheatre

Back from the successful East Coast tour of her album "More to Life", Shells will be performing for the first time since returning at this month's Kuranda Acoustic. 'Shells' with her three piece band, will perform an array of songs off the album, and a number of new songs reflecting her journeys south and recent travels through Thailand and India. 'Shells' will be supported by two highly entertaining musicians 'Ben Glove' (recently moved to NQ from Brighton in the UK) and 'Chris Oakshot' (local Cairns musician). As always there will be food, chai and cakes available. So come down for a chilled out Sunday afternoon, with great music, great food, great company and help support our local musicians.

Prior to the performance at 2pm thanks to RADF, 'Shells' will

be holding a free workshop for anyone who is interested in taking their music to the next level.

'Self Management for Music'

FREE WORK SHOP

Sunday, 9th October

2pm @ the Amphitheatre - Understage

Shells will be covering topics such as, booking gigs, festivals, creating events touring and more. If interested in the workshop, just turn up to the Understage at 1:45pm, all are welcome. For any information on either the **"Kuranda Acoustic"** or the workshop please contact Michael on ph. 0405 279 045

KURANDA GIG GUIDE OCTOBER

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER

The Motorcycle Expo
Kangaventure
* Road Trippers * Zennith *
* Engine Room * Hell for Leather *
* Flaming Canetoads * Munition *
* Blu Lustre * Fraser Martin *
* The Colour Society *
* The Gary Pepper Band *
* Special Guest appearance by *
* David Hudson *
Gates Open 2pm, Entry \$20

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

The Understage * Amphitheatre
* Mettaphor *
Doors, Dinner & Bar Open 6.30pm
Entry \$15/Cons \$10

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Kuranda Acoustic
The Understage * Amphitheatre
* Featuring Shells *
& Ben Glove & Chris Oakshot
show starts 4pm
Entry \$15/Cons \$10

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

The Understage, Amphitheatre
** Vikarious **
Doors & Bar Open 6.30pm
Adults \$15/Members \$10
Meals Available

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER

The Understage, Amphitheatre
Kathryn Hartnett and her band-
Doors & Bar Open 6.30pm
Adults \$15/Members \$10
Meals Available

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

The Understage, Amphitheatre
The Loony Poets
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Kuranda Acoustic

Featuring Shells & supported by Ben Glove & Chris Oakshot

Sunday 9th of October

Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage Show Starts 4pm

Adults \$15, Amphi Members/Con \$10, 13-18yrs \$5, 12 & Under Free

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Monthly Activities RECREATION CENTRE

Hunter Park, Fallon Road
Kuranda



MONDAY:
Ladies Acappella Singing: 7.30–9.00pm. Contact Jane 4093 0463
Kuranda Soccer Club: 4.30pm–5.30pm Training contact Melina 4093 7287
Tai Chi: 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Improve your energy forces. Contact Les 4093 8276 (Tai Chi will close on 19 September and reopen on 17 October)
TUESDAY:
Tennis Training: 4.00–6.30pm. Contact Gene 4093 9007
Belly Dancing: 6.00–7.00pm Contact Lisa 4093 0090. Classes resume 4 October.
Kuranda Eight Ball: 7.00pm, contact Janet 4093 7104
WEDNESDAY:
Kuranda Soccer Club: 4.30pm–5.30pm Training.
Social Tennis: 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Contact Aileen 4093 7401
THURSDAY:
Bushikai Karate: 6.00–7.00pm. Contact Darryl 0487 469 579
FRIDAY:
Friday Social Night remains popular for a simple and tasty meal, please confirm bookings with Sandra and avoid disappointment – telephone 4093 7393. Remember you don't have to be physical to enjoy the atmosphere at the KRC.
SATURDAY:
Tennis Training: 8.00–10.00am. Contact Gene 4093 9007
Bushikai Karate: 10.00–11.00am. Family sessions a specialty. Contact Darryl 0487 469 579
SUNDAY:
Aileen's Yoga: 10.00–11.00am. Come along; take some time out to connect with yourself. Contact Aileen 4093 7401
Social Tennis: 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Contact Aileen 4093 7401
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Kuranda Soccer Club: If you are interested in helping the Club or want to volunteer some time and energy, contact Melina 4093 7287, Gary & Linda 4093 7109, Monika 0418 902 016
Swim Club: contact Gary 4093 8399
Volleyball: contact Leo 0405 116 066 or Lisa 4093 9659

"See the Lights"

Kuranda Recreation Centre NEWS AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

As reported last month, there is renewed vigour at the KRC.
 We are well on the way to completing the strategies set out in our development plan thanks to the working support of some of our members and financial support received from the State Government and the Tablelands Regional Council.
 Interest in expanding the use of the Centre by Eightball players has galvanized new renovations to the lower level of the club. It might not be THE BLOCK, but it will transform the area into more useful space and provide for a lounge area for the enjoyment of all. Council support will also provide for upgrades of the bowls, soccer and tennis areas.
 We installed the big TV Screen in the downstairs area a couple of months ago and this will become the “Lizards’ Sport” area when the renovations are complete. So watch this space for TV football and Soccer and rugby nights.
 Travellers along Fallon Road will see a new boundary post and rail fence has been erected at Hunter Park to allow personal access but limit vehicle access to authorized users. As Hunter Park is becoming the responsibility of the KRC, it was agreed with Council to restrict access due to recent unwarranted damage to the grassed surfaced soccer fields.
 Speaking of grass, the old bowls rink is targeted for a makeover with additional funds committed to improve the playing surface which has sadly been neglected over the years with the Bowls Club in limbo.
Recent Events: The month of September has been a little quieter, the tennis group is increasing its players and the weekly night time activities are expanding.
 The latest addition, the Acappella Singers, now meet each Monday evening at 7.30pm and from the sounds belting out of the upstairs function room, keep yourself tuned in for an event that may come out this melodious and harmonious group. They are a treat.
Future Events: For all the family, an event that will provide a few hours of fun and games and most of all some entertaining Disney Film Shorts by Pixie Animation. Keep 15th October free from 5.30pm to 8.30pm for this fund raiser supporting the Kuranda Community Kindy. There will be more information in next month’s edition.

Kuranda Aquatic Centre News

We are back into full swing for Term 4 with lessons for swimming in the afternoons and the little ones in the three mornings filling fast. Our under ones program babies are appreciating the warmer water and the lovely sunny days recently. The heating is reaching the comfortable 29 degrees now and, with the comfortable out of the water temperatures at the moment, this is the ideal time to take the plunge into fitness and fun at the pool.
 In our Learn to Swim program, Mums (or Dads) generally stay with their babies until around 30 months for their bonding water lessons which are a privilege to be part of. Each little one has unique and wonderful experiences in the water when they sense, feel and at times drink in the water. By introducing babies early to the water they seem to develop an innate ease and flow with and in the water. When they come back between 3 and 5 years old they have learned a healthy respect for the dangers and accept buoyancy and propulsion principles better. Anytime (even as Adults) is a good time to learn or improve swimming but these early starters have a base that never leaves them. My final acceptance of the power of water didn't come till into adulthood having to swim more than 50m at Phys. Ed. College.
 It is a great pleasure and satisfaction in working with young Mums and Dads with their own precious new borns and babies. Teaching is easy when everything is new and first time, we find we all learn together. Classes for babies conducted at 9.30am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
 We will have many Stoke Development classes across the week, mostly at 4.15pm but other times can be arranged. After that every afternoon during the week we have Squad Training, again depending on ages and abilities, generally 3 Junior and 2 Senior sessions per week at 5.00pm. Adults are welcome to join in the training regime at any stage at the same rate as kids \$12.50 per 1 \$20.00 per 2 \$25.00 per 3 times a week.
 It is quite likely through this Summer 2011/12 Season that we will turn over one afternoon and some other slots in the week to a “Club Night” multi activities type afternoon/evening. This could provide a cross over effect from just doing Swim Training into Lifesaving and Aquatic Sports and Recreation. The aims would be to provide greater camaraderie among the Swim Community of Kuranda. To provide a pathway to Aquatic and Surf Lifesaving skills and even careers would be also an aim. Through the development of a healthy, fit Club idea the group could assist current and future programs with Ceritfication and even funds through grants and sponsorship. As well, currently, there are a number of adult swimmers looking for training and official up-skilling in the area of Carnivals, meets, training qualifications etc who have knowledge and expertise to offer, so now is the time. Feel free to contact the pool on 4093 7109 or go to kurandamagnapool.com



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The Velvet Assassin

There is a kind of local animal that looks much like a caterpillar with a dozen or so extra legs. However, this animal will not pupate into a butterfly or moth, and it is not the harmless leaf-eating larva that we are so familiar with. This is a stone-cold killer – if you're an arthropod. A deadly hunter, the animal in question is a key species in the evolution of the arthropod (but itself is not one). It appeared on Earth around half a billion years ago, which is no mean feat, making it one of the first invertebrate animal species to evolve. It is known as the Velvet worm (phylum Onychophora), and though described in 1826 as a slug, it is neither worm, slug nor caterpillar.

In Australia, the adult Velvet worm is between 20 and 40mm in length (depending on species). The local Kuranda species is at the upper end of this size scale. Pigmentation can vary depending on species, but is generally a brown or grey base colour with intricate patterning over the top. It appears to have up to 14-16 caterpillar-like legs, but these contain no actual joints or muscles. They achieve motion by the body's water pressure (hydrostatic) pressing against them and keeping them extended, and then by the contraction of inner-body muscles. The head can be identified by the presence of two stumpy precursors to antennae.

Unlike today's arthropods, the Velvet worm has no hardened exoskeleton. Its skin is composed of a membrane of dead cells covered in tiny hairs, which are in themselves covered in tiny scales that give it the appearance and feeling of velvet. These hairs function in a sensory capacity and respond to touch. This covering is also water-repellent, which makes it perfect for living in a very moist environment – seconded by its inability to regulate water loss. It is therefore very easy for a Velvet worm to succumb to desiccation, and as such, it is only found in Australia's tropical and temperate rainforests.

The Velvet worm is interesting to science not only for its evolutionary status,

but also for a sticky, glue-like secretion it produces. This 'glue' is made up almost entirely of water, but also contains a few key proteins. Originally, these proteins are kept from chemically interacting by the water acting as a shield. However, this 'sticky' property is present for a reason, and the Velvet worm's prey of small arthropods get to find out first hand. After locating prey, the Velvet worm shoots this sticky liquid from tubes near its face. It lands on the prey quite harmlessly,

but after a few moments, the arthropod's water-repellent exoskeleton causes the water in the secretion to evaporate and the proteins interact, stopping the victim in its tracks with an impossibly sticky web.

The Velvet worm's mouth is located on the underside of its body and is composed of outer lips with internal teeth. As the worm begins to feed on its immobilised prey, it covers the food with saliva which contains enzymes that cause the prey to break down outside the body, before it has even been chewed. As a result, the worm ingests a semi-liquid concoction that is easier for the simple digestive system to cope with.



The Velvet worm could easily be mistaken for an odd-looking caterpillar – but don't be fooled!

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN HENDERSON

Mating in Velvet worms is largely unstudied, but can be supposed to consist of, in most species, depositing of the spermatophore by the male to the female for fertilisation. Curiously, the males of studied species carry the spermatophore on their faces in a set of ever-present dimples. It has been likened by researchers to a kind of crown, or trophy.

After mating, eggs are often laid, but some species keep the eggs internally and give birth to live young, like a mammal. The babies are miniature versions of the adults, and they will continue to shed their skin every 14 or so days into adulthood.

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Breaking Through Depression

Busy lifestyles, high expectations and high pressure jobs increase our stress levels and place a higher demand on our bodies as we rush to meet the deadlines of our daily routines. Some difficulties and challenges can be character building and help us dream, appreciate and accomplish. Some however can start to interfere with our health.

Left unmanaged for prolonged periods, stress can develop into states of anxiety or depression. '1 in 5 people will experience a mental health issue within their lifetime', whilst '30%' will be affected by 'anxiety or depression'. This is categorised when experienced to a high intensity for no apparent reason, or after the stressful event has passed. But when does it become excessive and what effect does this constant strife have on our bodies?

When the body becomes depleted in nutrients, it struggles to run efficiently like a car in need of oil. When stressed, the heart rate increases and the adrenals can become depleted, as if living in a constant state of fear (fight or flight). This puts enormous demands on nutrient requirements and all body systems. If these feelings are beginning to affect your daily lifestyle and outlook, then take action to replenish and heal your body by accessing help. Many can find it hard to talk when in times of difficulty but this is when we need support the most. It is important to notice the signs of depression and anxiety, not only within ourselves but for family and friends as well.

High Blood Pressure, Nervous Tension and Headaches

These can be caused through physically holding onto frustrations and stress. Help relax tight muscles with magnesium. Also aids sleep.

Insomnia

When lying down at night, many of us get caught on

'the thinking wheel': kept awake as we go over all that has been and needs to be done. Bush Flower Essences (Crowea) help calm the mind so the body can rest. Carminatives (passionflower, chamomile) help calm nerves, or sedatives (Valerian) for a stronger approach.

Depletion in B group Vitamins

Nourish the nervous system and reduce anxiety. They're involved with energy production, which is why fatigue will often follow stressful times. B6 specifically improves mood.

Thyroid, Liver and Hormonal Issues

May need addressing to insure regular function if there is no obvious cause for oversensitive emotional states. Other symptoms of system disturbances include weight issues and foggy thinking.

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Bush Flower Essences

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Don't shut yourself off within negative thought patterns as if each day is a pain to endure. If you feel stuck by your circumstances, it is important to remember this is merely a perception on reality and that will in time change.

Put your own health into importance by insuring adequate relaxation time including exercise. You deserve to access the abundant joy, happiness and bliss that the universe has to offer and make the most out of your life experiences by enjoying each day. Don't let depression or anxiety hold you back.

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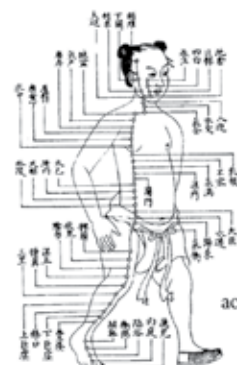
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Tragedy at the Barron Falls

Peter Ryle

THE AREA AROUND KURANDA AND THE BARRON FALLS witnessed several tragedies in the early years of European occupation. There were two particularly dangerous places where drowning occurred. Several people drowned at the road crossing known as Middle Crossing, just upstream of where the road bridge is now. A letter to the Editor of *The Cairns Post* in April 1888 called for the Divisional Board to erect notices to guide

travellers in crossing the ford safely. The letter mentioned that a Mr Levy had lost his life two years previously at this crossing. Then in May the same year the paper reported that a man named Smytherun drowned at Middle Crossing while trying to ford the stream. Alcohol could have been a factor in some of the drownings. It was not unusual for travellers to be a bit under the weather at that place and at that time, as there were two hotels near the crossing, and the track between Cairns and the Thornborough gold fields was difficult and very dry. The original hotel at the crossing was the Jum Rum Hotel, and another called the Shamrock Hotel was opened by T. Hatton in early 1884. The other dangerous area that experienced several tragedies was the Barron Falls, with its swift water and dangerous precipices.

One tragedy at the Barron Falls was reported in *The Cairns Post* on 29 October 1890, when the railway line was still under construction. On 19 October J.W. Martin and G.M. Rice, both employed by John Robb on the railway construction gangs, went into Kuranda and visited the Kuranda Hotel, owned by Henry Remilton. In evidence later given at a Magisterial Inquiry into the death of J.W. Martin, it was claimed that the two men spent only about ten minutes in the hotel. Rice and some other men then went to the river and traveled upstream to fish. Martin left the hotel a short time after the others, and was supposed to join up with them. However, he failed to join his companions. Witnesses at the Inquiry asserted that all the men were sober when they left the hotel.

William Grendill told the Inquiry that he passed the Barron Falls at about 2.15 p.m. on 19 October and saw Martin on the rocks on the other side of the river about 100 yards above the falls. He said Martin was alone and fully dressed. He never saw him again.

Evidence was also given by M. Vogh, who worked with Martin at No. 37 bridge. He said that when he heard on 20 October that Martin was missing he went searching for him. He searched at the Barron Falls but had no success. However, on 22 October he was told that Martin's body was at the bottom of the falls. He said that a man called Donald told him that he had been down to the base of the falls and seen the body. He said there were no clothes on the body, which he recognized the body "by the hair on the face". Vogh said he assisted in retrieving the body.

Senior Constable Thomas Hill of Kamerunga said he was told on 22 October that a man called Martin had been lost near the Barron Falls. He and another constable went to look for the man but had no success. The next day he saw Martin's body at Kamerunga, where it had been taken. He examined the body and found the head all smashed into bits. The lower part of the body was torn but because of the advanced state of decomposition it was impossible to determine the extent of injuries. He reported the matter to the Police Magistrate and was given permission to order the burial of the body. He handed the body over to the deceased's friends for burial.

G.M. Rice told *The Cairns Post* that he had assisted in retrieving the body, and that 700 or 800 feet of rope was used to bring the body from the bottom of the falls to the railway line. He said the last tracks of the deceased were found about two chains (40 metres) from the top of the falls. He thought that Martin must have fallen into the rock filled water and been knocked unconscious. The current would then have taken him over the falls. We will never know!

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NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday 4th October - 4pm - Kuranda CWA Hall

This will be our Annual General Meeting, a turning point in the direction of Advance Kuranda Inc.

Con Bambacas, our founder and president, is recuperating from a serious stroke and is not able to take on his usual role in the organisation. Jax Bergersen, founding secretary, is also retiring.

The purpose of Advance Kuranda is to promote the commercial development and tourism of Kuranda in a manner that is sustainable and conserves and protects the natural environment of the Kuranda region and to enhance the vitality and uniqueness of the Kuranda community generally.

With the suspension of Kuranda Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Inc.'s activities for the time being (dating back some months), Advance Kuranda has endeavoured to take some issues affecting the business sector to the Tablelands Regional Council and the State Government to ensure they continue to be dealt with. It has also fostered and maintained a networking role to keep a wide range of social and environmental interests on Council's agenda.

It may be time to look at the relevance of residents and ratepayers groups and Chambers of Commerce and the way they have traditionally done things. It is noticeable that there are very few young people stepping into traditional community support roles and this may be indicating the need to assume a different approach.

It is up to the members of Advance Kuranda and interested members of the Kuranda community to decide where to from here. Let's talk about this further on Tuesday 4th October.





Welcome to Kuranda Palms Open Weekend

**Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd October
10.00am–4.00pm**

Graham Payne and David Sturge purchased 100 acres of rainforest which contain the three acres of garden at the beginning of 2006. It is adjacent to the magnificent natural environment of the World Heritage National Park of the Kuranda range.

Having created gardens in the temperate climate of England and the Mediterranean climate of Portugal, we were keen to experience a tropical garden. Over the years we have rejuvenated the garden, planting several beds of colourful exotics, which are alive with lush, vibrant colours of the tropics, palms, trees, shrubs, feature plants, and lawn. In the warm, moist tropical climate the garden has grown rapidly. A permanent creek with a waterfall runs round the edge of the garden.

We are most fortunate that a previous owner was an avid collector of unusual palms and cycads, with the result that there are many magnificent specimens here today. There are fine stands of Alexander Palm which provide a spectacular backdrop to the view across the large lawn from the house. There are also several mature unusual cycads.

Plants of note include many kinds of gingers, especially Heliconias, Torch Ginger, and Costus. Climbing through the Queensland Umbrella Tree are the spectacular Jade Vine and Flame of the Forest.

About one third of the garden is planted with ornamental and fruit trees set in lawns, providing an extensive shaded area on a hot tropical afternoon.

Our land is registered under the *Land for Wildlife* scheme. We encourage wildlife to visit the garden, where we see pademelons, bandicoots, goannas, ulysses butterflies, and of course our spectacular cassowary. The cassowary often feeds on palm seeds and other fruit in the garden and even brings his chicks to visit!

We welcome you over the weekend and hope you enjoy these luxuriant, tropical gardens deep in the rainforest. We hope that you take a walk to the Waterfall, see the creek at the Lookout and take the short Forest Walk.

The Kuranda branch of the QCWA will be providing refreshments, or if you wish to bring along you picnic you are most welcome. The Kuranda Garden Club will be benefiting from the money raised at the gate.

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Book Review

“Creative Writing”

by Adele Ramet

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Creative writing, writing that displays individual creativity and excellence, is undoubtedly a special skill. It is part of good, written communication, something more than simply being literate. It requires appropriate education and practice as well as a creative, thoughtful mind. This hasn't changed with the advent of computer technology. In fact that technology has assisted creative writing by making it easier to get ideas down quickly in draft and then to save them electronically, with the capacity to quickly amend, rearrange, delete and insert, including from other documents. Transference of documents is also quicker and easier. There are various other electronic aids. Long hand writing skills may have suffered, but there are many beneficial offsets.

But even with this technology, it is still necessary to possess certain basic skills and techniques in creative writing, whether for writing fiction or non-fiction, or just in the ordinary course of life where some form of written composition is required. Thus if you are contemplating an entry in this Paper's short story competition, for example, it is advisable to have some reasonable idea of the nature of a writer's craft before you begin to write your entry. To a considerable extent these skills and techniques can be taught and learnt. There are courses available in creative writing which you can enroll for. In addition there is a raft of books available and designed to assist the writer to improve his or her craft. The book review for this month is just one of these. It is described as a book “...to unlock your imagination and develop your writing skills”.

The book is full of good ideas and suggestions to assist the budding writer. Thus it advocates making time to write something every day. Regular rereading of your own writing the following day is advocated, a practice much facilitated by using computers. It also recommends a lot of reading generally, but with a writer's eye. The author states that a good writer will simply make time for these activities. Good writers are also good observers of life around them or as reported to them, and the book makes various suggestions as to how to facilitate this.

The book has various suggestions for good writing, both fictional and non-fictional. Setting and atmosphere, characterisation and dialogue writing are given particular attention. Specific chapters are dedicated to specific types of writing, namely love stories, crime and thriller writing and writing for children.

This edition of the book makes reference to the use of computers in writing. It notes that if a writer wants a manuscript to be published, the computer must be used to prepare and present the manuscript to the publisher. It contains recommendations on accompanying digital images. It deals with writing in internet blogs. There is a separate chapter on sending your work to a publisher.

Some people might argue that the craft of writing is suffering in the community with the advent of modern electronic technology and communications. I am not convinced of this. True it may be that good letter writing is losing its importance, often being replaced now by shorter electronic messages. But this book illustrates the fact that the computer has to now be accepted as a necessary tool in writing, and that this opens up access to many new aids to good writing that were not previously available. In addition we have the vast resource of the internet to draw upon for facts and ideas that can stimulate the creative writer. Children at an early age are learning how to use the computer, including by way of writing assignments, etc. Readers have access to a vast array of published writing, not only in the traditional paper/book version, but now also in electronic eBook forms. It seems to me that creative writing is entering upon a new and more prolific age. Anything that can assist with good creative writing, such as this book being reviewed, must be seen as commendable.

Graham Nicholson,

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Preliminary approval for Retirement Village

Tablelands Regional Council has given preliminary approval for a large retirement village and residential care facility near Kuranda.

The Welcome Pocket proposal involves the development of 450 retirement village units and a 140-bed residential care facility, as well as other facilities including a child care centre, a convenience store, a medical practice, dental practice, hair dressing salon and café.

In its application, the Corporation of the Diocesan Synod of North Queensland said the focus of the Welcome Pocket facility would be to "deliver lifestyle and housing options to retirees looking to live on the eastern Tablelands... and to provide a holistic approach to aged care and aged accommodation".

The project will be constructed in stages at a 30-hectare site in Myola, with the church to provide Council with a detailed plan outlining the nature and timing of each part of the development.

Rural Fire Brigades to assist Council in fuel reduction burns

Rural Fire Brigades will work with Tablelands Regional Council to undertake fuel reduction burns on Council land.

Council is responsible for 10,000 hectares of land and with such a vast area to cover with limited resources, was finding it difficult to undertake the number of fuel reduction burns necessary.

KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

"Impress: Body to Body" – Exhibition of Prints from North Queensland

Co-op artists Laurel McKenzie, Sasi Victoire and Margaret Genever have invited nine other professional printmakers from North Queensland to create an exhibition of new work in a range of print mediums, traditional and contemporary. Two new editioned prints from each artist which are unified by the theme "living in tropical Far North Queensland" have been created. One print from each artist has been collected into a portfolio of prints which will be offered to the collections of major galleries. The exhibition will show at IMPACT7 (Sep 27-30), the biennial international printmakers conference this year held in Melbourne. "Impress: Body to Body" will be launched in December at Cairns Regional Gallery and will travel to other regional galleries.

Calling All Printmakers!

Inkmasters Cairns Inc, a new printmaking body has been formed and incorporated. While it is based in Cairns, membership is open to all printmakers everywhere, and printmakers from the Arts Co-op and the Tablelands are already members (and some are also on the committee – for their sins!). The aim of Inkmasters is to mount regular exhibitions of its members and participate in national and international print exchanges. Check it out at www.inkmasterscairnsinc.ning.com.

Why Are They Wrapped In Sacks?

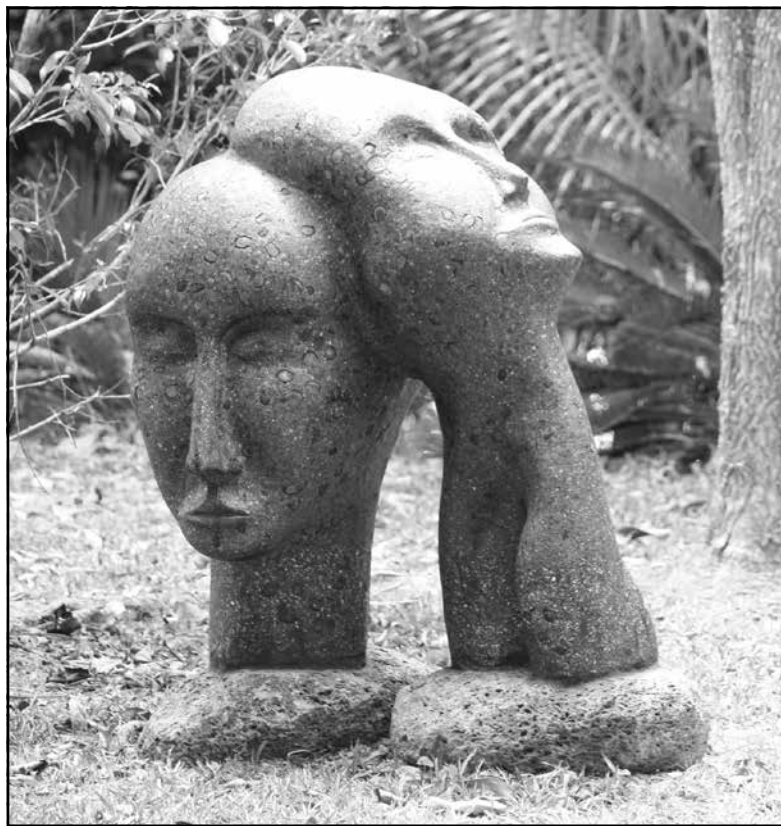
This question was asked recently of one of the Co-op's fibre artists, relating to mats wrapped around the bodies of the mourners of the devastated Pacific Island families losing loved ones in the horrific house fire in southern Queensland.

These special mats known as *kie hingoa* are embedded with genealogical histories. "The history of our people is written in our mats", Queen Salote Tupou (1900-1965) noted. They are heirlooms passed from generation to generation as treasures (to'onga). What makes them valuable is that they contain the reproductive power of Tongan and Samoan society. The mats are rectangular constructions plaited from prepared pandanus leaves and are worn or presented during weddings, funerals, investitures and commemorative events. Some are as large as three metres long and 1.5 metres wide and are so finely woven, as many as twelve strands to a centimetre, that they look almost like linen. Kie hingoa appear only rarely, and when they do, it marks the occasion as one of note and records the importance of the event.

New Sculpture in Kuranda Garden

A stone sculpture by highly regarded Kuranda artist, Kim Prentice, has taken up residence in the garden at Cantata Studio. Nestled amongst the trees, "They" appear extremely happy in their new home.

Kim Prentice's public art installations throughout the village are identified on the Kuranda Arts Trail brochure, available at the Arts Co-op and the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre.



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Wine O'Clock

A woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much. I don't know how I could ever live without you."

Her husband asks, "Is that you or the wine talking, darling?"

She replies, "It's me talking... to the wine."

Musings about wives

'There's a way of transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage.'

— Sam Kinison

'I've had bad luck with both my wives. The first one left me, and the second one didn't.'

— James Holt McGavra



Senior Cambodian Officials Visit Tablelands

A GROUP of 14 senior Cambodian officials, including the Secretary of State for Tourism, His Excellency Mr Saroeuth Kousoum, and four Provincial Governors, visited the Atherton Tablelands recently as part of an Australian Leadership Awards Fellowship aimed at building executive knowledge and leadership capacity in Cambodian coastal tourism.

The program was led by Associate Professor Bill Carter and colleagues from the Sustainability Research Centre, University of the Sunshine Coast.

The visit to the Tablelands provided opportunity to examine agri-tourism and natural and cultural heritage tourism projects.

Their visit to Mount Uncle Distillery, Atherton Chinatown and Mungalli Creek Dairy was preceded by a meeting with Tablelands Mayor Tom Gilmore, and an opportunity to view refuse collection and recycling facilities at the Atherton Transfer Station.

Ganger Brendt Ross showed the group through the facility and explained its operations.

Both H.E. Saroueth Kousoum and H.E. Mr Sarath Spong, Governor of Preah Sihanoukville, said later they were delighted to have had the opportunity to view refuse handling project at close quarters.

They commended Council on its recycling and thanked Brendt for his enthusiasm and time, noting how useful such a service would be in Cambodia as it welcomes increasing numbers of international tourists.



Left to right: Mr Visal Prak, Director of Cabinet, Preah Sihanoukville Province;
H.E. Mr Sareth Has, Governor of Kep; Brendt Ross, Ganger, Atherton Transfer Centre, TRC;
Mr Sokhom Thok, Director of International Cooperation and SEAN, Ministry of Tourism;
H.E. Mr Sarath Spong, Governor of Preah Sihanoukville;
and H.E. Mr Saroeuth Kousoum, Secretary of State, Ministry of Tourism.



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Local Resident Receives Heritage Award

Kuranda resident and illustrator/graphic designer, Nettie Dunne, was recently awarded a High Commendation in the National Trust Community Awards category at the 2011 Heritage Awards ceremony in Brisbane in August, for her work on two centenary publications for the Kairi State School. The history book and cookbook commemorate the school's centenary in 2011. The award was presented to Nettie and her sister, Pauline Leinster, on behalf of the Kairi School and its P&C.

"A Journey of 100 Years" and "100 Years of Family Recipes," are two beautifully presented resources that are well-illustrated and brought to life with dynamic layout in a colour palette that represents the school colours of black and gold. The 192 page history book contains a comprehensive history on the township of Kairi, the school, and three other schools that have since closed; Waringle, Lake Euramoo (Danbulla), and Tinaroo Falls schools. It also features a collection of memories that capture the true spirit of a small rural community and country school, whilst the cookbook is a collection of a century's worth of recipes that reflect the trends in the family kitchen in a rural community.



Nettie, a former Kairi School student, was very proud to be a part of the centenary celebrations and ecstatic with the end result of the publications and her subsequent award. Her love of the town and school was a driving factor in her volunteering for the massive task that took 18 months, and also included the design and production of a flyer, school crest, DVD cover, research and display of seven local pioneer farming families, and a display of seventeen past students and their success stories.

The books have raised a considerable sum of money for the school to further improve aspects of the school and its grounds, and they will also serve as a lasting reminder for all who attended the Kairi, Waringle, Lake Euramoo, and Tinaroo Falls State Schools.

Copies of the books are still available at the Kairi State School ph: 4089 3777.



Pauline Leinster and Nettie Dunne

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CANDLENUT STEINER SCHOOL's annual Rainbow Fair and open day was celebrated at the school on Saturday September 3rd with all of the 'fun of the fair'. The fair has gained a reputation as a unique and affordable day with wholesome activities for children of all ages, including pony rides, prayer flag dyeing, a crystal treasure hunt and the making of hula hoops, which the children can either purchase on the day or add to the school's growing collection of sports and play equipment. There was a variety of stalls selling everything from organic fruit and vegetables to handmade clothing, and even stalls set up by students to make extra pocket money from their own art and craft. Along with the merry-go-round, which was once again kindly donated for the day by the Lions Club, the children were kept engaged all day long. To the delight of all who attended, the children also showcased some well rehearsed musical pieces and other performances.

With the children off having fun participating in all of the great activities, the grown-ups had time to browse through the classrooms and our newly opened craft shop. The classrooms had been lovingly decorated with beautiful displays of the children's work completed so far this year, and the class teachers were available in the rooms to speak to current and prospective parents about Steiner education and the curriculum.

The craft shop was filled with amazing traditionally inspired Steiner toys and gifts mostly hand made by the parents' craft group from natural and hand dyed materials. The craft shop is open during the week, so if you are looking for some early Christmas shopping ideas please call the office and we will let you know when to pop in.

Everyone who attended took the time out to enjoy some of the wonderful homemade delights from the various stalls, including pizza from the school's handmade pizza oven. The beautiful springtime weather created the perfect backdrop to sit back and enjoy a chai and a slice of hummingbird cake whilst listening to musical entertainment provided by our gifted parents and visitors in the peaceful bushland setting of our campus.

Another source of recent excitement at our school has been the camp enjoyed by our inaugural class eight students. The students spent ten days in Sydney and Canberra visiting many sites of cultural importance. This trip has been a new and exciting endeavour for the entire school, broadening our horizons immensely and connecting us with a variety of rich and accessible cultural heritage across our nation.

Candlenut Steiner School is currently accepting enrolments for 2012 for classes from Kindergarten to class seven in primary and classes eight and nine in high school. Please contact the office on 4093 8809 to arrange a time for a school tour or have a look at our website at www.candlenutsteinerschool.qld.edu.au. We look forward to having an opportunity to share our passion for education with more of our community.



Barang Street works to begin soon

Work will commence soon to replace a collapsed culvert under Barang Street, Kuranda.

The culvert collapsed as a consequence of monsoonal rain in January 2011, resulting in the street being closed to vehicular traffic since that time.

In January, Council made a submission to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority under the NDRRA guidelines for funding towards the repairs of the culvert and in May, received funding approval of \$291,327 for the repairs.

However, the cost of the repairs was much higher than expected and Council had to again seek approval from the QRA for the higher amount.

At Wednesday's Council meeting, a tender submitted by Heavy Equipment Hire Pty Ltd for \$523,730 was accepted.

Work will begin at the site next week, with the project expected to take 11-12 weeks, weather dependant.

Support for busking promotion in Kuranda

Tablelands Regional Council has amended its Busking Policy to help support an initiative being driven by representatives of the local community, Tourism Kuranda and Advance Kuranda.

The introduction of "Busking Saturdays" is aimed at attracting people to the local area. The concept is to develop a regular Saturday afternoon program that includes artists' workshops, buskers and supporting initiatives from local businesses.

Council approved amendments to the Busking Policy including:

- introducing on-site assessment of busking applications by Council staff based at the Kuranda Library and Kuranda Visitor Information Centre
- introducing a three-month busking permit for a \$20 fee
- extending hours for busking performance in Kuranda
- adding four additional busking sites of 7 Coondoo Street (outside St Saviours Church); 9 Coondoo Street (outside Djurri Dadagal); Therwine Street (outside the Information Centre); and the corner of Therwine and Coondoo Streets.



Pioneers in Perspective

Cairns and its surrounds are built on a history of winners and losers. It is only natural that it is the version of the story which suits the winners which is the known and accepted history. But the heroic stories of pioneers, their divisions of the land and their building projects; the exploits of explorers and adventurers – these tales for children mask a more complete, a more grown-up story.

We recently had a letter published by The Cairns Post (Saturday 27th August) which dealt with these issues. However, lack of space meant that the letter was edited and much of what we had to say was lost. We thought that readers of The Kuranda Paper might like to see the complete text:

We would like to offer another viewpoint in regard to the colonial pioneering spirit that established Cairns (and elsewhere of course). As Bob Dixon of JCU wrote, in Words of Our Country, in 1991,

“Within a generation [from 1876] the Aboriginal way of life had been permanently destroyed. Forests were cleared, with the elimination of many native foods. Some Aborigines caught European diseases [...], to which they had no immunity. Others were hunted and shot by the European invaders. Those who survived were sent off to missions and government settlements where it was thought that they would soon die out.”

Pioneers such as Christie Palmerston (Palmerston Highway) and Archibald Meston (Meston Street, Brinsmead) boasted of their killings of the original

inhabitants of this area. After one battle with Mamu people, where Christie Palmerston noted that “they had to be submitted to the usual ordeal”, meaning wooden swords and wooden shields against guns, he spotted ‘a little boy running away’:

“I soon overtook him, and, laying the barrel of my rifle gently against his neck, shoved him over. [He began] biting me, spitting and shouting. In my present garb I should have been an object of terror to a child of my own race – only a shirt and cartridge belt on, my legs bespattered with blood.”

Much of the violence towards the owners of the land was perpetrated through the Native Police, an organisation which used dispossessed and unruly aboriginals brought in from the South, led by the Queensland Police. The Native Police were used to enact reprisals against the Aboriginal population. The usual rate of payback for the death of one Colonialist was, at the very least, between ten and twenty Aborigines.

One reprisal perpetrated by the Queensland Native Police was, “led by Second-Class Inspector Thomas Clohesy [Clohesy River], Acting Inspector Tom Coward, Sub-Inspector Edwin Townshend and Acting Sub-Inspector Alexander Douglas [Douglas Track, Port Douglas], reinforced by white civilian volunteers, [and] culminated in a large-scale massacre of Aborigines at Skull Camp” near the Palmer River.

One of the participants of another massacre, Jack Kane, later told his story to the anthropologist Norman Tindale, who recorded: “Each man [was] armed with a rifle and revolver. At dawn one man fired into their camp [at Skull Pocket] and the natives rushed away in

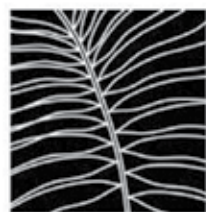
three other directions. They were easy running shots close up. The native police rushed in with their scrub knives and killed off the children. A few years later a man loaded up a whole case of skulls and took them away as specimens. Kane added matter-of-factly, ‘I didn’t mind the killing of the ‘bucks’ but I didn’t quite like them braining the kids.’” This massacre lasted a week and the killings continued as the party travelled from Skull Pocket near Yungaburra down to Skeleton Creek in Whiterock. Whiterock has a street named Skull Road.

A pioneer squatter tellingly wrote, in 1912, “It was often charged that the native police behaved with great cruelty and this may have been correct, but it is difficult to see how a small and scattered European population could have continued to occupy the country without some such protection.”

Another pioneer wrote from Ravenswood in 1880, “I have known plenty of men in this Country that will shoot the poor things for Sport...the same as we used to shoot rabbits back home.”

The image of the brave boy resisting the ‘gentle’, civilised, pressure of Christie Palmerston’s gun barrel is the image of an heroic struggle against insurmountable odds. The pioneers of Cairns were only able to establish themselves on the back of a war they could never lose. We need to go beyond the naiveté which is often shown in recounts of our history and move towards a mature recognition of the complex and confronting history of this area.

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Married & Happy: 52 Years after Last Meeting

It is nice to hear a heartfelt story, and this month's profile is just that. Let me introduce **Frances and Leo Vandersar** of Seven Springs, Kuranda. Both were born as Dutch-Indonesians pre-World War II in Java. Both suffered with their families during the Japanese occupation of Indonesia in that War and thereafter in the Indonesian struggle for independence. Leo was interned in an Indonesian prison camp for two years up to 1947. Upon release, Leo went back to school in Surabaya. At the school annual ball in 1948 he met and became good friends with Frances who lived with her parents, who, although divorced, had to share a house due to shortages. But then Leo's father was posted to Djakarta at the end of 1948. Physically separated, the two kept in touch from a distance for a little while, but eventually the contact was lost.



Leo went on to marry a Dutch-Indonesian lady named Ilse. He qualified as an aircraft engineer and worked with KLM until Indonesian independence loomed, when he went with his wife and little daughter to Holland. He then moved to USA in 1959, later working with Continental Airlines. The couple had one child in Indonesia, one in Holland and one in the USA. Then in 1969 they emigrated to Australia with Qantas. Voluntary retrenchment followed in 1983. His son-in-law Bob Colefax had land in Kuranda and suggested that Leo and his wife move there. This they did. Sadly, Ilse had a stroke eight days before their 50th wedding anniversary and passed away in 2003. Leo now has 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Frances in the meantime had worked as a secretary, starting with the Dutch Army in Indonesia. She left Indonesia in 1956 after a visit from the Secret Service advising her to leave and moved to Brazil to be with her mother and step-father. She took with her a daughter from a past relationship. When attending the Dutch Consulate in Brazil for a visa she met her future husband Paul, who worked there. They married and had four children, the last two being twins born in Holland after they moved there in 1961. Frances had a fire accident which hospitalised her for some considerable time. Then Paul passed away in 1982 with cancer. Frances continued working as a secretary, later setting up a catering business while living in the Canary Islands for four and a half years. She adopted two more children. She now has 13 grandchildren.

Leo in Kuranda decided in 2000 to try to make contact with old friends from Indonesia. He put an advert in a Dutch-Indonesian magazine in Holland, mentioning Frances among others by her nickname. They had not been in contact for about 52 years.

Frances did not even know of the magazine. One day the editor rang Frances, now back in Holland, to ask if she knew Leo and whether she could give Frances' phone number to Leo. Frances was amazed, and asked how she had been able to find out about her. Frances only had a silent telephone number. She was told that it was as a result of information from a gentleman but she couldn't remember his name. She and Leo still do not know who it was. Anyway Frances remembered warmly her friendship with Leo from many years ago so she agreed and Leo made contact. Perhaps it was fate or destiny that they were intended to make contact again after such a long time, but it seemed to her quite remarkable. They corresponded by email. Then Leo visited his family in Holland in 2000, meeting also with Frances on her birthday with a bouquet of roses.

Ilse stayed in Kuranda, being too ill to travel. Then in 2003 Frances came on a holiday to Australia and visited Kuranda. Ilse passed away while she was here. It was a sad time.

At the end of 2003 Leo and Frances both met up again at a Dutch-Indonesian reunion meeting in the USA. They enjoyed their short time together. Afterwards Leo rang Frances and asked her to marry him. It seemed a natural thing to do so Frances agreed. They were obviously compatible. She moved to Kuranda in 2004 and they were married in the Catholic Church here on 24 May that year. They have been together ever since and are very happy. They have lots of family and friends around. They go to the Catholic Church together regularly, but age has reduced their mobility somewhat. They remain bright and cheery, very hospitable. They enjoy life, including yearly holidays overseas. The twinkle in the eye is still there.

Asked for advice for those younger than them, they were in immediate agreement. Marriage is highly recommended, loose relationships are fragile and not good. They do agree with couples just living together, especially for a short while prior to marriage in order to assess each other. They should think carefully before marrying, the object being to live together permanently in marriage. Divorce was seriously detrimental. Families were very important and the foundation of a harmonious society. In the "fast-food" age of immediate gratification, these are words of advice from experienced elders to seriously reflect upon.

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Bob and the blonde

Bob walked into a sports bar around 9.58pm. He sat down next to a blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV. The 10.00pm news was coming on. The news crew was covering the story of a man on the ledge of a large building preparing to jump.

The blonde looked at Bob and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"

Bob said, "You know, I bet he'll jump."

The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't."

Bob placed a \$20 bill on the bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy on the ledge does a swan dive off the building, falling to his death.

The blonde was very upset, but willingly handed her \$20 to Bob. "Fair's fair. Here's your money."

Bob replied, "I can't take your money. I saw this earlier on the 5.00pm news, so I knew he would jump."

The blonde replied, "I did, too, but I didn't think he'd do it again."

Car trouble

A blonde pushes her car into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly.

She says, 'What's the story?'

He replies, 'Just crap in the carburetor'

She asks, 'How often do I have to do that?'



Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

Tigers and lions are the subjects of many of **Irene Majer's** paintings. I half expected to see some silently lazing in the sunshine drenched garden and Irene's ground floor studio. Such colour and artistic energy awaited me inside her studio, "a place for everything and everything in its place", with an abundance of finished canvases stacked vertically, easels, drawing boards and assorted uniform sized small paint pots placed in neat and co-ordinated rows – such enviable discipline.

Where is your current studio?

I work in my studio at my home in Kuranda village. I have almost the entire ground floor, purposely built to my specifications – it's easy to get to work, I just walk down the stairs.

Do you work alone or with others?

Mostly alone, however, I collaborate with my close friend and fellow Kuranda artist, Anne Fitzpatrick, on a series of wildlife portraits, which in turn we have produced as limited edition prints and painted canvases. For a number of years we have been working together, photographing, painting and printing tigers, lions, elephants, snow leopards, gorillas and zebras. Our business is called '2 Wild'. We are fortunate to have a world standard zoo on our doorstep and access to one in Melbourne.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

I need good lighting, plenty of space and running water.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

I start between 8-9am and finish around 5pm, Monday to Friday. I am 'flexibly inflexible'. Sometimes I work in the evenings and on weekends.

Describe the works you do in your studio.

I have experience in a variety of mediums including ceramics, printmaking, sculpture and photography. My favourite art form is painting using mixed media on canvas.

Why is painting your chosen medium?

I have enjoyed painting from an early age. My career started in Melbourne as an industrial designer with Ford Motor Co but I moved to the tropics in 1987 to pursue a passion for scuba diving. As my family grew I started working professionally from home. Painting ticked all the boxes.



List three things you listen to while working.

Always the radio, with the choice of ABC stations – but excluding sport. Although I am 'tuned out' a lot of the time, key words will attract and I enjoy 'coming back' and being informed.

Your favourite tool?

I really enjoy using my 'shape makers'. [Irene produced a variety of rubber tipped tools and a small square of yellow plastic looking rather like a slice of cheese.] These tools are used for marking lines of varying thicknesses through the paint and creating textures.

How do you identify your work?

My logo is a swirl. I draw one on every artwork and the swirl appears repetitively in many of my paintings. I also sign my name on most pieces.

How do you sell your work?

My artwork is sold mainly through art galleries, and local markets and tourist outlets. I also sell directly from my website www.irenemajer.com.au and the '2 Wild' animal prints are sold at various zoos, galleries, or through the website www.2wild.com.au.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

Not at present but I envisage both happening at some stage in the future. It is on the drawing board.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

I volunteer at the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery two afternoons per month.

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

I would like bigger windows to access more light and a larger view of my garden.

I would also welcome a spectacular view overlooking ocean.

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

Whatever that change of direction might be, I would still try and find time to paint. I am addicted to it. However, perhaps I could pursue a deep hidden desire to be an astronaut and hitch a ride on a Virgin space flight.

Irene Majer's artworks can be seen locally and available for purchase at the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery, the Butterfly Sanctuary, Skyrail, Music from Nature, the Heritage Market or through the websites above.

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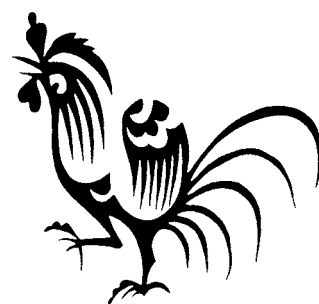
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Living in Kuranda

Food storage in the tropics

Living in rural or remote regions requires planning to ensure you have enough food and medical supplies to see you through any emergency, natural or otherwise. Without constant transportation, supermarkets in North Queensland only keep enough stock for approx 4 weeks before being replenished.

Don't be caught out during the coming wet season, start stockpiling now and plan your food storage area. Pre-packaged products are essential items on any survival pantry list. At supermarkets their products must meet certain standards and they (the seller) are not allowed to sell packaged food past its Use-by date.

The Manufacturer/packer is responsible for the shelf life of a food, i.e. the Expiry Date. The best-before date means longer storage than products labelled Use-by date. Any 'reduced items' or bargain bin 'specials' are only good value if they are safe to eat.

Babies, children, the sick or elderly may be seriously affected by even the slightest food deterioration. Here in the tropics any 'cheap highly perishable food items' such as meat, fish, chicken, milk, eggs etc., must be eaten as soon as possible, properly cooked or if possible, cooked then frozen.

Food storage hints

Dry or dehydrated foods, purchased at supermarkets, have some degree of mould or insect infestation caused by long term storage in a warehouse or 'food mills'. e.g. RICE. Imported rice usually has evidence of insects or eggs when stored for too long. Imported gourmet breads if frozen, thawed and refrozen, may turn rancid!

HIGHLY PERISHABLE FOODS: meat, fish, seafood, chicken, milk, eggs need to be bought as fresh as possible and stored correctly. Some interaction/chemical contamination can take place between food and packaging.

FRESH GROCERIES bought locally, as fresh as possible and stored correctly ensures a healthier diet too.

Apples imported from overseas may have a chemical protection cover and may have been in 'cold' storage in supermarket central storage for many months prior to arriving on the supermarket shelf. Bright white garlic imported from China has been chemically sprayed.

BUYING FRESH fruit and vegetables from local markets has less stringent regulations than supermarkets but also may be contaminated with chemicals. If your health is already compromised, and you cannot buy organic produce, take special care in selecting your produce, or grow your own fruit, herbs and vegetables.

HANDLING FOOD IN THE HOME: This fact sheet helps you avoid problems when buying and storing food.

www.csiro.au/resources/handling-food-in-the-home.

Animals and pests

Someone years ago on Misty Mountain told me the 'white tailed rats' could read the Sunshine Milk tin labels because the rats always chewed holes in them. Actually I think it's only because white tailed rats 'need to gnaw/chew' on something and they have a good sense of smell, was the real story.

Fruit and vegetables left on open benches attract not just cockroaches, but our cute Australian marsupial mice, so please don't get them confused with ordinary house mice. If you ever have a mouse or brown rat plague and they are caught in a trap in your kitchen pantry, dispose of them immediately, or they will attract snakes into your home.

New immigrants to Australia don't realise how despised the 'blow fly' is, especially at BBQs or outside entertaining because any cooked meat left uncovered or unattended will soon be flyblown. Even during the heat and humidity of the wet season, you may want to slow cook a chicken in a crockpot, and not heat up your kitchen. A precaution here! Put aluminium foil underneath your lid. It will stop the 'blow fly' laying their maggots on the rim of your warm and cosy slow cooker.

Food deteriorates quickly in the tropics. Storing potatoes and onions in a dry, dark cupboard preferably in a brown bag, is a good idea. Washed and packaged potatoes in plastic may already have bruised or cut portions in them leading to obnoxious smells. Large onions in 2kg bags if not used quickly often go slimy and mouldy inside. Many pantry items go mouldy! Spices, wholemeal flours, brown rice, baby formula etc. Store these in the fridge or freezer.

At home, plan your vermin and animal proof storage area. Dry and liquid foods must be stored away from heat, light and moisture, in 'food safe' plastic containers, glass or bags.

Freezer storage

Consider this your emergency storage or long term storage especially for highly perishable food items. (Meat Fish Seafood Chicken Milk Eggs) they may not be available during a natural disaster or transport problems.

If you have purchased large quantities of Christmas hams, meat and fish and the electricity supply is cut off (and it does quite often in Kuranda), these frozen foods may be at risk if you don't own your own generator. Check your Household Contents Insurance for a food spoilage clause.

Dry pantry foods

Powdered milk, flour, bread mixes, spices, condiments, nuts, seeds, grains etc are usually stored at room temperature in drier areas. In the tropics however, they go mouldy quickly. To stop wastage, freeze them, it extends their use by date.

Refrigerator foods

Consider this your temporary storage for daily or weekly usage only (including medications) and your family will stay happy and in good health during these hectic times.

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Usually this time of year sees a smoothing-out of life's challenges. Lots of Libra energy seeking equilibrium and harmony. This year the Scorpio intensity starts to build early in the month. Venus into Scorpio on the 9th October and Mercury on the 13th. The Sun is in Libra until the 24th October and then, also, into Scorpio.

There's a very positive Sun-Mars contact on the 1st October with communication, confidence and mutually satisfying outcomes being highlighted. Some enlightened leadership may also be noted. The Full Moon on the 12th with the Sun conjunct Saturn, both opposite the Aries Full Moon, should jolt a few people – it's a getting off your butt and take some decisive action kind of thing; laying a platform for at least the next six months. Think it through.

With Venus and Mercury both in Scorpio after the Full Moon, there will be some pretty intense love or lust generated communication. Texts flying around everywhere and propositions being offered. Creative ideas also coming thick and fast. No point in holding back now...

There's a powerful Venus square Mars on the 27th. With Scorpio and Leo involved this is very passionate and intense. Coming just on the New Moon with Sun and Moon also in Scorpio you would expect massive outbursts of emotional energy as we get right to the heart of what's really going on.

And, as it happens this is the day on which the 5,260 year Mayan long count is completed. On this intense, intense New Moon we begin another long cycle which sees us aligned with the Galactic Equator and Galactic Centre. Previous long counts ended with massive earth upheavals. This time around we are (hopefully) a globally aware species and we can use this time of great beginnings to consciously direct our intentions towards enlightened harmony and compassion. A big ask? A big opportunity!

On the 28th October we enter the new era and good luck to us all. Blessings.

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CLAIRE SOUTER GALLERY IN KURANDA has been operating for eight years now. Since 2003 over one hundred people have attended painting classes in her gallery/studio.

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Two years ago these "gallery painters" held their first exhibition in the gallery. It was a great success. People spilled out onto the verandah at the opening event, sipping champagne and enjoying the delicious nibbles, while admiring the art works for sale.

Now their second exhibition is approaching. It will open on Sunday 30th October at 2.00pm for the official opening at 2.30pm by Mike Ferris of the Cairns Art Society.

This year there will be an extensive range of paintings covering many themes, from botanical through landscapes to figurative.

Don't miss out. Sales will only begin after the official opening (eftpos available). Prints and cards will be available as well as original paintings.

Bring your friends and enjoy a wonderful cultural event in the midst of Kuranda, the art capital of Far North Queensland, and in the now well established Claire Souter Gallery.

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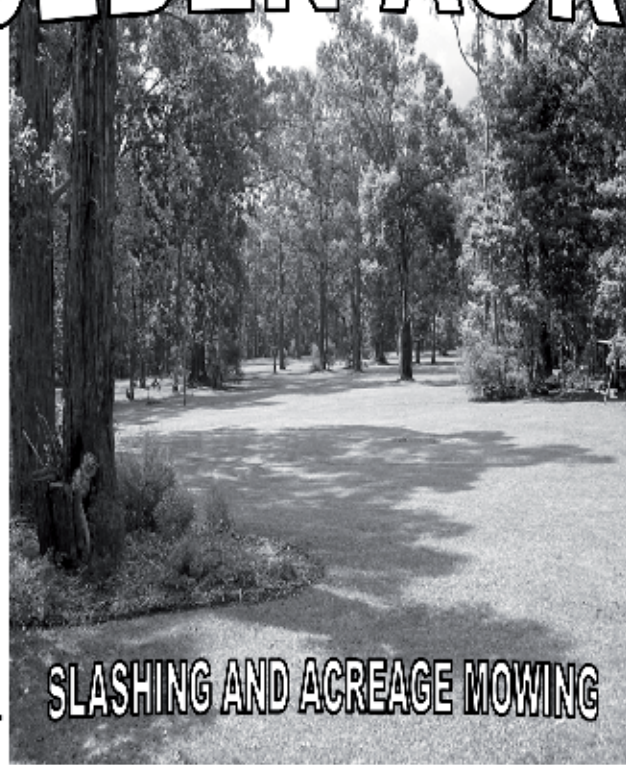
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Principals Message "An amazing term" is the only way I can describe the work being produced at Kuranda District State College. We have had some amazing results and awards presented to our students this term. Whilst our key focus is on reading, writing and numeracy our students are excelling in a wide range of fields. We were clearly delighted with the OP scores in the 2,3,4,5 and 6 range in 2010 and hope for similar results this year. Some of term three achievements include the following:

ICAS Writing Competition results These results were gained across the College in a national persuasive argument writing competition.

Distinctions Hamish Watson (Year 4) top 3% in Qld, Leilani Soenario (Year 5) top 9%, Emma Welsh (Year 11) top 3%, Shalaka Jarvis-Schlicht (Year 12) top 4% in Qld.

Credits Maggie Slater (Year 5), Charlie Kurth (Year 6), Kyesha Power, Shannon Price, Tiffany Russell (Year 8), Roma Gabrang (Year 10), Mia Dunne (Year 11), Shay Woodham (Year 11), Madison Callanan (Year 12)

Optiminds Awards Our College won two regional awards in this year's competitions at JCU. One team competed in the Science and Engineering Challenge and one team in the Language and Literacy challenge. Congrats to all team members.

Trainee of the Year Jye Close-Walker proudly won the CAPTA Group trainee of the year for 2011 and also completed his certificate three in Tourism. He was chosen from 40 entrants from Mossman to Gordonvale to receive this award. We are proud to have senior students excelling in the workforce as well as school.

Cairns Show Billboard Art Award For the second consecutive year Dakota Stewart won the Senior Billboard Art award at the Cairns Show and Cecil Brim received the Year 4-7 Indigenous Art Award for 2011.

Silk Cut Awards A talented group of year 6 and 7 Kuranda students won the Silk Cut Foundation Art Award and will have their work hung in the National Gallery of Australia. They also received a prize of \$2500 which will be used to purchase digital cameras for the College. Our art teacher flew to Canberra to receive this award on behalf of the college. A wonderful acknowledgement of the work completed at our school.

Whilst completing all these awards our students across the College are focussed on improving their grades in general and specifically in the younger grades focussing on reading levels and maths results. I congratulate all students for an excellent term and welcome calls or visits from proud parents or interested families. Well done KDSC.



CURRENT PROJECT

WETLAND CONSTRUCTION

KDSC Agricultural/Environmental Science Students have started on their term 3 project. The instillation of an artificial wetland has broken ground. In this area of the permaculture area, the marsh style wetland will provide important habitat for local frog and insect species as well as showcasing important wetland plants. This area will provide a invaluable outdoor classroom for student on both campuses. Keep up the hard work, boys!



KDSC is at the top of the class for biodiversity and sustainability programs!

MODEL SCHOOL



"SETTING UP A SUSTAINABLE AND BIODIVERSE SCHOOL"

KDSC WORKSHOP

Educators from around the region have been invited to attend a workshop for teachers and other school staff hosted by Earth Smart Science School - Kuranda District State College highlighting:

Permaculture systems in a school setting

Ecological sustainability- butterfly gardens, tree planting, wetlands

Agricultural sustainability Curriculum integration

Benefits of community partnerships

Carrie Hudson (Secondary Teacher), Les Anwyl (Sustainability & Bio-diversity coordinator) and Krystyna Artiemiew (Primary Teacher) will showcase the school's journey into permaculture systems as one part of integrated design for sustainable living.



FUTURE PROJECTS

BUSH FOOD TRAIL and RAINFOREST TRACK

In celebration of the International Year of the Forest, students are revitalizing the bush food trail and rainforest track that was established by the 2005 AG Studies class. Maintenance, the creation of interpretive signs, and the beginning of specimen collection for a college herbarium is in the works!



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A Thought for October

This month we read a passage from the Gospel according to St Matthew Chapter 21 verse 33-43. Jesus during his earthly ministry offered the people of his time a vision. Today in our time Jesus offers the same vision to us. The vision is of a kingdom, what he always calls the kingdom of heaven. It is another way of living life, a kind of alternate universe. Jesus didn't just talk of that vision, he was the vision. He didn't just speak of the demands of that kingdom, he did them!

So why didn't it all work out in a wonderfully successful way? Why didn't everybody think that Jesus and his vision were just what the world needed? It's difficult to frame a simple answer to this but we can try. In his Gospel John has two phrases which express the tragedy without necessarily explaining it. He says: The world knew Him not – his own people received Him not. Why? John later reports a statement of Jesus which seems to answer that question. Jesus says, "This is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light" [John 3.19]. There it is in the starkest and simplest of words – the tragic heart of the human condition. The Bible's word for this condition, itself simple and stark, is Sin.

This is what this parable of Jesus is about. In it he tells his own destiny. Jesus had no illusions about the consequences of his words and actions. He knew the dark depths of the human nature which surrounded him. The ironic contradiction in human behaviour and experience is to reject that which is utterly in our interest to accept. Our judgement is deeply flawed, and our choices are apt to be terribly wrong. The kingdom that Jesus offers us is not taken from us by some grudging God; we ourselves choose something else. But even as we paint that grim portrait of our human nature another face shines through it, that of Our Lord. The face is a promise that in him our humanity is also capable of a shining glory. Through Jesus we can if we choose set foot from time to time in the very kingdom we refuse most of the time. We sometimes have to make tough choices about the kingdom God offers us and the kingdom we ourselves want.

News from St Saviour's Church

ST Saviour's is gearing up for the Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday 2nd October. To celebrate the birthday of the patron saint of animals, St Francis of Assisi, a special Blessing of the Pets service will be held this Sunday, October 2 at St Saviour's Church.

In the year 1206, Francis, the wealthy son of a cloth merchant, decided to forsake all his worldly possessions and founded the order of Franciscan monks. He claimed he found his affinity with God through animals, and would often call birds, animals and even flowers his brothers and sisters.

Blessing of the Pets coordinator, Chris Wright, said people can bring pets of all shapes, sizes and species - as long as they are on a leash or in a box or cage. "You don't have to belong to any church to come and join in the fun. Events like this connect people in the community who don't normally see each other or have things in common, and that's fantastic. The event gives the community an opportunity to meet together, share their common love of animals and make new friendships. It's really about shared humanity."

The Blessing of the Pets service starts at 9.30am in the area at the back of the Church.

Thought of the Month from the Baha'i Faith

"When Christians act according to the teachings of Christ, they are called Bahá'ís. For the foundations of Christianity and the religion of Bahá'u'lláh are one. The foundations of all the divine Prophets and Holy Books are one. The difference among them is one of terminology only. Each springtime is identical with the former springtime. The distinction between them is only of the calendar. The difference between a Christian and a Bahá'í, therefore is this: There was a former springtime, and there is a springtime now. No other difference exists because the foundations are the same. Whoever acts completely in accordance with the teachings of Christ is a Bahá'í. The purpose is the essential meaning of Christian, not the mere word. The purpose is the sun itself and not the dawning points. For though the sun is one sun, its dawning points are many. We must not adore the dawning points but worship the sun. We must adore the reality of religion and not blindly cling to the appellation Christianity." – Abu'l-Baha

Meditations/Reflections: all welcome to this special spiritual time, different theme each week, every Wednesday, 7.00pm, Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom Therwine Street, Kuranda. Starting again on 2 February 2012.

Morning prayers: Each Tuesday at 8.00am, in the park in central Kuranda, followed by coffee.

Birth of the Bab: Holy Day commemoration 19 October 2011. All welcome to attend. Please ring.

Study Circles every Sunday afternoon at a Kuranda home. Please feel free to enquire.

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Kuranda Library News - October 2011

Safety and your child – unsupervised children can be at risk in any public place, including public libraries. When you visit the library please ensure that your child is accompanied by an adult parent or guardian.

Storytime – our theme for October is Scary Creatures. We will be reading some great stories and making some scary creatures. Storytime and Craft, for children not yet attending school, is every Friday at 10:00am.

Halloween Storytime – on Friday, October 28th we will have a special Halloween Costume Contest, instead of a craft – best costume wins a prize!

October Colouring-in Contest – pick up the special Halloween themed colouring-in sheet from the Library – the winner will be drawn on Friday, October 28th and will receive a special prize!

Book Club – the second book club has formed and members are currently deciding on books to read. If you are interested in joining please call or come into the library.

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- Use of National & State Library Online Databases...No charge for Library Members.

Artisan/Craft Volunteers – we are currently looking for artisans and crafters who would like to volunteer their time to teach a craft or art session for our school holiday programs coming up in December and January. For example, basket weaving, painting, jewellery making, sewing, etc. If you have a special talent and would like to volunteer please call or come into the library.

Cheers,
Chrissy & Ros

CALLING ALL BUDDING ARTISTS

Federal Member for Leichhardt, Warren Entsch, has announced his **Christmas Card Competition** for 2011.

"This competition is to encourage all children under the age of 12 to design my Christmas card for 2011. This has been a very successful project in the past with an overwhelming response from our schools."

"I am delighted that Cairns Penny Savings and Loans General Manager Peter Phillips is joining with me again for this competition. The Cairns Penny Savings and Loans bank are continuing their support with awards for the winners of this competition."

The first prize is a \$150 First Penny account, second prize is a \$100 First Penny account and a \$50 First Penny account awarded to third prize.

The First Penny account was recently awarded the Best Kids Saving Account in Australia by Your Money Magazine and has been awarded five star rating by Cannex every year since it was introduced in 2009.

"This year our theme is A Family Christmas. Families in the Far North celebrate Christmas in a unique way and I would love to see our Christmas card showing how we do this in the Far North."

All schools will receive the conditions and application forms for their students to fill in and start designing. This competition will close on 3rd November.

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Walking with Fabian and Damian is the opposite. The pair of them dart off in hot pursuit of some reptilian creepy crawlly returning proudly with the likes of the beautiful amethystine python pictured left. These two are studying horticulture with the Australian Agriculture College but there's a lot you can learn from them about the animals in the landscape.

Snakes are on the move at the moment looking for a mate and a feed. PLEASE CALL US OR A REPTILE HANDLER IF YOU ARE TROUBLED BY ANY SORT OF SNAKE. Please DO NOT HARM IT. Keep your pets indoors.

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Patchy Dogs (continued)

In September's Kuranda Paper we reported on two black & white dogs which were seen chasing wildlife in the gully between Kullaroo Close and Kuranda Crescent. With your help and TRC's, and the cooperation of the owners, the dogs are now contained within their property and the wildlife is breathing easier.

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Celebration of completed projects

More than \$400,000 of works have been completed across the Tablelands, thanks to funding from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

On the 9th September, Labor Senator Jan McLucas joined with Mayor Tom Gilmore and members of the community to celebrate the completion of the projects which included:

Community Facility (Block C)

at the Kuranda Community Precinct

\$50,000 – Funds used to commence refurbishment of the facility, including installation of new carpets and vinyl, installation of four kitchenettes, refurbishment of the roof above the stairwell, installation of safety switches, installation of a suitable parking facility and path from Arara Street to Block C to accommodate people with disabilities. Further works will be undertaken with funds received in the RLCIP Round 3 to complete the building for future use.

Roscommon Recreation Area, Speewah

\$100,000 – Funds were used to install lighting to tennis courts with a token system; clean and re-surface the basketball court and install bollards around the perimeter of the court to deter vandalism; construct and install an Adult Fitness Circuit which includes equipment for strength, cardiovascular and stretch exercises; and upgrade the horse dressage arena which included replacing the sand in the dressage area with river sand for resiliency, traction, and cushioning ability and installing a safety fence between the arena and playground and the Adult Fitness Circuit.

Speeding ticket

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, 'I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!'

River walk

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank 'Yoo-hoo!' she shouts, 'How can I get to the other side?' The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and shouts back, 'You ARE on the other side.'

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SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

September saw EnviroCare volunteers engaged in three events throughout the month.

Our first was hosting the Kuranda Garden Group at our Nursery. Our President Cathy Retter addressed the group, explaining our facilities and the volunteer work undertaken. She then took the group on a walk to our Community planting on Warril Creek and then the Wha-Hae and Myola areas, followed by afternoon tea. Our volunteers enjoyed the afternoon immensely. Thanks, Kuranda Garden Group!



Kuranda Garden Group learning significance of Warril Creek planting

Our second engagement was working our stall at the Carnival on Collins. A huge event unfortunately marred by a very wet day. The weather didn't put the crowds off and we were kept busy with a steady stream of the interested and curious. Our "seed basket" displaying the many fruits of the forest was a hit.

Then, last but not least, our table at the Kuranda District State College NAIDOC EXPO. It was a delight to have students come and identify our forest fruits and keenly want to share with us the knowledge they have of their environment. Heaps of literature and stickers hopefully have made their way home for Mums and Dads to enjoy as well.

It's that time of year again when we get the plant books out and decide what we can and would like to plant during the coming wet season, so we will feature various species which might help make the choice a little easier.

TREE OF THE MONTH



Our choice for tree of the month is the Weeping Brown Pine, Podocarpus grayae, one of the southern conifers. In the open, it is a beautiful conical feature tree with foliage to the ground.

The leaves are about 20 by 1cm, deep green, with periodic flushes of shiny light green new growth.

In fruit, the shiny green seeds (1.5cm by 0.7cm) are carried on an edible swollen red stem and are favoured food for pigeons and cassowaries.

It is a slow grower. Although it can reach 20m height, several grown by the writer grew to 7 – 10 metres in 25 years. The long period of retention of the foliage makes it ideal for a screen tree.

GENERAL MEETING Wed 5th October 7pm – 8:30pm
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Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters.
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Rates Discount Period: The Rates Discount period ends on October 4th. If you have any questions about your rates notice, please contact me or the Council Office at 1300 362 242.

Congratulations to Kuranda Amphitheatre: The Amphitheatre recently celebrated 30 years of service to this community and to the greater region. This is a major achievement for a volunteer group and the KAS deserves congratulations for all their work over the years. Given the history, the Amphitheatre will no doubt enjoy many more successful years.

Barang Street: The good news is that the State Reconstruction Authority has now approved the funding for the Barang Street repairs. The tender for the contracted works has been let to HEH and work is now commencing. This is a major construction job and is expected to take 3-4 months to complete. Total cost for the work is \$523,730.40.

Ganyan Drive: Ganyan Drive in Speewah is subject to the same NDRRA funding guidelines and timelines. The Ganyan Drive works are estimated to cost approximately \$600,000 for a reconstruction of approx. 1km of the road. Funding for this project has not yet been approved by the State government. However, interim drainage works have been completed.

Fallon Road: Line marking and signage works have been undertaken at the Fallon Road crossing at Jum Rum Creek. This is the first stage of the Council decision to upgrade the crossing.

Pedestrian, Traffic and Parking Study: The Study is now well underway and all residents and business operators are encouraged to provide input. The study covers all issues related to parking and traffic and pedestrian movement within the Kuranda Village

area. Comments, issues, feedback can be emailed to Kuranda@bitziosconsulting.com.au. Further details from the consultants, Bitzios, are available in a separate article in this paper. The study and any resulting works will be subject to Council decision and will be funded from developer contributions (not from general rates).

Fluoride in Water: There is currently a strong community campaign opposing the state legislated fluoridation of the Kuranda (and other towns) water supply. This is a state government legislated requirement and Council is required by law to implement the state legislation. Any enquiries need to be directed to the state government.

Community Plan: The 10 Year Community Plan for the Tablelands Regional Council is almost complete. Over 10,000 people across the region have contributed their opinions and many Kuranda residents will recall the stalls at the Post Office and the Community meetings to develop the plan. The Community Plan will guide Council planning and budgets over the next decade. Thanks to all who added their voice to what they would like to see in the region.

“Welcome Pocket” Approved: The preliminary application for the “Welcome Pocket” Aged Care and Retirement Village has been approved by Council. This will be a major project and will provide aged services which are so much needed in this and other local communities.

Kuranda Community Precinct: The consultants (Engagement Plus) have completed the community consultation process and the final Report is expected to be presented to Council in October. Unfortunately, the Consultant has experienced some delays in completing the Report, but I am pleased that we will finally have

the Report very soon. I will certainly be pressing for a Council decision as soon as possible on the next step in the development of the Community Precinct. We have always known that the facility cannot meet everyone's need and that significant funding is required. However, there has now been extensive community consultation and I am looking forward to finally having a decision on the future of the facility. The full Report will be available from Council.

Funding for Community Groups: FIKS. Reminder to all community groups and organisations that applications for Financial and In-Kind Support (FIKS) from Council are available throughout the year. Young people selected in regional sporting teams can also apply for grants. For further details, please contact myself or Gwen Fyfe at Council (Ph: 40434112)

Bursary: Any resident of the Tablelands Regional Council area is eligible to apply for the Nellie Willetts Bursary (\$4000) to enrol in any Agri-Industry tertiary studies in 2012. Further details available: phone Judy Burness at Council Ph: 4092 6899.

Official Opening of Speewah Roscommon Upgrade: The new facilities at Ros Common (Lights at Tennis Courts, Fitness equipment, Horse Arena) were officially opened by Senator Jan McLucas recently. The cost of approximately \$100,000 was funded by the Commonwealth government. The upgrade is a major boost to the Speewah community.

Council Meetings: Council Meetings in October will be held on Wednesday October 5th in Malanda and Wednesday October 19th in Herberton. Anyone is welcome to attend meetings. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office.



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My Mobile Office: Thanks to all those who visited my mobile office at Kuranda on Saturday September 17. As always, a variety of issues was raised. Opponents of mandatory water fluoridation also set up a street stall nearby and took the opportunity to speak with me about their concerns during the course of the morning.

For those people who would prefer not to consume fluoridated water, there are reasonably priced water filtration products on the market that will remove fluoride from tap water and of course harvesting your own water is always an option.

For more information www.stevewettenhall.com.au.

Health: Community health services provided by Queensland Health to Kuranda include 1.4 full time equivalent day shift nurses and two full time health workers delivering family care, post acute care, chronic disease and school screening. These services are provided in close co-operation with the Kuranda Medical centre, an arrangement that works well for Kuranda.

Even though the health needs of the Kuranda community are being considered within the District Health planning currently underway, I believe that Kuranda needs a specific Health Needs Assessment. I am lobbying the Health Minister to fund this proposal which should also examine funding for home and community care services and look at the role of transport in facilitating access to health services. I will also be supporting the re-activation of the Health Action Group.

Licensed Builders: If you are having any work done on your home, I urge you to use the Queensland Government free online search facility first. This will confirm if the contractor is licensed, what work the license entitles the contractor to do and a full history including any conditions imposed on the license. Go to the Building

Services Authority website www.bsa.qld.gov.au.

Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA) information workshops: To assist both property managers and self managing lessors to know their rights and responsibilities, the RTA will be holding workshops on October 17 at the Holiday Inn. For more information go to www.stevewettenhall.com.au or phone my office on 40382800.

Public Holiday Consultation: This week Premier Anna Bligh released a discussion paper today titled Getting the balance right: A proposal on holidays in Queensland as part of a review of the State's holiday system which includes

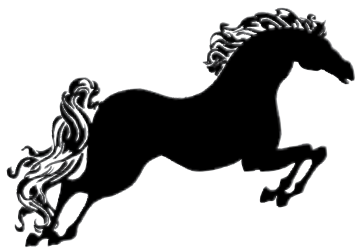
- Moving the Queen's Birthday to create a new Summer Public Holiday
- Allocating an extra public holiday when Christmas, Boxing, or New Year's days fall on a weekend
- Expanding state school Easter holidays from six days to two weeks.

You can register your opinion via an online survey at www.qld.gov.au/holidayproposal until Monday, 31 October, 2011.

Building Boost: \$10,000 is available to help you build or buy a new home in Queensland from 1 August 2011 to 31 January 2012. Go to www.qld.gov.au/boost for more information.

Ambulance Levy Abolished: All Queensland residents will be entitled to free ambulance cover throughout Australia but the levy is no longer charged from July 1, 2011. Go to www.ambulancecover.qld.gov.au.





Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

It's been a very busy time with so many things happening.

The Kuranda riders have been out and about competing at the shows and horse sports and Gymkhanas, with all riders having lots of fun and doing really well.

Kuranda has a great club—all the riders are always learning, everything from how to look after their horses, improving their riding abilities, and the friendships they make.

Kristy Lane is our club's Zone 18 Personality and Fundraising Quest entrant and she has been doing a fantastic job of fundraising. The Entrants will be judged at the Zone 18 Gymkhana which is being held at the Mareeba Pony Club on the 29th October. Back in June a pony fair was held in the park in Kuranda; unfortunately the weather wasn't too kind on the day but it was fun none the less. Smiley was there with his pony rides, and the local fire fighters and the little red engine came along as well. So we thank them very much for their support.

Kristy is also having a raffle at the moment. The tickets can be purchased from Gifts from Kuranda – please help support our local girl. Pop in and see Fionna to get your ticket.

Over the last couple of months we had the scare with the Hendra Virus raising its ugly head in Kuranda, so all horse owners have now had a good education on how to deal with this issue. Bio security did a great job organizing a seminar at the Kuranda school, and they had information booths at Koah. If anyone needs more info go to their website.

There are still plenty of events planned for the rest of the year, so the end of year break-up is still to be decided – probably at the end of November.

If you know of anyone who has been a member of a pony club and was involved with Zone 18 pony clubs then let them know it's the zone's 50th anniversary. So to celebrate after the zone gymkhana on the 29th October in Mareeba there will be an Afternoon Tea, Meet and Greet at the Mareeba Turf Club in the gardens, or come along earlier and watch the events at the Mareeba pony club grounds. If you need more information about this, contact Di Curtis, paulanddi@bigpond.com .

Till next time, Happy Riding

Photos – top: *Atherton Gymkhana March Past, third place*; bottom: *Edmonton Gymkhana*



Evening 4-a-side Soccer

A local **small sided Soccer competition** will get underway again from Monday 10th of October at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road. Games will be played UNDER LIGHTS on the old Lawn Bowls Square.

Gather at 6.00pm for games to commence at 6.30pm. Play out of the heat of the sun, get some mates together, have some great fun, develop skills and get fitter at the same time. Played on a grass 30 metre by 15 metre field, this year, with some new age inflatable goals.

Teams are \$80.00 for 5 players or \$20.00 per individual (non members). Teams are \$60 for 5 players or \$15.00 per individual (members of the Recreation Centre), payable the first week. Family membership at the club is \$50.00 per year for a family.

The "season" will initially run for 8 to 10 weeks until the beginning of December. With enough teams registered, a draw will be created and a round

robin of games played so all teams get to play everyone equally.

This fun comp will be assisted by the Recreation Centre and the fledgling Soccer group to maintain impetus for the game of "football " in the off season.

You need to be 15 years of age or older to join the competition and games are aimed at adults who are already semi proficient at the game.

Ladies are welcome and this is meant to be a friendly, social inter district fun way to keep fit on these balmy Spring evenings.

If children are attending and they are welcome, they will have access to other recreational activity available but also need to be supervised and to remain off the field of play during matches.

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The Joy Luck Club (1993 – 133 minutes)

Based on Amy Tan's best selling novel, this movie tells the story of four women who were born in China and eventually went to America, and of their daughters. Around these eight women circle innumerable friends and relatives, in both countries, Chinese and not, in widening circles of experience.

The Joy Luck club of the title is this group of older Chinese ladies who meet once a week to play mah jong and compare stories of their families and grandchildren. All have made harrowing journeys from pre-revolutionary China to the comfortable homes in San Francisco where they meet. But those old days are not often spoken about and sometimes the whole truth about them is not known. This movie, in a series of flashbacks, tells the secrets and stories of all four of the "Aunties"

We see that the China of the 1930s and 1940s, before the revolution, was an unimaginably different place from how it is today.

The Essential Charlie Chaplin (1914 – 72 minutes)

This series of four short films was made between 1914 and 1915, when Chaplin was still developing the persona of the little tramp. They are **Dough and Dynamite**, 30 mins, **In the Park**, 12 mins, **The Tramp**, 20 mins and **By the Sea**, 9 mins.

Besides the usual slapstick humour there is the added interest of watching a genius at work, developing a character who has become one of the best-loved of all film creations.

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Tribal Bellydance in Kuranda New beginner course commences Tuesday 4th October 6.00pm at Kuranda Sports and Recreation Club. (First class free.) Please contact Lisa for details on: Ph 0409 367 967 EM: kurandatribal@gmail.com WEB: <http://kurandadance.blogspot.com/>

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'Great', says Tom, 'after six months out here I'm ready to meet some local folks. Thank you.'

As Cliff is leaving, he stops. 'Gotta warn you. Be some drinking.'

'Not a problem' says Tom. 'After 25 years in the business, I can drink with the best of 'em'.

Again, the big man starts to leave and stops. 'More 'n' likely gonna be some fighting' too.'

'Well, I get along with people, I'll be all right! I'll be there. Thanks again.'

'More'n likely be some wild sex, too.'

'Now that's really not a problem', says Tom, warming to the idea. 'I've been all alone for six months! I'll definitely be there. By the way, what should I wear?'

'Don't much matter. Just gonna be the two of us.'

AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it. 'Impossible!' says the doctor, 'Show me.'

The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream.

The doctor said, 'You're not really a redhead, are you?'

'Well, no' she said, 'I'm actually a blonde.'

'I thought so,' the doctor said, 'Your finger is broken.'

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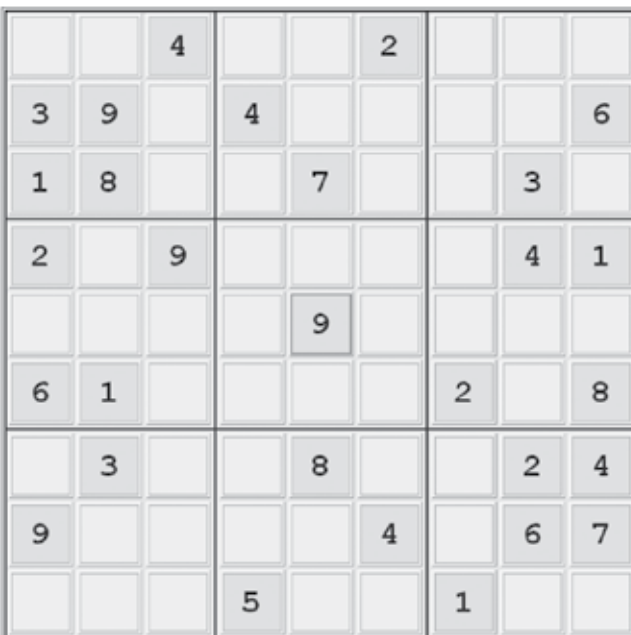
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Every Sat **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
Tai Chi Chuan 9.30am CWA Hall. Contact Sifu Julie 042 705 4132 or Tai Chuan Academy 0409 104 753

1st Sat **Kuranda Camera Club – Photo Shoot** 2.30pm (see Art Pages for this month’s location)
Garden Group 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492

Every Sun A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599
Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361

1st Sun **Kuranda Film Society** 4.00pm to 8.00pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
Uniting Church Recreation Centre 5.00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730

2nd Sun **Simply Friendship Club.** Men and women over 45. Kuranda Resort 12.00 to 3.00pm. Nola: Ph 4093 8824

2nd & 4th Sun **Acappella Singing** 7.30 to 9.00pm, Recreation Centre. For more info call Jane Younghusband 4093 0463.
Yoga for Seniors. 9:00am CWA Hall, Phone 4093 7401

Every Mon. **Al-Anon Family Groups** 7.00pm and 6.00pm respectively Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9.00am start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617
Soccer Training, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109

1st Mon **Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30pm Mantaka

3rd Mon **Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
KNC Management Committee Meeting 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933

Every Tue **Aquafitness** at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 6.15pm. 4093 7109.
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
Yoga 6.00pm Kuranda Resort and Spa: Contact Aileen 4093 7401
8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537

1st Tue **The KCCT** meets at Malcolm’s Original Markets at 4.30pm.

2nd Tue **Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St. Saviour’s Church.
Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642

2nd & 4th Tue **Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30–9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.

Every Wed **Aquafitness** at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 8.30am. 4093 7109.
Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)
Craft and Social Morning at QCWA hall 9.00am
Kuranda Playgroup – 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lynda 4093 8361.
Weekly Meditations/Reflections 7.00pm 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
Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome

1st Wed **Soccer Training,** Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109

2nd Wed **Kuranda Interagency Network** Mtng 2.00pm at KNC
QCWA meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Every Thur **Aquafitness** at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 6.15pm. 4093 7109.
Rotary 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
Women’s Acapella Choir Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre, Cumberland Ave, Smithfield 7.00–9.00pm Thursdays


2nd Thur **Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

1st Friday **Health and Lifestyle.** CWA Hall 7.00pm to 9.00pm. (Free) Maxine 4093 9092 or Anneliese 4033 5772

Every Fri **Aqua Tonics** at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 11.00am. 4093 7109.
Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm at the Recreation Centre, Fallon Road
Zumba: CWA Hall. 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Contact Bryony 4093 7298

Every Saturday **Aquafitness** at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 8.30am. 4093 7109

Contributors: CHECK THAT ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT



Kuranda Amphitheatre October Events

Sat 8th Oct : *Special & General Meeting*, 4.00pm in the Top Shed

Sat 8th Oct : *Metaphor.* Door, Dinner and Bar 6.30pm The Understage. Adults \$15/ Members \$10. See music page for more details.

Sun 9th Oct : *‘Kuranda Acoustic’ featuring ‘Shells’.* Starts 4.30pm. The Understage. Adults \$15/Members \$10. See music page for more details.

Sat 15th Oct : *Vikarious.* Door, Dinner and Bar 6.30pm, The Understage. Adults \$15/ Members \$10. See music page for more details.

Sat 29th Oct: *Kathryn Hartnett.* Door, Dinner and Bar Open 6.30pm, The Understage. Adults \$15/Members \$10. Check out www.youtube.com/user/kathrynhartnettmusic

Fri 4th Nov : *Loony Poets Night.* Door & bar 6.30pm, The Understage. Adults \$15/ Members \$10

NB. The previously advertised 1st Oct Understage event has been re-scheduled to the 15th Oct.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FIRE or other emergencies – please phone 000

SES Flood or Storm emergencies – please phone 132 500

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE CONTACTS

Davies Creek	4093 3181	Lloyd
Koah	4093 7006	Peter
Kuranda	0408 077 746	Nick
Myola	4093 7190 / 0408 151 199	Duncan
Speewah	4093 0211	John

Kuranda Transfer Station Opening Times


Monday & Friday 7am–10am • Wednesday 3pm–6pm • Saturday 8am–12pm • Sunday 1pm–5pm

JOHN’S KURANDA BUS “The Local Bus”

		Mon & Tues	Wed & Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
To:	Speewah	0900	0900	1000
	Koah		1300	
		*1530	*1530	
Ex:	Koah	1750	1750	1645
		#0705	#0705	#0815
		#1315	#1315	
		*1550	*1550	
Ex:	Speewah	#0710	#0710	#0820
		#1320	#1320	
		*1540	*1540	
		*SCHOOL DAYS ONLY	# BOOKING REQUIRED	
NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY				

		Mon & Tues	Wed & Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
Departs Kuranda		#0720	#0720	0830
		1330	0900	1530
		1530	1130	
			1330	
			1530	
*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY				
Departs Bus Stop “D” Lake Street Transit Mall, City Place, Cairns				
Departs Cairns		**0825	0825	0930
		1715	1000	**1615
			1230	
			1715	
All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required				
**Atherton & Mareeba				
# Via Caravonica, Redlynch, Raintrees, Westcourt, TAFE, Cairns City				
NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY				

Tel John 0418 772 953



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CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE					
Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
CAIRNS (Spence St)	6.45am	8.30am	11.30am	1.30pm	3.00pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	6.47am	8.32am	11.32am	1.32pm	3.02pm
CAIRNS (Central)	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.10pm
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.15pm	2.15pm	4.05pm
KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE					
Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
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
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	8.32am	10.02am	1.17pm	3.02pm	4.55pm
7.30am Shuttle via SKYRAIL, CARAVONICA, TAFE, CAIRNS HIGH					
3.00pm Shuttle via CAIRNS HIGH, TAFE, CARAVONICA					

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS						
Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
ATHERTON	6.15am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.15am	9.00am	9.00am
MAREEBA	6.45am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.45am	9.30am	9.30am
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	5.45pm	8.30am	3.15pm	3.15pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	3.20pm	5.50pm	8.35am	3.20pm	3.20pm
KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.25pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.55pm	9.45am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON	10.20am	5.10pm	7.30pm	10.20am	5.10pm	5.10pm
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OPERATE ON SUNDAY TIMES						
NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY						

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