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## World Environment Day Exhibition

Kuranda District State College and Kuranda Envirocare recently collaborated to allow budding artists from the College to contest for prizes in a cross-curricula competition entitled *Art Explains Science*. The competition was made possible by a Natural Resource Management Awareness Grant from the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

Staff from **The Butterfly Sanctuary, Birdworld and Kuranda Koala Gardens, The Venom Zoo and BatReach** provided expert speakers who attended the College, with reptiles, slideshows and other animals to support their presentations. The students were highly receptive and a number of excellent artworks were produced thanks to this scientific foundation.

The resulting student art was exhibited during a Kuranda EnviroCare event in Centenary Park on June 9, staged for World Environment Day and was judged by Toni Rogers, Jenny Cluney and Uncle Gerald Hobbler. Councillor Jenny Jensen presented the prizes which were accepted on behalf of the students by the head of senior school, Kerry Harvey.

Many thanks to prize givers: Australis Art (framed print "Someone Stole My Home"), Cantata Studio (brushes and canvas), Rainforestation, Skyrail, Kuranda Koala Gardens, Venom Zoo, Australian Butterfly Sanctuary and BatReach, who provided entry passes as prizes. Thanks also to Foodworks for help with the sausage sizzle supplies which the senior students cooked up as a fund-raiser.

**Prizewinners from Top Left:**

*Junior Prize – Elf Moon*

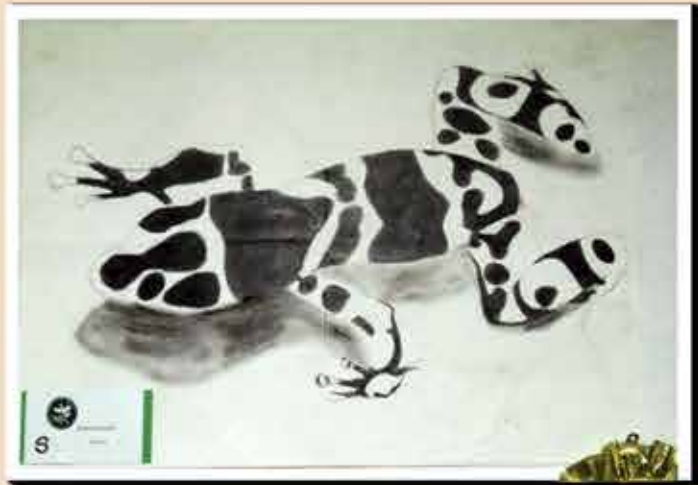
*Best Prep Prize – Manouche Mounier*

*Best Indigenous Prize – Mitchell Brim*

*Junior Highly Commended – Mia Whittaker*

*Indigenous Highly Commended – Jessica Delaney*

*More artwork from the exhibition appears throughout this edition of The Kuranda Paper.*



*Best Senior Prize and Best over all – Andrew Herbohn*



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KURANDA ROOTS

JUNE 29/30 2012

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# COMMUNITY LETTERS

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*Dear Kuranda Paper ...*

## Thanks to Medical Centre

Our family has been through a pretty tough year so far. Mum was very sick at Christmas and now Dad has just passed away.

Dr Dave Cuming and his staff at the Kuranda Medical Centre have been a wonderful support, helping to guide us through the whole process.

If you need an example of the sometimes elusive sense of community just start at the Medical Centre.

Thank you so much...

*The Brown Family*

## Amphitheatre Opening?

Just a quick question? Could anybody tell me why the Amphitheatre does not get used any more for open air concerts?

It's such a great location and atmosphere in this beautiful part of the country, and it is just sitting there going to waste.

It should be used every couple of weeks between the end of the wet season and the Christmas heat as it used to. Enjoy it.

*Ray*

## Morning in Kuranda

Lately,  
I have noticed  
early morning, slow  
low flying planes  
so many, they must be  
going to the mines  
I'm awake now  
to hear the first revved-up car  
mingling with the leaf blowers  
clearing the path in the rainforest.  
Strangely, I get relief  
to know the riders of the boom chug bikes  
love their sound  
mixing with the trucks and buses  
I know  
because I love the sound  
of Bach  
and birdsong  
and blessed silence.

*Joon Graham*

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## In response to Jenny Jensen's letter to The Kuranda Paper June 2012.

I find it very disturbing that one of our councillors is reverting to scare tactics on the issue of de-amalgamation. Is her comment that "the cost of de-amalgamation would be enormous" designed to scare ratepayers or based on fact? What is enormous? If you want people to make an informed decision please pass on your wisdom of the actual cost; one thing that is guaranteed is that it will be a fraction of what was wasted on the process of amalgamation.

Since amalgamation my rates have risen 78.59% (and I have the rate notices as proof!). At a meeting with the former Mayor and a councillor prior to the recent Council election I questioned this obscene rise. The response that I received from the former Mayor was that the methodology used was not as he believed it would be. I would have thought that determining Council rates would rank very high on the scale of council decisions. It is a pity that the TRC did not apply the "professionalism, pain and hard work" when determining the methodology used to calculate Council rates!

I also support the call for Kuranda residents to have their say on de-amalgamation but before they do, I urge them to check what percentage increase they have had on their rates in the last four years. Then calculate approximately what an additional 120 plus staff since amalgamation is costing them, check if their roads and services etc were in a better condition prior to amalgamation. We were all told that amalgamation would reduce costs and increase efficiency - all we have seen is cost increases coupled with diminishing services.

From Councillor Jensen's comment on the former MSC boundaries I can only conclude she would like to see Kuranda become part of Cairns Regional Council; would she please inform ratepayers if she has held preliminary talks with them and how that idea has been received.

*Scott Dixon*



I have read with great interest the letter submitted to your paper by Councillor Jenny Jenson on the subject of de-amalgamation.

Unfortunately I believe that the views expressed therein are inflammatory and inaccurate to say the least. On what basis is Councillor Jenson founding her assumption that "...The costs would be enormous and Kuranda ratepayers would bear a significant burden..."? The TRC has bandied about the figure of \$12M as the cost to date of the amalgamation process, however this has never been substantiated, nor was this figure accepted by the State Government. In a similar fashion the conjecture that de-amalgamation is going to be extremely costly has been used by the powers-that-be to sway the residents of the various amalgamated councils against demanding a referendum.

One would have hoped that a person in Councillor Jensen's position would not stoop to making alarmist statements without concrete figures to back them up.

I would like to make one final (but extremely moot) point: I would imagine that Councillor Jensen's salary would be cut substantially should she be representing a smaller Mareeba council?

*Melody Lucas, Mareeba*

## Don't Feed Butcherbirds

Ten years ago when I moved to Barang Street there were sunbirds, finches and wrens etc. Since a neighbour started feeding butcherbirds, the small birds have vanished. Every year sunbirds have nested on my veranda. The butcherbirds are smart - they wait until the babies hatch then attack, killing fledglings and usually the mother bird who tries to defend her babies. Last year was the worst. They struck at dawn. By the time I got to the remains of the nest a black parent butcherbird and brown juvenile had killed the mother sunbird and two babies. You wouldn't believe how much blood these tiny birds had shed - it was smeared everywhere.

The idea that if you feed butcherbirds they won't kill so many little birds is absolute rubbish. Through being fed in my area their numbers have built up so much that is all you hear in the dawn chorus. I am told that in the wild there should be approximately one pair of butcherbirds to ten acres. Yesterday there were five in my garden. The final straw was when they found my veranda frog who had lived in a pot plant for ages. I heard an awful squawking and the frog was being bashed to death on my veranda rail.

Please consider how you are upsetting the balance of nature by encouraging these terrorists of the bird world to hang around dwellings when they should be out in the forest catching rats and snakes etc.

*Name withheld by request*



*Photograph of Nesting Sunbird by Helen*

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# KURANDA

Village in the Rainforest

## Marc's Tourism Tweets

**FIRST TIME VISITORS** to Kuranda are often amazed at just how much there is to experience in our little village in the rainforest. I'm pleased to see there is even more to do from this month with the launch of an interpretive walk with the Djabugay Aboriginal guides at Skyrail Rainforest Cableway's Barron Falls Station and the opening of LeadBEATS, one of the newest stalls to open at the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets.

These two new additions further broaden the range of experiences available in Kuranda and highlight what regular visitors know – you need more than a day to make the most of them. To help plan your next visit we have included time allocations for various activities in Kuranda's Official Map & Visitors Guide. Get a copy from your local tour desk and start planning your next trip to Kuranda. The guide includes restaurants, galleries, attractions, shopping and, of course, accommodation options so you can stay a little longer.

**SOUTHERN CROSS TEN SPORT AND LIFESTYLE EXPO:** Cathy Harvey and I represented Kuranda village under the Tourism Tropical North Queensland umbrella at the recent Sports & Lifestyle Expo which was part of the Cairns Iron Man event on the 1st June 2012. The event attracted lots of interstate and international contestants who visited our "KURANDA" booth during the first day of the event and our beautiful village received some excellent exposure.

**KURANDA DAY FESTIVAL:** Event Volunteers Needed: Preparations have already begun for the biggest day on the Kuranda Events Calendar – The Kuranda Day Festival which is scheduled for Sunday 21st October 2012. Kuranda Day marks the official survey of the village back in 1888 and will include the annual Bash of the Barron River Raft Race & Undie Fun Run, music in Centenary Park and a day of fun and festivity celebrating everything that makes Kuranda such an amazing place. Tourism Kuranda is seeking volunteers to form an exciting new "Events Team" to assist with the co-ordination and promotion of this amazing community event including ideas for a new Kuranda Day Street Parade.

**TRIVIA NIGHT SUCCESS:** The Kuranda Trivia Night in Cairns last month at the Rattle n Hum was another huge success for Kuranda village with more than 90 agents attending. The event ran very smoothly and everyone went away with a much better understanding about Kuranda and its amazing attractions, activities and retail options. A big thank you to the businesses that sponsored the event and provided prizes to give away.

**KURANDA HOSTS VARIETY BASH:** Kuranda has been chosen to host the NT Variety Bash parade on September 2. There will be cars decorated as camels, western wagons, witches, champagne bubbles and undertaker vehicles among the more than 40 Bash cars which will parade as a motorcade along Coondoo Street from 11am. The Variety Bash is an iconic event, held in every state and territory of Australia and is a major fund raiser for Variety, the Children's charity. Variety in the



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Northern Territory is heading "backwards" on their Bash for the first time this year. Starting at Kuranda, and criss-crossing across the Queensland Gulf Country, they will visit Undara, Normanton, Adel's Grove, King Ash Bay, and finally crossing the border back into the Northern Territory before its final gala night in Katherine.

**MEETING WITH NEW MAYOR:** Melanie Wicks, Chairman Tourism Kuranda and I met with the new Mayor, Rosa Lee Long on the 7th June and provided her with an overview of our marketing activities for Kuranda village and presented her with a copy of our new 18 month Strategic Plan. The Mayor was accompanied by Matthew Hyde and Jenny Jensen and we also discussed upcoming events including the popular Kuranda Day Festival.

**MAN BEATS MACHINE:** Phil Bradshaw has proved man is mightier than machine by winning the Cairns 2 Kuranda Train Race for the second year running. The Cairns Ironman was the only person to beat the Kuranda Scenic Rail locomotive this year with the field of 78 competitors facing a slippery track after recent rain before the June 10 event. He beat the train by 10 minutes with the time of 1:16:51.

**NEW DJABUGAY TOUR LAUNCHED:** The language, culture, plants and animals of the Djabugay people can be explored on a walking tour launched this month. The Djabugay Tour Guiding Aboriginal Corporation operates the 40-minute guided walk from Skyrail Rainforest Cableway's Barron Falls Station. With a maximum of 10 people per group, the walk provides visitors with the opportunity to be part of a personal tour.

Djabugay Elder and Director of the Djabugay Tour Guiding Aboriginal Corporation Gerald Hobbler said Djabugay guides would share their knowledge on the walks. "We are extremely proud of our heritage and look forward to sharing our traditions and culture with visitors from far and wide," he said. "My grandson Aaron is one of the guides. I am very proud of him and everyone involved with the launch of the walking tours for continuing to ensure the survival of our culture and history for generations to come."

**STARTING A NEW BEAT:** With a mix of musical instruments and leadlight gifts, the name LeadBEATS was a given for one of the newest stalls at the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets. Musicians Pam Moray and Mario Baroni were surprised to discover there were no music shops on the Atherton Tableland where so many musicians live, so they decided to step in and fill the gap in the market.

"As musicians, we want to be able to service the Tableland community with instruments and accessories of all kinds, as well as offer a repair service and lessons. We also make original live recordings of our music at the shop which is proving a definite winner with the tourists as a souvenir of their Kuranda trip," she said.

**GOOGLE ANALYTICS FOR MAY/JUNE:** The Tourism Kuranda website www.kuranda.org received 10,361 visits, 8,382 unique visitors, 43,066 page views, 4.16 pages/visit, 2 minutes and 27 seconds average time on site with 74.83% new visits in the one month period.

Marc Sleeman, Executive Office, Tourism Kuranda

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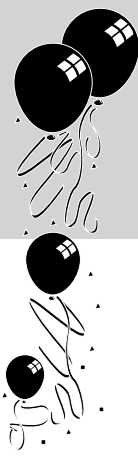
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## Neighbourhood Centre News July 2012



**The next Kuranda Family Fun day will be held on Wednesday 4th July in the park. Michael Trout will be cooking BBQ.**

### Thank you to Bunnings Smithfield:

A very special thanks to Bunnings for donating two Jumbuck BBQs for the Family Days. These BBQs are for the use for any not-for-profit community event and enquiries can be made to the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre for use.

### Step Forward:

Next program commences on Wednesday 11 July 2012 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 confidential program is run in a small group format in two hour sessions held weekly over four weeks.

### Seniors' Cottages:

To be eligible for Seniors' Cottages a current application with Department of Housing is required. KNC staff will assist with social housing enquiries and applications.

### Narcotics Anonymous:

Weekly meetings continuing at KNC on Thursdays at 6.30pm. Contact 4054 3483 for more info.

### Japan Week:

There will be another week 2nd-6th July 10.00am-12.00 noon for free Japanese culture classes. Included will be Zen-meditation, tea ceremony, language and calligraphy.

### ATODS Counselling:

There is a new counsellor coming to the Kuranda Medical Centre every second Tuesday. Please contact the Medical Centre for a referral on 4093 7118.

### Uniting Care Counselling (formerly Lifeline):

Counselling appointments can be made phoning Uniting Care on 40504955. All appointments and referrals are strictly confidential.

### Financial Counselling:

Monday mornings.

### General Counselling:

Wednesday afternoons.

### Gambling help:

By appointment.

—The Neighbourhood Centre Team



## Kuranda Lions Club

It was with much sadness that we said farewell to one of our past Lions members, Jim Mealing, who passed away recently.

In the past few months the club has been busy with giving out donations to help our community.

We have managed to help our Kuranda SES, the Queensland Country Women's Association, the Far Northern Division Crisis Fund, the Cairns Base Hospital Foundation and our local Kuranda Boxing Club.

We hope these donations will help with the continued running of these organisations in our community.

On Saturday 26 May, at Centenary Park, we handed out packets of lollies with Kuranda Lions written on them to the people who came up on the Rotary sponsored Great Train Ride.

A big "Thank you" to Ross and Judy from the Kuranda Candy Kitchen, who made the candy and also gave us a great discount on it.

We are still looking for new members to keep our Kuranda Lions Club going. If you're interested please contact Col or Carol Jeanes on 4093 7187 or talk to Col down the street most days, 11.30am to 2.00pm.

Our next meeting will be on 23 July at 6.30pm at the Kuranda Resort and Spa.

Thanking you,  
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**Col and Carol Jeanes**



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# Gardening in Kuranda



**JULY** and with the cold biting, the garden probably looks a bit ratty. If, like me, you are a procrastinator, now is the perfect time to cast a judicious eye over your plantings and make some hard decisions – that plant that has failed to thrive despite all efforts; the garden bed planting that has never sat well, or that tree that needs severe trimming or to be taken out. Remember that with the return to warmer weather and being caught up in the promise of the joys of summer, if not done now, those put-off decisions will probably irk you for another year.

Now is also the time to take on the weeds which, despite everything else slowing down, continue to grow and seed. The old gardening saw of “one year’s seeding means seven years’ weeding” holds true with any bare earth an invitation to weed invasion, so deeply mulch those bare spots. Vinegar is a good weedicide and although table vinegar contains only about 5% acetic acid, a spoonful of salt added to a litre of vinegar and a couple of applications usually take out most weeds. Choose a forecast dry sunny spell, remembering that vinegar is not selective so apply carefully to avoid damage to nearby planting or lawn. Cheap and effective with stronger vinegar concentrate usually available from farm supplies. Works a treat on weeds in paths and patios.

The next couple of months are also the time to clean out ornamental ponds removing detritus and thinning out exuberant growth, remembering to dispose of carefully as many water plants are highly invasive if carried to waterways. Time also to place orders for lotus and waterlilies.

**Plant of the Month:** *Alocasia*, A genus of broad-leaved rhizomatous or tuberous perennials from the family Araceae. There are over 70 species of *Alocasia* occurring throughout tropical and subtropical Asia to Eastern Australia with some widely cultivated in Oceania and South America as a food source.

As a keen collector of *Alocasias* and possibly biased, I think these plants – although beloved by marauding Scrub Turkeys – give more bang for bucks than any other plant family. With emphasis on foliage, plants range from the towering (5-6mts) *Alocasia macrorrhiza* ‘Borneo Giant’ to the petite and somewhat more dainty *A. cuprea* (possibly one of the most beautiful with its emerging new leaf in copper tones), *A. infernalis* and the numerous dwarf variations on *A. amazonica* such as “Bambino” – all these under a metre.

Becoming more readily available are some of the pewter/blue leafed *Alocasias* endemic to the Philippines which may be seen at site: <http://www.pinoypplants.com/aroids.php#alocasia>. These can be somewhat touchy as often growing on limestone underlay slopes that requiring well drained but moisture retentive soil.

Probably best grown in soil, some of the smaller, more touchy and rare species may do better in pots. All appreciate rich living to improve growth and size of leaves and while generally most relish good water supply particularly during the warmer months, some of the more delicate require careful watching as often prone to rot. Most benefit from morning sun although some of the larger types will take full sun although growth will be tighter and leaves smaller.

**Q @A Dear Mary,** You were asking about organic mixes to ward off various beasties. Well here are a few:

- **All-round Insecticide:** Chop four large onions, two cloves of garlic, and four hot chillies. Mix them together and cover with warm, soapy water and leave it to stand overnight. Strain off that liquid and add it to five litres of water.
- **Grasshopper, Caterpillar and Possum Deterrent:** Mix a cup of molasses into one litre of water and spray it over new foliage.
- **Aphids, Caterpillars and Other Insects:** Add two tablespoons of soap flakes to one litre of warm water and stir thoroughly until completely dissolved. When cool spray as is.



For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions, contact Alectura C/- Kuranda Paper or email [wortwoad@optusnet.com.au](mailto:wortwoad@optusnet.com.au)



## Kuranda Sprouts Seed Savers

NEXT MEETING

**Sunday 8th of July**  
at Astrid and Will and family’s lovely garden at Clohesy  
from 10.00am to 4.30pm or so

**Please bring:**

- Your seeds from your garden to sort and add to the seedbank
- Anything you have for the share-table – (seedlings, cuttings, seeds, produce, etc)
- Something yummy to share for lunch, and/or morning and afternoon tea
- Folding chair, plate/bowl/spoon/fork/cup
- Gold coin donation for admin if that’s okay.

From 10.00am we will sort and package seeds for the bank, then morning tea and a talking circle (what’s happening in our gardens), lunch and then a garden tour with our lovely hosts.

**Thank you and hope to see you there.**

**Directions:**

Turn into Clohesy River Road from Koah-Mareeba Road, drive to end of sealed road, left onto dirt track – (is good for two-wheel drive), keep going, winding through bush, turn left just before little bridge onto small private road, you can see us from road (lots of bananas on left).

Astrid’s number is 0406 566 227

or contact Lisa – [vizorghams@hotmail.com](mailto:vizorghams@hotmail.com)



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**Sunday July 7th at 2.00pm**

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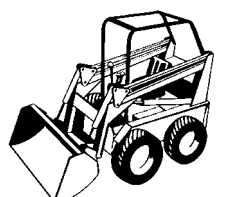
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## TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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Notice is hereby given under the Provisions of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* that Bridge No.3 on Black Mountain Road Kuranda (approximately 2.5km from the Kennedy Highway) will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic for two days from Monday 2 July 2012 to Tuesday 3 July 2012 for the purpose of replacing the bridge.

An alternative route to Black Mountain Road is via Oakforest Road/Armstrong Road, Mona Mona, however this route is unsuitable for conventional vehicles.



# News from the Council



**Fluoride on the way – like it or not**  
Tablelands Mayor Rosa Lee Long has advised that fluoride will be added into the Malanda and Kuranda water supplies on 11 July 2012.

Cr Lee Long said Tablelands Regional Council was being forced to adhere to the Water Fluoridation Act 2008 and had no choice but to implement the decision of the former State Government to add fluoride to water supplies servicing towns with a population of more than 1,000.

**“This is not a matter of choice for Council and it is certainly not democracy when people are being forced to have fluoride put into their water supplies,” said Cr Lee Long**

“The people were never asked their views on this and obviously there are many people who have a lot of concern about fluoride, but Council has its hands tied in this matter.”

Cr Lee Long said anyone with concerns should write or email their local State Member of Parliament.

“When this Bill came to Parliament in 2007, all the major Parties supported it, whereas myself and the other Independents did not vote for it,” she said.

“I would have preferred to allow people to have the choice and to pick up free fluoride tablets from their local council as was the practice in the past, but this was not to be and now Council has to enforce this legislation.”

Fluoride will be added into the water supplies of Malanda and Kuranda from 11 July 2012. Atherton and Mareeba water supplies will follow at a later date to be advised.

## Kuranda Arts Co-operative

“Areas of Beauty” is a Regional Partnership between artist Jill Chism, Master of Creative Arts, 10 members of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative, and two prestigious art galleries in the regions. Jill will deliver high level training to the 10 artists, focused on a site close to the giant penda trees in Kuranda National Park.

## Catherine Jacoby, Kuranda

This project aims to develop further local connections between the Disability and Arts sectors. It will introduce art forms of Assemblage and Sculpture to participants. The project will employ three local artists, and lead to an exhibition at the Old Post Office Gallery, Atherton in 2013.

## Mayor Welcomes NBN announcement

Tablelands Mayor Rosa Lee Long has welcomed an announcement that the National Broadband Network (NBN) will be rolled out to areas of the Tablelands by 2015.

The company building Australia’s national broadband network, NBN Co, this week announced that it would be working with Tablelands Regional Council to identify appropriate locations for fixed wireless network infrastructure that will deliver high-speed fixed wireless broadband.

Initially the Tablelands region was to be one of the last regions to be connected to the NBN which would have seen businesses and households not having access until 2020.

However, after campaigning by Tablelands Regional Council and Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC), many areas of the region will be networked by the end of 2015.

“I am thrilled that the lobbying that has been done by Council and FNQROC has been successful in getting all of the smaller rural and remote communities across the Tablelands region connected to high speed broadband through fixed wireless or satellite services by the end of 2015,” Mayor Lee Long said.

“I am advised that construction of fibre optic cabling will also commence by 2015 to connect Mareeba and Kuranda to the NBN”. However, there are many areas that will not have access to the NBN until sometime between 2016 and 2020 and this means they will not be able to capitalise on business and economic development opportunities as well as improved access to health, education and other tele-services until then. Cr Lee Long said further lobbying by Council, businesses and community was required to bring forward the rollout of the fibre optic cabling in Atherton, Herberton, Malanda, Ravenshoe, Tolga and Yungaburra.

## No fee for on-site sewerage treatment plants

Property owners with an on-site sewerage treatment plant will not have to pay an annual fee for Council to administer the required service reports.

On Wednesday, Council decided not to charge a proposed annual fee of \$46 to maintain the register and administer the reports, and instead charge property owners who were non-compliant with their service reports a management fee of \$84.

Council was told that a fee of \$84 for the plumbing inspector to perform an in-depth desk top analysis of the non-compliant unit would be appropriate and an additional fee of \$167 may be incurred if a site inspection was required.

Under the Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002, Council is required to maintain a register of all on-site sewerage and grey water use facilities and property owners are obligated to have the treatment plant serviced regularly by a service operator.

Council was told that there were approximately 1000 on-site treatment plants around the region, but only about 400 were submitting regular service reports. However, since letters were recently sent to every property owner with a sewerage treatment plant, another 102 had submitted a service report to Council.

## Update on Fallon Road bridge

A new two-lane bridge over Jum Rum Creek on Fallon Road, Kuranda, is expected to be completed by the beginning of September.

Council approved the construction of a new bridge across the causeway after a fatal car accident in 2011.

Design of the bridge is in progress and Council is currently gearing up to pour the concrete bridge deck units for an onsite start-up at the beginning of August. Preliminary work, including onsite drilling to investigate the foundation material will be undertaken in the next two weeks.

The bridge is estimated to cost \$400,000 and is being funded from developer contributions as well as Roads To Recovery funding from the Federal Government.

# Kuranda Foodworks

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# The Arts Page

Fans settling in for the John Buttler concert at the Amphitheatre earlier this year.



## ALL IS ART

The Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets are becoming quite a cultural centre these days. I came across these murals and other strange "artifacts" just across the mini-golf course from the two galleries featured in recent issues, the Hidden Echidna and the Sacred Lotus.



Down behind the Japanese Tea House, at the Sweet Leaf cafe, I found the artist, Malcolm, at work on one of his many murals.



Malcolm creates other art objects as well such as painted skulls, coconuts, thong art and other arty bits. He has had many overseas and local exhibitions, and loves it here in Kuranda. The rest of the details have gotten lost in the email somewhere, so you'll just have to go check out his

work yourself. Be quick. I'm not sure how long he will be here.

It was great to hear the live music down there too, thanks to Lunar and friends. Kuranda certainly has got an abundance of talent.



We are very fortunate to be living here in this paradise where art can flourish in a spectacular natural environment. As my dad always used to say "I wouldn't be dead for quids". Unfortunately he is now, but he didn't waste a moment of life worrying about anything. No, he knew the meaning of life. Meanwhile, while the rest of us are still trying to figure it out, let's make some great art! Have a creative July, art freaks, *seren*



## President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,  
June was a fairly quiet month for the Amphitheatre, and July is looking busy again. **Dave Steel and the Welcome Wagon on Friday 8th June was a great show and everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves.**

Please check [www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org) and the Kuranda Paper Music Pages for upcoming events and info. Come along and check out the great acts we have coming up.

A Special General Meeting was held on June 10th where members endorsed changes to the constitution. The management committee will now be following the procedures in place with the Office of Fair Trading to make these alterations.

To make the most of the great weather there will be a **Working Bee on Sunday 1st July, from 10am onwards.** Lunch, refreshments and laughs are provided in ex-



A not-so-quiet evening at the Amphi

change for some time spent on the venue. Help is needed in the garden, pruning, weeding, raking, guerneying etc.

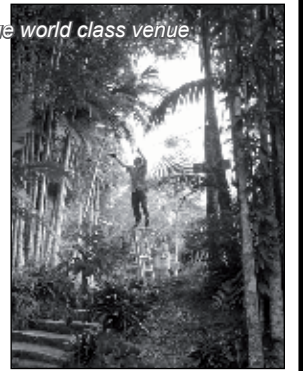
Hope to see you there and help us keep the grounds up to scratch.

If you need to contact the Amphitheatre, please use the CONTACT US section on the website.

Regards,  
**Mandy**  
KAS Management Committee  
[www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org)



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presents

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6 Rob Vievers Drive, 4093 8933  
Email: [knc@qld.chariot.net.au](mailto:knc@qld.chariot.net.au)

## Loony Poets NIGHT Full Moon

### Loony Poets Full Moon Madness

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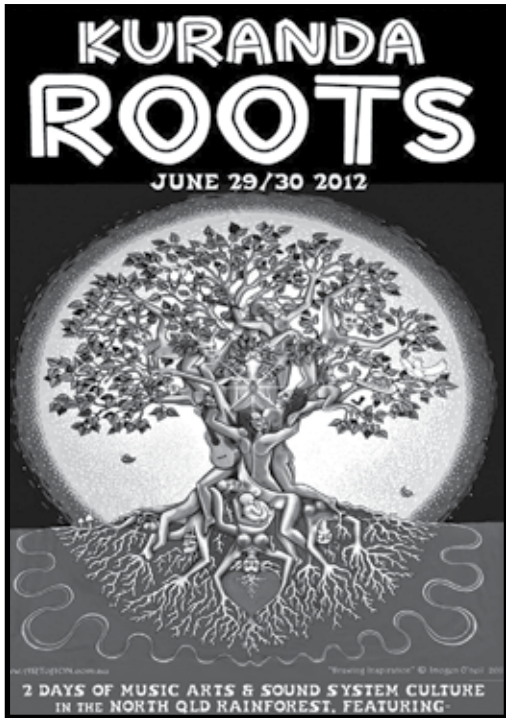
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# MUSIC PAGE



If you're feeling the winter blues, **Kuranda Roots** is mere days away so come join us for a weekend of mad outdoor roots, reggae, dancehall, afro groove, dub, minimal, trance, wobble bass and skankin' good times! Here's the beserk line up – love love cap'n Rudi.

The line up has something for everyone; the boss sounds of **Kingfisha**, who are toting the best new reggae release in Australia, K Town favourites **Zennith Boyz**, and hip-hop punks **Combat Wombat**. Joining them are Maori/Oz reggae band **Darky Roots**, who are bringing the full 9 piece ensemble.

In an unexpected addition to the line-up, **Dubmarine's Kazman** is flying in to join **The Rudekat Sound** and **Sunny Dread** for a ballistic affair of roots and dubstep. To die for front-vixen **Nik Ranger** will be in action with

ska punks **Die Rude** and flying the local flag are, **Koahlition**, **Reggae Bliss**, **Jobstopper**, **KurandaCoots**, **Michael Quinn and Dave Jones**, **Black Rising**, **Roz Pappalardo**, **In The Wild Wood**, **Billy Dread**, **Jesse Kuch**, **Old Man River**, **Ombudsman**, **Uzi**, **Backwards man** and many more. Local artist **Imogen O'Neil** will be displaying her art and decor at the festival.

Camping is free for both nights at the Billabong, and shuttle buses will be operating from the Top Pub to the festival every half an hour.

For the program and more info go to [www.kurandaroots.com](http://www.kurandaroots.com)

Tickets are available from Kuranda Video, [www.rudekatrecords.com](http://www.rudekatrecords.com) and on the gate. Children under 12 are free and concession prices for students and pension card holders.

## KURANDA GIG GUIDE JUNE/JULY

**FRIDAY 29TH JUNE**  
KURANDA ROOTS FESTIVAL!!  
The Billabong, Kangaventure  
Koahlition, Reggae Bliss,  
Jobstopper, The Raconteurs,  
Sunny Dread with Die Rude,  
Arthouse feature,  
Ombudsman, Walltone, Uzi, Seed,  
Monkey Marc to name a few!

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**SATURDAY 30TH JUNE**  
KURANDA ROOTS FESTIVAL  
The Billabong, Kangaventure  
Kingfisha, Combat Wombat,  
Zennith, Darky Roots,  
Hayden Hack, School Fight,  
Bandawalla Moons,  
Roz Pappalardo,  
In the Wild Woods & Kuranda  
Coots, Black Rising,  
Elf Tranzporter, Solomon,  
Billy Dread, DJ Monkeymarc,  
Lubbub, Jesse Kuch, Solomon,  
Kurandacoots, Seed, Jekyll,  
Ombudsman & many more

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**WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY**  
The Understage  
LOONY POETS NIGHT  
Doors Open 6.30pm  
Lawson, Bosko & Honey & more!  
Alcohol Free Event  
Entry: \$10

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**MONDAY 9TH JULY**  
The Top Shed  
Kuranda Amphitheatre  
UKULELE BBQ and OPEN MIC  
Entry, BBQ by donation!  
11.00am-6.00pm

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**SATURDAY 21ST JULY**  
The Understage, Amphitheatre  
TOBIAS MOLDENHAUER  
Doors 7.30pm  
Entry: \$15 Adults

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**FRIDAY 27TH JULY**  
The Understage, Amphitheatre  
THE APRIL MAZE  
& special guests Secret Tuesdays  
Doors & Bar Open 6.30pm  
Delicious meals available  
Entry: \$15 Adults/\$10 Members

## KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE What's On at the Amphi

### Loony Poets

Wednesday 4th July 2012 Understage  
The Loonys are back with an evening of 'Full Moon' entertainment with **Lawson, Bosko & Honey**, **Secret Tuesdays**, **Mahatma Yarndhi** and **David Jones**. Guest artist on the evening is **Jilly** (Journey Inn).

### Ukulele BBQ & Open Mic

Monday 9th July, Top Shed, 11am to 6 ish...  
A post-Cairns Ukulele Festival get-together and open mic hosted by **Bosko & Honey** and **The Kuranda Amphitheatre**.

Wind down in a relaxed and beautiful setting in the rainforest with a BBQ and some yummy food kindly provided by Zana from Spicez. Entry is by donation to help cover costs for food and Amphitheatre hire. It will be held at the "Top Shed" overlooking the world famous Amphitheatre grounds. There will be a good PA, so bring your uke; come along and play, jam or just relax and enjoy!

### Tobias Moldenhauer

Saturday 21st July 7.00pm Understage  
A recent festival performance review stated. "...intense, blues influenced open-tuned guitar and voice pieces." Steve Baker

A guitarist/singer/songwriter of European background, Tobias recorded his solo demo

in Germany 2005, before hitting the road to play music in both hemispheres.

At the Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage, Tobias will be joined by **Jarrah Higgins** on drums and **Hugh Gilbert** on bass, to present new material from the upcoming album '**Solitary Bones**'. Early in the year the trio has already excited Far Northern theatre audiences, presenting '**a solid Blues sound with excursions into a jazzy world of unconventional folk music**'.

The Kuranda Amphitheatre presents

### The April Maze

with special guests Secret Tuesdays

Friday 27th July 6.30pm Understage

"Their music moves you and seeps deep into your soul, staying with you for days and weeks to come." Timber and Steel review July 14 2011

Hailing from London and Cairns **The April Maze** have been living on the road touring their original music throughout Australia and New Zealand non-stop in their 1976 kombi van.

There are just two of them. She plays soulful cello standing up while effortlessly singing at the same time. He sings in harmony and switches between guitar and banjo,

while stomping on the stomp box to keep the syncopated rhythms punching through. They look like they just slipped out a time machine from the 70s, they sound like a cross between **Florence and the Machine**, **Carole King** and **Cat Stevens** and they chat on-stage like they are in your living room.



Since forming 6 years ago in an old Melbourne share house, Todd and Sivan have been busy: over 800 shows, multiple tours, three EP's, and now their first full-length album '**Recycled Soul**' will continue to take them around Australia, before touring internationally. For more details for events please check the Gig Guide.

## THE BOOGIE BROTHERS AND SISTERS MUSIC NEWS & REVIEWS



**The War on Drugs: "Slave Ambient"** Funnily enough, there's nothing druggy about this album at all. It's a rollicking, rolling set of tracks that drives through **Springsteen** and **Dylan** territory with a freshness and exuberance that's joyful and engaging.

A big, open sound, solid drumming and no effort spared in getting exactly the sound they want. Three studios and four years in the making. About twenty different assorted instruments and electronic toys makes a glorious mix which comes together with perfection.

Must have been a producer's dream project. It swirls, drones, cranks and soars, speeds and slows (well maybe there was a little chemical enhancement) and covers a huge spectrum of the rock panoply.

Certainly a big nod to the **Boss** with its wide open driving rhythms, but why not? And **Bob Dylan** was recently awarded a presidential medal by Barak Obama for his music. Nice.



**Jack White's** partner-in-crime on **Deadweather**, belts it out again: staccato rhythms, strong vocals, taking a hard line through **Concrete Blonde** and bringing it into the streets. Singing on a knife edge. Very sharp. And when **Jamie Hince** takes the vocals it softens and smooths the mood. Then they merge and it's just gorgeous. But still tough and tight. Music as a work of art...

Track 6, **DNA** says it all. Genetic rock, and the album title "**Blood Pressures**" starts to make sense to us...

But this album is a far more fitting tribute to the genius of Bob. You'll love it.

**Quick-Pix: Jack White: "Blunderbuss"** Jack again being very cheeky. He has to be with so much tongue-in-cheek. Lots of dark humour here and Jack laying on the music with an unending parade of rock and blues clichés and experimental mixes. Interesting; entertaining and powerful. [www.jackwhiteiii.com](http://www.jackwhiteiii.com)

**The Kills: "Blood Pressures"** Another killer from **The Kills**, **Alison Mosshart**



The Boogies



## WHAT'S ON?

### Monday

**Kuranda Soccer Club Training**

4.30-5.30pm

Contact: Gary 4093 7109

**Tai Chi** 6-7pm

Contact: Les 4093 8276

**Acapella Singing** 7.30-9pm

Contact: Jane 4093 0463

### Tuesday

**Tennis Training** 4-6.30pm

Contact: Corinne 4093 8369

**Yoga** 6-7pm

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

**Eight Ball - Competition Night** 7pm

Members support welcome and play all other times.

### Wednesday

**Kuranda Soccer Club Training**

(optional) 4.30-5.30pm

Contact: Gary 4093 7109

**Social Tennis** 5.30-7.30pm

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

### Thursday

**Bushikai Karate** 6-7pm

Contact: Darryl 0487 469 579

**Kuranda Soccer Club Training**

(compulsory) 4pm

Contact: Gary 4093 7109

### Friday - Social Night

**Tan's Kitchen** 6.30-8.30pm

Eat-in or takeaway - bookings

essential by 5pm Wednesdays

Contact: Tan 4093 9868

### Saturday

**Tennis Training** 8-9am

Contact: Mike 4093 8257

**Bushikai Karate**

10-11am (family sessions a specialty)

Contact: Darryl 0487 469 579

### Sunday

**Yoga** 10-11am

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

**Social Tennis** 5.30-7.30pm

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401



## moving the GOAL POSTS!

June saw a major addition to the Kuranda Recreation Centre (KRC) with the erection of a permanent set of goal posts for our young soccer stars! The centre now boasts two modified playing fields with the new goal posts situated on a 60 x 35 metre pitch—ideal for the Under 12 age group. It's also perfect for an adult's social game on a Sunday afternoon. The second marked out field is 75 x 40 metres and great for older kids. We thank the Tablelands Regional Council for providing the community with this great asset. The goal posts will be left up for the duration of the soccer season for the whole community to use.

2012 has seen the **Kuranda Rangers** go from strength to strength. From our beginnings two years ago where we fielded a couple of teams, our club has grown to five full Kuranda teams registered in the Under 6, 7, 9, 11, and 14 age groups. Every Saturday enthusiastic Kuranda kids and their families head off to play matches of 'football' (aka soccer) against children from other zones around Cairns. It is with pride that we can say they train at home in Kuranda at Fallon Park during the week—saving families an enormous amount of time, effort and money. Many mums and dads have also come forward this year to fill the important coaching and managing roles.

From this year, all future applications and registrations of the **Kuranda Rangers Football Club** will be recognised, which allows us to engage easily with Football Australia for courses and professional development. Another benefit of this membership has seen each of our registered players receiving a training shirt, shorts and a ball to practice their soccer skills. Through our children we are forming a lasting impression for the community, and we hope it will be a legacy in Kuranda for many years to come. Well done to all concerned.

If you'd like to volunteer or help our **Kuranda Rangers** contact Melina 4093 7287, Gary & Linda 4093 7109, Monika 0418 902 016.

Hunter Park,  
Fallon Road Kuranda

**BOOKINGS**  
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facilities contact Janet  
4093 7104



**SOCCER FUN DAY** Join us on Saturday 7 July from 4 - 9pm at the KRC for the **Kuranda Rangers FUN-raiser!** The whole community is welcome. Contact Melina on 0427 964 931 for more info.

**State of Origin** The KRC has had an excellent response to the 1st and 2nd State of Origin nights! Come and join us for the final decider on Wednesday 4 July and watch the match on the big screen. FREE sausage sizzle and heated bar. Bar opens at 6.30pm and kick-off is 8pm.



**Tan's Kitchen** is open every Friday night from 6.30-8.30pm. Come along and enjoy Tan's authentic Thai cuisine! Bookings essential. Phone 4093 9868 or email lumpinibloom@yahoo.com

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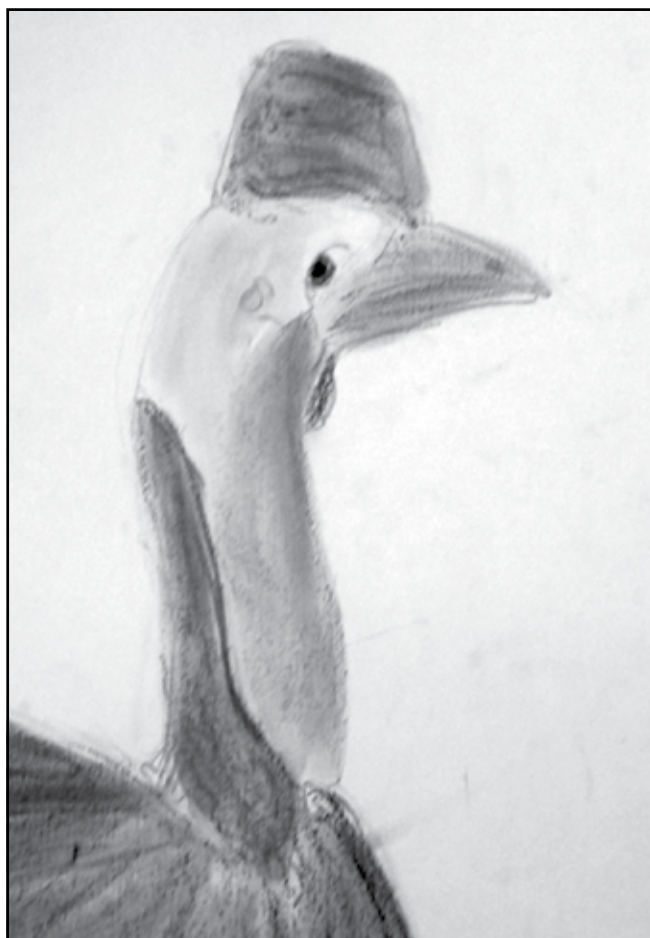
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# Families as First Teachers

By Michael Trout, MP, State Member for Barron River

In the course of our work, initiatives are brought before us that cannot help but leave us in awe of the concept and/or those who have created them or brought them to fruition.

Families as First Teachers is a fine example of one such project. Inspired by this program, I cannot help but wonder what aspects of FAFT most impress me. Is it the creativity and insight of the person who first recognised a need and took steps to address it, the project itself, or perhaps the seemingly endless ways in which this benefits the community? I suspect it is a combination of all these things, but it takes an exceptional mind to see the potential of, and develop such a scheme.

That exceptional individual is Dr Kathryn Mannion, a teacher at the Kuranda District State College in the Atherton Tablelands, who has worked tirelessly with Rosetta Brim and Roz Owen to develop the project and make it the success it is today.

In 2005, the school established a Parent School Partnership Program with the help of funding from DEST. The program was aptly named "Families as First Teachers", aimed at supporting families in helping their children in developing early literacy and numeracy skills, thus smoothing the path to school entry.

Extended families play an active part in the interactive process, which engages not only parents and children in the community, but everyone involved in the children's language and cognitive development, emotional maturity and ability to socialise effectively.

The program has significantly increased school enrolment, improved absenteeism and behaviour, and increased parental involvement in the activities of the school. It also enhances the cultural awareness of teaching staff, enhancing communication with the children and parents.

Most of the people involved in the program are quiet community dwellers, who live out of the mainstream

and aren't politically active; at great risk of 'falling through the cracks'. Their children are vulnerable, in other words lack the advantage of formal early learning that most Australians enjoy, and thus their entry to school is not only traumatic but their settling in period greatly protracted.

A teacher who commenced at Kuranda District State College in 1975, commented that when she worked with prep age children prior to FAFT establishing, it took 12 months for children to settle in. Now the entry is seamless, with FAFT children ready to run as soon as their feet touch the ground.

FAFT has grown exponentially, with 80 to 120 participants attending over the two day period each week. In 2008, in his electoral platform, the Northern Territory Chief Minister pledged \$11m support over four years for the establishment of FAFT in the Territory. FAFT NT is now being rolled out through 20 growth towns and regional areas.

Sadly, here in North Queensland, while interest and involvement in FAFT is growing by the day, expanding to other schools, further development and indeed the survival of this immensely insightful initiative, is hindered by lack of funds. DEWAR funding, while generous, ceased last year, and FAFT in Kuranda now utilises 'Closing the Gap' funding to the school, which is not expected to last until the end of the year.

FAFT has been rewarded and recognised by national and State awards including Dare to Lead, Quality Schooling for Excellence in Family/School Partnerships and Queensland State Showcase Award for Excellence in Early Phase Learning.

The first years of a child's life are recognised as crucial. Dr Mannion tells me it is widely recognised now that children of nine months old who have been denied mental stimulation and whose parents are unresponsive, are already at risk.

Our Indigenous communities deserve equality in

educational opportunity. In the USA, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 resulted from concern over the state of education. I believe this catch phrase is most appropriate in recognising and supporting this enterprising advance in 'Closing the Gap'.

Congratulations to Kathryn and her team at Kuranda District State College. I fully support your endeavours.



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When I started studying Naturopathy, I had terrible hay fever. Every year at exam time my eyes would be watering, red and itchy and I'd start sneezing uncontrollably. It was so bad that I was placed in a classroom far away from everyone else so as to not disturb them. They kindly gave me extended time to complete my exams but to concentrate is a huge task when hay fever sets in. Even reading the exam was a challenge. My lecturer explained the importance of a strong immune system and the role it plays with hay fever. I was recommended an immune tonic called **Astra 8**. I took this consistently until exam time the following year and had no symptoms! Previous years had been so bad I actually lost a job because of it. I was working with adults with learning disabilities and took them to a park. I was more of a liability

than a help, because the very guys I was looking after were the ones to lead me back to work, unable to see due to my symptoms. For the following two years at uni I sat my exams with everyone else and still to this day have never had symptoms again.

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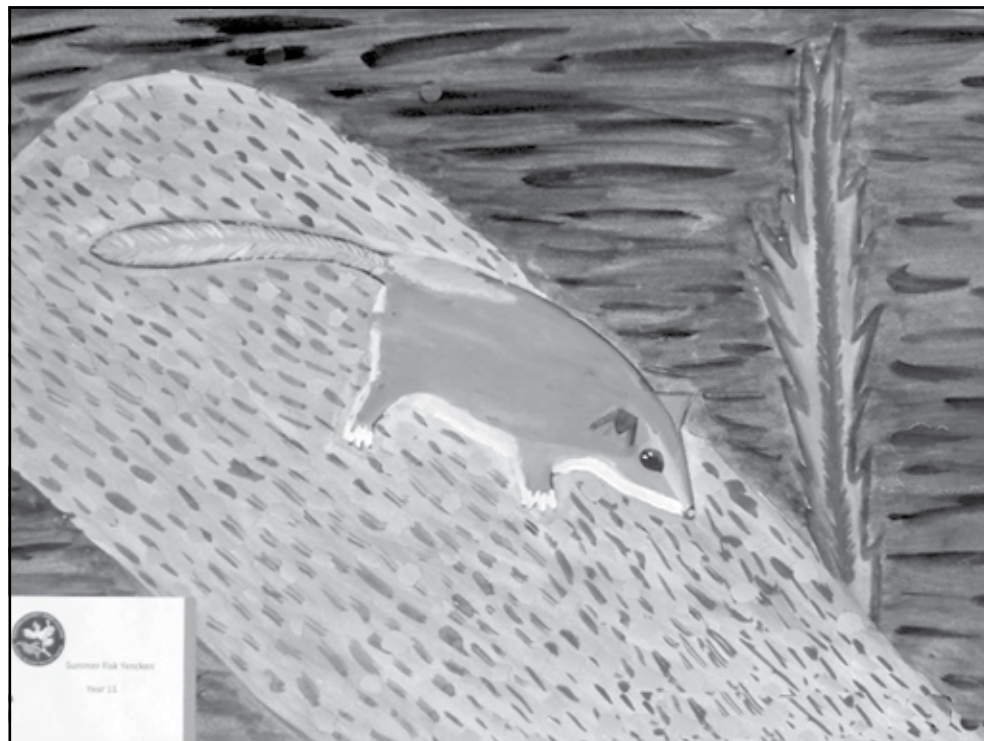
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Breathing is the least understood and most unappreciated of all human activities. It is the first thing we do when coming into this world and the last thing we do when leaving and in between most of us aren't aware of the breath at all.

We are so concerned with eating and drinking habits, breathing habits usually don't appear on our radar. Deep “conscious breathing not only expels accumulated carbon dioxide and other impurities in our lungs, it nourishes all organs, tissues and cells and improves circulation.

When breathing is shallow (using only one third of our lung capacity) all these impurities build up in the lungs and then picked up by the bloodstream instead of oxygen. Your body then pulls calcium from your muscles and bones to re-buffer the blood stream so it is important to “blow off” carbon dioxide with exercise



or pranayama techniques.

The following is instructions for a basic three stage yoga breathing practice, maybe outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine.

Standing in a comfortable relaxed position, reach the spine upwards and relax the shoulders. Consciously breathe into your abdomen feeling it rise, then breathe into the ribcage and finally taking the breath all the way to the collarbone, completely filling the lungs, hold the breath for the count of four (to allow the fresh air to mix with the stale in the bottom of our lungs) and then a slow exhalation releasing the tummy first feeling all the tension in your body letting go. (It is important to breath through the nostrils and do not strain.) Bring arms overhead, palms facing outwards on the inhalation looking up and turning arms out to sides, palms facing down, on the exhalation.

Happy Pranayama and remember “oxygen is the most powerful drug on the planet and it is free”.

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by Aileen – Phone 07 4093 7401



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ONE of the most tragic occurrences in our district occurred in November 1918 when a train engine left the line near the Barron Falls. Two of the crew died from injuries sustained in the accident. This article contains a transcript of the reports of the accident in *The Cairns Post* of 26 November 1918. It is interesting to note the graphic details contained in news reports in that era. It would be rare to read such explicit descriptions of injuries in today's press.

*The Cairns Post, Tuesday, November 26, 1918.*

## TERRIBLE RAILWAY FATALITY

Engine Leaves Rails at Kuranda. Death of Driver and Fireman. Guard Seriously Injured. A terrible accident, attended with fatal results, occurred on the railway line about a mile from the Kuranda railway station on Monday morning.

The first tidings of the disaster were received by a lengthsman, who set out from Kuranda shortly after a light engine, which came up from Cairns with the early morning train, had commenced the return journey. On the engine were Driver Thomas Patrick Duignan, Fireman Evan William Whiting and Guard James Foley. When the lengthsman had gone about a mile he met the driver Duignan staggering along the sleepers towards Kuranda. He appeared quite stupid, and the lengthsman could not understand what he was saying. He gathered from his wild talk that he had fallen off his engine and did not know where she was. The lengthsman went back and immediately notified the Kuranda Stationmaster, Mr. Wickham, who accompanied him to beyond where he met Duignan. The three men were found sitting on the side of the railway track in a group. Fifty yards further along, just at the head of the Barron Falls, an engine was lying on her side against the bank. Wickham approached the men, and saw at once that they were terribly injured. The fireman and driver spoke to him saying, "We have lost our engine." Wickham said "Come along, I'll take you to the hospital." They said, "Where's our engine; that's all we want." He made them as comfortable as possible in the circumstances with the assistance of Mr. Ernest Hunter and Constable Kinealy, and dispatched them in trollies to Cairns.

### Scene of the Accident

The scene of the accident was at the 19 miles 28 chains from Cairns, and approximately one mile and a quarter from Kuranda. At the spot where the engine was lying there was a sharp curve, with a guard rail and a sign, "5 Mile Curve." On the right is the range towering above; on the left there is an embankment, and behind that the Barron River is fifty feet below. The embankment is not very dense, but is mostly of rock. Had it been of earth, the engine would have plunged through it into the gorge. The rails were torn up and the engine was lying on her side, a total wreck, the tender separated from her. The boilers appeared to have burst, and the fire boxes were badly damaged. An examination of the scene disclosed that the tender would have to be dragged some distance in order to free the debris.

Immediately on receipt of the news at Cairns, the Traffic Manager, Mr. Hooper, ordered out a break-down train, and left for the scene, accompanied by the District Engineer, Mr. Forbes, the locomotive superintendent, Mr. Leitch, and the maintenance inspector, Mr. Peter Allen.

The injured men were transferred to two pump trollies, and taken down to the foot of the range to Redlynch, where they were met by Mr. Hogan, superintendent of the Cairns Ambulance Brigade and his assistant, Mr. Murphy. A special train had been sent to Redlynch, in rear of the breakdown train, to convey the injured men to Cairns. They presented a terrible appearance. Mr. Hogan describes their injuries as the most painful he had seen in all his experience. The first to arrive was Duignan, who came on one trolley. Whiting and Foley were on the second trolley. When Mr. Hogan examined Duignan rolls of flesh peeled off his shoulders and back and down his arms. He was suffering greatly from the burns he had received when the steam escaped from the engine as she went down, and was also very weak from shock. Although burned about the face, he was able to speak. He had a bad wound on the back of his head and over the right eye. He was attended to and placed in the special train to await the arrival of his mates. They arrived about ten minutes later, and also received prompt attention. It was seen that Whiting was in a terrible state, and his hope of recovery was deemed to be very faint. He was unable to lie down, and had to be dressed in a sitting position, in Mr. Hogan's arms. When the steam pipes burst he had apparently put up his hands to protect his face, as they were badly burned, and his eyes could not be seen. His mouth was open, and he cried piteously for water and a doctor. When Mr. Hogan told him the ambulance men were with him he cried "Thank God." Foley, the guard, had a gaping wound in his hip near the buttock. He was in great pain, and said one of his ribs was sticking out.

### Deaths of Whiting and Duignan

A telephone message had been sent to the Cairns District Hospital, apprising the Matron of the terrible occurrence. The men were taken there from the special train. Whiting expired ten minutes after admission. He passed away in great agony, exclaiming "My God." Duignan died at about five thirty in the evening.

Evan William Whiting was born on July 21, 1896, and was 22 years of age. His

mother resides at Toowoomba. He joined the Cairns loco. staff on August 4, 1916. He was a member of the Citizen Forces. His brother was killed in action some time ago. Thomas Patrick Duignan was born on February 1, 1891. He was a married man with four children, and resided at Cairns. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. P. Duignan of Kenilworth Farm, West Cairns. James Foley is also a married man with three children, and resides with his mother, Mrs. P. Foley, near Edge Hill. Flags flew at half-mast throughout the afternoon as a mark of respect to the deceased men.

### Eye Witness's Accounts

Sergeant-Major Bert Hunter, son of the licensee of the Barron Falls Hotel, who recently returned from the front, was on duty at the Kuranda Refreshment Rooms when the lengthsman brought the news. He accompanied Mr. Wickham to the scene, where they used their shirts to bandage the injured men. Sergeant-Major Hunter states that the men were immediately placed on the pump trollies and conveyed to where their engine lay. When they reached her none of them could recognize her. They were lifted off the trollies and taken to the Cairns side of the derailment. The trollies were then carried past the wreckage and placed on the rails, and the injured men conveyed to Redlynch. They were moved off within fifteen minutes of their being found by the station master's party. When they laid Whiting down he was unable to breathe, and he had to be borne in a sitting position.

Another eye-witness states that the engine was seen traveling past the school down the range at a terrific speed. It would appear that the tender left the rails at the curve, and was dragged some distance before it eventually pulled the engine over. Some idea of the pace of the engine could be gathered from the fact that it cut into the solid rock for a distance of 30 or 40 feet. The accident was the first fatal one that has occurred on the line.

### Arrangements for Traffic

The traffic manager spent a very busy day at the scene of the disaster, effecting arrangements for the detrainment of passengers at the point of derailment, and

for their continuing their journey. The afternoon train was less than an hour late arriving at Cairns, which speaks well for the success of Mr. Hooper's plans. The scene of the accident was an object of the greatest interest to passengers to and from the Tableland. By 8 p.m. the tender had been placed on the rails, and it was anticipated by the traffic authorities that the block would be cleared by early morning.

### James Foley's Condition

Late on Monday night inquiries at the Cairns District Hospital elicited the information that Foley was comfortable, and was improving.

### Military Funeral

Members of the Citizen Forces and Returned Soldiers are requested to parade in uniform at the Drill Shed, Cairns, at 3 p.m. to-day (Tuesday), to attend the funeral of Private E. W. Whiting.



Train accident near Kuranda, 1918. Photo courtesy Cairns Historical Society

### The Cairns Post, Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1918 Funeral of the Victims

The funeral of Driver Duignan and Fireman Whiting on Tuesday afternoon was a deeply impressive sight. The coffin bearing Whiting's remains was placed in St. John's Church of England, and Duignan's body was deposited at St. Monica's Catholic Church. The churches were visited prior to the funeral by large numbers of worshippers.

For an hour prior to the cortege moving off, people lined the course. Children were present in large numbers. Over the whole town was an atmosphere of gloom. The greatest sympathy was felt and appeared on all sides with the relatives of the dead men, particularly so in the case of Duignan, whose death bereaved a young wife and four children. Short impressive services were held at St. John's and St. Monica's. The measured tolling of the church bells added to the solemnity and sadness of the occasion. The coffins, which had been heavily hung with floral tributes, and that of Whiting with the Commonwealth flag, were born simultaneously to the funeral carriages, and the cortege moved off as one column. It was led by the Cairns Citizens' Brass Band, to the impressive strains of the Dead March in "Saul." Next followed a firing squad of the Citizen Forces, who had turned out to assist at the interment of Whiting, they marched with arms reversed, and with that slow tread that always adds to the solemnity of a military funeral. A detachment of returned soldiers marched under Sergeant Mazlin. Chief Petty Officer Allen was present with men of the Australian Naval Reserve. The railway authorities placed every facility in the way of employees wishing to attend, and, as a consequence, there were representative detachments of the Engine Drivers', Firemen and Cleaners' Association, Queensland Railways' Union, Amalgamated Society of Engineers, and Guards' Association. Heads were reverently bared as the cortege formed up into a long cavalcade of vehicles and moved slowly along Abbott St. traveling in the direction of the range, where the unfortunate men had met with such terrible injuries.



# Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

Sitting at the desk alongside **Claire Souter** in her studio/gallery is like sitting in quiet contemplation in the middle of a tropical garden. I was surrounded by very realistic paintings of cassias, eucalypts, flowering gingers, and in particular, a study of pink roses in full bloom. Directly above the desk was a large painting of red beach almond leaves in their autumn tones. If a leaf had fallen lightly onto the desk in front of us I would not have been surprised. Talking to Claire, about and amongst her work, was a most enjoyable privilege.

## Where is your current studio?

My 'claire souter GALLERY at kuranda' is in the middle of the Settlement Building in Rob Veivers Drive. I was originally next door in the same building and I moved into the larger space when it became available. My ten years in this building is coming up. Perhaps it is a good reason for a celebration.

## Do you work alone or with others?

Both. I can work anywhere and have learnt over many years to deal with distractions of all sorts. However, I must say that when I do the preparation and planning of my artworks I prefer to work alone.

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

I certainly need good ventilation for the oil paints and solvents. I need plenty of space and light for my teaching sessions as I can have up to ten students at a time.

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

My studio/gallery is open 9 am-4pm five days a week. The mornings are spent helping others with their paintings and in the afternoons I am usually painting alone.

## Describe the work you do in your studio.

Using oil paints on canvas and paper I am mainly painting botanical studies, working in a realistic manner. I enjoy being able to fit some family portraits in between my exhibition work. The other half of my studio work is teaching others the techniques of oil painting. These 'others' range from beginners to exhibiting artists and dedicated dabblers.

## Why is painting your chosen medium?

I have tried other mediums but I always came back to painting. It expresses what I want to say and what I see. My botanical work took me to James Cook University a few years ago to advance my knowledge of the science of botany.

## List three things you listen to while working.

Unfortunately, we are forced to listen to noisy buses and speeding motorbikes. I much prefer the conversations and queries about painting from the 'others'. There is always some music blending into the background in the gallery, usually classical instrumental, although my tastes are eclectic and usually run to the new and unusual.



## Your favourite tool?

It would be a toss up between my camera (Claire is referring to her smart new **iphone** which she is most competently scrolling through) and my paintbrush. Step 1 for me is the subject I see and its photograph. Step 2 is my translation of that photograph through Photoshop and in turn, onto the canvas with my paintbrush.

## How do you identify your work?

I have always signed my artworks 'Claire Souter' and the date; the year the painting was completed.

## How do you sell your work?

Sales are made through my gallery in Kuranda, my website [www.claresoutergallery.com](http://www.claresoutergallery.com) and my blog. I try to have one exhibition each year in an interstate gallery and my paintings can be purchased through that gallery at the time. My last exhibition was in South Australia.

## Do you teach or sell from your studio?

Both. As my studio is also a gallery, my paintings surround the walls. I find they are a good teaching aid and reference for the 'others'. The large paintings are also an attraction for the many tourists visiting Kuranda who find their way along on the spacious verandah of the Settlement Building.

## Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

Fortunately, life has made me quite experienced in many unpaid but rewarding jobs and activities within our family, our home, our garden and close environment.

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

Nothing. I wouldn't change anything. My studio/gallery means more to me than I dared dream of.

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

The part of my life I spend painting is a bonus. It has always reflected my surroundings – nature and my family. I cannot imagine not painting so I am not able to give this question a quick answer. I had other ambitions, many in fact, when I was much younger but I have always come back to painting.

Claire Souter has won many major art awards over the years. Her botanical paintings have been selected in the **Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize**, the richest prize for natural history art in Australia, at least six times. Over these years Claire has received a 1st prize, 2nd prize and a number of Highly Commended awards at this annual exhibition curated at the S A Museum. Claire has received the People's Choice Award in exhibitions in Townsville and Port Douglas. Sometimes it is harder, but much more rewarding, to be judged so favourably by your peers.

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## The Inside Out on Minibeasts

Have you ever found a 'dead' hollow spider, or seen the shell of a cicada on a tree trunk? These fragile lightweight items are exoskeletons – the old outer skeletons of the invertebrate animals they once surrounded. The term invertebrate actually means without a backbone, and over 95% of animal life on Earth belongs to this group.

Life without a backbone is very different than the life we and our vertebrate relatives experience. For starters, we are supported from the inside by our skeleton, which is surrounded by soft tissue such as organs, muscles and skin. Many invertebrates, including insects, crustaceans and arachnids are almost the reverse. Not having an internal skeleton, they are instead supported by their exoskeleton, which is some ways is like a suit of armour with muscles attached to it. Their insides are all soft, with the internal organs suspended within blood filled cavities.

The tricky part of life with an exoskeleton is growing. Imagine if a child was to have a custom suit of armour fitted. It would not last long before it became exceedingly tight and would have to be replaced. Many invertebrates go through a situation very much like this, however they have to grow another 'suit' beneath the old one before they make the change.

The shedding of the exoskeleton is called ecdysis or moulting, and is the process where the exoskeleton splits open and the entire thing is cast off. As this amazing process unfolds, the vulnerable creature wriggles its way free, is very soft, and expands to its new size and shape. This can include the emergence of wings and other structures before it hardens up again to resume life in its new form. The outcome is that the animal emerges from the exoskeleton at a new stage of development – it has grown.

There are many risks involved with moulting; if something goes even slightly wrong the animal can get stuck and die. It is one of the most critical stages in the lives of such invertebrates. Many species moult at night to reduce the risk of being eaten by predators while in such a vulnerable position. Others moult underground or in hidden positions. Lower temperatures and higher humidity at night also reduce the risk of the animal drying out and getting stuck before moulting is complete.

So next time you see that 'hollow spider' in the garage, have a closer look. It might just be the exoskeleton, with the former occupant is still alive and well somewhere, and bigger...



A Funnelweb spider, soft and vulnerable as it wriggles out of its old exoskeleton.

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## Fibre Art Workshop

Following last month's very successful fibre and photography exhibition "A Bird in the Hand", Arts Co-op fibre artist Toni Rogers and Marcia Bird will be holding a **Beginners' Fibre Workshop** on Saturday, 21st July, 10am-3pm. Venue to be advised. There was much interest expressed in the 'mandala' displayed on the easel at the exhibition and the techniques for starting such an artwork will be taught at the workshop.

Email Toni by 15<sup>th</sup> July [toni@cantatastudio.com](mailto:toni@cantatastudio.com) or Marcia at [birdm5@gmail.com](mailto:birdm5@gmail.com) to reserve your place. Numbers will be limited.

Cost \$45. Materials, morning and afternoon tea supplied.



## 2 Wild Exhibition

An exhibition of mixed media paintings and prints by local artists Irene Majer and Anne Fitzpatrick are currently on display at **Shambala Animal Kingdom** (formerly known as Cairns Wildlife Safari Reserve) Kennedy Highway, Koah. Elaine Harrison is the new owner of Shambala, and these artworks are displayed at the entrance foyer of the Park. Irene and Anne (known as '2 Wild') have combined their talents to produce portraits of some of Shambala's wild animals. They include the tigers 'Hari' and 'Louise', also their baby 'Pi' (now living at Dreamworld on the Gold Coast). The majestic 'Makumi', the lion, who keeps watch over his pride is portrayed as 'Golden Eyes'.

Other paintings of animals include 'Mali' the baby Asian elephant (from Melbourne zoo), and a silver back gorilla stares wistfully at the viewer. 'Wild Stripe' is a portrait of a zebra.

Irene, a member of Kuranda Arts Co-op, and Anne, another local artist, have a passion for wildlife. Take the time to visit Shambala with the children during the school holidays and see the animals living in a natural open habitat and view the artworks at the same time.

## Out and About With KAC Members...

Terry Eager and Susan Doherty have returned from their individual sojourns overseas, fired up with new inspirations. Other members are talking about their next trips both interstate and overseas. There is nothing better than the experience of a new environment to stir up the artistic juices.

New artworks are coming into the Arts Co-op Gallery each week. With the sudden influx of tourists into the village, many of these new pieces are being sold and transported to fields afar very quickly. One visitor wrote "exceptional work, very different. Haven't been to Kuranda for some time but impressed at how it currently is. Congrats, you can be very proud". We are!

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# Dr Dave Rentz, Katydidids and Music

ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS about the inhabitants living around Kuranda is that it includes a number of eminent scientists. The profile this month includes one of these, Dr Dave Rentz, who lives here with his wife Barbara. Both were from California originally but have lived in Australia since 1977 and enjoy the Australian way of life. Both are “new” Australians. Dave says he really likes Kuranda, with its native background, wonderful weather and nice people. Their house backs directly onto rainforest that cassowaries and other native animals inhabit. He certainly deserves profiling in this Paper – he is a scientist of world standing who has made a major contribution to our knowledge of certain insects.

Dave was from San Francisco and undertook his tertiary studies at U Cal Berkeley Campus. He has a PhD in entomology. Then he worked with the US Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia for five years and then the Californian Academy of Sciences for two years. He also taught courses at academia. He and Barbara married in the late 70s. They have no children.

Dave then obtained a position with the CSIRO, Division of Entomology, so they moved to Canberra. Dave worked with the CSIRO for 25 years, undertaking a wide range of research and related activities, publishing widely. In about 2000 he retired from the CSIRO and in 2003 they moved up to Kuranda after the Canberra fires.

Dave still leads a very active life based in his home office in Kuranda. He is still undertaking research, going on field trips and writing. He has a large correspondence. Last year he was awarded the IG-Nobel prize in biology at a ceremony in Harvard University, an award that is similar to the Nobel Prize but with no monetary content. There is no Nobel Prize in biology. The award was based on research carried out jointly with Darryl Gwynne of Canada on the sexual habits of a male beetle from the WA desert when confronted with discarded glass beer stubbies. The research led to modifications by the manufacturer to the bottles to avoid environmental harm. It was an excellent illustration of the need for manufacturers to take into account the unresearched and unforeseen environmental effects of their products.

Dave has other awards. These include one for his leading book on the genus of



insects called katydidids and one for another book entitled “Grasshopper Country”. He is a recognised expert on insects in the category Orthoptera, which comprises grasshoppers, katydidids, crickets, cockroaches and mantas. He is currently working on a book on cockroaches. He also sub-edits an online journal. Currently he is an Adjunct Professor at the JCU School of Marine Biological Sciences and supervises graduate students. He maintains his relationship as a Research Fellow with the California Academy of Sciences and with the CSIRO.

The lesser known side perhaps of Dave’s activities is that for 35 years, and still ongoing, he has been presenting programs on radio in the music of the 20s and 30s. He also at one time produced programs on jazz. Currently he produces programs on line that are sent out to 28 stations Australia-wide through the Community Broadcasting Association in Sydney. Those that “stream” allow listeners to hear the program anywhere in the world. He has a very large collection of recordings including vinyls. He won the Australian Sound Recording Association (ASRA) Award for public broadcasting and nature sounds. In addition, he was President of the Friends of the Cairns Botanic Garden for four years and is helping set up the Cairns Aquarium Society.

He has a live-and-let-live approach to life. Quietly spoken and friendly by nature, he is still quite concerned about certain trends, particularly as they affect the global environment. The emphasis on “growth” has him particularly concerned. He says if you want to see the end results of this approach, look at Los Angeles or

Hong Kong, concrete nightmares with huge social problems. He is also concerned about Australian mining, producing huge pits that look like lunar landscapes, and adversely affecting many unique plants and animals. His own emphasis is on the quality of life on earth, embracing all living things.

Thank you Dave for allowing this profile.

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## Gary Bresnan

It is with great sorrow we heard of the passing away of Gary Bresnan on the 31st May 2012. Gary was a member of The Kuranda RSL sub branch.

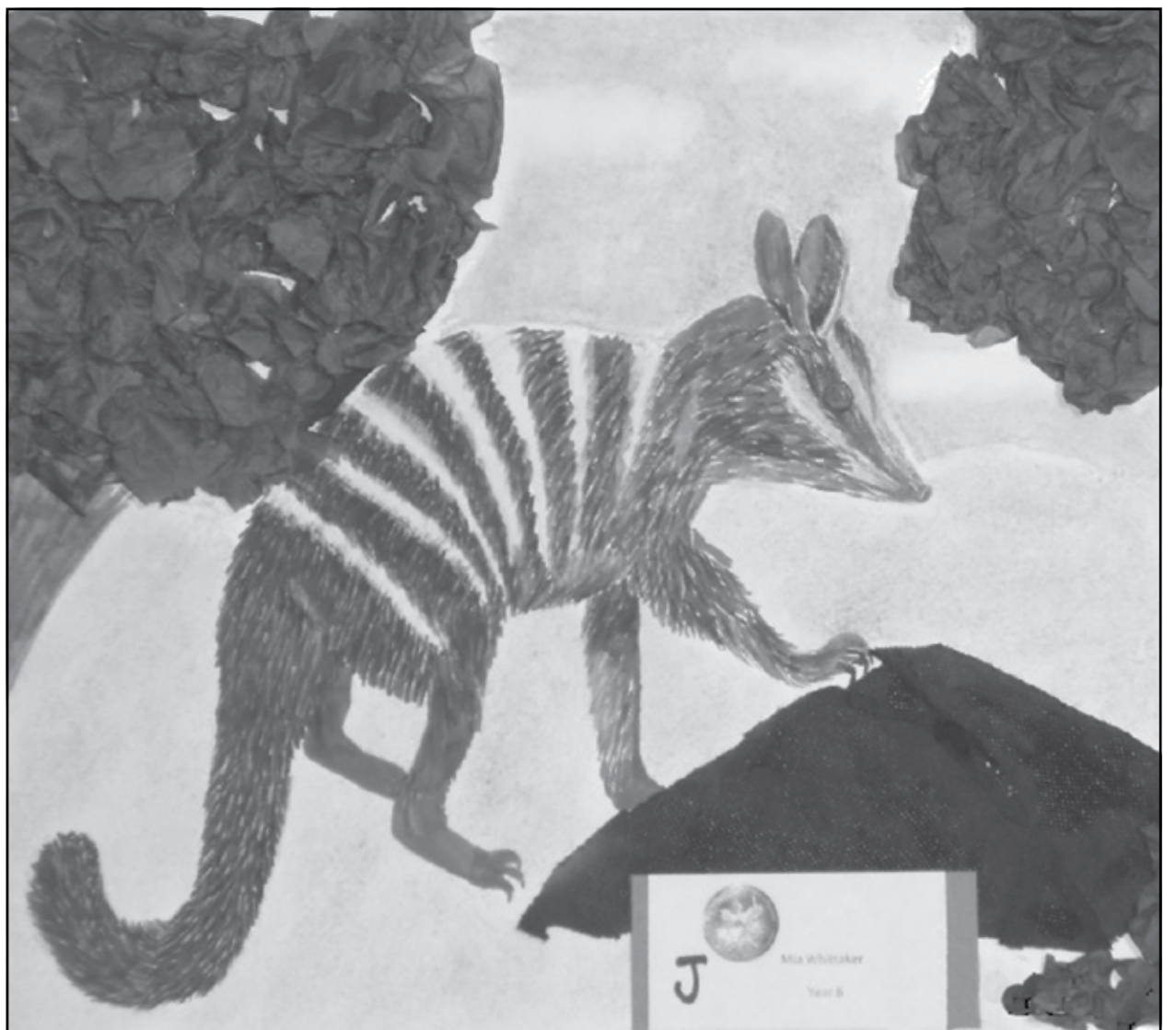
For those of you who didn’t know Gary, one of his jobs was driving the school bus down to Cairns before the Kuranda College started. Gary had a significant role in the raising of a lot of young people, now adults in our community, as he was with them for at least a couple of hours every day during the week in his bus. In my case he spent more time with them than I did as I was at sea for most of that time. My wife and I are eternally grateful to him as we trusted him with the most important part of our lives, our two kids. Both of them thought highly of Gary and realise the example that he displayed.

Every ANZAC Day Gary would march with the RSL in Kuranda and afterwards over a few beers, many world problems were solved.

Our thoughts go out to Gary’s family and friends, he will be sadly missed.

**Calm seas and fair winds Gary**

**Mick Forde**  
President  
Kuranda RSL sub branch





# “The Lost Mother”

by Dr Anne Summers  
(2009, Melbourne UP)

ISBN 9780 52285 6354, RRP \$34.95

The author, the noted Australian feminist, political adviser, environmentalist, journalist, former administrator of the Status of Women office as well as writer and commentator, has written that this is a story of art and love. It is that and more.

It is a story of art in that it uses the story to discuss in some detail the life and career of Australian painter Constance Stokes, intersecting as that life and career did in several ways with that of the author. But in doing so Summers uses the opportunity to try to elevate the knowledge and status of that female painter, and in turn to reflect on the relative lack of recognition of quality women artists in Australia as compared to male artists of the same generation.

It is also a story of love in the lives of several people – Constance Stokes the painter, plus the idiosyncratic Lydia Mortill, who supported Stokes and bought her paintings, as well as others.

But more than anything else, it is a story about the author herself, and how her life was affected by art and by her feelings for her mother and how those feelings were reciprocated.

In this sense it is a story of self discovery and reflection, a very personal and moving portrayal of the mother-daughter relationship and how certain discoveries made after her mother’s passing caused a major but understated reappraisal of that relationship. It is a bitter-sweet story that makes compelling reading.

The reviewer picked it up one morning and had to continue to read it until he finished it the same evening. It will induce personal resonances within many readers who have themselves experienced, or at least observed at fairly close range, the intense feelings and emotions generated by mother-daughter relationships across the generation gap.

It is a book the reading of which requires a little concentration. It tends to jump for one place to another, from one subject to another and from one time to another, as the various threads are woven into one overall theme.

One moment we find ourselves as readers in Adelaide or Melbourne, the next in London or Paris, and then again in Latvia. There are stories within the story, as the author determinedly beavers away in her detective-like enquiries, following leads that sometimes appear at first glance to be rather tenuous. And as you would expect from this author, there is social comment.

But the connections between all these threads are there throughout the book, all leading back to the significance of the paintings made of the mother as a child and to the mother-daughter relationship itself. These connections are helped by certain coincidences, things that appear to be mere accidents but which have greater meaning.

The author finishes up with possession of one of the paintings by bequest, but we are not too disappointed in the end when the second painting is not located and observed. The paintings are primarily a vehicle for the examination of the relationship and its reassessment. They provide the focus, as the stories within stories revolve around them.

I personally felt moved by the book. Both the author and her mother come across as strong yet likeable personalities, with more than a tinge of vulnerability. One cannot help but reflect that there is always some scope for reconciliation in personal relationships no matter how broken, even after death.

Reconciliation is a very powerful feeling and concept. It is a meeting ground for regret, love and forgiveness. And a person’s life and stories can survive beyond physical death to facilitate this, in this case at the very least by the personal documentation and pictures left behind by bequest. Beyond that, it is a matter of belief and spirituality.

And I also thank the author for making something of the life of a very good female painter of the 20th century who might otherwise have been largely overlooked.

A book for thoughtful readers who also just love to read interesting stories from real life. Not to be missed.

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## Three Marathons in Three Days

Jane Trumper, famous for being the first woman to run across the Simpson Desert (April 2012), is coming to Cairns to run the Three Marathons in Three Days from 6-8 July. She’s doing the Gold Coast marathon on 1 July before heading up to Cairns to complete the three marathons here! Competitors can opt to do 1, 2 or all 3 marathons.

Marathon 1 starts in Kuranda at 8.00am on Friday 6 July 2012. Marathons 2 and 3 start at Cedar Park Rainforest Resort. Marathon 3 finishes at Park Ridge in Cairns. Cairns Road Runners members and friends and the SES will help out.


Some statistics for the race:

- 37 competitors: 29 males (3 of these are doing 42.2km; 1 is doing 84.4km and the rest the full 126.6km); 8 females (all females are doing the full 126.6km)
- 16 Cairns Road Runners members are taking part (13 doing the full 126.6km)
- 2 participants from Auckland, NZ
- 7 participants from NSW
- 3 participants from WA
- 2 participants from Victoria
- 2 participants from South Australia
- 21 participants from Queensland

The Queenslanders are from: Cairns, Kuranda, Atherton, Malanda, Townsville, Toowoomba and Brisbane.

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# Kuranda Men's Shed

## Inauguration and Incorporation Meeting

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**Sunday 15 July 3.00pm**

ALL WELCOME. By all means bring the wife or girlfriend. Kuranda is an inclusive society and our Kuranda Men's Shed will be the same.

#### What is a Men's Shed?

The Australian Men's Shed Association is a group of local Mens Sheds across Australia. There are hundreds of Sheds, several in Far North Queensland.

A Men's Shed is community-based, non-profit, non-commercial and is accessible to all men. Its primary activity is the provision of a safe, friendly and healing environment.

Members work on meaningful projects at their own pace in their own time in the company of other men. A major objective is to advance the well-being and health of their members and encourage social inclusion. The CWA is similar, but different.

The modern Men's Shed is an updated shed in the backyard that's long been a part of Australian culture. Look inside and you'll see men restoring furniture, or bikes for a local school, making Mynah bird traps, fixing lawn mowers.

There could be young men working with the older men, learning new skills and absorbing life experience.

What's special about Men's Shed? Because of cultural mores, many men don't talk about feelings and emotions. There's little encouragement for men to actively care for their own health and well-being. Men are reluctant to talk about their emotions and don't ask for help.

Because of this many men are less healthy than women, they drink more, take more risks and they suffer more from isolation, loneliness and depression. Relationship breakdown, retrenchment or early retirement from a job, loss of children following divorce, physical or mental illness are just some of the problems men find it hard to deal with.

Good health needs many factors including self-confidence, being productive and valuable in your community, connected to friends, an active body and mind.

Members come from all walks of life - the bond that unites them is they are men with some spare time and are doing meaningful things with that time.

A Men's Shed needs a co-ordinator with the technical and social skills to develop a safe and happy environment, to work a project of their choice in safety, when they want, how they want to.

When we confer congratulations in song to our fellows; we sing "For he's a jolly good fellow" or "For she's a jolly good fellow".

It might be a Men's Shed but it is really for the fellows. Kuranda is inclusive.

Want to know more? See what it is all about, watch the videos, and get on board? Go to [www.mensshed.org](http://www.mensshed.org)

#### What do we want to achieve?

Kuranda's different from the suburbia of Australia. We're not really a country town, and we're not rural. The rest of Australia isn't Kuranda - their sorrow. We've the same problems with men's health issues, and the need for inclusion, not seclusion. These issues top our agenda.

We've problems needing a concerted, co-ordinated effort by the Men of our region. Our youth needs to learn from the "old bloke next door". I learnt some carpentry and metal work from old blokes who lived nearby. That callow youth of 14 years grew up better because of the experience of their seven decades. I didn't realise then, but I do now.

Our rural retreating lifestyle and our "Stranger Danger" fears quashed these opportunities. Men's Shed provides a safe way for the old to teach and guide, and for youth to learn and experience.

**Shed:** We need a shed! There are two possibilities and both need assistance and approval from Council. The first and best is B Block at the old Kuranda Primary School. It is due to be demolished. Council doesn't want to pay \$120,000 for renovations and the projected \$20,000 annual maintenance. We've had discussions with Mayor Rosa Lee Long suggesting we provide the strong right arm and the Council provide the materials.

We have licensed builders willing to oversee the renovation and Council's staff that are happy to give guidance. If Council agrees, Kuranda gets a \$1,000,000 facility, and Men's Shed its shed, maintenance costs the Council nothing and many other Kuranda organisations get a home. Alternatively there's the shed at the Scout Hut area. Council made this a Council Depot in the middle of a recreation reserve. They "wound down" the depot in Clay Lane. It's not as good as the old school and doesn't offer support for other community groups. Or we seek land from Council and then funding to build our new Kuranda Shed.

**Training:** Kuranda has many capable experts, willing to pass on their knowledge. We've woodturners, cabinetmakers, carpenters and concreters, sparkies and appliance repairers, cooks, gardeners, you name it! They're prepared and need to help the next generation. We have young people who want to renovate, or extend, or build furniture, and save their dollars but they lack the necessary skills.

We want formal training for students, indigenous and unemployed, assisting them extend their abilities. The best way to learn is one on one mentorship by the experienced.

Membership of the Men's Shed is open to all. A Men's Shed focuses on issues perceived as men's - but women are welcome as members. The National Secretary is named Melissa.

#### What is the meeting for?

**Our biggest need is members and your attendance at this inaugural meeting.**

To be heard by government, first we must incorporate. We need to be fully financially responsible and have auditable books. Therefore, this "Formation Meeting" will set in place the necessary legal requirements to start the Men's Shed. Once we have this foundation, we move quickly and establish our necessary directions.

Our proposed Constitution will be presented to our members, and you become members prior to the meeting. The proposed constitution is available now and is available to all; just email [voiceofkuranda@bigpond.com](mailto:voiceofkuranda@bigpond.com)

If you don't have internet, telephone Mark Freeman on 4093 8827 and we'll get you a printed copy. If you have suggestions, come to the meeting and make them. All suggestions are welcome - your voice counts.

There is an interim committee but all positions are open for nomination. The forms are attached to the proposed constitution. The interim office bearers are - President: Nicko Djeric, Secretary: Krissi Bradley, Treasurer: Mark Freeman.

They have indicated that they are willing to stand in these positions during the formation process but we really need more shoulders to do the work. We need a vice-president, and several people who are prepared to take on roles of negotiation, and shed setup, and finding donations for fit out, and discussions with suppliers, and communications, and a web site development - and lots more. We have to go from infancy, through childhood and into adolescence all on the one afternoon

Our biggest need is members. We've decided that membership cost is set for inaugural members as a gold coin. You can join on the day for a dollar. If you want to do more, please do, and we are happy to take notes. Bloody near nothing! You will be a full member and your voice and your vote will be counted.

The RSL and Kuranda 8 Ball have indicated that they will help, with real dollars. The Kuranda Media is helping as you read this. Bunning's, and several others, have said they will come on board. But we need you to be a member, and to have your say, and shoulder to shoulder, take up the roles that our community needs. We need you to attend.

The ball has to be kicked. I know that you think that it probably won't work. I know all of that because, just like you, I like my retreat and my serenity. But sometimes, you have to step out, and make a difference, and kick the ball.

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## Items of interest from Council meeting

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The trial will be conducted over a two-month period to determine the camera's capability, image quality and ease of monitoring and retrieval of data by authorities.

Tablelands Mayor Rosa Lee Long said if the trial was successful, Council would seek approval to maintain the CCTV unit on the Fire Station building on a permanent basis.

"We have had some issues in Byrnes Street in terms of vandalism, particularly around the Cenotaph, and we hope that by putting a CCTV camera in the area, it will deter potential offenders, or we will capture their image and this will give police another tool in apprehending the culprits," she said.

The installation of the trial unit, estimated to cost \$30,000, is being funded from the Mareeba Benefitted Area rate (contributions from Mareeba businesses).

If the trial is successful, Council will consider extending the installation of CCTV cameras in other CBDs throughout the Tablelands as funding permits.

#### Avoid a parking fine!

Tablelands Regional Council has recommenced regulated parking patrols in Atherton, Mareeba and Kuranda CBDs.

Mayor Rosa Lee Long said she wanted people to be aware that the officers would be out and about enforcing the parking regulations.

"It's important people know that officers are out there so they get an opportunity to do the right thing and avoid receiving a parking infringement notice."

Parking fines were set at \$30 during the drafting of the new set of Local Laws which came into effect on 1 January 2012.

#### Update on Kuranda Community Precinct

Tablelands Regional Council has approved the demolition of Block A at the Kuranda Community Precinct, but will postpone the removal of Block B to allow community representatives to put a business case to Council about the future use of the building.

Council made the decision after a request from a Kuranda community member who asked that Block B not be demolished at this time and that Council considers allowing an organisation, yet to be formed, to take on the facility as a project.

Council agreed to defer the demolition of Block B to allow the group to put forward a business case by 31 August 2012 on how the facility would be refurbished and utilised in the future.



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This article is about electrical household heating and appliance running costs.

It's difficult not to create a big carbon footprint if you only consider electricity as the main source to keep warm. The recent cold weather during May and June may have you thinking about feather doonas, bread makers, slow cookers, thermal underwear, extra room heating, repairing your car heater or an emergency electric blanket.

But what are the costs of running wintertime household appliances?

Here in North Queensland, Ergon Energy the electrical provider, charges 22.759cents per kilowatt

hour (kWh) for general domestic tariff 11 Google search for Energy-Sense-Guide-for-Web-Jul-11, if you need a more detailed list plus use online Energy savings calculators for a full household audit of your electricity usage.

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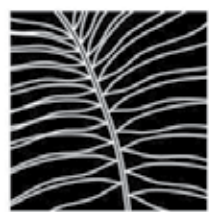
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### TAX RETURN CHECKLIST FOR SALARY AND WAGE EARNERS

It is that time of year again! I have compiled a general list of items that salary and wage earners may be required to bring along to their tax agent for preparation of their tax returns. This list is not exhaustive and your tax agent may require other items not mentioned below. I hope this is helpful to you.

#### Income

- All Payment Summaries (previously called Group Certificates) from employers and Centrelink.
- Bank interest earned
- Dividend Statements
- Trust or Partnership Distributions
- Sale of capital items for capital gains tax e.g. shares and rental properties
- Any foreign income
- Rental property income
- Details of any other income not already mentioned

#### Deductions

- Work related expenses e.g. motor vehicle, travel, uniform, protective clothing, self-education, sun protection, union fees, telephone, tools and any other expenses incurred for work related purposes.
- Donations to charity
- Tax agent fee for the previous year
- Rental property expenses

#### Other Information

- Days spent in remote areas
- Private Health Insurance details
- Names and dates of birth of dependent children or spouse
- Total net medical expenses for your family if over \$2,000 in total.
- Bank details - BSB and Account No. (this will generally speed up your refund)
- Education Tax Refund – Receipts not required. This has been replaced by the School kids Bonus. Refer to [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au) for more info.

If you have any questions about any of the items please feel free to call me on

**4093 8222** at Kuranda Village Accountancy

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# NEWS

## Date Claimers

- 23 June - 8 July - School Holidays
- 26 June - 9yrs—Open Field Events
- 16 July - Parent teacher interviews P-6
- 17 July - Parent teacher interviews P-12
- 19 July - Parent Teacher Interviews P-6
- 20 July— Show Holiday
- 27 June - P-12—Track & Novelty Events

Kuranda District State College finishes the semester on a very strong footing with many achievements and outstanding programs. Our focus for 2012 is clearly the improvement of the student outcomes and across the board this is evident in the reports distributed on the last day of term. Our attendance data and participation has been excellent with a particularly significant increase in performance by our senior students. Our school tracks each child individually and ensures parents and carers are part of the plan to achieve our service commitment.

Our focus in junior and middle school classes has been on reading in particular and we have prep students reading at level 16 in Pm benchmarks which are outstanding. Our target and goal for prep is all students reading at level 5 by the end of the year and we are well on the way to achieving this with our smallest students. Thank you to the parents and carers who read each day with the students at home. This really compliments the work being completed each and every day at school.

Our two rugby league teams have now finished the school season for 2012. Both teams performed very well and certainly added to the good reputation of the college. Our focus with these students is team work and commitment and the students were excellent participants in the football season. Both teams had mixed success with the junior team having victories over Yorkeys Knob and the

Under 15 team having success against Bentley Park College. Our boys were also motivated by the selection of Rhy Young in the Under 15 Peninsula Rugby Union team. An outstanding effort from a small school.

Finally our efforts to be very engaged with parents in the community is very evident with good numbers of parents involved in the P&C monthly meetings and the monthly "coffee club" morning teas. These groups have a significant opportunity to engage in the operations of the school and contribute to the direction the school is travelling. There are many new and welcome faces at our meetings and more are welcome. We have also enjoyed a family fun night in the middle school which saw an enormous number of families join us for an evening of trivia and problem solving. Our P&C also provided some excellent food on the evening. Our school has now run two parent and community forums to encourage communication and opportunity for parent input into the school direction and the P&C have facilitated a meeting for the wider community to voice their opinion re the next five year direction for the school. This work is critical in ensuring our school meets the needs of the district and encourages more and more families to take advantage of their local school.

Gary Toshach  
College Principal

## P & C Meeting

Next P&C Meeting will be held on 9th July at the Secondary Common room at 6pm.

Next P&C Social Coffee Club will be held on 13th July



## Friday Night 15<sup>th</sup> June P-6 "P" Family Disco



Each term P-6 students at Kuranda District State College celebrate and support the Junior School student council in a Fabulous Family Disco.



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> was no exception! With bubbles everywhere and a smoke machine in full swing, a myriad of disco lights set the scene for another wonderful night of "shuffling and amazing moves. There was even a "Nutbush City Limits" feature with parents hogging the stage to strut there stuff!

### Family Fun Night

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012 we had a "fantastic" Family Fun Night held for our students in Years 4-6 at the Junior Campus Library. 37 families arrived, collected their booklets and spent the next 2hrs moving from activity station to activity station discussing and testing theories and making wild guesses! There were over 40 stations in all with puzzles / challenges. The laughter was just one of the signs that a fun time was being had by not just the students but with the many parents who joined in and took the challenge.



Bottled Ecosystems

This term Year 8 have been studying biomes from around the world. As an experiment, we made a bottled ecosystem which furthered our knowledge about the symbiotic relationships between the different chambers in an ecosystem (aquatic, decomposition and terrestrial,) this experiment showed how all the biotic (living) and abiotic (nonliving) factors interact together.

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# QCWA Kuranda Branch

Last month our branch assisted the Rotary Clubs by providing morning tea for their Rotary Great Train Ride. Despite the wet and squishy conditions, there were lots of happy faces both sides of the tables. We would like to thank the Rotary members for allowing us to participate in this yearly community event. Preparing home baked cakes, slices

and biscuits for over 200 people makes for a busy time in our kitchens but the "thank you's" and smiles are worth it.

Some of our members attended the Far Northern Division Photography and Dressmaking Finals at Babinda and are now preparing to travel to Ingham for our Northern Region Meeting/School. July is a busy month with Branch and Division Annual Meetings to be held plus entering our craft display at both Innisfail and Cairns shows.

Our craft and social mornings are held every Wednesday 9.00am - 12.00 noon. The June monthly craft lesson day was very interesting, with Sheila Wilhelm demonstrating the making of skin care products. Everyone enjoyed sampling the lovely hand cream passed around. Later in the year, we hope to hold a craft morning where Sheila can teach us how to make our own creams.

Why not come along and join in, learn a craft - show/teach a craft or just have a cuppa and a homemade biscuit with us. The hall is available for hire - by the hour or the day, catering can also be arranged. For Hall bookings, please contact the Hall Convenor on 4093 7599 or Branch Secretary on 4093 7016.

To show our appreciation to the groups who use our hall on a regular basis, we hope to highlight their activities through our monthly news item.

### A.A. Kuranda - 34 years in the Village

A.A. use our hall every Sunday morning for their fellowship and so QCWA Branch extend our CONGRATULATIONS for their service to the community.

The history of A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) in Kuranda started with fellowship in 1978 in Mrs. Miller's Hostel (opposite the Rail Station and Skyrail) where meetings were held for 22 years. In 2000 the venue was changed to our QCWA community hall, Cnr. Barang/Thongon Streets in the village.

To go further back in time, A.A. came into existence when in 1935 a non-drinking alcoholic stockbroker from New York convinced a hung-over alcoholic surgeon in Ohio (USA) that he didn't have to drink anymore. From that historic meeting, a programme of recovery for millions of once hopeless alcoholics, in more than 150 countries, was to grow and flourish. They are a fellowship of men and women who share their experience/s, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; they are self-supporting through their own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organisation or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Their primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

If further information is required see the 'Community Calendar' in this great local paper under "Every Sunday."



## Your Month by the Stars

### The Stars in July

A quiet month? No eclipses, no solstice or equinox. Sun settled into home loving Cancer. Can we take a break from the frenetic pace of 2012 so far? Well maybe. If we take a line through Venus, recently energised with heart energy by its transit across the face of the Sun, then it looks pretty good.

Venus is in Gemini all month which is really about having a good time; keeping things light and fun, and being kind and loving in our friendships and relationships.

So, start from there and things don't look too bad. Mars is in Libra from 3rd July which spikes his guns somewhat. Libra takes the win-at-all-costs sting out of the warrior and sends the Martian aggression into a search for equality, harmony and justice. Taking a balanced view and listening to others. Try it.

There's a Mars/Pluto square 17th/18th July which could be symbolised by two heavyweight contenders entering the ring to do battle - to the death if necessary. So mind how you go. Only enter the contest at this time if you are supremely confident that it's necessary for long-term balance and you are prepared to give and get no quarter.

Otherwise, avoid the contest and just send in your truth - like a bullfighter who dances with the forces of destruction; subdues them and spares the bull. That's fair and beautiful.

Jupiter is, like Venus, dancing through Gemini so all the moves and dance steps will come easily if you are looking for the outcome that will bring the greatest happiness for all involved. The dance goes on... Saturn, now going forward in balance in Libra keeps a solid, rhythmic bass line as foundation.

Again, a demand for ethical and honourable intentions. There's no way the devious or deceptive will hold any ground.

Look at it. Venus and Jupiter through Gemini, and Mars and Saturn in Libra. In traditional astrology Venus and Jupiter are the good guys; Mars and Saturn are the bad guys. That's pretty obsolete now; but it worked well enough through the centuries when our place in the universe seemed more simple and uncomplicated.

Now, as our consciousness evolves it's more about opportunities and challenges. All these four planets are in air signs so it's all about information: receiving, giving, processing and decisions.

Actually Mars and Saturn in Libra is a very interesting complex. Mars is like the irresistible force; Saturn is the immovable object. So we have here, with Libra representing the perfect balance of polarities, the resolution of the paradox of the irresistible force meeting the immovable object.

Then, with Venus and Jupiter dancing and reflecting off the many facets of Gemini we somehow have the ability to bring the whole thing into an amazing piece of living art. And what is the whole thing? Your life, dude!

On a final note, Uranus and Pluto are moving into a square aspect. Revolution, demolition, inevitable and final endings bringing Aries and Capricorn head to head. The forces of revolution meeting in battle with the established ruling structures. This goes on all year, and if you're looking for some astrological indication of an Armageddon then this is it. 2012 writ large in the heavens. Which side are you on?

What a wonderful time to be alive. The great shift of the ages.

As always, enjoy!

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## Rainforest Raiders News



**Mitchell Brim** spent his weekend in Uluru for the Indigenous Marathon Project Inaugural Deadly Fun Run.

The fun run provides an opportunity for indigenous men and women to run in the New York Marathon.

Mossman is one of five communities involved in the fun run series. Mitchell

won several of his races and came second in others, overall points from wins in Mossman secured his position in the Uluru fun run.

The Deadly fun run is a 3 and 5 km race for runners aged 18-30 years.

**Congratulations to Mitchell for taking home the Championship Trophy. Well Done.**



Mitchell meeting the Minister for Indigenous, Rural and Regional Health, Minister Warren Snowdon



Lots of Fun and exciting things happening at your local Junior Footy Club. Come down and Join in the Fun.

Volunteers and general helping hands needed, new players always welcome!!

**Raiders Got Talent - Sign up your act/dance/band/talent and win a great prize!!**

Congratulations to **Tristan Brim**, who was chosen to play in U14 Eacham Rep team, which competed in Mackay for the NQ championships on Saturday!!

Congratulations also to Jack Gould who was selected to represent Eacham in U12 and selected for Peninsula.

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## Trout On Line

**Fluoridation** takes its place as the matter of most concern to my Kuranda constituents at present, and I am happy to tell you that the Barron River Electorate will be putting a motion to the State LNP Convention in

mid July, to give individual Councils the ability to decide, after community consultation, whether or not to fluoridate the water supply from council water plants. If the motion is accepted, this will become policy.

In between trips to Brisbane for Parliamentary sittings, I've managed to visit Kuranda on several occasions since I last wrote. I was most impressed by the multifunctional nature of the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, a valuable asset to the township and a thriving hub of activity.

Volunteers make a significant and lasting difference to any such centre, and their dedication and commitment is inspiring, working alongside the trained staff performing administrative and other functions that keep the Centre ticking over. Thank you to Marg Yandell and her staff for making me welcome, and I look forward to manning the barbecue at the Family Fun Day on 4 July. No funny aprons now!

Arch and Sue McArthur and Janet Hoy took time out of their busy day to show me around the Kuranda Sports and Recreation Centre and discuss the ongoing Development Plan, and I look forward to helping them achieve their goals.

On a final note, there's an opportunity for Kuranda community groups to share in \$12 million available through the Newman Government's new Everyone's Environment grants program.

Applications for the grants – of between \$2,000 and \$10,000 – are to support local community projects that help stop environmental degradation. Grant applications open from 1 July.

For more information, visit [www.ehp.qld.gov.au](http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au) or contact my office on 4038 2800. Don't forget to visit my Facebook site for more news and events. <http://www.facebook.com/Michael.Trout.MP>

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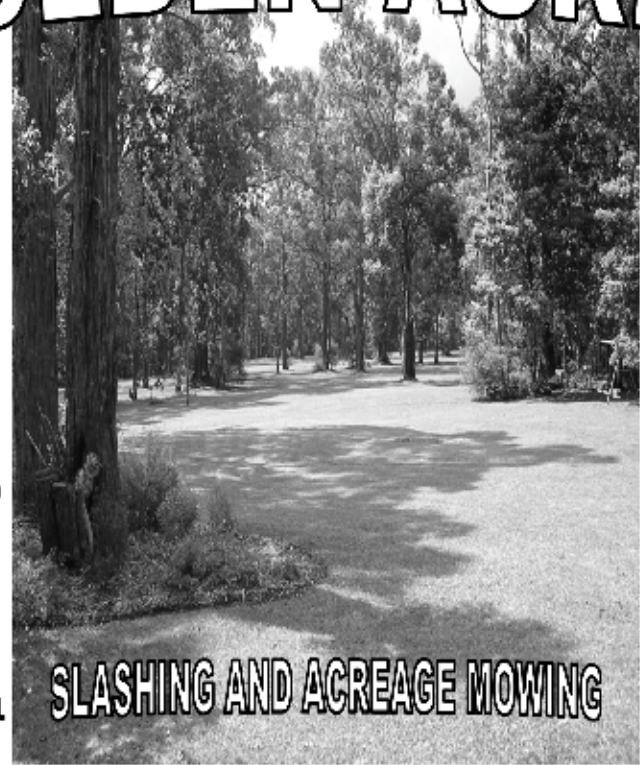
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### Jedda

An Aboriginal girl is adopted by a white woman on a Northern Territory cattle station. She is called Jedda, after a wild bird. Although brought up as a white child she feels the pull of strong spiritual ties with her people. These impulses become focused through her attraction to Marbuck, an Aboriginal full-blood. He takes her away from the station – a frightened, but half-willing captive.

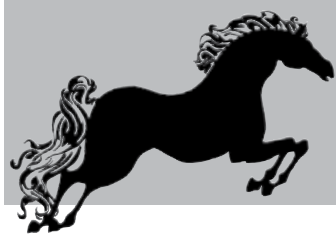
As the last movie made by the Australian filmmaker Charles Chauvel, the film

is most notable for being the first to star two aboriginal actors (Robert Tudawali and Ngarla Kunoth) in the leading roles. It was also the first Australian feature film shot in colour. *Jedda* is seen by some as an influential film in early Australian cinema, as it set a standard for future Australian films. It won more international attention than previous Australian films, during a time when Hollywood films were dominating the Australian cinema. The director, Charles Chauvel, was nominated for the Golden Palm Award in the 1955 Cannes Film Festival, but lost to the American Delbert Mann for *Marty*.

After the director's 18-month search for a suitable filming location, the filming took five months to complete, plus post-production work done in Sydney. *Jedda* was filmed on location in the Northern Territory in Australia. The production process was as laborious as the colour technique used, Gevacolor, could only be processed overseas in England. The film was fragile and heat-sensitive, which was a problem as the Northern Territory had a typically hot climate; during production, the film was stored in cool caves to protect it from deteriorating. The last roll of negative was destroyed in a plane crash on its way for developing in England. Chauvel re-shot the lost scenes at Kanangra Walls in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney.

### One Perfect Day

Brilliant young composer Tommy Matisse has left behind his family and girlfriend Alysse, to further his studies at the Royal Academy of Music in London. When Tommy's sister Emma experiments with drugs at a dance party and suffers a fatal overdose, Dan returns home. However, instead of the young lovers being reunited and sharing in their grief, Emma's death is the catalyst that drives them apart.



## Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well, another month on riding for our Club and the weather was not as kind as it could have been, so the decision was made to Postpone our club's Gymkhana that was supposed to be held on the 2nd June. This event will now be held on Saturday 8th September.



Kristy

So again: a HUGE "Thank you" to all of the sponsors for the ribbons and trophies. These will now be awarded on the 8th.

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Thanks again for all your support.

However, Sunday 3rd June the weather was beautiful, so we were able to hold the Club's Jumping Equitation Day. This was a Qualifier for many of the North's riders who wanted to compete in the State Showjumping and Equitation which will be held in Cairns in the September School holidays.



Hannah

This event will attract many riders from all over QLD, which is a great thing for this region.

Kuranda Horse and Pony Club has three young hopeful riders who are well on their way to Qualifying, so good luck to Kristy Lane, Jamie Hewitt-Toms and Hannah Craven. Pictured.

A huge "Thank You" to all the helpers on this day, and the catering donated by Kangazims. Without this support these events are not possible.

Another event that was also finally able to be held, after two postponements from wet weather, was the Interschool Horse Sports, held in Mareeba on Saturday 9th June.

Sophie Curtis, riding for Cairns High from Kuranda, won the Grade 10 age group medal. Well done Sophie. Pictured in the middle.

Lots of Competitions are coming up, so it's a busy time ahead. Good luck to all who are competing.

For any info on what's happening with the club, contact Di Curtis on paulanddi@bigpond.com, or check out the Club on facebook.

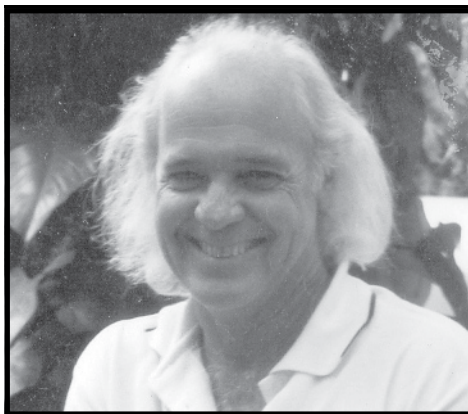
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Di Curtis, Club instructor



Jamie



Sophie (centre)



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## Cassowaries

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Dad has been making it very clear to his previous brood (2 now juveniles) that they must look after themselves and get out of his sight. This can be quite alarming to witness and it is no doubt very stressful for the youngsters. The male can become very aggressive and punishing towards them.

The question regularly arises at this time as to where the young birds can go. They must leave the range of the parent birds and find their own habitat with enough food to support them. We people have taken up a great deal of their habitat.

We are investigating the possibility of tagging these two young birds to find out where they might go.

Apparently, the pine plantations along Black Mountain Road are to be logged in coming weeks. This will mean heavy trucks thundering along the road - just in time for newly hatched cassowary chicks and wandering juveniles.

## What are we going to do about Ergon?

You can throw yourself on the ground, rampaging and gnashing your teeth. You could try falling to your knees, weeping and pleading. You could even tie yourself to a tree Ergon wants to cut down and sweat anxiously as the chainsaw draws closer - but it won't do any good.

OR

**You can make the best of the situation and plan to plant low growing shrubs in place of the big trees that are being removed.** Kuranda Conservation, at Pademelon Lane, specialises in low-growing trees and shrubs - by the community, for the community.

Yes, we all want reliable power. But, Kuranda is different from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne or even Mareeba. That's why we live here. It is because it's different that some things should be done differently here, such as putting power underground, bundling cables so the wires can pass through the branches of the big trees, even laying cables (protected and insulated, of course) over the ground in places where there's no traffic.

Currently, great swathes of trees are removed in forested areas. This divides habitat for some animals that only move through the tree tops, isolating them from genetically diverse breeding partners.

Putting powerlines way above the trees is also an option. We might not think that's aesthetic but that's only a human value, not a natural one. Putting up with such ugliness is one way we could 'pay' for the convenience of electricity.

All this costs money (another human commodity). It seems that the poor old defenceless environment always pays the price. It might just rebel sometime soon. Maybe it already is.

And another thing: Ever wondered why power lines are up there at the height of trees tops? It's because tree trunks were/are the material used to hang the lines on. We seem to be stuck in that old way.

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## Pigs

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# July News

## KURANDA RAINFOREST RAIDERS

Introducing Cindy Quarry, U14 coach and dedicated mother of 7. Working for it is what Cindy has been doing every season since her first game in the All Blacks Carnival in 1995.

Cindy played for Ivanhoe's which saw them winning a Grand Final. For the past 3 years she has played for Mareeba women's, making it to the Grand Finals but having no win. The past 2 years Cindy has been invited to represent Cairns in the Marlins try outs. Not only is Cindy committed to our U14 teams, U15 school boys coach and Men's All Blacks, she is also the secretary for the C grade and the designer of the Jersey.

Our small club is privileged to have someone as dedicated and committed to the game of League and the players that play it! Thank you Cindy!



"You can't just play a great game of footy, you have to work for it."

Lots of Fun and exciting things happening at your local Junior Footy Club.... Come down and Join in the Fun.

Volunteers and general helping hands needed, New players Always welcome!! Congratulations to Tristan Brim, who was chosen to play in U14 Eacham Rep team who competed in Mackay for the NQ championships on Saturday!!

Congratulations also to Jack Gould who was selected to represent Eacham in U12 and selected for Peninsula.

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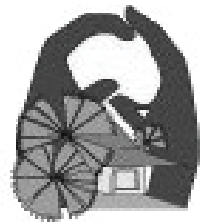
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### While we plant 'em, Ergon prepares to chop 'em down.

No doubt you've all have seen the pink tags on trees along the roadsides of the Kuranda area, wherever powerlines are nearby. Ergon contractors are now preparing to clear up to the allowable 10m corridor around their powerlines. If you have concerns about the trees they've marked and the methods they're using, you should call Ergon on 131 046 to discuss. To regain your privacy, especially where screening plants have been removed from your front yard, consider planting suitable natives under the 4m max. height which is allowable under powerlines. Ergon runs a Plan Smart program in conjunction with Greening Australia and Kuranda EnviroCare nursery has their list of suitable screening plants. We can provide most of these at minimal cost, so some along and check it out.

### Extending the Barron River Kuranda Green Corridor

Thanks to a generous Federal Government Biodiversity Grant, Kuranda Envirocare volunteers are very excited at the prospect of spending the next 5 years focussed on extending their work, repairing and enhancing the biodiversity along the Barron River. Besides our usual nursery and tree planting activities, we'll incorporate bird monitoring (to gauge the return of rainforest bird species as the corridor revegetation matures), a long term Kuranda frog-monitoring study on the creeks in the Myola area (to record population numbers as we improve the habitat), and provide a corridor for easy human walking, with a focus on cassowary food trees, in case our feathered friends need to wander through to connect to other forest ranges such as Rainy Mountain. All welcome at the planning session, Thur. 5<sup>th</sup> July.

### Tree of the month

One of the less well known screening plants is *Phyllanthus cuscutiflorus*, it is a very hardy, fast growing shrub to 4m, that bears masses of petite pink flowers. It's fast growing and will maintain its foliage to the ground. New growth has a copper tone especially as the weather cools and the general leaf tone is pale green. We have a few good specimens in the nursery and one, as an example, which is growing very well at the end of our potting shed.



### World Environment Day event – Special Thanks

Seeing the quick work by volunteers, raising the marquees for the Kuranda College artwork in the park on Sat. June 9, reminded me of the power of dedicated teamwork (who needs instructions?). All credit to the nursery volunteers for the well organised logistics on show. In particular the many hours of work behind the scenes put in by Margaret Zehntner, to bring it all together. A special thanks to our sponsors – DERM for funding the event equipment and our local Kuranda businesses who provided the prizes – Australis Art, Rainforestation, Cantata Studio, Skyrail, Bird World, Butterfly Sanctuary, Venom Zoo and Batreach and to our judges, Jenny Cluney, Toni Rogers and Gerald Hobbler

Date Claimer – Thur 5<sup>th</sup> June 7:10 to 9pm

### Planning session for our future Biodiversity Grant activities

Come and discuss details of our 5 year plan

followed by light supper - at Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road

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*Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters.*

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**Fluoride:** I am hopeful that further discussions with the Member for Barron River may lead to the Queensland Government re-considering their position on the compulsory fluoridisation of Council water supplies. The Kuranda water supply is scheduled to commence having fluoride added to the water on July 14th. Please read the comments from Michael Trout in this edition of the Kuranda Paper. Updates will be provided as they become available.

**Kuranda Community Precinct:** Tenders for the removal of Building A have been let. Tenders for Building B are being held over until August. Planning work has already commenced for the establishment of the Library at the Community Precinct. The entire lower floor of the Block C building will be used to create a spacious community Library and resources hub, with space for small meeting rooms and additional library services for our community. Council's 2011 resolution ensures that the Kuranda Community Precinct will be a family friendly community space available for use by all sections of the local community, without detracting from the current facilities at the CWA and the Kuranda Recreation Centre.

**De-amalgamation?** The Minister for Local Government has advised that there will be a vote on whether residents of the former Mareeba Shire wish to de-amalgamate. However this will not occur until Queensland Treasury has provided full costing details to residents. The full costs of any de-amalgamation will be borne by the ratepayers of the de-amalgamating Council. Only the residents of the former Mareeba Shire will vote on this. I urge you to consider the matter very carefully as there will be cost implications for you. In the meantime, the Council of the TRC is intent on getting on with the business of running the TRC.

**Road Projects:** Works to commence within the next few months include: reconstruction/upgrade of sections of Speewah Road and Ganyan Drive, Morton Street/Rob Veivers Drive intersection, Bridge 3 on Black Mt Road, Mona Mona Road and Black Mt Road, Fallon Road/Jum Rum Crossing Bridge. NDRRA (Natural Disaster/Reconstruction) federal funding for reconstruction of Windy Hollow Road is expected very soon. Council is endeavouring to have these projects completed before wet season.

A Full Safety Audit on the Intersection of High Chaparral Road is in progress and the report will be

brought to Council in July for decision on actions.

**Charges for Onsite Waste Treatment Plants:** Recently Council decided not to charge a proposed annual fee of \$46 to residents who have onsite Waste Treatment plants. Under the Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002, Council is required to maintain a register of all on-site sewerage and grey water use facilities and property owners are obligated to have the treatment plant serviced regularly by a service operator. This is important so that Council can ensure that such plants do not create negative environmental impacts to our water catchments and the environment. Any residences which are non-compliant with their service reports will be required to pay a fee. There are approximately 1000 on-site treatment plants around the region, but only about 400 have been submitting regular service reports.

**Black Mt Road Forestry:** Later this year, Qld Forest Products (owners of the forest timber in the Black Mt Road area) are expected to start their program of harvesting timber and transporting this by truck along Black Mt Road and the Kennedy Highway (to Cairns and to Emerald Creek). Residents will be advised of details once finalised, however there will be impacts on road use and road users. Council is currently in negotiation with QFP.

**Riverwalk Project:** Construction has commenced on changes to the bus set-down area near Skyrail and the Scenic Rail. The project also includes the construction of the riverwalk track from the pontoon area to the Barron River Bridge. The Riverwalk will be a great asset for both locals and tourists and is funded through the Kuranda Infrastructure Fund.

**Congrats Kuranda Rec Centre:** The Kuranda Recreation Centre has now reached record membership levels and hosts a range of family friendly and community activities. The hard working volunteer committee deserve praise for their efforts in bringing the Centre back to life over the past few years.

**New Kuranda Visitors Centre:** Charles Wright Architects have commenced design work for the building of the new Visitors Centre (funded from the Kuranda Infrastructure Fund). Community consultation is being undertaken by the architects. The new building will not take away any park green space and the community use of the park will not be compromised. In fact the design is required to meet the needs of both visitors and locals and will complement both the community use and the

tourism use of Centenary Park.

**Council Budget 2012-13:** Council is currently finalising the 2012-13 Budget which is expected to be handed down on July 18th. More details in August edition.

**TRC Planning Scheme:** The TRC wide Planning Scheme has been submitted to the State Government and review is expected to take approx 4-6 months.

**KIAC Committee Vacancy:** Following the recent advertisement of the current Committee vacancy, Expressions of Interest closed on June 25th. This Committee manages the Strategic Plan and projects of the Kuranda Infrastructure Fund (funded by contributions from Skyrail and Kuranda Scenic Rail). The next Committee Meeting is July 17th.

**Amphitheatre Toilet block:** Building Plans for the construction of the new toilet block at the Amphitheatre are currently being finalised. The project is funded and construction will commence once the Building Plans are approved.


**Tourism Kuranda:** Members of the TK Committee are all volunteers who devote hours to promote Kuranda. The current Committee is due to retire in August and nominations for positions on the Committee are currently being advertised.

**Transfer Station Hours of Operation:** The new opening hours commenced July 1st. The Transfer Station is open four days each week from 8am until 5pm (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays)

**Customer Requests system:** If you have a complaint or 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), the link "Report a Problem" on the Council website, or phone 1 300 362 242 or by contacting me.

**Council Meetings:** Council Meetings will now be held each fortnight, alternately in Atherton and Mareeba. July Council Meetings will be on Wednesday July 4th in Mareeba and Wednesday July 18th 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.

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## A Thought for July

*This month Bible reading is from St Marks Gospel Chapter 4 verses 26-34.*

**W**HENEVER we read in the bible about Jesus speaking about the kingdom of God, we may be sure of two things. What he is saying will sound very simple. Its images will be very familiar. We will think we understand it. But if we reflect on it in our minds, we will find a surprising thing happen.

What he has said will yield more and more meaning to us.

In this passage the image that Jesus set before us is once again simple. The kingdom is "as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground." Jesus points out how human participation in the process of nature is very largely one of spectator. This man sows at the beginning and reaps at the end of the process.

In between those times the rhythm of life goes by. Jesus seems to be saying that there is much of the stuff of life which is not in our control. It demands our cooperation. It demands that we wait on the process. That is very true. These days we are more involved in the processes of nature, sometimes disastrously so, as we well know!

But we have to learn that if we intrude too much, if we insist on manipulating and directing the process, refusing to wait on nature's time and pace and ways, we will bring real disaster. There are many levels of meaning in what Jesus is saying, but perhaps this is the level at which the scripture speaks most directly to us at this time.

The next image Jesus uses to speak about the ways of God is that of the mustard seed. He wants to get across to us something we see coming true again and again. It's a kind of a joke life plays. We begin something. It is pitifully small. We smile at the possibility of it ever becoming significant, but time teaches us otherwise. A chance remark dropped in a conversation remains in someone's consciousness. Quietly it begins to affect their life until there is a very different person.

A few people in an area begin to meet for prayer or Bible study or worship. Nobody thinks anything of it. Then the group begins to grow, and one day there is a congregation of Christians. Very often we can become discouraged about some Christian service we are doing.

Clergy can have doubts. A Sunday school teacher can wonder if his or her efforts are making the slightest difference. Parents can lack confidence, wondering why they seem to be abject failures with their children. And years later someone says thanks for a single afternoon, a fleeting encounter, a slight exchange of conversation, a forgotten insight shared. The mustard seed is suddenly seen to have become a great tree beneath which another human being, maybe many, have sheltered and been given resources for living. We constantly forget that God comes in little things to which we accord no significance at the time.



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

"If this mirror expresses "The light is in me" - it is sincere in its claim: This is what Jesus Christ meant when He declared, "the father is in the son," the purpose being that the reality of that eternal Sun had become reflected in its glory in Christ Himself. It does not signify that the Sun of Reality had descended from its place in heaven or that its essential being had effected an entrance into the mirror, for there is neither entrance nor exit for the reality of Divinity; there is no ingress or egress; it is sanctified above all things and ever occupies its own holy station."

(Abdu'l-Baha)

**Meditations/Reflections:** all welcome to meditations on the sacred writings of the great religions etc, every Wednesday, 7.00pm, Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda.

**Morning prayers:** each Tuesday at 8.00am, in the park in central Kuranda.

**Study Circles** Book 2 every Tuesday evening in Kuranda, please feel free to enquire.

**Martyrdom of the Bab, Holy Day 9 June**, commemorating events on this day in 1850 in Tabriz, old Persia, similar to the martyrdom of John the Baptist many centuries before.

**Talk on Theosophy and Baha'i**, Saturday afternoon 14 July at Atherton.

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

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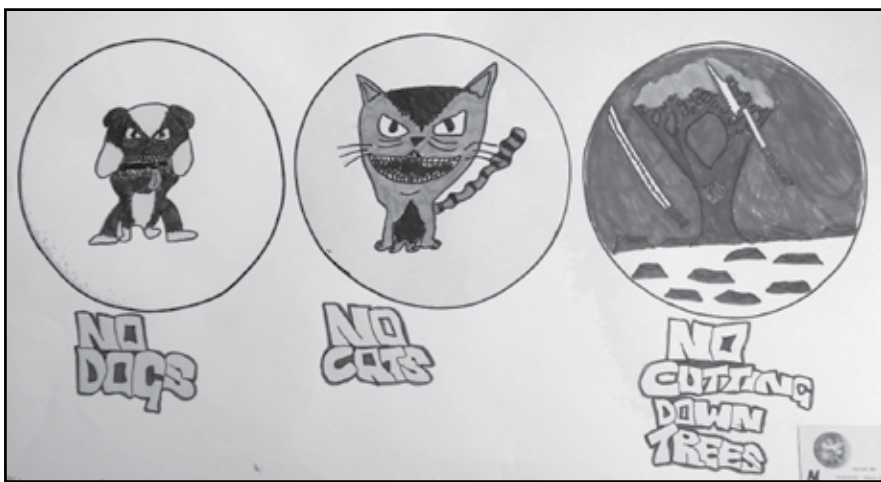
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### Eve Chats with God

“Lord, I have a problem.”  
 “What is it, Eve?”  
 “I know that you created me and provided this beautiful garden and all of these wonderful animals, especially that hilarious snake, but I’m just not happy.”  
 “And why is that, Eve?”  
 “Lord, I’m lonely, and I’m sick to death of apples.”  
 “Well, Eve, in that case I have a solution. I shall create a man for you.”  
 “A man? What is that Lord?”  
 “A flawed creature with many bad traits. He’ll lie, cheat and be vain. All in all he’ll give you a hard time, but he’ll be bigger and faster and will like to hunt and kill things. I’ll create him in such a way that he will satisfy your physical needs. He will be witless and will revel in childish things like playing cards and throwing a ball around. He won’t be as smart as you, so he will also need your advice to think properly.”  
 “Sounds great,” says Eve, “but what’s the catch?”  
 “Well, you can have him on one condition.”  
 “And what’s that, Lord?”  
 “Well, since he’ll be proud, arrogant and self-admiring, you’ll have to let him believe that I made him first. And it will have to be our little secret, you know, woman to woman.”

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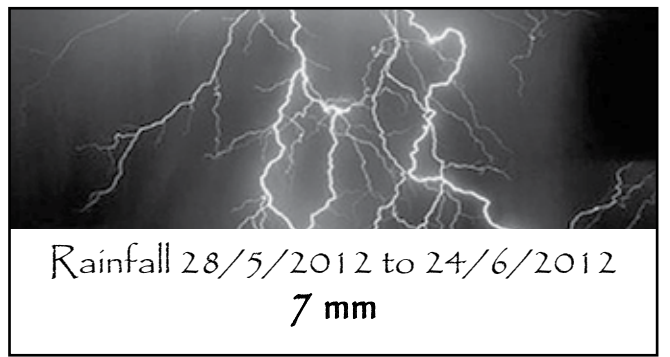
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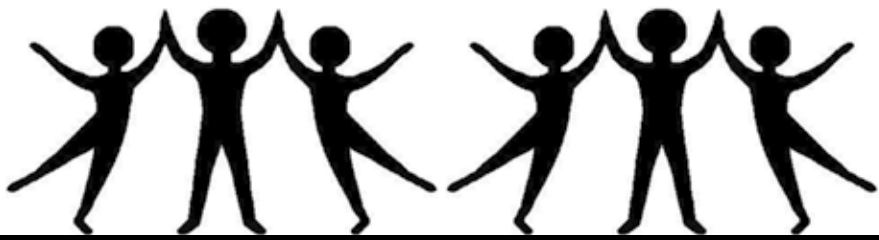
MEETINGS IN MAREEBA, SMITHFIELD, CAIRNS

Phone Kate 4093 9668  
 1300 ALANON

**KIDS**

**HELP LINE**  
**FREE CALL**  
**1800 55 1800**





## 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 042 705 4132 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:am 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** **Uniting Church** Recreation Centre 5.00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
- Every Mon.** **Acappella Singing** 7.00 to 8.30pm, Recreation Centre. For more info call Jane Youngusband 4093 0463.  
**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.
- Every Mon & Fri** **Al-Anon Family Groups** 7.00pm and 6.00pm respectively Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON  
**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  
**Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Soccer Training**, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109  
**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- 3rd Mon** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933
- Every Tue** **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 and Barron Falls Hotel Ph 4093 8827
- 1st Tue** **The KCCT** meets at Malcolm's Original Markets at 4.30pm.
- 2nd Tue** **Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St Saviour's Church.  
**Kuranda SES Training**, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642
- 2nd & 4th Tue** **Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.
- Every Wed** **Lifeline Counselling** at KNC (appointment necessary)  
**Craft and Social Morning** at QCWA hall 9.00am  
**Kuranda Playgroup** 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lynda 4093 8361.  
**Weekly Meditations/Reflections** 7.00pm at The Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street.  
**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Mah Jong** at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome  
**Soccer Training**, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109
- 1st Wed** **Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** 2.00pm at KNC
- 2nd Wed** **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  
**Women's Acapella Choir** Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre, Cumberland Ave, Smithfield 7.00-9.00pm Thursdays  
**Narcotics Anonymous** 6.30-8.00pm at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre
- 2nd Thur** **Kurandacoots Adult Circus Jam** at the Amphitheatre 6.30pm  
**Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

Contributors: CHECK THAT ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT

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KURANDA ON A BUDGET

### Cairns Airport Transfers

24 HOURS A DAY - 7 DAYS A WEEK - 365 DAYS A YEAR

Kuranda	\$33*
Myola/Speewah	\$44*
Koah/Boyles Rd >>	\$55*

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Ph. Mark 0437 440 996

\*First passenger + \$10 extra per person info@chakana.travel

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FIRE or other emergencies – please phone 000  
 SES Flood or Storm emergencies – please phone 132 500

### RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS

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

**Permits for all fires over 2m x 2m free of charge**

## JOHN'S KURANDA BUS "The Local Bus"

	Mon & Tues	Wed to Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
<b>To: Speewah</b>	0900	0900	1000
<b>Koah</b>		1300	
	*1530	*1530	
	1750	1750	1645
<b>Ex: Koah</b>	#0705	#0705	#0815
	#1315	#1315	
	*1550	*1550	
<b>Ex: Speewah</b>	#0710	#0710	#0820
	#1320	#1320	
	*1540	*1540	

\*SCHOOL DAYS ONLY # BOOKING REQUIRED  
 NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY

### Departs Bus Stop "D" Lake Street Transit Mall, City Place, Cairns

	Mon & Tues	Wed to Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
<b>Departs Kuranda</b>	#0720	#0720	0830
	1330	0900	1530
	1530	1130	
		1330	
		1530	
	*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY		
<b>Departs Cairns</b>	**0825	0825	0930
	1715	1000	**1615
		1230	
		1715	

All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required

\*\*Mareeba

# Via Caravonica, Redlynch, Raintrees, Westcourt, TAFE, Cairns City  
 NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY

**Tel John 0418 772 953**

## Trans North Bus & Coach

### CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE

Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
CAIRNS (Spence St)	6.45am	8.30am	11.30am	1.30pm	3.00pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	6.47am	8.32am	11.32am	1.32pm	3.02pm
CAIRNS (Central)	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.10pm
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.15pm	2.15pm	4.05pm

### KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.20am	9.55am	1.10pm	2.55pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.25am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	8.32am	10.02am	1.17pm	3.02pm	4.55pm

7.30am Shuttle via SKYRAIL, CARAVONICA, TAFE, CAIRNS HIGH  
 3.00pm Shuttle via CAIRNS HIGH, TAFE, CARAVONICA

### ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday	Sunday
ATHERTON	6.15am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.15am	9.00am
MAREEBA	6.45am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.45am	9.30am
KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.30pm	7.30am	10.05am
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.15am	11.20am	5.20pm	8.15am	11.20am
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	11.25am	5.35pm	8.35am	11.25am

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KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.25pm	9.10am	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.55pm	9.45am	4.40pm
ATHERTON	10.20am	5.10pm	7.30pm	10.20am	5.10pm

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OPERATE ON SUNDAY TIMES  
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