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DE-AMALGAMATION

Claims -v- Facts

Mareeba Is Propping Up The Southern Shires

No. As part of the information Treasury Corporation requested, an assessment was made of what has been spent and where it has gone. The former MSC makes up 44 per cent of revenues but has received 54 per cent of our infrastructure spending. This has been because at amalgamation an inventory was made of all infrastructure to assess what was in most need of repair/upgrading. The greatest need was in the former MSC so that is where we have spent funds. The Boundaries Commissioner said this about it: "A reconstituted MSC is unsustainable and is currently being subsidised by TRC".

If Mareeba Is Such A Burden Why Keep It?

Because Mareeba Shire as part of the TRC is very different to a Mareeba Shire trying to go it alone. As a stand-alone shire the independent, professional assessment of the QTC is that it will be unsustainable, that debt burdens will not be able to be serviced and so on. But as a part of the TRC it is not trying to pay for a new sewerage plant by itself, it is not trying to bring roads and pipes and other infrastructure up to standard by itself, it is not having to fund the \$8.2 million for de-amalgamating - and that money will not pay for a single pothole to be filled. As part of the TRC MSC is a strong, healthy and contributing part of a regional organisation. By itself it is not.

There Are Plenty Of Ways A New MSC Can Pay For De-amalgamating So It Won't Cost Ratepayers Anything

The most common ways that funds could be found, it is suggested, are from the \$1.7 million income from a waste contract, from profits from the Mareeba Industrial Estate and from rental payments from the Mareeba Leagues Club. The truth is that the waste contract's \$1.7 million is gross income. By the time all relevant costs are taken in to account there is only about \$850,000. However there are major costs in the very near future for the Mareeba landfill that is estimated at \$4.7 million. It is also likely there will be carbon tax costs.

The Industrial Park is a very large, multi-stage development and any stage-by-stage profits are rolled over to funding future stages. It will be decades before there is clear profit.

The League Club funds help defray the costs of other -based activities. If it is taken to pay for de-amalgamation then something else may well miss out on funding.

Mareeba Has No Voice On TRC

TRC has eight councillors and a Mayor. Of the eight councillors three have divisions entirely within the old MSC. Another two have parts of their divisions within the old MSC. The track record of spending, which has seen more than half go to the old MSC, should be cold, hard proof Mareeba's voice is heard and its needs addressed.

Rates Soared Under TRC

The TRC kept rates increases to about 8 per cent (less than almost any other amalgamated council) despite having to cope with the cost of amalgamating (more than \$10 million) and massive new demands from the State for things like Asset Management Plans, Audit Committees, a single Planning Scheme, long term financial plans, disaster management and so on, all while also continuing to provide the normal day-to-day services of roads, libraries etc. The last TRC budget had a general rate increase of only 3.8 per cent.

Mareeba Shire Experienced Significant Growth Prior To Amalgamation

The last MSC report prior to amalgamation quotes growth of 32 to 39% since 2000. This was growth in development approvals, not real growth. Real growth of only 17% was achieved over this period. That is only about 2% each year between 2000 and 2008. Since GFC this has dropped back to 1% annually and this drop has been reflected across all communities. However TRC has fared better than Cairns and other coastal councils. Development approvals accelerated in the mid-2000s in MSC. Today we have approved lots (from this period) in excess of demand and developers requesting extensions as they are unable to move these lots (extensions which Council is approving). This reduced demand is reflected across many regional areas but is more prevalent in MSC where there is a significant oversupply of lots especially in Mareeba.

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VOTING Information De-amalgamation Poll Saturday 9th March

The QUESTION on the Ballot Paper is:

"Should a Mareeba Shire Council be created by the de-amalgamation of the Tablelands Regional Council local government area, with the costs to be met by the Mareeba Shire Council?"

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Electoral Ennui

OMG. Another election and this Federal election is seven months away. Seven months of swamping us with propaganda visually and weighing down our letterboxes. The emphasis, so they say, is on economics. I would like some consideration given to an extract from a speech of the late Senator Robert Kennedy (USA).

“Gross National Product counts air pollution and cigarette advertising, and ambulances to clear our highways of carnage. It counts special locks for our doors and the jails for the people who break them. It counts the destruction of the redwood and the loss of our natural wonder in chaotic sprawl. It counts napalm and counts nuclear warheads and armoured cars for the police to fight the riots in our cities. It counts the television programs that glorify violence in order to sell toys to our children. Yet the gross national product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials. It measures neither our wit nor our courage, neither our wisdom nor our learning, neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country, it measures everything in short, except that which makes life worthwhile.”

May we all survive the next seven months.

Toni Rogers, Kuranda

“Truth” in Advertising?

I just received an unauthorised plebiscite flyer with my rates notice in respect of the amalgamation / de-amalgamation vote.

Why was it unauthorised? Were they ashamed to put their name to it? They should be. I could have written it – but I wouldn't have signed it.

In it a graph informed me that my rates per annum in 2017 would be \$3317 under the Tablelands Regional Council and \$7107 under the Mareeba Shire Council. The starting base was \$3037 per annum, my rates bill. What an absolute crock of it. How could anybody believe this garbage? This is fear mongering of the worst sort and whoever wrote this dribble should hang their head in shame. It reminds me of the “Reds under the beds” politicking by the Liberals in the 1960s. I would like to hold the TRC, if we're still there, to their promises. Any organisation who tells lies as espoused in this dribble sheet deserves distain at best. If the Councillors approved it – Oh! – so sad! I don't like it when people treat me like a mushroom.

I am still somewhat undecided over my final preference. Kuranda will get ripped off under the TRC as at present and milked in the same way as previously under a de-amalgamated MSC. It is the small town versus the big town problem. Of course we will get ripped. We complain about it but votes get the money. In the long term (20 years plus) we are possibly better under a MSC – but the variables are too hard to calculate.

Wouldn't it be nice if ‘Truth in advertising’ held sway in political debate? We are in for a year of ‘tell them what they want to hear and they won't think’ advertising. But to see it so close to home with such puerile effort, and such blatant garbage disposal, is saddening.

Mark Freeman

Budget Cuts?

Now that we are again experiencing major staffing cuts in public sector jobs – noting the Queensland Health cuts here in the region, on the basis of budget blow-outs I think the time has come for the Newman government to truly demonstrate their genuineness in the matter of addressing budget deficits.

As this Government has the overwhelming majority it is in the very rare position of being able to implement any changes it wishes (this may be the operative word). Time then now (and I, and the rest of us await with bated breath) to address the financial burden on the Queensland people of past polities still living off the public purse. Now, Campbell, it's time for Queenslanders to see just how sincere you truly are in implementing real budget cuts.

Anyone for a petition on this?

Cheryl Tonkin, Myola

To the Staff of Mareeba Hospital

To the doctors, nurses and all other staff who attended me during my recent stay, thank you so much for all the TLC and nice chats. You made my time there a happy one. My sincere thanks to you all.

Doris Smith, Kuranda

De-amalgamation Information

All the residents of this and the greater old Mareeba Shire face a serious and profound decision on Saturday 9th March when they are to decide on whether or not to agree to de-amalgamation or not.

I was very disappointed on the obvious bias in the February edition.

I can respect anyone's vote on a matter irrespective if it is contrary to mine, on the proviso the decision they have made is an informed one.

Your paper holds a very esteemed position in the local Kuranda community and with the position entails a “duty of care” to your readers and that they be given due respect as rational, thinking people. Your February edition was a lost opportunity to fully inform the voters of the issue. I can only draw an analogy to holding a public debate, locking your opponent out and then claiming to have won. Time and again we have seen political parties across the board and at every level of government treat the voters with disdain, only giving them any ‘credibility’ come election time. The tactics they use to win votes can be deliberately biased, misleading, misinforming, treating them like the proverbial mushroom or the now commonly used ‘promises’ that are quickly rescinded once in power and a reversion back to the contemptuous attitude towards the electorate.

You have had the opportunity and the obligation to give your readers a “for and against” review and summary and failed to do so, thus short-changing us all in our decision making.

Cheryl Tonkin, Myola

ED: The only information available in print from the proponents of de-amalgamation has been in the form of misleading and sometimes incorrect advertising. Their case has been made by assertions, not backed up by facts. They have commissioned the Cummings Report which purports to disprove the findings of the Queensland Treasury Commission but has not been successful in this attempt. In any case, the Minister has said that the only source of statistics he will use is the QTC report.

Under the old Mareeba Shire Council, Kuranda fared very poorly. We were treated with disdain and struggled to be able to speak, let alone have any influence. We see no evidence that anything will change under a new MSC. Under the amalgamated TRC we have had representation and a voice at the table. Far from being simply biased, as this correspondent alleges, this paper is wholeheartedly and unashamedly against changing the present situation. We believe Kuranda's future lies with the TRC, which is doing an excellent job under very difficult circumstances.

More On De-amalgamation

A Mareeba Shire residents group has continually challenged the accuracy of the costs of de-amalgamating saying they are inflated and have not been audited. Sadly the community has been misled on this and many other de-amalgamation issues. Mr Crisafulli, the Local Government Minister, has said he stood by the accuracy of the figures that predicted a surge in rates for councils that de-amalgamate and the data has been audited, reviewed and rigorously tested.

The cost of de-amalgamation will be \$8.2M and the Government has said it will solely be on a new Mareeba Shire Council. No share of assets, no reserves and no State Government handout to offset the costs has been promised. According to the independent Treasury report each and every ratepayer on average will be charged with a whopping \$872 in the first year and a total of \$3750 over the first 5 years. These cost will flow on to affect everyone in the shire as landlords, landowners and business seek to recover their additional costs. The LNP State Government have warned the community, de-amalgamation will be very costly, the risk is great, the decision once made, one way or the other, it cannot be reversed. It's up to everyone who has a vote to ask themselves the question “what's in it for me personally if I vote yes”. For most people the answer will be absolutely nothing, just a guarantee of an unwarranted financial burden and much uncertainty.

Pat Daly, Kuranda



Letters

Actions Speak Louder Than Promises

The rising main carrying all of Kuranda's water supply to the Myola Road tank develops regular breakages. At least 12 breakages in the last nine years. Mareeba Shire had not programmed to replace this pipe. TRC has now programmed its replacement.

Response time under the old Mareeba Shire for reported breakages was up to one week.

Under the TRC we now get same-day response.

That's the level of service Kurandans need.

Margaret Zehntner

How Does That Balance Out?

Mareeba Shire Council would take with it less than half the current ratepayers in the shire.

These ratepayers would then foot the bill for vastly more than half of the services and infrastructure of the current Tablelands Regional Council Area.

Hans Zehntner

Missing Signs

To the person who stole the Kuranda Envirocare road signs before our last community planting day, you WERE seen. Please return the signs to the Envirocare nursery on Myola Road, near the swimming pool and no more will be said. Rather than the pointless, hateful act of removing signs, why not join our planting group and direct some of that energy into making a positive difference for all of us on this planet.

Cathy Retter

An Open Letter to the Residents of Kuranda District

What does living in Kuranda mean to you? Being one of the many small parts that goes to make up the Kuranda district community excites and energises me. To all of the elements that combine to make our community such a fantastic place, I offer my sincerest thanks. However, demographic change looms as inevitable, resulting in a surge in available real estate. I'm not predicting new developments or additional land releases ... I foresee the potential for significant migration from Kuranda ... when the price of petrol goes beyond \$2 per litre (or \$2.50 per litre ... or \$3 ... whatever the nominal price point, it is inevitable). It must be challenging for families who live their lives 'down the hill' and sleep in Kuranda. There are challenges for individuals who work in Cairns and the Northern Beaches – however, they are not the issue upon which I wish to focus today. Families with kids at school is who I feel for. Apart from ... the additional expenses incurred (fuel, maintenance, tyres etc...), the environmental guilt they must feel, the increased odds of being involved in a Range Road accident, the negative effects on health through stress and frustration in transit ... living down the hill and sleeping in Kuranda must exact a huge toll on friendships and community connectivity.

Our kids are saddened by the departure of friends from their local school. Invariably, despite the hopes and assurances of all, these departures diminish relationships and incrementally depreciate our community.

For the kids attending a school outside our

community, a new school means new school friends. Usually accompanied by new teams, hobbies and interests outside the Kuranda community. Typically, these friends and activities are also down the hill. The net result is further disconnection. Late getting home week-nights plus weekends down the hill become 'normal'. Sooner or later – according to my theory when the price of petrol goes past the price point – many of these commuting families will quit Kuranda and move down the hill. This is when our potential real estate surge starts.

There is however, an alternative – please consider my invitation.

The culture and quality of the environment at Kuranda District State College has evolved to a standard of which the attending families are extremely proud. The exact same sentiment applies to families sending their kids to Candlenut Steiner School.

There is plenty of compelling information – facts, figures, stats – available for our schools, at our schools. Walking the streets of Kuranda will bring you in contact with no shortage of people who have kids at KDSC and Candlenut (I even know a family that has one child at each) who will enthusiastically recommend our local schools. For educational reasons. For community reasons. For reasons that result in positive outcomes for families.

You may also encounter those few parents who for whatever reason have decided that KDSC or Candlenut is not for their children (which often means not aligned with their personal aspirations). The Kuranda community understands and respects the right of the existence of such people within our community (albeit, often on a part time basis). More troubling is the 'poisoning of the well' that often accompanies (justifies) the decision to not support our community schools. It has been argued that we are better off without the tag-along people influenced by the 'well poisoners'. I disagree. Not just for environmental and community reasons. Educational outcomes will continue to improve at the dramatic rates already being achieved in our schools. With the support of the people



of Kuranda District, this will amplify and magnify as time goes on. Selfishly, I want a more connected school and community for us all.

Rocket Scientists – which we surely cannot all be – will still become Rocket Scientists regardless of the school they attend. That's what Brain Surgeons do. Henry Lawson, Don Bradman, R M Williams, Sir Robert Menzies, Carmen Lawrence, Christine Milne,

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Evonne Goolagong Cawley, Marjorie Jackson, Gladys Moncrieff, Kathy Freeman, Heather McKay, Eddie Mabo, Ned Kelly, Billy Slater – the names of a few famous Australians. Every one of these individuals was born in regional Australia and went to their local school. Sir Robert Menzies attended a one room school in his formative years and he went on to become the longest serving Prime Minister in the history of contemporary Australia (thus far). The facts really do not support many of the arguments I have heard justifying a move to schools outside the community. What about community connectedness? Ultimately we'll all make up your own minds - and it appears, some of us our own facts.

"Community Values" ... it sounds like an anachronistic timbre in our modern ear. I know that I am not alone in believing this to be the foundation of the future of our community. A solid foundation is created when members of a community come together with purpose and community spirit. 'Opting Out' does nothing to strengthen the foundation on which we build a community. 'Opting In' adds immeasurable strength to a community.

They say that the best way to bring about change is to engage and enable change. To this end, motivated parents and community members are always welcome at KDSC and Candlenut. A real life example, and one of the shining lights on the KDSC P&C this year is Claire. She has no longer children attending KDSC, yet Claire contributes to the betterment of KDSC and the Kuranda Community in general in a very big way. Claire has provided inspiration to us all and set a high bar when it comes to community engagement and commitment. Thanks Claire – I'm a huge fan of you and what you represent. You have redefined community for me.

A commitment to Kuranda will not only strengthen our community schools, but also our community. You will save money, improve your health, re-invigorate friendships and most importantly, reconnect and re-engage with your community. Surely it beats inevitable imminent departure or a hasty and forced retreat.

May I be first to say it: "Welcome back to Kuranda".

Owen Barnes

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Reserves Allocated To Mareeba Airport Have Been Wasted By TRC

Reserves at the time of amalgamation were approx \$236k and were intended for both Mareeba and Chillagoe aerodromes. They currently stand at approx \$135k. The \$100k has been spent on MSC aerodromes. With grants funding received so far since amalgamation approx \$2.6m has been spent on MSC aerodromes. This ranges from a development plan and improved drainage for Mareeba aerodrome to GPS and lighting facilities at Chillagoe.

Staffing Numbers Are Overly High

Employees at amalgamation for the former MSC = 1.2 per 100 population. Employees now for TRC = 1.2 per 100 population.

For completeness, at amalgamation:

- Former Atherton = 0.9 per 100
- Former Eacham = 1.2 per 100
- Former Herberton = 1.3 per 100

Mareeba Has Missed Out On TRC Spending And Has Propped Up The Southern Shires

- Since amalgamation a total of \$34.3m has been spent in the MSC area on roads, drainage, bridges, water, sewerage, plant and fleet and buildings, etc. This compares with \$29.6 in the southern shires.
- This represents 54% of the total infrastructure spend in the MSC area and yet this area only contributes about 44% of total TRC revenues.
- The infrastructure spend over the next 5 yrs to 2019 is forecast to be \$113.6m in the MSC area which will represent 63% of the total TRC infrastructure spend.
- This will bring the standard of all infrastructure across the region up to a comparable level.

(Refer to TRC Report to the Commissioner pages 27 & 34)

Are There Any Successful De-amalgamations?

- There have been numerous submissions made for de-amalgamation but throughout Australia there is just one recent example of de-amalgamation actually proceeding.
- Delatite Shire in Victoria de-amalgamated in 2002. Originally the estimates of the likely rate increases were placed at between 12% and 16.5% for the two new councils formed after Delatite was de-amalgamated in 2002.

The actual increases were over 30% immediately following de-amalgamation and, after adjusting for inflation and population increases, the rates in 2006 (just four years after splitting) were between 72% and 78% higher than before.

What Did Each Council Bring To Amalgamation?

Mareeba Cash \$22.57m out of a total of \$52.9m (42.6%)

Mareeba Debt \$6m out of a total of \$8.93m (68%)

Mareeba Net Assets \$293m out of total \$633m (46%)

At de-amalgamation Mareeba will get about \$25.3m in cash, \$1.66m in debt and Net Assets of \$352m.

ED: This information was provided to us, at our request, by Ian Church, CEO of the Tablelands Regional Council.

Tablelands Regional Council

New Committee for Kuranda Community Precinct

A new committee has been appointed to help drive the development of Kuranda's Community Precinct.

"This is a welcome step toward realising the potential of this Precinct," Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Rosa Lee Long said.

"I commend all those who nominated and welcome the committee that has been selected".

The new committee is: Independent chair John Baskerville and committee members Nicole Gibson, Mandy Dewey and Arch McArthur.

At its meeting yesterday the Tablelands Regional Council voted to approve that committee.

Divisional Councillor Jenny Jensen is also a member of the Committee.

A report is expected to a council meeting in March on relocating the Kuranda Library to a location within the precinct

"Mr Baskerville's background includes positions as principal of Kuranda State High School and Kowanyama and White Rock state schools, is a member of the Kuranda SES and is secretary of the Queensland Association of State School Principals (Cairns Region)," Councillor Lee Long said.

"I am sure under his guidance the Precinct will continue to progress."



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What a night of local stars! The 88.0 Gecko FM Kuranda Village Radio Cabaret was a hoot. With over 90 people turning up for the event, it looks like a return engagement is guaranteed.

And it was all possible because of the selfless contributions of an amazing range of Kuranda talent who were the radio stars of the night. Big thanks to Dan Siddhartha for a great team effort along with Dave Cooke for excellent sound that was right on the night. And thanks to our outstanding team of Kuranda talent. Faux Mo (Trish and Zac), the mighty Blue Lustre, the laid back and mesmerising Willy Brim and Sada, MC Joelle, radioactive Bosko and Honey, mathematical Janice Stark and the one man music excellence of Dave Cooke. And to finish off the night, Paris, acutely tuned to the beats and dancing sounds that got the crowd off. And of, course, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for taking the time to call up and open the show.

And stellar performances from our Gecko radio entrance reception girls,

Justine and Jan and a special mention for her stage managing excellence, Kate Gowdz. And of course big thanks to Terry Pates and the Frogs team for ensuring the comfort and safety of all Radio Cabaret passengers for the night.

There was only one unexpected issue on the night. The case of the missing radio ducks. After the event, as the happy crowd flowed out, it was obviously too much temptation for some people to take home three of our six floating, glowing radio ducks. Following intense investigations, 2 ducks have returned safely home. The guilty parties, 'fessed up and all is forgiven. However one duck is still missing and an APB is currently operational to ensure a safe return of the duck and a happy ending. The duck, as described by relevant authorities, is yellow, plastic, small, floats and has a radio inside. If you happen to see this duck, please note down a short description of the duck carrier and report your findings to your nearest friends/family and we will do the rest.

Thanks to all you Kuranda radio stars. Stay tuned. Shine on.



'The Illuminative Blu Lustre'
Lensman Dr Bruce Wannan

Unauthorised ransom note regarding duck abduction from 88.0 Gecko FM Kuranda Village Radio Cabaret.

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The Arts Page

MARTIN SHARP

Martin Sharp, local sculptor performs his art in Kuranda! That's right... performs.

I came across this unique individual plying his art at the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets the other day. Martin is a world renowned sculptor who now prefers to busk, taking his art directly to the people. He has been **SCULPTOR**



Martin

sculpting since age 14, and over the last 40 years has exhibited and sold his work in Australia and overseas. But these days Martin prefers to do his sculpting in the open air, in public, for all to see. "The art is in the act of creating, not in the end product". Martin's work is ephemeral in nature. Watching him work, you will see a lump of clay, in his skilful hands, metamorph from one object into another. As one onlooker remarked, pointing to the piece pictured below, "that was a woman this morning!". The fact that his work is not for sale gives him a freedom of expression not otherwise possible. His only source



Creator contemplates Creation



"It was a woman this morning?"

and his unique approach to the creation and sharing of his art form. If you are into sculpting or the creation of art generally, I suggest you get along to the marketplace and have a look at Martin's work. Originally from Melbourne, Martin has been all over the place and now lives at Mission Beach. He will be in Kuranda for a few months, so you have plenty of time to catch him at work. Some of his earlier work can be found on the net. Just google "Martin Sharp sculptor"



What next?

(note: Martin Sharp artist is someone else). Better still, get along to the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets and watch Martin pour life into an inanimate lump of clay in an everchanging expression of pure form.

ALL IS ART

How do we make art? Easy, by painting, sculpting, dancing, acting, singing, playing, photographing, digitising, producing, etc. etc. The list is long. Why do we make art? Not so easy. Some do it for money. Some do it for love. Some do it for both. I recently saw some art that was not much more than dirty brown smudges on canvas. The artist had created many such smudges, all original, all roughly the same. These can be yours for about \$2,000 to \$4,000 each, or if you have some dirt and a canvas you could make your own. The problem with this is that some art critic will tell you that it's not art. The real art is in the spin or story you weave around it. If you want to make lots of money this way, you will first need to get yourself critically acclaimed. This then becomes your art rather than the things you create. The art critic will then

proclaim your brown stain to be a significant and meaningful work of art in words that are grand but meaningless. Now the "Emperor's New Clothes" syndrome takes over. The wealthy, not wanting to seem uncultured, will willingly part with big cash for your brown stain. So the art in this case is in the presentation, or spin. It's a cultural placebo, i.e. it's not real, but it makes the buyer feel better for having spent a lot of money on it. Unfortunately there are still many (not all) in our academic institutions who are totally deluded by this world of fabrication. Personally I'd rather have a print of the pool-playing dogs than an original brown stain on my walls. But good luck to you artists who can pull it off.

After a similar exhibition a year earlier, I said to my art teacher "don't teach me to paint. Teach me how to sell green cardboard cutouts for \$11,000 a set." Anyhow let's just get on with our art, high, low or in between. If it feels good, do it! There IS some great contemporary art out there too, enjoy. seren

Left: a Triptych I made with a flat-bed scanner, some herbage, a trip to the butterfly house, and photoshop.



Amphitheatre News



Kuranda Amphitheatre volunteers

Dear Members and Friends, in 2012 the Amphitheatre hosted four Mainstage and ten Understage events, eighteen Working Bees and a Volunteer Barbecue. This kept management committee members and volunteers very busy.

It was great to see so many younger and new volunteers becoming involved throughout the year. All enjoyed helping and even thanked KAS for having them!

A big thanks to you all as these events would not have been successful without your assistance.

Thankyou to the many local groups and businesses who have given their support in 2012:

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| Barron River Hotel | Kuranda Cyber Cafe |
| Frackoff | Tablelands Regional Council |
| Bomatu Electrical | Frogs Restaurant |
| Tom Chapman | Brett Donnachie |
| The Honey House | Tourism Kuranda |

(and any others we may have forgotten to mention)

Regional Awards:

A highlight for this year was receiving the Cairns Post HIT Award for the **Best Event - Mumford & Sons**. That's two years in a row (2011 - Excellence in Community Arts and Entertainment). Many thanks to Jesse Kuch and all supporters of the Amphitheatre.



...these 3 images courtesy Cairns Post

Volunteers BBQ

It was great to see so many volunteers attend. The intention was to thank those who had helped throughout 2012 and have a chance to enjoy the place, chill out and socialise. We all had a beaut time. Thanks to Lunar and John for giving great music and the kitchen for giving great food.

Sunday 24th February sees a new **Management Committee** elected for the 2013 year. Many thanks to the outgoing committee and welcome to the new!



Volunteers BBQ

2013 Management Committee members:

- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| Executive: | |
| President | IAN CANNON |
| Secretary | LIZA DEWEY |
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2013 KAS Management Committee

Committee:

- LUNAR MOON
- SONYA RICHARDSON
- GABE GIBSON
- ANIKA BETTS



2012 KAS Management Committee
www.kurandaamphitheatre.org



Fans Carve-It-Up on stage



Sarah Blasko (below) and Mumford bass player (left) at the award winning Mumford gig.



Left: Anika Betts and Mandy Dewey receiving the HIT award from Time-Out editor Tom Lee



Full house at Mumford & Sons



Kuranda Indigenous Men's Health Group

Following a strong start to the year the Kuranda Indigenous Men's Health Group (KIMHG), with the on-going support from Relationships Australia and Ngoonbi Co-operative Society, has made an impression in the community and has received good feedback from participants, community members and local organisations. In recent weeks KIMHG Co-ordinators, Joseph Oui, Relationships Australia and Jermane Herbohn, Ngoonbi Co-operative Society have actively organised future events, social outings and sessions which will develop links and better support the concerns of Indigenous men in the community.

The KIMHG has planned future partnerships with other local Indigenous men's groups in Yarrabah, Mareeba and Mossman that can work to implement a holistic and culturally inclusive approach, benefitting Indigenous communities and targeting Indigenous men, women and children.

The KIMHG recently held a group session in Kuranda, hosted by Jermane Herbohn, about the function of the heart, and heart disease awareness. Before the session the men had cooked savoury mince and rice and it was good to see the men cooking and having a good time together. The session started with



a minute's silence because of Survival day (Australia Day) and a power point presentation of old archival pictures of Rainforest Aboriginal people. After the minute's silence Jermane handed out words to a Djabugay song Called 'Gagay Mu' and Biri Jah played the guitar as men sang the song. Then came the session on 'Function of the Heart'. While music played, men had their blood pressure measured and then had to write down their systolic and diastolic levels for the session. Overall the session was explanatory and very

informative. It made the men aware that they faced the reality of mortality figures that underline the importance of understanding Chronic health diseases affecting Indigenous men in Australia.

On the following weekend the KIMHG had its first weekend outing. This saw many Indigenous men participate: visiting the Cairns lagoon for a barbecue and swim and later to Freshwater for another swim. The weekend activity started with a bus trip from Kuranda to Cairns at around 9am. Throughout the day the men had a great time playing a game of touch footy together and also a game of cricket to work up an appetite for lunch. After lunch the KIMHG travelled to Freshwater creek for a refreshing swim. Uncle Andy Duffin played guitar. Some of the men sat and relaxed in the shade and some of them went fishing. The men who participated were very grateful to have been included and would like to go on future weekend outings.

The KIMHG outing and sessions showed that many Indigenous men in the community are willing to engage and participate, and have shown that they are moving forward to create a inclusive and respectful relationship with others and most importantly themselves, building confidence, self esteem, pride and resilience.

Speewah District Residents Association Inc.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on **Monday 4 March** at 7.30pm in the Community Building, Roscommon.

Agenda will include:

- De-amalgamation. Voters will be reminded that they should not only think carefully about the cost of rate rises and other costs associated with break up, but also bear in mind the difficulties that would result if de-amalgamation were to take place;
- An update of Council matters from Councilor Jenny Jensen;
- An update on progress with the National Broadband Network Co. in Speewah area. Speewah residents are reminded that they can cast their vote at the polling both in the Community Building at Roscommon Park in Speewah on the 9th of March

Report on the General Meeting held in December:

- Our visiting speaker was the Chief Executive Officer of the TRC, Ian Church. Ian provided us with a detailed report on the TRC's submission to the State Government on the subject of De-amalgamation. He had with him a copy of the TRC's submission and explained details of the estimated costs of de-amalgamation and the rate rise that would be required to cover some of the costs. This was a great opportunity to get information first hand. He answered questions from the floor on matters raised by the meeting. Those present at the meeting thanked Ian for his presentation.
- Councilor Jenny Jensen gave a detailed report on Council activities in our area.
- John Thomson gave an update of what was happening regarding the Rural Fire Service in Queensland.

If residents have any item they would like listed on the agenda for our next meeting, please contact either: Margaret Butteling, Secretary, on 4093 0100; or Bob Madden, President, on 4093 0169.

Tablelands Regional Council

Reserve for Sport and Recreation

Kuranda Aquatic Centre

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Presentation of Draft Land Management Plan

Seeking submissions from the Public

Council has prepared a Land Management Plan for the above reserve and invites submissions from the public as to whether you agree or disagree with the content of the Plan. This is part of the approval process required by DNRM (Department of Natural Resources and Mines Management, formally known as DERM).

The goals and objectives of the plan are to clarify the purpose of the reserve, resolve any conflicts of use and to ensure sustainable management of the reserve for the benefit of the community.

The community is advised that copies of the Land management Plan are available for inspection at the following locations: Tablelands Regional Council Atherton Office 45 Mabel Street Atherton and also on Council's website www.trc.qld.gov.au. Submissions should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Tablelands Regional Council, P O Box 573, Atherton Qld 4883.

Closing Time: The Closing Time for lodgement of submissions is 5.00pm on Friday, 29th March 2013.

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The Cairns Post Hit Awards 2013

Hillbilly Goats voted by fans as Best Local Group

The Hillbilly Goats took out top honours as **Best Local Group**, and Kuranda fans can catch their rollickin' boot stompn' live act this month at the Kuranda Rainforest Retreat and the Barron Falls Hotel. (Check Gig Guide for dates).

2013 Best Festival or Major Event Award

Congratulations goes to UK folk heroes **Mumford & Sons** who impressed local audiences with their sell-out show at the Kuranda Amphitheatre in October last year, taking out both **Best Touring Group** and **Best Festival or Major Event** for the Kuranda Amphitheatre in the region's Premiere Entertainment and Arts Awards.

Kuranda Amphitheatre volunteers can pat themselves on the back, for 2013 is the second year running that the Amphitheatre has received regional awards following the 2012 Editor's Choice Award for Excellence in Entertainment and the Arts.

Black Boy Tree playing some of his originals and some hot reggae covers!

Well known local Indigenous artist **Gus Gosam** will performing his original works with his legendary musician friends **Savoy Brown & Irwin Riley**.

A highlight of the evening will be a tribute to "Zonk", Atherton's icon 70's band. **Gary Dozier** is joining the young family members of Zonk in a tribute to his former band members **Phillip Ottone** and **Ray Brown**. This will definitely be a show that's brings back fond memories for all Tablelanders. Other artists on the bill are **No Hype, Shirl, Nozmo, No Secrets** and **Young Guns**.

The Locals Ball is brought to you by LAMP and Live Your Dream.



Tablelands Big Night Out

The Locals Ball is back again!

Friday 22nd March at Merrilands Hall, Atherton

The Annual Locals Ball brings together the community to showcase unique local talent and original music that the Tablelands have to offer. This year there is a diverse range of musical talent performing to raise money for Tableland communities and to promote the live music scene on the Tablelands.

A platform for local musicians to be heard.

The Locals Ball has some special guests gracing the stage this year. Top Bill line up is beautiful **Kel Timmons**, an Atherton girl is home to perform for her local audience and encourage and empower Atherton's emerging artists. Kel took her music to the big smoke of Briz-Vegas and has gone on to be one of the best female hip-hop artists in the country. Her latest achievement is featuring in the *Hilltop Hoods* film clip 'Rattling the Keys to the Kingdom'.

Kel will be joining local music and farming legends **Des** and **John Godfrey** with their band **Bold as Brass** for a selection of her Jazz and Blues. Bold as Brass performed in the 70s around the Tableland district.

Grim Tilla, a regular performer of Kuranda Roots Festival with bands such as the **Upsteppers** and **Mr Laneous & the Family Yah**, the 'West End Star' will be bringing his vibe to the Tablelands.

The lineup includes Kuranda favorites **Mantaka Band** local legend **Irwin Riley** with the leaf that's made him famous and his renowned songs such as the **Banks of The Barron River, Island & City Lights**. Along with local musician and actor **Marley Snider Sharp** & his band



JJ Brown & Marley Snider Sharp

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KURANDA GIG GUIDE

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH
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SATURDAY 2ND MARCH  
The Kuranda Rainforest Retreat  
\* THE HILLBILLY GOATS \*  
6.00-10.00pm  
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FRIDAY 8TH MARCH
The Barron Falls Hotel
* AUDIOSCAM *
7.00pm till late
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SATURDAY 9TH MARCH  
The Kuranda Rainforest Retreat  
\* KOAHLITION REGGAE BAND\*  
6.00-10.00pm  
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FRIDAY 15TH MARCH
The Barron Falls Hotel
* JUSTFA KICKS *
7.00pm till late
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FRIDAY 22ND MARCH  
The Barron Falls Hotel  
\* HILL BILLY GOATS \*  
7.00pm till late  
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SATURDAY 23RD MARCH
The Barron Falls Hotel
* KARAOKE *
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FRIDAY 29TH MARCH  
The Barron Falls Hotel  
\* CRITTERS \*  
7.00pm till late



## THE BOOGIE BROTHERS CD REVIEWS

### Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds: "Push the Sky Away" [www.nickcave.com](http://www.nickcave.com)

This is a journey. Echoes deep; aquatic, a cave that was visited by Pink Floyd way back: "Deep beneath the rolling waves in labyrinths of coral caves. The echo of a distant tide came willowing across the sand. And everything is green and submarine." Remember? Well here's Nick the caveman swinging right away from "Grinderman" and "Dig Lazarus, dig!!" Going down to the water, seaside mating rituals; mermaids; waves. Brooding, lush, looping and darkly mellow.



An album that pulls all its complex parts into unity. As we said, a journey deep beneath the rolling waves with the dark poet.

"Higgs Boson Blues" takes Cave on a rambling 8 minute journey to witness the discovery of the Higgs Boson, the "God" particle. En route meeting the devil at the crossroads and ending in Hollywood where

"Miley Cyrus floats in a swimming pool in Toluca Lake and again were water-born."

One of these captivating trips through music, poetry and dark visions that you just want to end... brilliant.



### Ty Segall: "Twins" [www.tysegall.com](http://www.tysegall.com)

A young rocker from San Francisco, cheeky little bugger, effortlessly pulls together kick-ass musical clichés from the 60s; 70s; 80s: reedy "Beatlesque" mega phonics; kinks, troggs bombast; Led Zep rhythmic swoops. Then it's raw punk - Sex Pistols to Green Day with a slash of Clash.

A full sonic blast that manages to take in just about every musical assault that's ever been blasted out, weave them together and build a fresh exuberant respect for feedback and distortion and come up with a neo punk sound. On track 4 "The Hill" Ty cranks the distortion up past even Neil Young's most obsessive efforts then sings, oh so sweetly, "We are the children, still!"

We don't worry about it, the kids are all right. Some awesome guitar heroics amongst the mix, and always back to that eerie 60s ambience. I swear John Lennon and Abbey Rd have infiltrated the studio, and Neil Young hitched a ride. Wild, lawless, big, beauty and basic.

## The Boogies





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**Tai Chi**  
6-7pm • Les 4093 8276

**Night Soccer**  
6.30-8pm (4 side) • Gary 4093 7109

**Acappella Singing**  
7.15-8.45pm • Jane 4093 0463

**TUESDAY...**

**Yoga**  
5.30-6.30pm • Aileen 4093 7401

**Eight Ball - Competition Night**  
7pm • Janet 4093 7104

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**WEDNESDAY...**

**Melina's Dance**  
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5pm - Seniors  
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**THURSDAY...**

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KRC Annual General Meeting (AGM) rescheduled to 16 March 2013 at 3pm. Agenda on noticeboard. ALL WELCOME



**Frogs at the Club have arrived!**

Friday 15 February saw the opening of 'Frogs at the Club' at the KRC. The restaurant had a very successful opening night with full tables, a beautifully cooked extensive menu, and excellent service. All diners were extremely happy with their meals and vowed to return!

'Frogs at the Club' will be open every Friday night and offers a varied menu of quality meals at reasonable prices. Credit card facilities available. Bookings are recommended - call 0407 937 405 or email info@frogsrestaurant.com.au Please leave your name and contact details. No pre-ordering is required.

**Go Kuranda Rangers!**

The Kuranda Rangers are getting primed for a big season in 2013. With two successful sign on days now complete, the Kuranda Rangers have secured a great bunch of youngsters who are excited about playing soccer for Kuranda!

Training kicks off on Thursday 7 March at 4-5.30pm at Hunter Park, Fallon Road. The season officially starts on Saturday 13 April at Endeavour Park in Cairns.

Contact Gary Davis for more information on 4093 7109 or the Kuranda Rangers Football Club on Facebook.



**Kuranda 8 Ball has a new look...**

What a great way to start the new 8 ball season. Kuranda 8 Ball has a fresh new logo to go with their renovations at the KRC. The new upgrade of the 8 ball area consists of a new layout, tables, lights and a fresh coat of paint. The players are very happy with their 'new' playing area.

The new season of 8 ball is up and running with 12 teams nominated for the 2013 pre-season that commenced on 26 February. The night of the sign on was also a huge success, with Noel Graham winning the Knockout in a tight competition against Caleb Bell.



Steve Hoye takes a shot on one of the new tables

**SUNDAY...**

**Yoga**  
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**Social Tennis**  
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**SUNDAY...MONTHLY**

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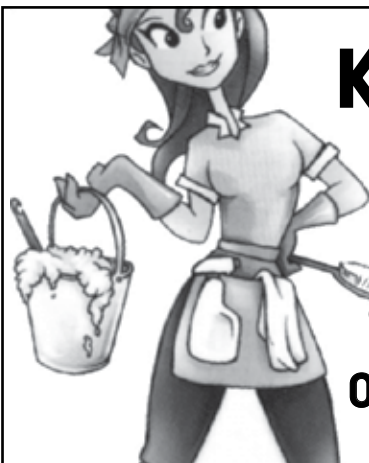
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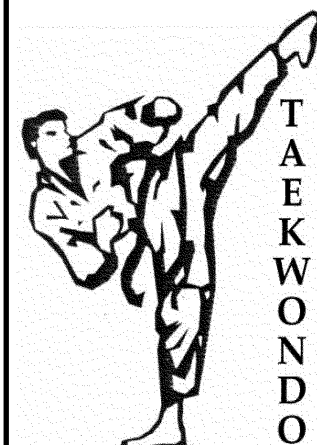
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## Neighbourhood Centre News March 2013

**Step Forward:** Next program commences on Monday 4th March 2013 at 10.30am. If you are having problems with drinking or cigarettes or other habits that are affecting your health, relationships or finances in a bad way, you might want to think about coming along to the Step Forward program at KNC.

This strictly confidential relapse prevention program is run in a small group format in 2 hour sessions held weekly over four weeks.

**Furniture Exchange:** If you have items in good condition to donate, please let us know and we will arrange pick up by our two volunteers Rick and Jill.

Thank you to all those who have looked around and donated unused or unwanted items. Please let Ceri know if you need any items of furniture. She keeps a register of need and as items are donated they are given to the next person on the register.

Right now we know people who need deep freezers, washing machines, beds, dining tables, sofas, fridges and outdoor furniture. THANKS.

**Family Fun Day** – April 10th: We are starting the planning for the Kuranda Interagency Family Day in Centenary Park – if you want to be involved in any way, please contact Ceri or Marg to find out more and register your interest or participation.

**Counselling:** A generalist counsellor comes to KNC from Uniting Care Community (formerly Lifeline) on Wednesday afternoons – Appointments can be made by ringing them directly on 4050 4955 or through KNC.

Referrals are strictly confidential.

**Financial Counselling:** There are two Financial Counsellors who come to KNC from Uniting Care Community on Monday mornings.

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*The Neighbourhood Centre Team*



## Welcome Home Sybil

In the early hours of one morning last August, an adult Striped Possum was injured in a quiet Kuranda cul-de-sac. Sybil came into care at BatReach via the local vet, where she had been taken by the early morning walker who had found her by the roadside. Sybil had sustained a severe concussion, presumably from an encounter with a car.

As is typical with head injuries, progress was slow. Meanwhile Sybil was comfortable and safe in her hospital box being cared for by Pam and Kristy, who fed her delicacies such as mealworms and avocado. She also happily gnawed her way through a nightly supply of tasty logs.

Over time Sybil's condition improved – as she became more coordinated she become more active. She was then moved to a larger enclosure where she could exercise on the branches at night and rebuild her strength.

Eventually Sybil was ready for release back to the wild. Fortunately her exact territory was known through details originally taken at the vet surgery. After spending two nights in a portable release enclosure at a property close to where she had been found, her door to freedom was opened. She calmly exited the enclosure and began to reacquaint herself with her familiar trees, gaining speed and confidence as she raced up and down, leaping from branch to branch before vanishing into the night.

Sybil's story is the best case scenario for rescue and rehabilitation of an injured native animal, where she was placed into appropriate care, rehabilitated and released back into her own territory.



Story and Photograph by Helen, BatReach Volunteer

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**MODERATION IS THE KEY** to balance within our lives. Not only in the foods we consume but also in our daily activities. Sleep is an exceptionally important commodity that is often only truly appreciated as it becomes restricted.

### Sleeping patterns at a glance

1. **Alpha waves** – we begin to become sleepy
2. **Theta waves** – transform us from waking to sleeping. Occurs for only a few minutes.
3. **Beta waves** – the body is asleep and our systems slow down but we are still sensitive to noise
4. **Restorative Sleep Phase** during which cells repair and rejuvenate themselves. This is the deepest phase of Sleep.
5. **REM** – Dream state. Also a very beneficial deep sleep.

If we do not negotiate through each phase properly we can be resting for hours but never reach the complete state of rejuvenation.

### Natural Sleeping Aids

Insomnia can occur for a good number of reasons ranging from a physical condition or deficiency, to not being able to switch off that chattering monkey mind. Ever gone to bed only to get caught on a thinking wheel? As you lie there trying to sleep, the day's events go round and round in your head as you think of all the chores needing completion or what you could have said or done better. This is a common issue for many who suffer from sleep deprivation. In this circumstance, Bush flowers are the perfect remedy, especially **crowea** which is for niggling fears or concerns. You can also get a premade Rescue Remedy formula for sleep. These formulas are great for winding down the mind when the body is ready to rest but the mind is not.

Most beneficial for sleep latency (the amount of time taken to fall asleep) are calmatives, such as **Chamomile, Hops, Lavender, Passionflower** and

**Damiana.** There is also the natural sedative, **Valerian**, which can aid deep sleep without giving that 'groggy' feeling in the morning. Both Calmatives and Sedatives can also reduce the frequency of awakenings during sleep.

Deficiencies in **Calcium, potassium, b12** and **magnesium** can also cause sleeping issues as their function in sufficient quantities is to relax the body both mentally and physically. Caffeine, alcohol and insufficient exercise can also impair sleep quality. As our sleeping patterns become more dysfunctional so do our thoughts. It is very difficult to think clearly without a full 6-8 hours sleep. Sleep is not only essential for energy and concentration but also for our internal body clock which has a schedule. At 3am, for example, it's the liver's time to shine; filtering and cleaning the daily toxins. Like a computer that is set to scan for viruses overnight, so too does our liver. Our systems rely on a good night's sleep so they can effectively do



their house cleaning.

The longest lived people obtain 6-8 hours sleep per night and sleep deprivation for 12 days or longer can actually be fatal. Prioritise your sleep for a happier, healthier and longer life by ensuring you are getting adequate sleep nightly.

Some herbs must not be taken with some pharmaceutical medicines. Please check with your health practitioner.

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# In support of Cairns Base Hospital – Intensive Care Unit

It really is amazing how the events of a few short days can make dramatic differences to our lives.

Just before New Year I caught what I thought was a stomach bug. Naturally one just took a couple of Panadol and waited for it all to pass.

Of course when it hadn't by the next day, the wife insisted on dragging me off to the Kuranda Medical Centre. At this stage (late on 2 January) I started to feel "heavy", "lethargic" and "slow" both physically and mentally (although I guess there's some who'd say that was nothing unusual for me). The KMC decided to send me off by ambulance to Mareeba Hospital.

From there it was decided to ship me off to Cairns Hospital by way of the Rescue Helicopter. My first chopper ride, but alas, from my stretcher on the floor no sightseeing was possible. Then I'm wheeled into Cairns Base Hospital Intensive Care Unit – which turned out to be my 'home' for the next 34 days.

It happened that I had somehow developed Septacemia and suffered complete kidney failure and the next couple of weeks was a blur of continuous Dialysis, various IV drips, blood transfusions, daily blood tests, breathing and feeding machines, etc. Some of the drug induced hallucinations in that first week, were, however, quite interesting.

Anyway, a horrendous time overall. In total I was about thirty-four (34) days in ICU, and then another 10 days in recovery wards.

But this is the real story I wish to tell. The ICU team is such a professional and 'well-oiled' machine that it is hard to know where to start praise.

The doctors, of course, in their daily rounds who with honesty and non-technical waffle update your condition; the nurses, with their friendly efficiency; even wardsmen and cleaners offering grins and 'owagoin mate'.

For those not familiar with an Intensive Care Unit, it is completely different to the 'normal' hospital ward. Catering for only limited patients at a time, nurses are allocated to generally 12 hour shifts, 7.30 to 7.30. Nurses and patients are mostly 'one on one', except when there may be some on-the-way-to-recovery patients who may 'share' a nurse. One on one may seem a little extravagant to some – but let's remember that most patients are not 'with it' and have to be continuously monitored for all functions - breathing,

heart, also toileted, fanned individually. Many patients (such as me for the first few weeks), are hooked up to a variety of machines going "ping ping" that need close attention. In most cases, the ICU is the last line of defence. Generally, there's nowhere to go from ICU except recovery or Palliative Care.

I overheard a small group of nurses unfavourably discussing their pay rates in comparison to recently-released unskilled workers pay rates. As a society we should hang our heads in shame that skilled and dedicated workers are seemingly devalued. Where is the perspective?

But it's not all gloom and doom in the ICU. The staff really do attempt to chat to and cheer up the patients the best they can.

Oddly enough, they also get the occasional whinger. Over my extended 'stay', I observed people who were there in the ICU, usually having had their lives saved by the team, revert back to their self-centredness after feeling better for a few days – and start criticising staff, food, etc.

As for me, after all this intensive treatment, eventually my kidney function fought back to be working at about 20% capacity, at which point I was sent off to recovery wards in Cairns hospital, then Mareeba hospital for a total of 10 days. Again, I have nothing but praise for the staff and procedures in the 'normal' wards of either hospital, even the food was pretty damned good.

There were a couple of minor glitches in administrative procedures – but what big organisation doesn't have these?

The latest round of hospital sackings and redundancies annoy me. In my 'stay' I certainly didn't notice any staff lazing about, and I cannot for the life of me see where these sackings are coming from. For me, I'm obviously grateful to the professional and dedicated ICU team to still 'be here'. and will hear no criticism whatsoever.

**David Gormley**

*David Gormley and Helen Douglas arrived in Kuranda six years ago, having operated a graphic design and printing business in Brisbane for over 20 years. They have been a part of the design and layout team of The Kuranda Paper for about four years. David is also the Treasurer of the Kuranda Media Association.*



The writer, David, lazing about in Cairns Base Hospital ICU

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For those members who attended our meeting this month we are sure you enjoyed the presentations from both parties on the very current and contentious de-amalgamation issue. At the end of the forum there was a secret ballot from the members present and proxy votes resulting in the Chamber, on behalf of its members, electing not to support de-amalgamation and remain with the TRC.

I believe there are two questions you, as members and more importantly rate payers, need to ask yourselves.

1. Why are we even contemplating de-amalgamation? and
2. What are my expectations both short and long term from a basically re-vamped Mareeba Shire Council?

We are told that there will be six councilors for the new MSC to be based in Mareeba and will visit the outposts like Kuranda as and when needed.

Where, therefore, is the direct representation for the Kuranda Community that we currently enjoy under the TRC? What is the long term business viability of this reborn council and at the end of the day who is going to be accountable?

If you're registered on the electoral roll, it's mandatory to vote on Sat March 9th 2013 and therefore maximize our opportunity to achieve the desired decision not to de-amalgamate.

Our next meeting is Wed March 6th 2013 when we will have Karen Seal, NQ Regional Manager for Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland, to give us a presentation on our membership benefits and what their organization can do for our future growth and development. See you all then.

*Mike Took, Treasurer/Secretary*

## KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

### Artist in Residence in Thailand

Kuranda Arts Co-operative artist **Sasi Victoire** is currently working in Thailand under an Artist in Residence program and has work on display in a solo exhibition titled 'Watermark' in Chang Mai. Follow this link for a great film clip. Artworks will be shown in Cairns at a later date. Sasi's lino prints and children's books are available at the Co-op Gallery. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMxCaHyF1jU>

### Fibre Artists Exhibiting Interstate

Co-op fibre artists, **Marcia Bird** and **Toni Rogers** are exhibiting in *Rhyme and Reason* at the Belconnen Art Centre, Canberra, during 1st-24th March. Instead of an opening ceremony this exhibition will have an exhibition closing event, 3:00pm Sunday 24 March 2013 by Anthony Camm, Director of Ararat Regional Gallery, Victoria.

*Rhyme and Reason brings together works by weavers from around Australia and overseas, and is a satellite exhibition of the Basketry Gathering which will be held for the first time in Canberra in 2013. Rhyme references the poetic intentions of makers and suggests the repetitive and ordered processes of weaving. Reason implies the makers' application of intelligence and logic in resolving formal, technical, material and aesthetic considerations in creating their works.*



*Dress For Dinner*  
Toni Rogers



*On The Incoming Tide*  
Marcia Bird  
from her Ghost Net series

Marcia and Toni will be attending the International (Canberra) Basketry Gathering 2013 during the Belconnen exhibition period.

Also in March, these two fibre artists will be exhibiting in Cairns at the Cell Artspace with Saltwater Creek Basketry Group. In celebration of the local environment's abundance, *A Sense of Place* explores what it means to put a modern twist on age old skills and to reflect a connection to that environment. Tropical North Queensland allows artists the use of a plethora of natural fibres combined with unusual materials and techniques to create an array of contemporary artworks. '*A Sense of Place*' is being run alongside "Women in the Arts 2013" which is being presented by the Knock Knock Contemporary Artists Initiative, at Circa 1907, just a few doors down from the Cell Artspace.

Fibre artworks by Marcia Bird and Toni Rogers are available at the Co-operative Gallery.

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## To Split or Not to Split?

On March 9th, Kuranda residents will vote on whether the old Mareeba Shire is re-established, splitting the current Tablelands Regional Council into two. How would this affect Kuranda?

Friends of the Earth (FoE) Kuranda asked Mick Borzi, ex mayor of Mareeba Shire and present Mayor of Tablelands Regional Council Rosa Lee Long about various issues including drinking water quality and sewerage.

Lack of space prevents the answers being published in full but these can be read on our website at <http://www.foekuranda.org/>.

We were particularly interested in the overdue upgrade of Mareeba's sewerage works, how the respective councils would fund this and when the work would take place.

Over \$25 million must be spent on Mareeba's sewerage to comply with minimum standards, work that should have begun many years ago under the old Mareeba Shire Council. ( According to the Tableland Advertiser [http://www.cairns.com.au/article/2012/05/25/220745\\_local-news.html](http://www.cairns.com.au/article/2012/05/25/220745_local-news.html) the sewerage works have failed to meet license agreement for more than two decades.)

Rosa Lee Long commented, "If de-amalgamation is defeated at the 9 March poll, I anticipate a decision will be made at the next Tableland Regional Council meeting after that date and the upgrade then commence as quickly as is possible."

Mick Borzi did not answer the question about when the upgrade would be actioned if Mareeba Shire is resurrected, but said, "It would be funded by charges."

Queensland Treasury estimates that Mareeba Shire Council would face financial constraints from day one and after five years have an additional debt of over \$70 million. So it is likely that long-overdue capital works expenditure, like the Mareeba sewage system would be a low priority.

And we would go from a Council that's financially stable to a Council strapped for cash. The Treasury also estimate that ratepayers would be liable for drastic rate increases in the years following amalgamation.

In the meantime, the Barron River would continue to be polluted by the defunct Mareeba sewage system, from which Mareeba and Kuranda's town water is supplied.

Would Mareeba Shire's financial problems then support a culture of unsustainable, open-slasher development to try to build up the shire's financial base?

For these reasons, FoE is concerned that de-amalgamating would result in mismanagement and increased environment degradation of our most precious environmental assets including the Barron River catchment.

And we believe a united Tableland Regional Council has more chance of successfully managing this with their whole region approach than piecemeal with separate councils.

Draft Tableland Regional Council Planning Scheme  
Submissions on this are due by 28 March 2013. For details, log onto <http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/>.

Friends of the Earth Kuranda will be putting a submission on our website, <http://www.foekuranda.org/> by mid March.

The review of local planning will have far reaching effects on where and how development takes place. It's a planning document and subject to change so make sure you have your say.

Next Friends of the Earth Kuranda meeting: Sunday 17 March at 11.30pm See <http://www.foekuranda.org/> for venue. Everyone welcome.



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# Inside My Studio

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The Wikipedia definition of 'no fixed abode' is "If at a particular time a person has no fixed abode (in England and Wales or elsewhere) he shall at that time be treated as having his sole or main residence in the place where he is at the time." While **Peter Jaensch** has the comfort of a permanent residence, his 'studio' is certainly 'in the place where he is at the time'. Thoroughly enjoying his daily freedom after being locked in his gallery 'Spiral Studio' in the Kuranda Original Markets for seven days a week for six years, Pete says it was initially like being divorced from life. He felt a huge loss at the time but it now feels like being on holidays. What is next for **Peter Jaensch**? The list is extensive and one of the best things about his art is that it is portable. What Pete can't do with wire isn't worth writing about.

## Where is your current studio?

Everywhere. I work where ever the inspiration takes me. The world is my studio. At the moment it is anywhere inspiration can appear – sitting on the side of the road, in my car, at home or even at a café.

## Do you work alone or with others?

Both. You can always find someone who is like-minded and 'bounce off' each other. I conduct workshops at the local High School and the energy of the students blows me away. I really enjoy teaching. I have a degree in Landscape Architecture from UWA in Perth and this interest led to my artwork. But I also work in solitude, for many hours, whittling, carving, bending wire and researching.

## What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Air, light and inspiration. My fingers and my imagination.

## Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

From nothing to a sudden burst of inspiration and then there is no stopping me. When I had the gallery I once had five days off in a row in six years. Now my timetable is in my hands. I spend time roaming Op Shops collecting old beads and recycling materials. I am an 'opshopaholic'. It is incredible what you find. Treasures indeed. Pieces in particular that can be included and re-used in workshops.

## Describe the works you do in your studio.

Carving and sculpture. I make jewellery, optical illusions, and some funky bathroom fittings, mainly using wire. I am only limited to my imagination.

## Why is working with wire your chosen medium?

I find it is a challenge to go from the sublime to the ridiculous, using my imagination as my major tool. Working with wire is my favourite medium. Wire wasn't readily used to create art pieces before around 1990. It was quite unique when I started. Now, instead of using a pencil and paper, a length of wire is my pencil. It is a malleable medium. It is playing. Art should be a game and fun.

## List three things you listen to while working.

Silence isn't bad, but it is scarce. Silence can be a thunderous roar. But there is always the sounds of nature; the wind and the birds. I listen also to ABC Classics



and to 'talkback radio' and let the mind float off.

## Your favourite tool?

Pliers, any form of pliers. I couldn't do my artwork without a pair of pliers. Also my dremel. I currently have a fascination with raw palm seeds and I am carving (scrimshawing) these. This was an old pastime of sailors while at sea.

## How do you identify your work?

My work identifies itself. I have never signed a piece. My art is my signature.

## How do you sell your work?

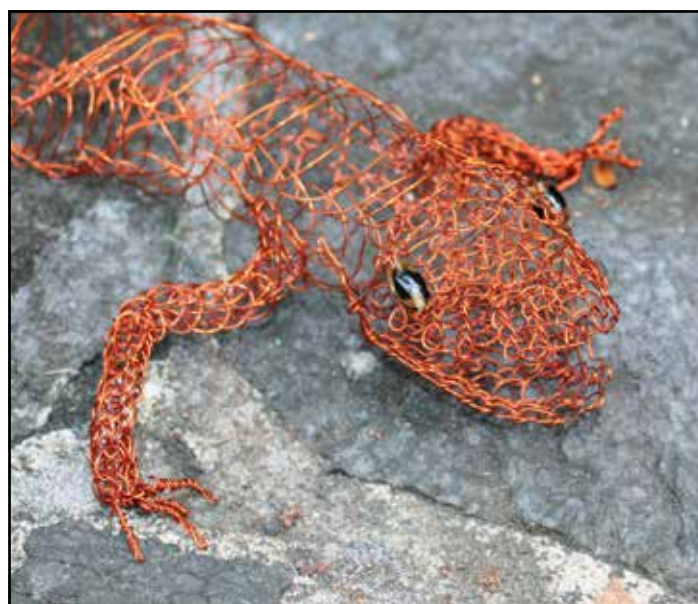
I sell privately, by commission, and by word of mouth. I am currently working out of 'Didi's Garage Sale' premises beside the Kuranda Arts Co-operative Gallery in Coondoo Street. I am able to work and sell my own pieces at the same time as manning the Garage Sale. I do private workshops at the schools, the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre and on the Tablelands. Some of my pieces are available at Amber's stall at the Heritage Market.

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

I wouldn't change my current 'studio' situation for quids. I would lose my well earned freedom and the choice of where I want to be. The next step for me is to create a Gallery Café. I dream. I like the idea of combining art and food together.

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

I really enjoy teaching and I would like to establish some regular Recycling Workshops under my banner of Bent'n Twisted Creations using fabric, plastic, found objects, wood and jewellery. The materials are limitless. It would be in Kuranda. I grew up in Perth and later moved to Darwin where I spent a number of years. I came to Kuranda in 1999 for a week and stayed five months. I came back again on Australia Day in 2003 and have been here ever since. I do not want to leave. There is something special about the people in this village – it is like a family unit, like slipping on a pair of comfortable slippers.



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# The Chemical Cocktail Called Venom

**VENOM** is a term strongly associated with Australian wildlife, as some of the most venomous creatures on earth live here. Venom is a mix of chemicals which are produced by animals to be injected into other animals, to either capture them as prey or in self defence. Although the terms venomous and poisonous are often used interchangeably they do mean different things. Poisons are chemicals which are absorbed or swallowed, whereas venoms are injected via a bite or a sting. Centipedes and millipedes are good examples of this. Centipedes can bite; they have modified claws which are used as fangs to inject a chemical to kill their prey – they are venomous. Millipedes on the other hand are not venomous, they are poisonous. They have chemicals inside them which they can release to cause irritation as a form of defence, and can cause animals to become ill if they eat them.



A rainforest millipede is mildly poisonous. It cannot bite, but releases chemicals as a defensive tactic that can be absorbed by other animals.

Obviously not all venoms are the same; they work in a variety of ways. They are made up of various components (called toxins) which attack specific parts of the victim. Neurotoxins target the nervous system, while myotoxins act on muscles. Some toxins affect the clotting capacity of the blood, either by causing clotting or haemorrhage. Most venoms are very complicated chemicals, usually containing a combination of toxins.

The effects venoms have vary from species to species. Some animal species may be particularly susceptible to one type of venom, whilst other species show little effect. The venom of the well known Sydney Funnelweb spider is a perfect example. It efficiently kills its prey (small animals such as insects and other spiders), and is

very toxic to humans as we well know. The quirk is that most other mammals (eg. cats and dogs) experience little effect from the bite of this spider. As far as mammals go, it is just us and our relatives (primates) which are particularly sensitive to Sydney Funnelweb venom.

Fortunately, we now have effective antivenoms for many of highly toxic venoms in Australia. This includes our venomous snakes, and spiders such as the Sydney Funnelweb and Redback. Our increased knowledge of first aid has also helped to significantly reduce the impact of these venoms on us.

Whether it is the spiders, snakes, jellyfish or jumping ants, tourists from other countries often come here with a distorted level of expectation for encountering some of our venomous animals – and with a sense of fear that simply is not necessary. Many Australians also worry far too much about these venomous animals. The fact is that although we do have more than our fair share of venomous animals in Australia, the risk of being seriously affected or killed by one of these creatures pales into absolute insignificance compared to taking our chances with motor vehicles on a daily basis.

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## “The King’s Speech”

by **Mark Logue and Peter Conradi**

(2010, Quercus)

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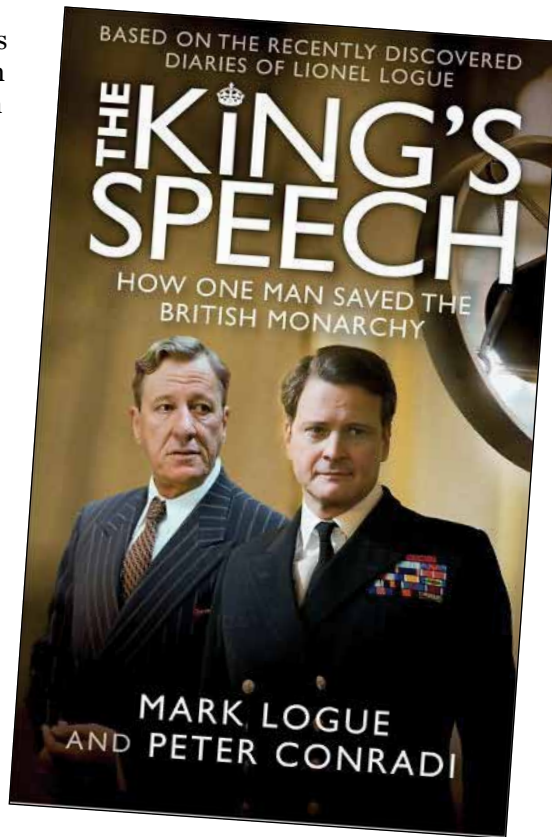
Many will have seen the recent movie of the same name as this book, featuring Australia’s own Geoffrey Rush plus Colin Firth and others, directed by Tom Hooper. It was I think an excellent film and made riveting viewing. It is really enjoyable to now read the book setting out in more detail this story, with pictures from the film still in the back of the mind. The book is in one sense the biography of Lionel Logue, the Australian speech therapist on whose head fell the daunting but unexpected task of treating the Duke of York, later King George VI, for his serious speech impediment. The story was made possible by access to Logue’s diaries. In telling the story, we gain an interesting insight into the British royal family in the 20th century, and in particular the role played by some of them upon the abdication of King Edward VIII, and the unexpected and forced imposition of kingship upon a shy, speech affected and unprepared younger brother at a time of global crisis. We see the considerable determination and dedication of this new King in facing his own personal difficulties, and can see how this must have influenced his eldest daughter the present Queen.

The book describes how Logue was born in 1880 in Adelaide, of Irish ancestry. He had a fairly normal upbringing, leaving school at the age of 16 years. At the time the study of elocution was given some importance, and Logue showed some propensity for it. He studied under a local teacher and was soon giving public recitals as a form of entertainment. He moved west and set up his own elocution school. Soon married, the pair decided to travel around the world, Logue gathering experiences relevant to his chosen craft as he went. Back in Australia, Logue continued his work in elocution as well as in drama. With the advent of World War I, he put his talents to helping returned servicemen with speech impediments. In 1924

Logue and family decided to return to England, and notwithstanding that he had no formal qualifications in medicine or psychology, he set up practice in Harley Street. He placed the emphasis on the physical aspects of speech impediments and held himself out as being able to treat them. It was of course quite unforeseen that this would lead him in the future to treating the future King of the country and Empire.

The book gives some interesting insights from the perspective of the Duke of York, second son of the former King, who came to end up unexpectedly on the throne. The Duke was known within the circles of royalty to have a speech impediment that was quite embarrassing, but this was not viewed with great concern whilst his older brother was expected to take the throne. But the defect weighed upon the Duke, who still had duties to perform. The book offers two versions of how the Duke came to consult Logue, a colonial with a somewhat unusual, confident and assertive approach. For example, as the movie accurately depicted, Logue insisted that the Duke come to consult Logue in his rooms rather than Logue attending on the Duke. Given the class distinctions of the time and the elevated status of royalty, one can imagine the difficulties that this gave rise to. One can only assume that the Duke was rather desperate to find a cure. This makes most interesting reading.

The first period of treatment by Logue occurred from 1926, and considerable progress was made over several years. The Duke was clearly pleased. As progress was made, the treatment gradually came to an end, although contact was still maintained. Then the previous King died in 1936, and the brief reign of Edward VIII followed. The Duke, soon to be George VI, asked for assistance again from Logue, primarily with his speeches. The book goes on to recite the history of this period, extending through World War II, and the considerable assistance that Logue gave to the King. It is not easy to gauge the importance of this assistance looking backwards in time, but it is clear that the King’s addresses to his people during these critical years were of great importance.



I recommend this book.

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In the garden, a leisurely walk with keen eye will discern the best spot for that finicky plant with specific requirements and also reveal, where needed, a plant to be removed or planting added to. As the garden develops, small micro-climes are established and sun/shade ratio changes, opening up opportunity to fill in and expand plant profiles.

Conceptually, plantings may be considered as an ongoing painting in three dimensions and a radically changed plant and colour palette from the illustrations in general gardening magazines written for cooler climes. The broad swathes of colour planned in the herbaceous border are replaced in the tropics by the stronger, bolder colours and forms of foliage plants. These most often lack billowy form and generally are planted in isolation, leading often to a chaotic and eye-challenging melange.

Too often, plant form and foliage type are not considered as key elements in the garden composition. Rather than merely concentrating on colour, the more durable elements of plant form/foliage type and texture should be a priority.

**Plant of the Month:** *Monodora myristica*, the African or false nutmeg is a large tropical tree (to 10m) with striking fragrant, waxy, red spotted yellow orchid-like flowers. These have four 10 cm long petals and hang from long peduncles. This is another floral and perfumed gem from the large Annonaceae family, with its near 2,300 species across 130+ genera. Included in this family are the pawpaw, custard apple and soursop.

*Monodora myristica*'s abundant flowering attracts bees, butterflies and birds. The leaves are drooping and large (to 50 cm) purple when emerging and then changing to deep green when developed. The bark of the established trunk is deeply fissured, adding to its appeal.

Frost intolerant, average garden soil and moderate watering especially in early stages until established. Expect to pay up to \$50.00+ for an established plant but certainly worth a place in the large garden.

*Dear Susan*, One thousand apologies and I humbly eat worms! I omitted to acknowledge the excellent photograph of *Phaius tancarvilleae* taken by Susan Piedmont, MO at the Missouri Botanical Garden's Orchid show in St. Louis. Susan, thank you for permission to reprint – by the way, if any reader has seed or seed source of same, please advise as Susan cannot obtain in USA.

*Dear Pauline*, The flower you asked me to identify is *Ecbolium viride* - the Turquoise Crossandra. While arresting in its flower colour, this small shrub has a tendency to become weedy and also to spread itself too freely around the garden – like most *Crossandra* - by seed dispersal.

*Dear Jacob*, Your new acquisition of an *Episcia* introduces you to the wide world of gesneriads – possibly the best known of which is the African Violet (*Saintpaulia*). *Episcias* commonly known as the "Flame Violet", "Teddybears" or "Hot Water Bottle Plant" are generally accommodating plants easily grown to a good specimen in pot, basket or in a sheltered garden spot. The secret to success is a light fluffy mix, holding moisture but fast draining. A good African Violet mix is suitable. Propagated from stolens, *Episcias* will go backwards with temperature drops below 15C, however recovering when weather warms. There is a large selection of leaf patternings with some tricolour forms, (pink, white, green/brown) and flower colourings in reds/pinks/lavenders and yellow.



Photos: top *Monodora*, centre *Ecbolium*, right *Episcia* in garden

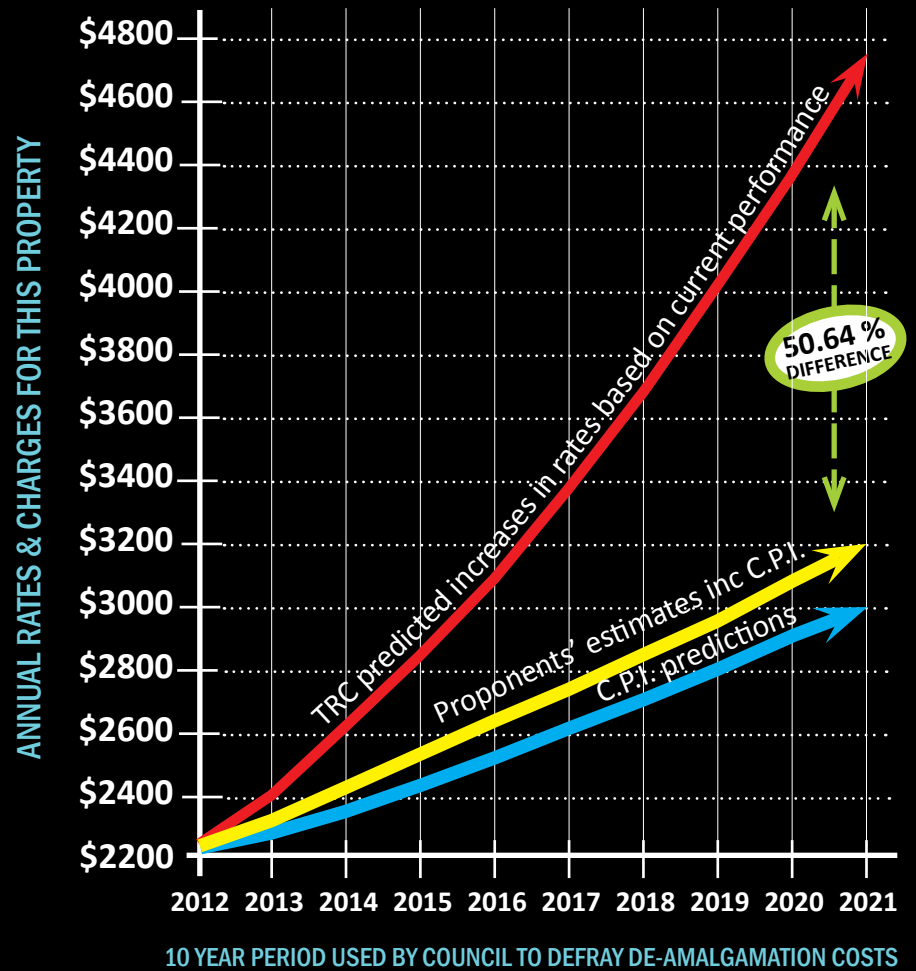
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## Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Kuranda Horse and Pony Club has started with a bang with AGM held early in January. We thank the out-going committee for all their hard work and success. And welcome the new President Di Curtis, Secretary Shanna Janz, Treasurer Fionna Lane, and Vice President Dot McLauchlan. Another great team.

Welcome to all the old and many new members, looking forward to a great year of riding with lots of fun and success.

Rally days have been going well and all taking advantage of the weather. They are held several times a month.

First meeting of the month is Wednesday 6th March at the Speewah hotel at 6.00pm. All members are welcome.

Next Rally day is 9th March, hope to see you there. We have a big year planned with a 2-day gymkana 8th and 9th June.

Many fundraisers are on the plan with the Zone 18 Personality and Fundraising Senior entrant Sophie Curtis, and Junior entrant Kristy Lane competing for the Kuranda Club for 2013.

We also have a jump school for our riders next month, which they are all very excited about. Many riders are working through their certificates.

There are a few riders planning to go to the State Show jumping at Easter time. We wish them all the best. Many other riders will be off to the annual Zone 18 camp being held in Ravenshoe. Heaps of fun to be had there.

So there are a lot of things yet to come and some that the Club has already done. So keep riding and watch this space for upcoming events.

Happy riding,  
**Chief instructor, Di Curtis**



## Tablelands Regional Council

### SEWER FOGGING PROGRAM Atherton and Kuranda

Council advises property owners in Atherton and Kuranda that a sewer fogging program will commence 25 March 2013. The sewers will be fogged using Pyro fog to reduce insect vermin.

The sewer fogging program is being carried out in accordance with the Water Act 2000 and the Local Government Act. It will be carried out by Council's authorised persons.

The Sewer Fogging team may require access to individual properties. Each household will be notified in writing prior to Council accessing their property. The sewer fogging will start from Kullaroo Close and progress across the Kuranda sewer area. Once the Kuranda sewer area is complete the Fogging team will relocate to Atherton.

Kuranda will start on 25 March 2013 and continue until approximately 25 May 2013. Atherton sewer fogging will commence immediately after Kuranda CBD is completed.

If you require more information please contact Council's Water and Wastewater Reticulation Coordinator, Mr Ray O'Brien on (07) 4043 4688.

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## LOW or NO Cooking Ideas During Electricity Blackouts

IT'S March now, and the rain which usually occurs November to April each year hasn't really arrived. Why? Well it depends on a La Nina (wet) and El Nino (dry) weather pattern. At the moment it is a neutral pattern, so we may not have the deluge, but electricity blackouts will occur when it does rain. <http://www.bom.gov.au/info/leaflets/nino-nina.pdf>

In 2012, no cyclones crossed the coast; all the rain moved south creating headlines such as "extraordinary deluge, once-in-a-century event". Christmas 2011 to January 2012 Australia had the worst floods in 160 years, a La Nina pattern.

Now it's 2013, and those people who just rebuilt their flooded homes didn't know it would all be repeated again. Elsewhere Aussies battled heat waves and catastrophic bushfires.

Examples of 2013 news headlines 'Heat wave hits Australia', 'Thousands flee firestorms in Tasmania', 'Worst ever fire danger', 'Catastrophic fire alert', 'Australia swelters through hottest EVER recorded'! Records melt away in historic heatwave Mini tornadoes. Cyclone Oswald began in the Gulf causing destruction on the east coast all the way to NSW. Disruptions to Telstra network - parts of Queensland, including Triple Zero (000) calls, Bureau of Meteorology victim of Telstra network outage. Schools closed for the start of the new school year. Blackouts could last days says Energex. Food supply risk from floods. Queensland damage bill to top 2011 floods.

<http://tinyurl.com/bxabohz> or [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012%E2%80%93Australian\\_bushfire\\_season](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012%E2%80%93Australian_bushfire_season)

A wealth of up-to-date preparedness information is available. [www.disaster.qld.gov.au/getready/plan.asp](http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/getready/plan.asp)  
SES Cyclone season guide – Don't be scared – Be Prepared is online page 32, December 2011 edition of [www.kurandapaper.com](http://www.kurandapaper.com). DisasterWatch is a Mobile Phone App, free to download, has real-time disaster information, weather updates and warnings. It does NOT provide direct emergency alert warnings to users mobiles.

Yes, it's absolutely vital we have enough food supplies, especially if you have a young family. When you have no electricity, food is thawing out in your freezer, roads are closed, automatic teller machines are empty, mobile phone lines are congested, petrol is running out and you are caught un-prepared, the last thing you want to think about is cooking.

### LOW OR NO COOKING

**Tapas style:** Appetizers, Nacho, Taco or Tortillas, Pita sandwiches, not sandwiches, lettuce wraps a good substitute for bread.

Set out plates of cooked chicken, turkey or beef meatballs, hardboiled eggs, chorizo sausage, ham, cured meats, antipasto platters, cheese, olives, marinated chickpeas, any salad vegetables, marinated artichokes, olives, roasted capsicums, dried tomatoes, pickled vegetables. Try smoked salmon, anchovies and sardines too. Leftover quiche. Salsa, dips, spreads, like guacamole and hummus. Grab a loaf of crusty bread if you have one, or just use mountain bread. Add tomato sauce for the kids to use as a dip.

**Ceviche cooking:** If you are pregnant, do not eat raw fish or seafood. Acid cooks the fish, not an oven. Raw fish or seafood is marinated in citrus juice, and its acids cook the meat proteins without heat. Chop a fillet of firm-fleshed fish, prawns or scallops and let it marinate in the refrigerator in a mixture of citrus juice and seasonings.

After an hour or two, the fish will be opaque and ready to eat. Serve over salad greens, wrapped in tortillas or with chips for scooping. Add a few slices of avocado and some salsa are delicious accompaniments.

**Cold soups:** Add milk and seasonings to any condensed tin of soup, then serve  
**No cook Asian Noodle salad:** Crush a bag of uncooked ramen or rice noodles into small pieces. Discard the seasoning packet. Mix noodles with 1/2 cup bottled sesame ginger salad dressing. Let stand at room temperature until the liquid is absorbed, about 1 hour. Stir in vegetables, shredded carrots, sliced snow peas, wombok or spinach & sliced water chestnuts. Serve cold or at room temperature. The noodles taste terrific, despite not being cooked!

**No cook Couscous or Pre-cooked Pasta salads:** needs only hot water and a short soaking in water to prepare them. Boiling the water isn't required; Soak until absorbed/or drain, add any salad vege, meats, cheeses, seasonings or dressing you have on hand, and serve family-style.

**No-Cook Ricotta Sauce for Pasta:** Ricotta cheese, minced garlic cloves, oil, chopped capsicums, fresh basil, Romano cheese, Parmesan cheese S&P. Combine ingredients, mix into HOT cooked pasta.

In *The Kuranda Paper* online, check out more ideas 'How to get your kids to eat more fruit and vegetables' November 2011 edition and "Healthy snacks for after school" February 2013 edition.

These hints are also great for hot tropical nights even if the power is not out.  
Enjoy.

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# Kuranda Pool News



We are already half way through our First Term of Swimming lessons and charging toward Easter. Students can start lessons anytime in our season and even casual, weekend or private sessions can be arranged.

Most learners book in for blocks of seven or more lessons and consistency is the key. Being a public learn to swim pool allows our clients to stay and play anytime in between formal lessons and reinforce skills and movements practiced during class half hour lessons.

Please note to our regular users on discount cards. These will be valid until 30th June, so please ensure you use your 20 swim pass prior to this time as they will not carry over to the new season in September.

All of our staff have just completed their lifeguard updates and reinforced their lifesaving and CPR skills with the Royal Lifesaving Society Australia. It was good to get the latest information and to be put through some very realistic scenarios to check our skills in and around the water.

The Kuranda District State College's Swim Program is currently in full swing for the Summer with each class coming over from Year 1 to Year 9 for a one hour session each week.

This program goes for 5 weeks. As well, three different groups from the Candlenut Steiner School are regularly attending with classes from Year 4 to Year 9 all visiting on specific days for 7 weeks this term. Regular patrons are strongly advised to check our timetable at the pool to note the quieter periods in the school hours. Most days have slots that are not used by the schools.

Talking of schools, the College held it's Swimming Carnival last week and it all went off very well indeed. Students from Year 4 to Year 12 completed 25 metre and 50 metre races in all the Olympic strokes. Age Champions were decided in all age groups and the House groups all competed for various trophies for junior, middle and senior school levels.

The winning overall House on the day was Ganyal (The yellow house). Many students participated and the crowd was well supported with family and friends of swimmers coming in to cheer along and watch the splash spectacular. Many good times were set and for the first time records were taken and will forever be set down to be bettered by future swimmers. A great day was had by all.

The Rotary "End Polio Now" Swimarathon went very well on Saturday 23rd February. Lots of regular lap swimmers, students and swim group members took part and raised considerable money to contribute to the world wide fund to eradicate polio from the planet.

Thanks to Rotary local secretary Nickie Stewart for getting everything organized and running smoothly. Soccer club sign up happened at the same time last Saturday and now teams are getting organized and training will start Thursday 7th of March. Ring us here at the pool if you need more information about it.

A blonde is having her first flying lesson, and the pilot has a heart attack and dies. She, frantic, calls out a May Day. "My pilot had a heart attack and is dead and I don't know how to fly. Please help me!" A reply comes back: "This is Air Traffic Control and I have you loud and clear. I will talk you through this and get you back on the ground. I've had a lot of experience with this kind of problem. 'Now, just take a deep breath. Everything will be fine! Now give me your height and position.'" She says, "I'm 5'4" and I'm in the front seat." "O.K." says the voice on the radio. "Repeat after me: Our Father. Who art in Heaven..."



Our Kindergarten, nestled in the tropical rainforest of the Kuranda village, has been providing a fun, developmental environment for young children for 25 years.

This year we welcome many enthusiastic, spirited pre prep aged children and their families to the kindergarten. The children will share in a play-based government approved program (Building Waterfalls) for a minimum of 15 hours per week, guided by our qualified and enthusiastic staff.

Susan Johnstone-Lord, our director, brings a wealth of experience to support her Bachelor of Education and Graduate Diplomas in teaching in both early years and special needs as well having a Montessori background.

Her qualified teaching team are also competent in catering for diversity and committed to on-going professional growth. Together they create a warm, caring, environment where they raise the bar and encourage the children to aim high.

As a not-for-profit, independent community service we encourage a sense of ownership through community involvement in the daily running of our Kindy.

Our management committee, run by supportive parents and community members, play an important role in the management of the Kindy and each year a new committee is voted in.

The AGM will be held on Saturday 9th March at 9.30am at the kindergarten. We will be looking for nominations for committee members to continue the great work the 2012 committee has accomplished. So come along to the AGM and share in some tea, coffee, croissants and the opportunity to become involved in your child's kindergarten.

Last year ABC Playschool visited the Kindy as part of the *Stomping with Dinosaurs* series. The episode aired recently and it was a buzz to see the kids on television. Another episode involving Kuranda Kindy will be aired on the 22nd April. So tune in.

Upcoming events include the Kindy Disco planned for 21st march, 5.00-7.00pm. It's a great night. A sausage sizzle is provided and parents can you please bring a plate to share. The Easter raffle will also be drawn on the night. Invites are open to all current and last year Kindy families so come along and join the fun.

We currently have a few places available for 4 year olds and are happy to put names on the waiting list. Limited places for 3 year olds may also be available.

Come and visit our Kindergarten, chat to Susan and staff and experience first hand our playful, learning environment. Contact: Ph: 4093 8087 Email: kcka@westnet.com.au

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**Kuranda Community Kindergarten**

**AGM**

**9.00 am, Saturday 9th March**

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## The Amalgamation/De-amalgamation Debate

With all the various claims and counter-claims being bandied around regarding the decision whether or not to de-amalgamate the Tablelands Regional Council, it is perhaps timely to look at the history of local government in our area. Unfortunately, rhetoric and emotion often plays too great a part in such debates, and the reality of the situation is lost.

Throughout Australia the electoral boundaries of districts, Federal, State and Local, have regularly been altered. Changes in Federal electoral boundaries have always been set by a Commission, and have been accepted as honestly reflecting the changing demographic of electorates. State boundaries were historically more under the control of the government of the day, and until relatively recently were often changed to advantage the incumbent government. This was called gerrymandering.

In Queensland, successive governments of all persuasions gerrymandered the electorates to disadvantage opponents. This changed only after the Fitzgerald Inquiry recommended the establishment of a boundaries commission to take the regulation of boundaries out of the hands of politicians. In Queensland local authority boundaries have also changed many times since they were first established.

These changes were usually made to accommodate changes in population density or to provide better services through pooling of resources.

Resistance to change seems to be embedded into the DNA of some people, but the reality is that change in local government boundaries is the norm. The history of local government in our area is a history of quite frequent change. Early local authorities originated as Divisional Boards.

These Boards usually covered large areas, and were established mainly to provide roads and other basic infrastructure. They were funded by rates on property, augmented in the initial stage by endowments from the Colonial Government. As the Divisional Boards became established the government endowments reduced, and were eventually withdrawn.

The previous Mareeba Shire saw great changes between when the area was first settled by Europeans and the present time. Some of what we knew of as the Mareeba Shire was actually part of the Barron Divisional Board when it was created in 1890. The Barron Divisional Board area included Redlynch, Kuranda and Tinaroo.

Ironically, in 1893 the Barron Divisional Board was discussing a proposal for part of its land to be excised and incorporated into the Tinaroo Divisional Board's area. The Chairman, Mr. Tills, had no opinion on the change, and said he would defer to the members "from over the range," presumably because they had better knowledge

of the area under discussion. Mr. Walton objected to the change as it would cut out "some good country at Emerald Creek." He said "it necessitated the Board keeping in repair the roads through the Barron country from Mareeba, which produced no rates; the country proposed to be cut off would return rates." Obviously at the time the Mareeba area was a burden on the Barron Divisional Board.

The Woothakata Divisional Board was based at Thornborough, on the Hodgkinson goldfield, and at one point came close to Mareeba. Woothakata was established in 1879, and its boundaries extended on the east almost to Port Douglas, on the west to the Gulf of Carpentaria, and its north and south boundaries were several hundred miles apart. In 1880 the Chairman of the Board said the annual value of the rateable properties in the Division would yield only £350.

Even with the Government endowment this would not fund road construction and the necessary repairs. Mining claims could not be taxed, and he suggested a tax on all gold produced. This did not happen, and the Woothakata Divisional Board remained poorly funded, especially when the population drifted away when the gold ran out. All the Divisional Boards became Shires in 1902 with the introduction of the Local Authorities Act 1902.

In 1919 the Barron Shire Council was abolished and its area was distributed between Woothakata and Cairns Shires (later Cairns City). Mareeba and the surrounding area was transferred to the Woothakata Shire Council. By this time the population of Thornborough had declined to 58, so the decision was made to make Mareeba the administration centre for the Shire.

When Premier Theodore visited Mareeba in December 1919 a delegation of Councillors asked for funding to build a Council office at Mareeba. Theodore agreed, providing the Council provided half the funds. The Woothakata Shire office at Thornborough was taken down and re-erected in Mareeba.

The area saw more changes in 1932 when the shires of Walsh and Chillagoe were merged into the Woothakata Shire. The Council was renamed Mareeba Shire Council in 1947. Some parts of Mareeba Shire, including Redlynch, were excised and incorporated into the City of Cairns in 1996.

The amalgamation of the Tableland Shires in 2008 was a continuation of the evolution of local government in Queensland. It is interesting to note that while there is constant pressure to remove the duplication between State and Federal Governments, some people want to return to smaller local authorities where duplication is even more prevalent.

## A Cantata – A Musical Experience with a Difference

A musical experience with a difference awaits you in the form of the Cantata, "The Fingerprint of God".

A 70 voice choir from Mareeba and surrounding areas, including Kuranda, will present this work, accompanied by a small instrumental ensemble, in Emmanuel Uniting Church, Brown Street, at 8.00pm on Friday 22nd March. Soloists and a narrator complete the performers.

It will also be presented in Atherton Uniting Church at 4.00pm on Sunday, 24th March and in Mareeba on the same day at 7.45pm in St Thomas's Catholic Church.

Here is home grown material, if you like, as local resident, Ruth Beasley, has written the music following the words being written and compiled by her sister, Audrey Francis. Ruth will conduct the choir.

Soloists include Andreas Jodner, one time Kuranda resident and Alan McLean currently on the staff of the Steiner School. Sue Jodner will play her cello as part of the instrumental ensemble. Admission is free but there will be an opportunity for a donation to help cover expenses.

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This comes on top of our new "camera trap", officially called an Infrared Digital Scouting Camera. This is a set of 5 cameras which will allow us to secretly monitor the movements of cassowaries, their predators as well as feral pigs and relay the data back to our computers. This will enable us to better protect our native wildlife.



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**Tableland Council Draft Planning Scheme – how well does it protect our environment?**

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may like to consider for inclusion in your own submission. **Consider this:** If the YES vote on March 9 to de-amalgamate is successful, the new Mareeba shire will have to go through this same Planning scheme exercise itself. One of the last acts of the previous Mareeba Shire Council was to pass the Myola development plan, which the majority of Myola residents did NOT want. This is the planning scheme which would be in place again. Definitely another reason besides rates rises to vote NO for de-amalgamation on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you have some space to spare and would like a beautiful flowering tree we have Bombax Ceiba (Kapok or Silk cotton tree) - These trees are large, deciduous canopy trees that grow up to 20m. In spring the tree is laden with large cup shape, bright red flowers. Although each flower only lasts one day, they are visited by numerous birds seeking the copious amounts of nectar. They have been observed getting drunk on the fermenting nectar. All of our trees are \$2 each except for the rare hibiscus from John Beasley. Other species which are growing



very fast in the nursery at the moment include the Cairns Birdwing butterfly vine, (Aristolochia acuminata) and the Golden Bouquet tree, (Deplanchia tetraphylla). If you would like to come in and check out our great selection of native plants don't hesitate to drop in for a chat. See below for opening hours.

*If anyone would like to get involved, the nursery is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am – 1pm and Saturdays 10am – 12 noon and we plant trees on Saturday morning!*

**“Be the change you want to see”**

**Special recognition for our local frog**

We still have some places available for anyone who would like to join us for the Myola frog monitoring. Training will be given one weekend in April (TBA) by the frog researcher, Dr Conrad Hoskins.



If anyone is interested in being part of the monitoring team or

wants more information, please contact Cathy on 4093 9926. Could the woman from Top of the range who contacted us previously and who has a recording of the Myola frog please contact us again as your phone number was mislaid.

**AGM notice – March 7th**

Thursday 7:15 to 9pm  
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5.00pm Afternoon Worship  
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all other Evening Prayer

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## A Thought for March

### The Wind

This month we read from St John's Gospel Chapter 3 Verses 1 to 17 and then concentrate on Verse 8. (Jesus said,) *The wind blows where it wills; you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from, or where it is going.* John 3:8

Nicodemus came to see Jesus by night. People in high places have to be careful. Criticism by our peers can be devastating, and the last thing is to give people the impression that you are letting down the system. When you are highly placed in public life and have everything to lose by making a careless move, you watch yourself very carefully if you wish to survive. But what if you are haunted by something which won't rest until you track it down? Half of you wants to do this and the other half is afraid of real danger. What if this is the situation? For all these reasons Jesus' visitor came by night.

His name was Nicodemus. His assured role and position was at the very top in the national cabinet called the Sanhedrin. Nicodemus was the custodian of a great tradition. He was supposed to be, and expected to be, a national expert on God!

But he had met a stranger - we don't know how - casually passing a group in the temple area, or visiting a house to hear a Rabbi from the north; it could have been thus or otherwise. But Nicodemus had been at first interested in a patronizing way, then intrigued, and finally to his surprise and alarm magnetically drawn. They may have met at the house in Bethany. That's where Jesus often stayed at night when he was down south. That too would be safely away from Jerusalem, from its sentries, and from the community in which Nicodemus usually moved.

For Christians the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus is one of the great shining jewels of the New Testament. Nicodemus begins by trying to reassure this rural teacher, who might be overawed by

such a visitor. Jesus has certain powers; he must then be genuine. It's quite logical. But with devastating directness Jesus dismisses the cool deductions of Nicodemus and speaks of the need to experience the presence of God and offer oneself to him. Nicodemus counters with levity. The Rabbi must be joking, with this image of being born again! Surely they are chatting as intelligent men, are they not?

Again Jesus moves in without mercy. Nicodemus has a great deal of information, an endless supply of learning; for him there is a magnificent system of religion in which God is categorized and analyzed. Jesus does not so much say that this is evil or even undesirable; he says rather that it is not enough. There is another level of knowing God. The image which Jesus uses is a tantalizing one. He speaks of a wind, an unpredictable wind which you cannot order at your wish nor predict when it blows. Something deep down in Nicodemus is drawn to what Jesus is saying. Layers of being, beyond thought and analysis and speculation, live within him like ancient instruments not played for many years. And here is a voice plucking at those half forgotten strings of his being, making for him a far-off music that is wild fierce and joyous.

We never see how they part that night. All we do know is that months afterward, when his peers on the Sanhedrin are preparing to move against Jesus, Nicodemus manages to postpone the inevitable clash, not without risk to his position. Still later Nicodemus assists Joseph of Arimathea with the body of the man who had argued him above reason. Nicodemus was haunted by the distant sound of the wind which Jesus had spoken of. He had begun to suspect that there is more to the relationship between God and his creatures than merely a law, a system, an organization, a formal belonging, a distant acquaintance. Nicodemus had begun to suspect that God is a lover who wishes to possess and be possessed, to be known not merely as information but to be experienced as friend, as Lord, as Saviour.



## Thought of the Month from the Baha'i Faith

"The prejudices of imagination are in the process of dispersion and the Light of Unity is shining. The difference which exists among the nations and the peoples is soon to pass away, and the fundamentals of the Divine Religions, which are no other than the solidarity and the oneness of the human race, are to be established. For six thousand years the human race has been at war. It is enough! Now let them, for a time at least, consort in unity."  
(Baha'i Scriptures)

**Study Circles** now available, all welcome to Book 1 every Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm in Kuranda, no charge, all views respected.

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

**Meditations/Reflections** by arrangement, please feel free to request a topic.

**Baha'i New Year** (Naw Ruz), Thursday 21 March, followed by celebration on Saturday 23 March in Kuranda 6.00pm, all welcome, ring 4093 7120/9571 for directions.

Also regular events in Cairns, Atherton, Malanda, Tolga, Mareeba and other places

**All enquiries welcome.** Telephone 4093 7120/9571

**From the Baha'i Community of the Tablelands**



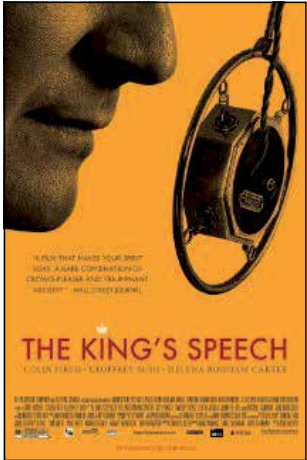




**Kuranda Film Society**  
**Sunday 3rd March at 4.00 pm**  
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Bring a plate to share.

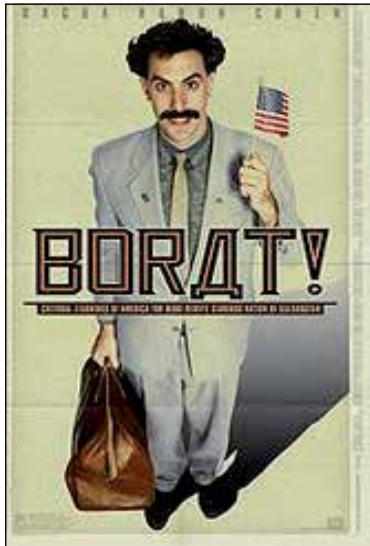
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**The King's Speech** (2010. 114 minutes)

Colin Firth as Prince Albert, suffering from a paralysing speech impediment and thrust into the spotlight by his big brother's spectacular abdication, becomes George the Sixth and eventually an effective public speaker and much loved Sovereign.

Geoffrey Rush is the Australian-born speech therapist who is able to gain the Prince's trust and assist him to overcome his stammer.



**Borat** (2007. 80 minutes)

Sacha Baron Cohen brings his truly original Kazakh character, Borat Sagdiyev, to the big screen for the first time. With a camera crew in tow and armed with a bottle of gypsy tears "for protection", Kazakhstan's fourth most famous celebrity travels to the USA to make a documentary. As he zigzags across the country, Borat meets real people in real situations and carries out Norman Gunston style interviews and diatribes.



**Trout On Line**

Jax Bergersen features in two lots of congratulatory messages this month, firstly in conjunction with Margaret Genever and everyone at Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery Inc.

KCCN were awarded \$2,065.00 through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF).

The GCBF receives money from taxes on Golden Casket lotteries, wagering, keno and gaming machines. It distributes these funds to not-for-profit community groups on a quarterly basis (the next round closes on 31 May). One-off grants of up to \$35,000 inclusive of GST (and more for applications that have substantial community benefit) are allocated to approved not-for-profit organisations to help them provide community services or activities that benefit the Queensland community.

Jax also received, very deservedly, a Senior Community Award in the Australia Day Awards! Congratulations, Jax.

Great news for Kuranda with a working group set up to improve cruise industry facilities for Yorkeys Knob. The working group will include representatives from the Yorkeys Knob Boating Club, the Cairns Regional Council, cruise industry, bus operators, boat ramp users, Tourism Tropical North Queensland, Transport and Main Roads, and Ports North.

Yorkeys Knob Boat Club has proposed to develop a serviced 60-metre-long cruise ship tendering dock and redevelopment, and beautification of the foreshore area. This will make a huge difference to tourist traffic to Kuranda, as tourists won't spend half their mainland time sitting on the dock in hot sun or rain, awaiting their turn to be ferried back to the cruise ship.

**Michael Trout MP Member for Barron River**

**Phone: 4038 2800**

**Email: barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au**



**TRC clears first hurdle in push to upgrade Mareeba aerodrome**

MAREEBA aerodrome has taken a major step forward with a Federal grant scheme accepting a Tablelands Regional Council funding application for detailed consideration.

"The fund, the Rural Development Australia Fund, called for expressions of interest last year and TRC put forward the long-awaited upgrade of Mareeba aerodrome," Tablelands Mayor Rosa Lee Long said.

"The opportunity was jumped on because the State LNP Government under Campbell Newman tore almost \$12 million in funding away from the airport almost as soon as it came in to power.

"Council received formal notification yesterday (Wednesday 13 February) that our application has passed the EOI phase and we have been invited to make a detailed funding application for this project.

"An essential part of this funding stream is a capacity and willingness for the applicant, that is the TRC, to put up a portion of the funding. In this case we have already agreed that if successful, TRC will fund \$5 million toward the total \$19 million project.

"However, should de-amalgamation go ahead this entire project will fall over. To begin with the TRC as the applicant will no longer have the Mareeba airport under its control and secondly, the new MSC will not be able to fund the necessary \$5 million to trigger the Federal funds.

"Unfortunately we are now in a position where the only chance of the Mareeba aerodrome ever going ahead is if the area remains amalgamated."

Councillor Lee Long said significant work had already been carried out on what was needed at Mareeba.

"This was in hand to underpin the \$12 million upgrade that had begun last year and which was stopped by the Newman Government," Cr Lee Long said.

"The potential for Mareeba aerodrome is terrific in terms of new industries and new jobs but it is now at risk thanks to the de-amalgamation campaign."

Detailed submissions are due to be made by 27 April.

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# Magic



Written by the children of Far North Queensland

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## HUGS

Only Magic Club members shall be given the special 'Birthday Bear Greeting'



Wendy Portman

Julie-Anne Wade

Q. What do you call a cat that does tricks? A. A Magic Kit!

Alyssa Bale - 5yrs



## WIN A TRIP TO THE 'MAKO TRACK' IN MAREEBA ... FOR YOU & A FRIEND

HOW CLEVER ARE YOU - can you find the 20 boys' names in the grid - which all begin with the letter S? If you can - you will find there are some letters left over. They will make one more name, which sounds like a famous Australian town. **NOW** your job is to write a essay, either about the boy or the city. **REMEMBER** entries close on **March 18**. Pop your project into the MAGIC box nearest to you. (Tip: Good Presentation Helps)

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You will need \*\*\* Thinly sliced bread \* Butter \* 100s & 1,000s.

How to make \*\*\* Cut off crusts, spread lavishly with butter & then sprinkle plenty of 100s & 1,000s on to the bread. **EAT & ENJOY.**

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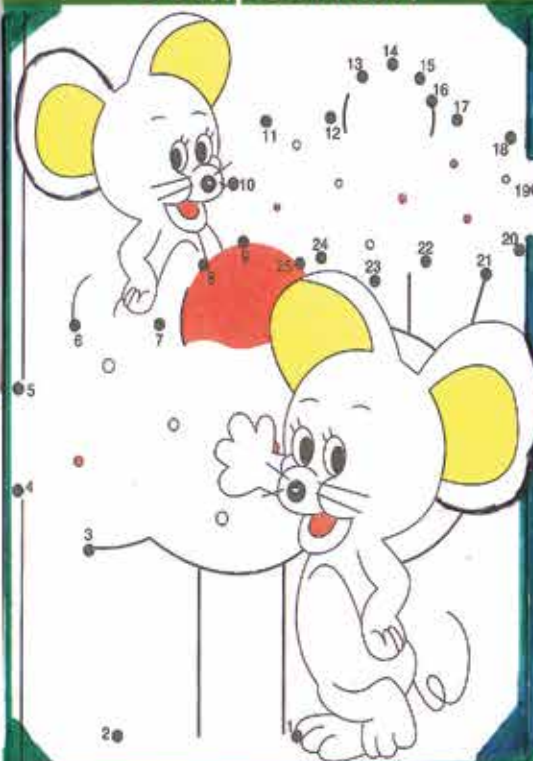
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## Colour in Competition



IMPORTANT - If you see your name, go to your usual " Magic Box" for a Surprise.

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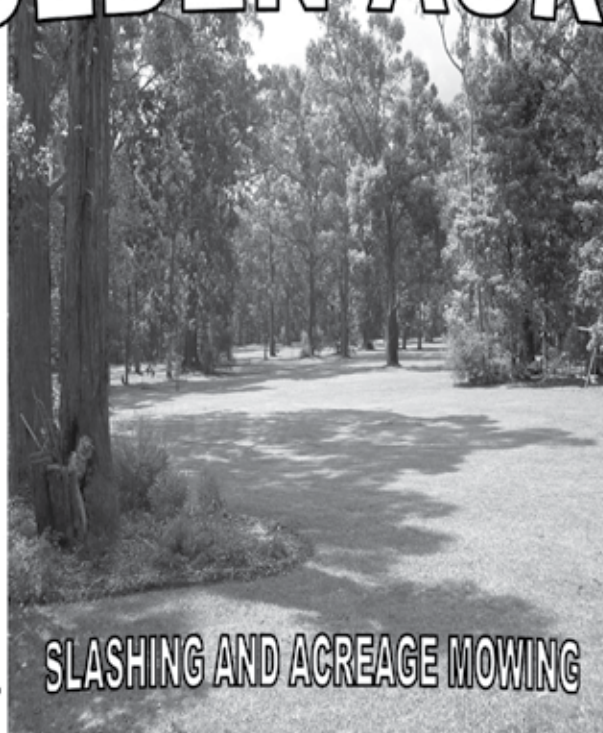
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Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters.  
Your opinions are always welcome.



Please check in this edition for:

- Information on Voting (Polling Booths at Speewah and at Kuranda, Early Voting)
- Letter to Editor re De-amalgamation Vote

**De-amalgamation Update:** The vote on whether you want de-amalgamation or not will be held on Saturday March 9th. This is a **compulsory vote** for all residents of the former Mareeba Shire. You will be asked whether or not you wish to remain as the Tablelands Regional Council or de-amalgamate to have a Mareeba Shire Council and if you are prepared to pay the costs.

I ask that you consider this matter as very important. I will fully support whatever the majority of residents choose. However, as your elected Councillor, I urge you to consider the facts. I believe that it is important that you hear from the TRC and what the TRC information is. There is a lot of detailed information on the TRC website, including the Statements from the Minister for Local Government, the Boundaries Commissioner's Report and the Qld Treasury Corporation Report. All have highlighted the significant costs of a de-amalgamation.

**Election Information:** The vote on March 9th will be conducted by the Electoral Commission of Qld (ECQ). You will be able to cast your vote in person at a Polling Booth in either Speewah (Rural Fire Shed) or Kuranda (CWA Hall) on voting day.

Early Voting at the Kuranda CWA Hall commenced on Monday 25th February and continues until Friday 8th March. If you are still not on the Electoral Roll, you can do so until March 8th by contacting the Returning Officer at the Pre-Polling Booth in either Kuranda (CWA) or Mareeba. More details at the ECQ website [www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au) or phone the ECQ at 1300 129 107

**Council Information Stall Monday 4th February:** (Outside the Kuranda Post Office) Thanks to all residents (approx. 500) who called in to the stall which was a great success. There were lots of enquiries and information provided on a whole range of Council Services (Town planning, Animal Management, Aged Housing, Disaster Management, Road Maintenance, Parks and Gardens, Environmental Management, Arts and RADF, Cemeteries, Customer Service, Building Applications, Waste and Water, Land and Facilities, Sport and Rec, De-amalgamation Information, FIKS

Grants for Community groups, etc etc etc)

The Draft Planning Scheme was a major topic.

**Draft Planning Scheme:** The Draft Planning Scheme is out for public comment. Every property owner should have received a letter indicating what this could mean for your property. The Scheme is "Draft" and it is very important that you respond with comment if you have questions or concerns.

I am aware of concerns over the Overlays, particularly for Flood Mapping, Biodiversity and Landslide. These are State Govt imposed Overlays and Council is currently pressing the State Government to amend these.

It is very important that you provide your individual feedback to Council so that Council can better "argue the case" with State Government. You may also like to contact your local State MP.

**Kuranda Pool:** Last week Council approved upgrade works to the Kuranda Pool. The treatment system and heating systems will be improved. Funding will be from TRC General Fund and will not impact on local residents.

**Fallon Road:** The Fallon Road Bridgeworks are taking longer than expected and I apologise to all the residents who have had to use the alternative route since November. However, I am advised that the bridge should be open by just after Easter. It has taken time, however the Bridge is a substantial one and obviously we all want the new bridge to be a safe and well constructed bridge. A request has been received to name the Bridge in memory of Michelle Murray who sadly perished at the site.

**Australia Day Awards:** Congratulations to Jax Bergersen who was awarded the TRC Community Service Award for the region. Jax was a standout winner and it is certainly very well deserved recognition of all that she does within this community.

**Kuranda Community Precinct:** The new KCP Advisory Committee has been established after a number of nominations were received by Council. Independent Chairperson is John Baskerville and community reps are John Robinson, Mandy Dewey, Arch MacArthur, Nicki Gibson. The Committee convenes this month to begin the next stage of developing the site as a Community Precinct for the Kuranda District.

The long-term plan is to create a community space

for all the community to access and enjoy. The broad Master Plan is to relocate the Library to the Precinct and to sell the old Pre-School site to fund the development of the community space. The detailed planning of what "community space" looks like is dependent on funding, consensus of what is needed in this community and time.

**Customer Requests system:** If you have a request for Council action, you can easily and quickly log this, either via email to [info@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@trc.qld.gov.au), or by using the link "Report a Problem" on the Council website, or by phone 1 300 362 242 (this same phone number is also the after hours Emergency number).

**Council Meetings:** Council Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, alternately in Atherton and Mareeba. (March 7th in Mareeba and March 21st in Atherton). Meetings are public meetings and anyone is welcome to attend. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office 40434411. The Meeting Agenda is published on the TRC website by the Monday immediately prior to the Council Meeting day.

**Councillor Contact Details:** Ph: 0417 002 046 (mobile is best) or 4093 8601 (all numbers have voicemail; please wait for the message) Email: [jennyj@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:jennyj@trc.qld.gov.au). Also check out Facebook [www.facebook.com/Cr.JennyJ](http://www.facebook.com/Cr.JennyJ)

Wife: 'Do you want dinner?'

Husband: 'Sure! What are my choices?'

Wife: 'Yes or no.'

Girl: 'When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.'

Boy: 'It's very kind of you, darling, but I don't have any worries or troubles.'

Girl: 'Well, that's because we aren't married yet.'

Son: 'Mum, when I was on the bus with Dad this morning, he told me to give up my seat to a young lady.'

Mom: 'Well, you have done the right thing.'

Son: 'But mum, I was sitting on daddy's lap.'

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**Monday Closed Thursday 11am-5pm**  
**Tuesday 11am-6pm Friday 9am-12noon**  
**Wednesday 11am-5pm Saturday 9am-12noon**

NO COUNCIL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY

**PROGRAM FOR ANZAC DAY**  
**25th April 2013 IN KURANDA**

Everyone is welcome to join the Kuranda RSL sub branch at 5.30am at the Kuranda Railway Station for the Dawn Service. Railway Station toilets and disabled access will be available.

O/C of the Dawn Service all are welcome to a gunfire breakfast available on the railway platform with Brian and Gayle from Queensland Rail again providing their time and cooking expertise, of which we are eternally grateful.

The Anzac Day March begins at the Kuranda Post Office (gather at 10.00am for a 10.15am start)

The march is organised on the day by Mick Forde, any enquiries to Mick 4093 9005/0412 126 204.

All groups and individuals are welcome to march, see Mick on the day.

The March goes to our park where the Anzac Day Main Service begins at approximately 10.30am. With the help of the Tablelands Regional Council we are lucky to be able to provide marquees for sun and rain protection.

With the RSL's gratitude, the Kuranda SES will host some citizens who will provide a sausage sizzle and drinks after the Service so we can all gather for a yarn. Don't forget the umbrellas.

Any individual or groups are welcome and encouraged to lay a wreath or flowers etc at any of the ceremonies.

Again this year Father Chris Wright will officiate at both services.

Please come to all or any of our Anzac Day activities, everyone is welcome.

If anybody has a special need for transport, seating or anything at all please leave a message for Mick Forde: 0412 126 204 or Adrian Joffrey: 0429 937 257.



**March Stars**

This month we're getting very down to earth. As we move towards the Equinox, the beginning of the astrological year, when the sun crosses the equator at zero degrees Aries, there is a huge wash. Last month I mentioned the six planets in Pisces phenomenon – very rare. In March, as the new moon approaches on the 10th March we have seven planets, including the sun and moon, in Pisces. Talk about a wash out! Then Mars moves into Aries and a new era begins, highlighted by the equinox on 20th March.

By 22nd March, Venus and Mercury join the sun and Mars along with Uranus and we find five planets now in Aries. Some kind of quite revolutionary, campaign-style, marching into the next cycle. A dramatic and abrupt ending/beginning.

Back to 10th March the vote is now in for our local Shire de-amalgamation referendum. How is it looking? The chart for voting day, 9th March, is a killer! Talk about struggles, chaos, weakness, deception and the breaking down of structures. Also tipping the bucket and washing away the existing status quo – woosh.

It seems that the existing Tablelands Council is struggling with the way the structure exists now and the referendum will wash all that away. Does Mareeba get its Council back? Well, given that the present situation can't continue, it's a likely result, and looking at a chart which speaks so strongly of dissolution, it seems to point that way. But, then again, maybe it's the opposition to the amalgamation that is washed away and the forces of anti-deamalgamation prevail. Maybe!

Astrology does not, and should not, stand or fall on the basis of predictions. The universe ain't like that. There are always many hidden factors which influence outcomes. What we learn from the process and the hindsight analysis is where the real value is.

And so much for bet-hedging. Much will be washed away this month and some exciting, revolutionary, challenging new paths will open. That we can predict. Even in our own way we experience this and the TRC will never be the same again. What are you releasing?

Enjoy the drama.

**Rob Hart**

Resident Astrologer & Tarot Card Reader  
 Kuranda Heritage Markets  
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**Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother**



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**Looking for something new?**

A great way to support your community is to join your local SES.

Not a lot of time out of your busy schedule, but a great feeling of helping those in need. Training held every Tuesday night at Fallon Road.

**Call Carol for details on 0427 037 054 or 0409 758 122**

*If someone in your family has a drinking problem, you can see what it is doing to them, but can you see what it is doing to you?*

**Al-Anon can help you!**

MEETINGS IN KURANDA, SMITHFIELD, CAIRNS

Phone Kate 4093 9668  
 1300 ALANON







## Community Calendar

- Every Sat** Kuranda Envirocare Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)  
**Tai Chi Chuan** 9.30am CWA Hall. Contact Sifu Julie 0427 054 132 or Tai Chuan Academy 0409 104 753
- 1st Sat** **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  
**Yoga with Aileen** 10.00am Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401
- 1st Sun** **Kuranda Film Society** 4.00pm to 8.00pm, Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
- 2nd Sun** **United Church** Recreation Centre 4:00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
- Every Mon.** **Acappella Singing** 7.15-8.45pm  
**Kids Aerial Circus** with Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphitheatre 3.30 pm, 0424 928 917  
**Kurandacoots adult circus jam** Amphitheatre at 6.30 pm. Bring any circus toys.  
**Yoga – Gentle** 8.15am for 8.30 start. Energise your life with HALS (Health across the Life Span) QCWA Hall, Phone Aileen 4093 7401 or Sheila 4093 7617  
**Kuranda Rangers Soccer:** Social training 4.30-6.00pm; Night Soccer (4 a side) 6.30-8.00pm. Gary 4093 7109
- 3rd Mon** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933
- Every Tues, Wed & Fri** **Al-Anon Family Groups** 6.00pm Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON  
**Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- Every Tue** **Tribal Bellydance** at Kuranda Community Precinct. Ph Lisa 0409 367 967.  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196  
**Yoga** 5.30 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401  
**8 Ball** 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre
- 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** **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 Lina 4093 9358.  
**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  
**Mah Jong** at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome  
**\*New\* Wing Chun (Kung Fu)** The Amphitheatre 6:30 to 7:30pm. Ph Kurt Golden 0400 772 645
- 1st Wed** **Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** 2.00pm at KNC
- 2nd Wed** **Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce** 4.30pm Kuranda Hotel  
**QCWA meeting** 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016  
**Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group** – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
- Every Thur** **Rotary** 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196  
**Kuranda Rangers Soccer:** training for competition players only 4.00-5.30 Gary 4093 7109  
**Kurandacoots Adult Circus Jam** at the Amphitheatre 6.30pm
- 2nd Thur** **Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

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| Koah         | 4093 7006                | Peter  |
| Kuranda      | 0408 077 746             | Nick   |
| Myola        | 4093 7190 / 0408 151 199 | Duncan |
| Speewah      | 4093 0211                | John   |

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| <b>Departs Kuranda</b> | #0720                                                     | #0720      | 0830               |
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|                        | *1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY |            |                    |
| <b>Departs Cairns</b>  | **0825                                                    | 0825       | 0930               |
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| CAIRNS Mall Zone D          | 6.45am                                    | 8.30am | 11.30am | 1.30pm | *3.00pm |
| CAIRNS Central Rail Station | 6.50am                                    | 8.35am | 11.35am | 1.35pm | *3.05pm |
| SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter      | 7.05am                                    | 8.50am | 11.50am | 1.50pm | *3.30pm |
| KURANDA                     | 7.25am                                    | 9.10am | 12.10pm | 2.10pm | *3.55pm |

### KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

| Departs From                | Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day) |         |         |        |        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| KURANDA                     | *7.30am                                   | 9.15am  | 12.30pm | 2.15pm | 4.10pm |
| CAIRNS Mall Zone D          | *8.30am                                   | 9.55am  | 1.10pm  | 3.00pm | 4.50pm |
| CAIRNS Central Rail Station | *8.35am                                   | 10.00am | 1.15pm  | 3.05pm | 4.55pm |

\*7.30am Shuttle via TAFE, Trinity Bay High, Cairns High - Excluding Sunday  
 \*3.00pm Shuttle via Cairns High, TAFE, Trinity Bay High - Excluding Sunday

### ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

| Departs From              | 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  |
| SPEEWAH                   | 7.10am           | 9.55am  | 4.25pm | 7.10am   | 9.55am  | 9.55am  |
| KURANDA                   | 7.30am           | 10.05am | 4.35pm | 7.30am   | 10.05am | 10.05am |
| CAIRNS Service Terminates | 8.30am           | 11.15am | 5.40pm | 8.30am   | 11.15am | 11.15am |

### CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

| Departs From                | Monday to Friday |        |        | Saturday |        | Sunday |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| CAIRNS Central Rail Station | 8.45am           | 3.20pm | 5.45pm | 8.45am   | 3.20pm | 3.20pm |
| SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter      | 9.00am           | 3.35pm | 6.00pm | 9.00am   | 3.35pm | 3.35pm |
| KURANDA                     | 9.20am           | 4.05pm | 6.25pm | 9.20am   | 4.05pm | 4.05pm |
| SPEEWAH                     | 9.25am           | 4.10pm | 6.30pm | 9.25am   | 4.10pm | 4.10pm |
| MAREEBA                     | 9.55am           | 4.40pm | 6.55pm | 9.55am   | 4.40pm | 4.40pm |
| ATHERTON Service Terminates | 10.30am          | 5.10pm | 7.30pm | 10.30am  | 5.10pm | 5.10pm |

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