

The Kuranda Paper



*Kuranda ladies went to town
Do-da. Do-da,
Kuranda men all wore a frown
Do-da Do-da-day*



*The kids all wept and cried a lot.
Church attendance was all shot
Do-da Do-da.*



*The pubs were filled and drinks galore
The ladies shouting "Give us more"
Do-da Do-da-day*

*"Shame only once a year" they all reprised
"That Mother's work is recognized!"*

Do-da Do-da-day...



COMMUNITY LETTERS

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

Dear Kuranda Paper,

First of all how sad it was to read so many petty, bitchy, small-townish letters to your paper in your April edition. Maybe "Forest Forum" should go have a reading (with an open mind!) with Rob Hart, David Lorenzo could talk to the people he thinks have done him wrong (without anger or defense!) & as for Socrates Snr vs Socrates Jnr....c'mon guys...sort it out... get counselling, do what u've got to do, but don't publicise a family dispute.

While the world out there is going ballistic right vs left, let's be more aware in our small village, seek information, be open minded & willing to listen undefensively if we want to move thru problems & resolve them & be focused on what we want to achieve ...not on creating enemies!

And on that note ...I'd like to say good on you Tim Thurlow of the Kuranda Cop Shop/Police Beat fame ...my favourite column in the Kuranda Paper used to be Quotes from Osho (sadly missed by the way ...wot happened to that?) ...but now I get the giggles reading Tim's contributions every month ...at last a cop with a sense of humour & humanity.

Back to the subject of Community and thanks to the Kuranda Paper for publishing my letter back in March asking for "expressions of interest" regarding setting up a community garden ...the feedback was positive & uplifting. Partly due to the weather & partly due to other personal commitments this got delayed a bit ...but proposing an inaugural meeting to share ideas /discuss on Sunday 29th April.

Please call me on 4093 7450 or email to tropicalhydro@bigpond.com if u would like to be included. By the way, some people who contacted me back in March/April about this idea & left messages on my answering machine have either left incorrect numbers or have not been obtainable.... please try again!

Elaine Cushman, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

On behalf of the Friends of Welcome Pocket Community Care Project, I wish to thank the Kuranda and Mareeba communities for the support

we received with our recent Garden Goods raffle. Mrs. Sandra Muller and Mrs. Judy Walker were lucky winners.

Our thanks to all who donated goods, especially Mr. P Anderson, Joy at Anza's Nursery, Ms J Bergerson, Mrs. Lorraine Coleman and Mrs. B Blakey. Support such as this is invaluable and very much appreciated.

*Yours Sincerely,
M Hubbard, per J Veivers*

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Many thanks to Peter and Hugh for your interest and extremely well researched comments on my letter in defence of astrology. And thanks to Jan for your kind words. The Astrology Column will continue and I'm happy to share any winning tips that turn up.

Astrology is one of my passions, and I've done my best to perfect it as an art and a service. It has taken me on an amazing thirty-year journey of discovery and delights and has introduced me to hundreds of interesting, intelligent people. It's earned me a few dollars along the way, but the time involved in exploration, observation, research and consultations generally keeps the dedicated astrologer's hourly rate very low. Still, abundance comes in so many ways when you navigate by the stars that the money doesn't really matter.

I've never tried to "prove" astrology. It doesn't need me to do that. It's not a belief system: the stars and planets do exist; they do move and align in observable patterns which can be predicted and studied and our own lives flow in harmony, in fact are, the same patterns. The interaction is sometimes staggering; sometimes subtle but always observable. There is probably a causal link on the quantum and spiritual level, but it doesn't really matter. What is important is that it works. I follow the planetary orbits in my own life; observe them in action in the lives of those around me, and offer my craft and experience as a service to those who seek insights into their life direction and potentials.

To those who don't accept, or understand, or are downright hostile to the beautiful gifts which the stars have to offer I can only extend acceptance and understanding of your position and hope that your own crafts and skills are honoured and respected.

In a very real sense we are star dust and ultimately we are all here for each other. *To the Light, Rob Hart.*

Dear Kuranda Paper,

The Kuranda Media Association on behalf of the Kuranda Paper production team would like to thank Garth and Cathy Ritter for the generous loan of the dehumidifier. While there is no hope for the Fossils, at least the younger members of the team won't grow too mouldy.

As well, the reception chair, a great donation from Kuranda's Bendigo Bank, will make visits to the Paper's office a little more comfortable. Now the Bendigo Bank not only helps you save but is now saving locals bums too - Thanks Guys!

*Peter North
(Hon) Secretary for KMA*

Dear Kuranda Paper,

We wish to thank you for your support and interest. Placing the monthly date and venue has been invaluable to the Garden Group. We have handed the role of PR & convening over to Graham Payne and David Sturce from Saddle Mountain Road. Kuranda Garden Group meets second Saturday monthly at 2.00pm, venue as per paper. For information phone Graham or David 4093 9492. Once again many thanks.

Arlene M Wienert

Dear Kuranda Paper,

As many people in Kuranda know, we lost our home and belongings through fire last month (25th March). This event really shook us and our lives up. Though we're pretty positive people, the experience felt devastating - but it's been incredibly uplifting to have had so much support, not only from our friends, family and neighbours but from our community in Kuranda and Speewah. We've felt overwhelmed many times over, by the generosity and warmth of so many people in so many different ways. Some of you we know well and some we've never met. There has been an endless stream of kindness, offers of help, thoughtful actions and generosity - which included Col (from the Lions Club) and the CWA.

There are so many people to mention that we can't name you all here - but you all know who you are. Your help and emotional support and big hearts have been so important to our morale and has carried us along. We already loved Kuranda but now appreciate it even more.

We can only say thank you so much to you all.. An extra big Thanks to the "Fireys", Police, Ambulance and our neighbours who came to the house fire that horrible night and did their utmost to help.

Daryl and Cathy, Kuranda.

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WE NEED THEM

Attention Artists - Young and Old!

Friends of the Earth Kuranda needs T-Shirt designs by the end of June. Can YOU Help? We need two designs: one T-Shirt for kids, the other for adults. There will be prizes for winning entries, and everyone entering the competition can display their work on a photo gallery we've set up on our website. Designs should be for one side of a T-Shirt only. You can work in full color - or fewer colours - as you choose. Each design should include the following words, easily visible: **Friends of the Earth Kuranda**

For more information check out www.foekuranda.org/gallery/
STOP PRESS... Open Evening, Thursday 16th May 7pm, Fallon Road Sports & Social Club, Kuranda

Life at the Top of the Tree - A talk by JCU Associate Professor Andrew Krockenburger about climate change and our rainforest mammals.

SUMMARY: Folivory (leaf-eating) is an unusual lifestyle choice for a mammal and places a number of stresses and constraints on those animals that take it on. Foliage of trees is particularly poor as a diet because trees don't particularly want to be eaten either.

It has extremely high fibre (about 5 times as much as your morning bran) and low protein, as well as being packed with all sorts of toxic compounds, like cyanide that stop you using oxygen, tannins that erode away your gut-lining, fluorophloroglucinol compounds that stimulate the brain's vomit centre and alkaloids that give you hallucinations.

Folivorous mammals have developed a set of ways to deal with these problems- Professor Krockenburger will have a look at some of the problems and solutions developed by Australia's unique folivorous marsupials- How a koala squeezes enough nutrition out of gum leaves to support herself and a baby; Why possums are picky about the trees they feed in; and Why are our rainforest possums particularly susceptible to the effects of a changing climate. Free admission, donations welcome. Organised jointly by Friends of the Earth Kuranda and Kuranda Envirocare

COMEDY IS A LAUGHING MATTER...

At the Cairns Civic Theatre with these great comedy shows coming up. **The Messiah** is an extremely funny play about two rather incompetent, overly ambitious actors who attempt to produce the ultimate Christmas story with a cast of two, an over-zealous opera singer, and very little else.

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Kuranda Tourist Train Services Restored

Tourist train rail services between Cairns and Kuranda will resume on Tuesday, May 1 following a severe rock fall on the historic rail route from the Coast which enforced closure of daily services in February.

"The fact that regular rail services to Kuranda are to be resumed literally months before initial estimates is a testament to the enterprise and efforts of repair crews and engineers despite what must have been very trying conditions," Kuranda Village Promotions Program chairman Fr Chris Wright said. "Whether they are train buffs or not, the Cairns-Kuranda rail journey along this historic track remains one of the major train journeys of the world with thousands of tourists each year.

"Apart from the engineering marvel achieved in the late 19th century, the journey from the Coast affords visitors with picture perfect panoramas that are ever changing because of the mountainous nature of the journey. "This is why, when in regular service format, an average of well over 700 domestic and international visitors take advantage of this unique experience each day of the year, with some of them becoming regular visitors."

A part of the recent repairs, a section of steel "Tunnel" has been fabricated and installed over a

section of rail line that has proved susceptible to rock falls and temporary closures over many decades. The enforced outage meant that intending visitor numbers to Kuranda dropped significantly despite the best efforts of tourism industry and Q-Rail decision makers to arrange alternative bus transport between the Coast



and Kuranda.

"Just as Cyclone Larry had done last year, there has been a significant drop in visitor numbers while necessary repairs had been carried out to the railway line. However the reduction of anticipated outage time of the service is testament to the efforts of all concerned who were dedicated to reducing the amount of effects that this outage had created for local operators. On behalf of a grateful local tourist destination and its operators and many thousands of future visitors, I express sincere appreciation to all involved who have assisted Kuranda to remain a popular destination despite the obvious hardships caused when the rail service ceased in order to improve the safety aspect of the journey.

"Through their efforts there is "light at the end of the tunnel" so to speak and now it remains for local tourism operators to work with KVPP and Queensland Rail to move forward from the enforced closure of services and improve the recent visitor numbers to their former level." Fr Wright said.



A Thought for May

This month we read from the Gospel of St John Chapter 20 verse 1 to 18 paying special attention to verse 17. 'Jesus said to Mary Magdalene, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" John 20:17

In 1994 a young British actress went to Israel to make a video, in which she performed the part of Mary Magdalene telling her life story. The camera crew were all secular Jews, and on the first couple of days' filming they remarked what a good actress she was.

But on the final day's shooting, she told the story of meeting the risen Christ in the garden. At that point she stopped looking towards the camera and speaking to the viewers, and started speaking to Jesus and telling him how she'd tried to do what he'd told her to. The camera crew said afterwards, 'At that point she wasn't acting.

We couldn't see Jesus, but we knew he was there listening to her, because she really believed it herself.'

Many people watch Christians, to see whether our actions really show that we believe what we say and do in church, or whether we betray our insincerity. In fact Christians are all witnesses, whether they like it or not.

Jesus told Mary Magdalene to 'Go and tell'. She had proved to herself that Jesus was alive. But this good news was too precious to keep to herself. She had to tell others.

By the conviction with which she spoke, they'd know that what she said was true. Women were not allowed to give evidence in the law courts of Jesus' day, because their testimony wasn't regarded as reliable.

But Jesus chose women to be the first witnesses of his resurrection, so that they could 'go and tell' what they knew from their own experience. What is your experience? Could you be a witness to the resurrection? Maybe you think not, because you've never seen Jesus.

But you've often spoken to him. Maybe it was only the unthinking recitation of a prayer like a formula. Maybe sometimes you were not very clear in your own mind whether there was anybody listening, or whether you were just speaking into a void.

But just occasionally you've felt that there really was somebody there on the other end of the line, listening to your prayers. And just occasionally they were answered.

You got what you were asking for. Or you didn't get it, but you received a spiritual strength which enabled you to cope with your disappointment and feel that all was for the best.

You couldn't have had any of those experiences, if the Jesus you prayed to had died 2000 years ago and never come to life

again. Your experience proves to your sceptical mind that Jesus rose again and is alive today, listening to your prayers. So, amazingly, you too are a witness to the resurrection, out of your own experience.

Many churches have a renewal of baptism promises on Easter as St Saviour's did. At our baptism we promised, or our godparents promised for us and we took the promises for ourselves at confirmation, to reject evil, repent of our sins and turn to Christ. Then we were baptized into the death of Jesus 'so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too, might walk in newness of life'.

Sometimes baptism and confirmation are spoken of as 'the ordination of the laity', when we're each given our ministry to perform in the Church. As well as achieving our own salvation, we all promise to serve others in the Church. Some are called to preach, others to give a word of warm welcome before the service and to lend a sympathetic ear afterwards.

And we're all being watched, to see whether we're sincere witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus, by our words or by our deeds. All Christians, without exception, are ordained to this ministry. Pray to God for the power that raised Jesus from the dead to be revealed in your life, in the love shown by your actions and the way you recount your own experience of answered prayer. Like Mary Magdalene, once we've received the gift of God's love, we have to 'go and tell'.

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WEDNESDAY

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

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Spiritual Meeting: readings from the great religions, Wednesdays, 7 pm, Baha'i Info Centre, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda, all welcome.

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Kuranda Police Beat

Entry for Kuranda Police

Break & enters (year to date)	14
Stealing offences	18
Wilful damage (including graffiti)	8
Unlawful entry of vehicles (car theft)	3

These figures are for offences attended by Kuranda police, in & around the Kuranda area which includes Speewah & Koah.

Bear in mind that 'stealing' is a term covering all similar offences (for instance, breaking into a parked hire-car to take a handbag & riding off on an unsecured pushbike are both stealing offences).

Now, those astute readers amongst you (one of you, surely) may have noticed that the little section above changes every month. Not just to reflect that crime is rife in Kuranda (well, it's not, but there's always something going on), but to give you a not-so-subtle-suggestion that such crimes have in fact been committed in the last month.

So if you've suddenly been offered a very cheap pushbike, we'd like to hear about it.

I'm afraid it's time for more traffic enforcement issues to be mentioned. Whilst I had a very pleasant Easter weekend, some people obviously thought it would be fun to go racing on the Kennedy Highway. A colleague & I subsequently "nabbed" four drivers traveling at more than 140km/h on the highway. That's a lot of money to put towards the governments road budget for SE Queensland (oops! bit of politics.....). \$2800 from those four, to be precise.

And in reply to those four drivers - no, we really didn't have anything better to do that day. And there aren't any axe murderers out there who need to be arrested. At the moment. More CSI? Oh, go on then. Actually, it's more "Beyond 2000."

Tasers have recently been mentioned a lot in the press. But what is a Taser exactly? Well, I don't know, but it does stand for "Thomas A Swift's Electric Rifle (after Tommy Swift, a Sci-fi teenage inventor & adventurer & all round good chap, I should think).

Basically, if someone points a thing that looks like a fat pistol at you & says "this is a Taser", then you'd best stop whatever it was you were doing that was naughty. Because otherwise it will sting a bit.

Tim THURLOW - Kuranda Police

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May 2007

Hi folks, my name is Tracey Ratcliffe and I am the acting Coordinator for the Neighbourhood Centre. Due to Vicki Donovan's departure, we are still in the process of settling on a new full time coordinator, which hopefully will be soon and in the meantime, the team here has made me very welcome. I would like to acknowledge the dedication of the team of committee, staff and volunteers at the centre, especially all those who have been working hard even though they are recovering from illness. Their efforts have helped maintain the smooth running of the centre at this time of change and are much appreciated.

New Premises - As the weather has not been good, work at our new community centre is progressing slightly slower than planned, though still progressing! The new date for completion is at the end of September, so we hope to move then.

Rummage shop - Speaking of the weather, with the cold weather coming on we are gratefully accepting donations of any blankets, doonas or warm winter

woollies that you no longer require. Our rummage shop and bookshop will benefit from your donations of any other items as well. We would like to thank Martin Baynes of Kuranda Oz Products who has donated three shelf units, which will assist in helping resolve some of the storage problems of our back room and bookshop. Martin also has our thanks for all the other goods he donated to our Rummage shop.

Mah-Jong - Our Mah Jong group meets every Wednesday at 1pm. With some of group on holidays there are spaces at the table, so if anyone would like to discover the intricacy of this game please come and join in. It's free, with lots of laughter and they eat some yummy afternoon teas supplied by the players.

Family Support - Our new **Family Support Worker**, Julie Baker has arrived and is starting to familiarise herself with the area. Julie will be getting known about town soon enough as we are such friendly people. I am sure we will give her a warm welcome to our community. So do please drop in or call and say hello to Julie.

Tracey Ratcliffe

Forest Forums

- by the Fossils

Well unfortunately, Top Kowrowa missed out on its funding for the construction of new housing units and renovations to existing accommodation. An awful shame as many families there are living in overcrowded and poorly serviced conditions. Seems that despite protracted negotiations, community consultations and sound advice, the government offer was deemed unacceptable and everything fell over.

Public housing and affordable accommodation is becoming an important issue for the area. While home-owners are enjoying a boom in property values and rising rentals reflect this upward trend, the aged, lower income and indigenous families are finding it increasingly difficult to find appropriate and affordable housing in the area.

It is vital that Kuranda and surrounding areas are able to provide and increase stock of cheap, well-maintained decent public housing close to services and facilities. Without this taking place, there is a real danger that some groups become more marginalized and are forced to move from areas where they are established and have community links. Why should the aged, low income and indigenous families have to move out with consequent social disruption and additional burdens of costly transport to long distant facilities?

Presently, the Kuranda Neighbourhood Center is keen to gain some estimate of persons who would be interested in or would avail themselves of public or subsidized housing. Other agencies will also be collecting data on rental and public housing needs in the community and your registration will be strictly confidential.

Hopefully this data collection may lead to public address of growing affordable housing needs in an area slated for future major development. Presently there exists in Kuranda an excellent window of opportunity for creative use of the vacated Kuranda Primary School site. And yes, while an excellent site for some commercial developments, there is also the opportunity for land usage dedicated to affordable public housing with easy access to services and facilities.

On the same topic, a number of residents have, in the last few months, experienced incessant and irritatingly high noise levels from multiple occupancy rented premises. One can understand that, only by grouping together, can young people afford rental in the area. However the often absentee landlord has some responsibility in this matter. Generally, repeated noise complaints to Council and Police have resulted in short term cessation of noise only to be resumed after the authority's visit.

Kuranda as a town is more than a reverse Dracula - only coming alive during daylight hours with its injection of tourists. People live here - the well-off as well as the battlers. Unless we plan and cater for all members of our community, the richness and diversity of the community wanes and Kuranda becomes a mere simulacrum of a "more than a village in the rainforest".

Help for Your Wheelbarrow Race Team

Mareeba Shire Council will assist any intending competitors seeking to be part of a team participating in the Great Wheelbarrow Race - Mareeba to Chillago, May 18th, 19th and 20th.

"Having a number of keen intending competitors who cannot form full teams has been a very common problem that arises each year. So, if people would love to run in the race, but have trouble getting a full team together, Council will endeavour to assist these people and match them with others in the same situation," Great Wheelbarrow Race committee chairman and Mareeba Shire Deputy Mayor Evan McGrath said.

The event will be contested in five sections, Men's, Ladies, Mixed and Over 40s teams and Solo entrants over three stages - Mareeba to Dimbulah; Dimbulah to Almaden; and Almaden to Chillagoe.

The annual sporting event, which is unique to Mareeba Shire, celebrates the efforts and heritage provided by earlier generations of miners and job seekers who loaded all of their possessions onto their wheelbarrows and walked the distance. It has been growing in popularity each year.

"This year's event has already created stronger than ever interest with serious competitors well into training and a number of others preparing to participate in an entertaining endurance event. Operators of The Hub Tourist Information Centre and Museum in Chillagoe, Jim and Tonia Evans, have been named major sponsors of the 2007 Great Wheelbarrow Race.

Great Wheelbarrow Race committee chairman Evan McGrath said that a number of new attractions including a Talent Quest at Almaden and competition over five categories have been included in the 2007 programme.

"Generous sponsorship from The Hub and many other local and regional businesses is critical to the success of this event and is very much appreciated by organisers," Cr McGrath said. "Other sponsors include SunWater, Republic Gold, Vital Metals Ltd, Emerald Springs, Mareeba & Dimbulah Community Bank, Telstra, Radio 4AM & HotFM and Outback Solar & Wind".

Anyone seeking more information or who wants to participate and is seeking to be part of a team should call at Mareeba Shire Council office in Rankin Street, Mareeba or phone 4030 3900, or go to the shire website www.msc.qld.gov.au.

Garden Jottings by Alectura

Things to consider this month:

May 2007. With the rains on hold and coming cooler nights, the more tender plants in the garden are retiring for their winter rest. Mark caladiums, kaempheria and deciduous gingers so that underground storage organs are not damaged while digging. It is wise to have some knowledge of soil pH with many local soils having high acidity which tends to lock up fertilizer elements, also affecting soil conditions making it stiff and difficult to work with. Cheap soil testing kits are available with pH average 6 - 6.5 suiting most plants. Application of lime or dolomite (lime containing magnesium) raked in will reduce acidity. Think ahead to mulching for the coming dry and a general 'complete' fertilizer application for leached soils. With the drier weather, keep an eye open for red spider, usually given away by very fine webbing under-leaf with curcubits - pumpkin, melon family particularly susceptible.

Plant of the Month: Selaginella (club moss, moss fern). A very large family with wide distribution

having over 700 species and much admired for their soft delicate foliage often with metallic sheens. The smaller trailing species such as *S. krausseana* and *S. uncinata* make excellent ground cover only asking regular moisture and cool sheltered conditions as do the more bushlet species such as *S. involvens* and *S. martensii*. Of the easiest propagation, almost any piece will root covered with moist sand. The more rampant *S. wildenovii*, syn *S. mettalica* (Peacock or Electric fern) will clamber to 3 metres and can prove extremely vigorous, although sometimes surprisingly difficult to propagate. Extremely beautiful with its shimmering metallic blue cast, this delicate looking plant may, without care, prove invasive,

Q. & A. Dear Bob, You asked for some information for planting up your garden with bird, butterfly and animal attractant plants. I would highly recommend a visit to our local Envirocare: and to Yuruga Native Plants: <http://www.yuruga.com.au/>

Both are best qualified to advise on plants best suitable for your area and specific site conditions.

Dear Liane, re your roses - mildew, with its white powdery patches under leaves and on stems can be prevented by spraying with Benlate or Mancozeb while

blackspot where spots appear on leaves which then yellow and fall may be prevented with an organic or copper fungicide. And apologies - at long last a short list of some older and tried roses, possibly better suited to our conditions - (P) perfumed (V) vigorous
Reds: Black Velvet (P), Chrysler Imperial (P & V), Ena Harkness (P & V) - prefers some shade. Papa Meilland (P & V), Roundelay (P & V), Tassin (P & V).
Pinks: Ann Letts (P & V), Blue Moon (P), Eiffel Tower (P & V), Prima Ballerina (P & V), Queen Elizabeth (V).
Apricot, Yellow and Bi-colour: Chicago Peace (P & V), Kordes Perfecta (P & V), Diamond Jubilee (P & V), Grandpa Dickson (P & V).

For plant identification/sourcing, general questions contact Alectura or email wortwoad@optusnet.com.au. Keep those questions coming in!

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Australia's Open Garden Scheme 2006 - 2007

The week-end 14th - 15th April saw in excess of 300 visitors to the beautiful garden of Molly Bosworth, local renowned porcelain artist. Of exceptional note were the superb collections of flowering and species Anthuriums and rare tropical foliage plants. The serene garden was highly appreciated by visitors as was the fare available. Molly thanks the helpers involved and all local visitors.

The weekend of May 19th - 20th sees another two local gardens open to the public. **"The Retreat"**, 51 Mason Road, Kuranda is again open with many more plantings and features added. Visitors will be pleasantly surprised if they have previously seen this garden as the inveterate collectors and passionate gardeners have further extended,

Open the same weekend is **Xochipilli**, [an Aztec God - "Prince of Flowers"] 5 Weir Road Kuranda, a relatively young garden of 4 years growth. Set in rainforest, this collector's "no-dig" garden shows the beginnings of a growing collection of Philodendrons and other Aroids and features striking use of aerial plantings.

The gardens, within easy distance of each other, are open 10am to 4.30pm both days and will feature plant stalls, refreshments and a chance to meet with and talk to other mad passionate plant people.. See you there!

KURANDA GARDEN GROUP

Meets: 12th May 07

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Margaret 40938359 / Arlene 40937927

QITE secures harvest services contract

The Tablelands region's largest employment agency QITE, has secured a new Harvest Labour Services contract aimed to assist growers across the Tablelands to access labour to harvest crops where considerable numbers of out of area workers are required.

QITE CEO Katrina Spies said that the new contract will enable QITE offices in Kuranda, Mareeba, Atherton and Ravenshoe to recruit and place workers in harvest jobs and mobilise job seekers from locations outside harvest areas to meet the labour requirements of local growers.

"As the region's Harvest Labour Services

contract holders, QITE will liaise with growers and support their labour needs and also market work opportunities across the region to job seekers to travel to our local area to work."

"The new labour contract would work towards removing pre-season concerns among growers who have had difficulties in securing staff for harvest, packaging and transport duties."

"Having access to a satisfactory supply of labour to harvest areas that require considerable numbers of out of area workers to supplement local labour in order to harvest crops will enable farmers to concentrate more fully on other operational aspects of their farms.

"It is important to meet the labour

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demand of growers while avoiding an oversupply of labour that could adversely affect the local community," Ms Spies said.

Harvesting activities covered by the new contracts will include

- Harvesting, cleaning and packing fruit and vegetables
- Harvesting cereals and other crops
- Pruning and trimming vines and fruit trees
- Thinning and trimming flowers

Black Cockatoo

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GRAND OPENING & CULTURAL DAY

Ross Franzi has the pleasure of inviting you to attend the grand opening of the Black Cockatoo Gallery. Wildlife paintings from well renowned artist Ross Franzi and friends.

9.00am to 8.00pm Saturday 5th May 2007, Black Cockatoo Gallery, Bloomfield

The Black Cockatoo Gallery is located 12 kms north of Wujul Wujul just off the Bloomfield Track. Please enquire about our special accomodation packages.

Tickets \$40 includes lunch and drink on arrival. A bar will be open throughout the day. All artwork on display will be for sale.

For futher infomation please visit www.blackcockatoogallery.com.au

RSVP by 1st May 2007 to Leslie on (07) 4055 8806 or email leslie@takingcareofbusiness.com.au

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9.00am to 12.00am
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Performances by various musical artists and cultural entertainers.

5.00pm
Official gallery opening and launch by Hon. Warren Entsch MP

5.30pm to 8.00pm
Evening entertainment



WettenHall Watch

In December last year a group of 9 & 10 year old students from Kuranda District State School competed in the Lego League Robotics Tournament in Cairns. Aply led by Leigh Howser, the Kuranda K-Bots team designed, built and programmed a robot to accomplish challenge missions. They won the tournament and the right to represent Australia at the first Lego league World festival to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. I am delighted to be supporting their trip and I wish all members of the team every success as they prepare to jet off on Easter Saturday.

Overseas travel is expensive and sponsorship has been tough to come by so if you are in a position to help the families please make a donation to the school

Kuranda School is also to be congratulated for receiving a national Dare to be Different award at a ceremony in Canberra in recognition of the success of the Families as First teachers program.

I was proud to mention these very significant achievements in the Parliament in March. I believe they reflect a spirit of innovation and a growing culture of achievement and excellence at Kuranda District State College which is inspirational and bodes well for the future of the school.

Also in the Parliament I spoke in support of amendments to the Criminal Code that will increase penalties for dangerous driving offences. In Far North Queensland, we have a high rate of drink driving and dangerous driving offences. I'd guess that most of us driving the Range Road would have witnessed examples of dangerous driving.

Also, from July, police will have new powers to conduct random drug tests on drivers. A sample of saliva is obtained at the roadside which indicates the presence of cannabis, amphetamine or ecstasy. A positive result triggers a further roadside test. A confirmed result will then be sent for laboratory testing before a person is charged.

On a different note, I am pleased to advise that expressions of interest for the 2007-08 Community Memorials Restoration Program are now open. The restoration program is a new State Government initiative designed to renew interest in valuable public monuments and memorials. Phone 3404 3756 before the close on April 18 or see the website at <http://www.publicworks.qld.gov.au/services/CommunityMemorials.cfm>

Steve Wettenhall MP
Member for Barron River

Kuranda Website Popular

A recent review of website activity on Google has confirmed that Kuranda has become one of the most popular web destinations.

An excited Kuranda Village Promotions Program chairman Fr Chris Wright said that a recent review of website activity had listed Kuranda as number one in terms of activity in tourism searches in English in Japan and also ranked second in tourism hits in Japanese language tourism sites.

"A further check confirmed that Kuranda ranked number one in the number of tourism hits in Germany, and number two in Switzerland," Fr Wright said.

He said that it was also revealed that despite January being renowned for its changing climatic conditions, interest in kuranda.org website had not waned with over 473,000 hits for the month of January.

"Judging by the huge amount of website interest, it can be confirmed that present KVPP activities in creating interest and marketing Kuranda as a preferred tourism destination across the world is becoming more effective.

"The KVPP decision to use the web as an effective marketing tool to create interest was not just a whim or impulse at the time and the recent results confirm that our research and direction has come to the fore," Fr Wright said.

"Our website continues to support our other destination marketing activities both domestically and off shore.

"The proven interest that has been created in Kuranda as a tourism destination is a form platform for our local operators and support entities to build upon.

"Once our visitors arrive here in Kuranda, it is imperative that as a community and business operators we all ensure that our visitors thoroughly enjoy their stay and that they become return visitors and advocates for activities in our town and surrounding region.

"The opportunities created by such strong website interest are far too valuable to compromise," Fr Wright said.

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Potting with speed

Consensus by the regular nursery volunteers says the latest arrival is at least 50% faster. No, not a person, but a shiny new potting table, recently constructed by Stewart Engineering. This latest addition at the Envirocare nursery was made possible by a Small Equipment Grant, successfully applied for by Jax last year. No more sore backs leaning over a wheelbarrow, the table is at bench height, can comfortably accommodate 6 people working around it, is very sociable and looks very professional indeed. We'll be getting our seedlings into grow out pots in comfort and with speed. Come on over to the nursery on



Monday or Thursday and check it out in operation.

Tree of the month – Yellow Wattle

Wattles are a significant part of the Kuranda landscape. They are often the first step in cleared land returning to forest. It can be very difficult to identify them by their leaves alone. Their flowers help to identify them but the best feature for identification is the seed pod. Many of the wattles are coming into flower this month.

Our plant of the month is *Acacia flavescens*. It can be identified by its cream coloured ball flowers with a diameter of about 6mm. It has a broad leaf with three prominent veins and 3 or 4 small notches along the leaf's upper edge. *Acacia flavescens* is a small tree or shrub and there are many of them in full flower this week.

Pick out a tree which fits this description and return in a few months to look at its seed pods. If you have the right tree, the pods will be flat, about 12cm long and 2cm wide.

FNQ2025 plan

The Queensland Government is spending millions of dollars on a new regional plan for Far North Queensland, called the FNQ2025 Plan. This will replace the present FNQ2010 Plan, which was an advisory plan, with a legislated plan that can direct development and over-ride Councils. With the recent news of a major review of Councils, this should be the beginning of a new era in local government and planning in our area.

Although the Integrated Planning Act that guides development planning in this state is supposed to achieve sustainability, there has never been any serious effort to plan for a sustainable future in existing plans. Sustainability needs targets and limits, and requires monitoring of key indicators, and triggers for adjustment based on the outcomes of such monitoring. Environment groups in our area are working to try to achieve some real environmental outcomes in the new plan, with CAFNEC in Cairns acting as the coordinator. Kuranda Envirocare is involved in this, with John Beasley attending meetings. He will be reporting on progress throughout the year.

Electric Ants – already in a place near you

Electric Ants have arrived in Australia from South America! You may have seen posters around Smithfield Shopping centre last year. Smithfield is the centre for the infestation, quarantine measures are in place and the aim of the current program is complete eradication. Ants have been spread to one of the Cairns beach suburbs via pot plants so it's very possible they may spread up the hill to Kuranda by similar means. They produce a very painful sting and affect horticultural crops.

To find out what these ants look like, the telltale signs of infestation and how the controls work, come along on Wed 2nd May to the Envirocare meeting. See details below.

Envirocare and Friends of the Earth Kuranda present

Speaker: Yvonne Perron, Electric Ants Control Centre, Qld Govt.

"Electric Ants – the spread and control within Australia"

Wednesday 2nd May at 7pm Venue: Sports and Social Club, Fallon Road.

followed by **Envirocare General meeting.** Refreshments available. All welcome.

Speaker: Andrew Krockenberger, Associate Professor Zoology, JCU

Life at the Top of the Tree – Climate change and our rainforest mammals

Wednesday 16th May at 7pm Venue: Sports and Social Club, Fallon Road.

Refreshments available. All welcome.

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Astrology for May

- May kicks off with an exciting element of challenge, so let's get into it. Mars squaring off to Jupiter on the first day of May promises success and good fortune through action and assertiveness. This is a great day for changing your luck and challenging anything that has been blocking your progress. It's a Tuesday which is also a Mars-ruled day so the fighting spirit will be at full strength. Anyone wanna disagree?!

Next day is full moon. It's the Wesak moon, celebrated by millions around the world as the full moon on which the Buddha attained enlightenment. A sacred day each year. It's also the Scorpio full moon, so will be intensely emotional. Just be aware of how you are directing that intensity. There's always a sting in the tail of the scorpion.

On 6th May the Jupiter - Saturn fire trine becomes exact indicating a smooth balance of expansion and discipline - solid gains and steady progress. Anything studied or practiced today will build a strong foundation for future success. Dedicated teachers can have a strong impact today.

The Jupiter - Saturn trine continues to be active through to January 2008, and it's a cycle that accurately times political and economic changes, generally for the better, so watch for positive shifts in the power structures this year. Changes of government; redistribution of resources and a positive feeling of smooth progress.

Venus moves into Cancer on the 8th of May. Here is love in the home, beautiful and artistic redecoration, and loving, nurturing

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family and tribal energy. Let's share it around and we may entertain angels. Lots of yummy food today.

On 16th May Mars marches into Aries. Strike up the military band - it's action time. Watch for flare-ups, acts of aggression, feats of daring and impulsive behaviour. If you like the peaceful life then keep a low profile but if you want to take on a challenge that requires a touch of aggression and courage then today's your day. It's also the day of the new moon so get in quick and strike the first blow. Fortune favours the cheeky.

Now comes my favourite time of the year: the Sun moves into Gemini and the dance begins. Synchronicities, coincidences, bizarre couplings, telepathy and cosmic fun and games are all around us. Step lightly and join in the fun. Watch the Geminis amongst us go slightly more crazy than usual. Life zings!

Finally on 25th May, Neptune goes stationary in Aquarius and the gremlins are let loose. All kinds of weird things happening to computers and electronic equipment and a few problems with moisture. Yes, but a very powerful time for the transmission of psychic energy; the activation of intuition, dreams, visions, and other mind-altering experiences. Fairies, devas and nature spirits shimmering on the peripheral. O well, this is Kuranda, and Fossils notwithstanding, there is still a lot of fun to be had on the outer edges. Dance to your music, it's the merry month of May.



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DON'T MISS XAVIER RUDD, TOMORROW NIGHT Fri 27th April, gates open 5.30pm. We will be trialing a new wrist-band system, please be patient with gate volunteers as we work it out. For something different, check out the silent film screening coming soon to the understage (see below for details). Local theatre aficionados, Focus Theatre will bring a live theatre experience to the understage on May 12, check it out and support community artists. Be sure to renew or take up your annual membership soon in order to make the most of discounted entry to members nights throughout the year.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS- Position Vacant. Caretaker, must be physically able to mow lawns, empty rubbish bins, operate whipper snipper, clear fences. Other criterion applies, please email Margit & the committee asap to register expressions of interest kuranda_amp@bigpond.net.

Coming Soon

MAINSTAGE

Fri April 27th, Xavier Rudd- gates open 5.30pm

Sat June 30th- Stay Tuned for more info about the proposed Kuranda Roots festival....

UNDERSTAGE

Fri May 4th Aelita- Silent Filmscreening door 6pm, show 7pm. followed by live DJ. Tickets, \$15/12 on the door. Bar and Light Meals on sale.

The House of Falcon presents Aelita - Queens Of Mars (1924 Russia). Featuring live soundtrack by Mike Cooper (UK). For one night only, the 1920's Russian silent classic, Aelita - Queen Of Mars, with live soundscape by UK artist Mike Cooper. Aelita was a sensation upon its heavily publicized release in 1924. Aelita Queen of Mars is now a curiosity of post-revolutionary Soviet Russian silent cinema. Despite a cool reaction from critics, the film was such a hit with the Soviet public that many Russian babies born in 1924 were named Aelita, and the cubist designs of the Martian sets - heavily influenced by the avant-garde 'constructivist' movement - would in turn influence science fiction films in the years to follow (most notably the Flash Gordon serials). For the past 40 years Mike Cooper has been an international musical explorer, initially a folk-blues guitarist and singer songwriter, his work has diversified to include improvised and electronic music, live music for silent films, radio art and sound installations.

Sat May 12th- Focus Theatre Event -Comedy Night see info elsewhere in this edition

Sat May 19th - Member's Night - Zennith, Doors open 7, show 7.30-11.30pm Members \$8 non-members \$15 or \$20 family membership, includes entry to show. Local hip-hop legends and their entourage return to the understage at last. Last year's Zennith gig was the biggest Understage event of the year, be early to avoid disappointment.

Sat June 2nd - General Meeting

Sun June 10th - Film Screening Michael Fronte's 'I know I'm not alone'.

QCWA KURANDA NEWSLETTER

We started off April before this month had officially arrived with several of our members assisting to make a Division Cent Sale (held in Cairns) a success - with lots of prizes to be won - including Vouchers on Coles/K-Mart, Byrnes Meats, Woolworths and even from our own Kuranda Bakery (many thanks for your generosity, Dave). With great raffles, heaps of prizes and an enjoyable QCWA afternoon tea (no bought cake here!), we were able to raise over \$2000 to assist in our Division community projects. This month, we have commissioned security screens for our hall - to be installed in the near future. We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience that may arise while the job is being done. During April, we had some old friends drop in for a chat, catered for the Kuranda RSL branch after Anzac Day Memorial Service and continued to have fun with craft on our weekly Craft and Social mornings. March Craft lesson was Shadow Trapunto with the handcrafters working on a pretty "Summer Rose" pattern before lining up last week to learn the intricacies of Elizabethan Embroidery and Huckaback Embroidery. Craft lesson for May? Ummm - depends on what the ladies choose to try their hand at. Kuranda Branch would like to welcome the following new and renewed members: Ms Sarah Fenton, Mrs Claire Browne and Mrs Bronwyn Harris. Why don't you come along and join our friendly group - learn a craft, teach a craft or just come along for a bit of social time - have a cuppa - we would like to see you. Our Rummage Room is open to the public on these days. For further information phone: 4093 7016 or 40937393.

The QCWA hall is available for hire both on a regular basis and for those "one off" occasions. Please contact our Hall Convener, Sarah MacPherson on 4093 7599. (catering is available at a reasonable rate for meetings, seminars etc.)

Note: change of Branch meeting times - 2nd Wednesday of month at 12.30pm

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Answer 49

Which one of these thirteen letters does not belong to the series: J F M A M R J J A S O N D Answer:

The letter R - the rest are the initials of the months.

If you add three letters before the letters given and the same three letters after them, can you make an ordinary English word. E R G R O

Answer: Underground

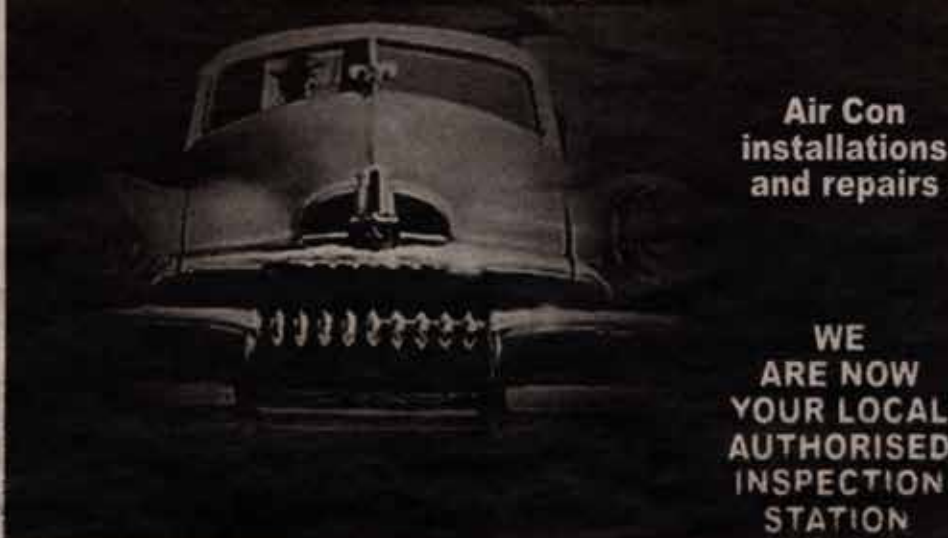
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LEFT: Miss Lorraine RIGHT: Miss Dulcie



LEFT:
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The P&Cs of both the former Primary and High Schools have ceased to exist. We now have a new single Kuranda District State College P&C. Happily its members represent both the primary and senior campuses as well as the interested community.

Your P&C committee for 2007 is:

- Jax Bergersen (President)
- Lana Georgieff (Vice President)
- Lyn Carr (Secretary)
- Patricia Green (Treasurer)

These are the hardworking people who bravely accept the blame when things don't work out quite as well as

hoped but they also enjoy being at the cutting edge of decision-making which moulds our fabulous school to fit our vision of excellence in all things academic, social and environmental.

The finishing of the old P&C committees has forced changes to the business each one conducted for the former schools, namely the employment and running of their respective tuckshops. The no longer existent committees have had to make redundant their tuckshop employees and the new committee has had to embark on a process of hiring staff (not necessarily new people) for the tuckshops which come under its responsibility. The advertisements you see below are part of this process.

We are turning this circumstance into an opportunity to bring to our school community a renewed commitment to providing healthy food choices (low additives, low fat/sugar, nutritionally-valuable) that contribute to their health and wellbeing.

On the second Tuesday of each month at 5.30pm at the main staffroom, we meet to keep our fingers on the pulse (principal, tuckshop and financial reports) and hear presentations from students and parents on how we can move forward progressively. You are encouraged to join us. We'll organise a play area for children to make it easier for you.

Our next P&C meeting will be on TUESDAY 8th MAY.

Tuckshop Convenor (part-time)

Kuranda District State College Parents & Citizens Association

An opportunity exists for a suitably experienced and highly motivated Tuckshop Convenor to work within the Kuranda District State College.

The person we seek will have the following experience/abilities:

1. Demonstrated ability to manage a tuckshop in accordance with specific policies and standards, such as Smart Choices and Workplace Health and Safety requirements.
2. Demonstrated ability to manage staff and volunteers and work in a small team.
3. Demonstrated ability to plan, budget, initiate and promote healthy menus in accordance with KDSC P&C Association's Tuckshop Vision
4. Demonstrated skills in budgeting, purchasing and bookkeeping and ability to maintain accurate records.
5. Knowledge of, and experience in, food handling and food hygiene.
6. Good communication skills and experience in working with children of varied ages and cultural backgrounds.
7. Must possess a blue card.

This is a permanent part-time position, 5 days (approx 30-35 hours) per week, except for school holidays. The successful applicant will manage both the junior and senior tuckshops.

Wages and conditions will be subject to Award conditions.

Applicants are required to address all selection criteria in their application.

Application kits containing job description and selection criteria may be obtained from:

Senior campus, Kuranda District State College, Myola Road. Telephone: 4085 5333

Deadline for applications is COB Tuesday 8th May 2007.

Tuckshop Assistants (part-time)

Kuranda District State College Parents & Citizens Association

An opportunity exists for two suitably experienced and highly motivated Tuckshop Assistants to work within the Kuranda District State College.

The individuals we seek will have the following experience/abilities:

1. Demonstrated ability to manage a tuckshop in accordance with specific policies and standards, such as Smart Choices and Workplace Health and Safety requirements.
2. Knowledge of, and experience in, food handling and food hygiene.
3. Good communication skills and experience in working with children of varied ages and cultural backgrounds.
4. Must possess a blue card
5. Ability to work unsupervised while remaining part of a small team

Both are permanent part-time positions, 2-4 days (approx 12-24 hours) per week, except for school holidays. The successful applicants will work within either the senior or junior tuckshops, supervised by the Tuckshop Convenor.

Wages and conditions will be subject to Award conditions.

Applicants are required to address all selection criteria in their application.

Application kits containing job description and selection criteria may be obtained from:

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KURANDA CONSERVATION

Community Co-operative Native Plant Nursery: 1 Pademelon Lane, Kuranda Qld 4881
Phone/Fax: (07) 4093 8834 ABN: 80 421894 165
email: envirojax@optusnet.com.au

Yes, this is it: **KURANDA CONSERVATION**. We've now finally settled on a good, clean name for the community co-operative conservation group - simply **Kuranda Conservation**. We are seeking affiliation with Barron Catchment Care and will work with that Landcare and Catchment Management group to connect us with the regional natural resources management body, FNQNRM Ltd. So you can see we are well connected.

BUSINESS AS USUAL at the community nursery at 1 Pademelon Lane under our new name of KURANDA CONSERVATION.

- **Working bees** (big days: TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS),
- **Learning bees** (big days: EVERYDAY)
- **Tree planting sorties** (big days: WHENEVER IT SUITS)
- This is a community nursery and open to you to select trees, drop off the seeds you've collected or want identified.
- Box trailers (given to us by wonderful, generous, co-operative people in our community) available for your use.

We're still waiting for mulching hay (it's the weather's fault) - it's worth waiting for good stuff.

RIGHT TREE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

A major activity of the co-op is to **assist landholders to get the right trees into the right place**. Our diary is filling with bookings from landholders requesting help to prepare their site and plant local, native species to suit their purpose - bank stabilisation, privacy protection and biodiversity enhancement. And we have the plants you need to bring the birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

LAND for WILDLIFE SIGNS

If you're interested in having a **Land for Wildlife** sign at the front of your property to let the world know how you feel about your environment and that you want others to respect those values, a phone call (4093 8834) will bring us to assess and hopefully approve some or all of your property for the Land for Wildlife sign.

GREAT PROJECTS

Sustainable Society, Schools and Sawmills - the 4Ss forestry project at the Kuranda District State College. The purpose of the 4Ss project is to:

- develop a focus for the region other than tourism, water-thirsty crops and agricultural monocultures;
- develop a sustainable industry for the region and, consequently, improve our quality of life;
- educate of our children and the community in a real, hands-on, practical, visible way;
- promote Kuranda as a centre of excellence in tropical native forestry and environmental studies; and
- promote the concept that the environment is our most valuable economic asset.

Cassowaries, of course. We are currently undertaking a project that will help us identify individual birds and find out what happens to them between chicks and adults. What predares on them? Is their habitat large enough or rich enough? What habits (competition for habitat and mating partners or sibling rivalry) put young birds at risk?

The Green Corridor (revegetation of the Barron River, top to bottom, both sides) project is the initiative of **Barron Catchment Care**. We are busy growing trees for the project.

A new tractor - what a bonus!

The exciting news is that we have acquired our very own 45hp Kubota tractor, complete with super slasher and front bucket. What a bonus! This machine has been purchased for the 4Ss project and the Kuranda College by members of the community who know how important it is for this growing project.

Now that's "co-operative"!

ALWAYS ON THE READY

We are ready to respond to a range of issues affecting the wider Kuranda area, in the Barron Catchment and across the Wet Tropics. If we can't answer your queries, we'll direct you to those who can.

Give Jax a call on 4093 8834.



KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE School and Community Notices

Japanese Homestay Visit

The school will be hosting a homestay visit in July. The Japanese group from Tokyo Nogyo Junior High will be arriving on Saturday 28th July and departing Tuesday 7th August. Students will be here for a total of 10 nights. If your family is interested or would like more details please contact Julie at the Secondary campus.

Having an international student staying in your home is a great experience for the whole family. Students are able to learn different things about their culture not only from the international perspective but also about their own.

Cricket and the K-Bots

The Kuranda Roos Cricket Club held a Cricket Fun Day to raise money for our students involved in the K-Bots' trip to Atlanta. They were able to raise \$500. Thanks guys!

The College held a School Disco and was able to raise just under \$1000. Well done to all who helped on the night.

Thank you to everyone who has raised or donated money for the Atlanta trip. The support from the community has been outstanding and is very much appreciated.

Football Update

In the 4th round our 13s travelled to Trinity Bay State High School to be given a lesson by the 2nd place team. The final score was 30-0 with wet conditions not in our favour. Shaquille Snider-Asaki, Johnathon Nandy and Bryson Purcell tried hard all game but the boys were left without their captain Levi Newbury who was sent off early in the game.

Overall Results

U13s finished **5th** out of 11 teams

U18s finished **7th** out of 11 teams

Well done to all players and thank you to everyone who supported us along the way.

Selections

Roddy Duffin, Lawrence Miller, Angus Brim and Rudy Brim were all selected for TCN district sides. Both TCN grades were the most impressive teams at the Peninsula trials and many players went on to regional teams. For the last 2 years Peninsula has won the U15s State Championships.

This year our very own Lawrence Miller has been selected to play halfback for the Regional U15s League side. Well done and best of luck at the next level on the Gold Coast in June. Lawrence is selling tickets to raise money to pay his way to the championships, so please support him by buying a ticket.

Millipedes - by Tess



Millipede literally means *one thousand feet*, this is a common misconception. The number of feet varies between species. Most species have over 30 pairs of legs, with some having up to 350 pairs! Millipedes have 2 legs per body segment.

Millipedes are timid, when threatened they will coil themselves into a tight ball. Some species are poisonous and if the poison is ingested can make you feel unwell, sometimes causing diarrhoea. The poison of some millipedes can contain cyanide or arsenic.

Male Millipedes have specially designed mating legs on their 7th body segment, through which they transfer sperm to the female's genital opening. The female lays eggs in the soil, under logs or among leaf litter. The newly hatched young have 3 to 4 pairs of legs and additional body segments and legs are added as they moult.

Millipedes eat primarily detritus. They are distributed throughout the cool, moist environments of Australia. They are generally found under rocks, logs, among leaf litter, bark and soil.

In Kuranda we are fortunate to have our own specific species of Millipede, the *Spirobolellus kurandanus*. Discovered in the 1920's by Chamberline, little is known about this species. Far North Queensland is home of the Giant Millipede (*Scaphitostreptus schellarum*). An example of this species is on display at the Australian Venom Zoo. So come to the zoo to see our millipedes and other animals.

RIGHT: Jane and Tyrone



LEFT: Miss Sonja (Y4/4-5)

JANE STACEY and **MICHELLE MIDGELY** are Special Education Teacher-aides who help at the P-6 Campus and work hard to support our students with disabilities across all year levels. **Jaye Clair** also works as a Teacher aide in the Middle school.

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KMS QUALITY AND INNOVATION**

Labor's Broadband Network to deliver High Speed Broadband to Kuranda

A Rudd Labor Government would revolutionise Australia's internet infrastructure by investing up to \$4.7 billion, in partnership with the private sector, to establish the National Broadband Network.

Labor's candidate for Leichhardt Jim Turnour said, "The new National Broadband Network - to be rolled out over five years - will connect 98 per cent of Australians to high speed broadband internet services including residents of Kuranda."

"It will deliver internet services up to 40 times faster than most current speeds. This will increase speed to a minimum of 12 megabits per second."

"This means business, education, communication and household services on the internet - including entertainment - will happen in 'real time'," Jim Turnour said today.

Currently, Australia is 25th in the world in terms of available internet bandwidth.

"There are no medals for 25th - if we want to build long-term economic prosperity once the mining boom is over, now is the time to act!" Mr Turnour said.

The National Broadband Network will be funded by using existing government investments in communications to provide a public equity investment of up to \$4.7 billion in the new broadband network.

This would include drawing on the \$2 billion Communications Fund and the Future Fund's 17 per cent share in Telstra, which, consistent with the legislated position, will earn dividends and be sold down to a normal level over time after November 2008.

"We must remember the Howard Government privatised Telstra - 83 per cent has been sold.

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LIBRARY NEWS

So the kids are settled back at school, work is starting to fall back into a routine, and it's starting to get a little cold. Soon the weather will be just perfect for baked potatoes, hot chocolates, a warm blanket and a good book.

This month is for the budding authors out there, of which I know Kuranda has many! There are two competitions running at the moment which you can use to flex your writing muscles.

Slippery When Wet is now in its sixth year and has a maximum word limit of 2000 words. Entries close on the 12 May and there is an entry fee of \$7.50. The first prize is \$500 and it is open to all ages and has several different categories.

The *2007 Queensland Premier's Literary Awards* offer \$225 000 in prize money over 14 categories, and recognises budding writers and established authors. You can obtain more information on either (or both!) of the competitions by asking at the Kuranda Library.

To serve as inspiration for your own writing (or inspiration to curl up with that hot choccy!) here is a list of popular books held by the Kuranda Library. Be quick as most of them already have reserves on them!

Fiction (from Collins Top Ten Fiction Bestsellers)

- Step on a Crack - James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge
- Plum Lovin' - Janet Evanovich
- Jillaroo - Rachael Treasure
- The Devil Wears Prada - Lauren Weisberger

- Trouble - Jesse Kellerman
- The Valley - Di Morrissey

Biographies

- Schappelle Corby and Kathryn Bonella - My Story
- Joanne Lees - No Turning Back: My Journey

If you don't feel the need to write your thoughts down, then why not bring the kids in to hear some other people's work? Storytime is proving as popular as ever and the kids that came last week got more than they bargained for - more Easter chocolate! Next month's theme will be *Wind* and will be held on the 4th of May at 10:00am in the Kuranda Library. We also need to congratulate Lucas, Klay and Kobi - the winners of our Easter Colouring Competition.

Finally, the ever-vigilant Kuranda EnviroCare group currently has a display at the front door of the Library. Pop in and see which plants are causing a nuisance at the moment. There are some very interesting tips that will help keep Kuranda rich and diverse, and the contact details for groups that can help you get rid of weed species.

Enjoy going through last years warm and woollies, gardening, studying, or whatever you are happiest doing at the moment. Enjoy your free time (no matter how little you have of it) and the amazing weather we are having at the moment. Most of all enjoy a good book!

The Library Team

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the Arts page



Another month passes and still these lights burn all day long! This waste of energy, here in Kuranda, just outside the police station, is likely just the tip of the iceberg. Is this indicative of a local apathy or is it that we just don't know what to do? Sure this is an "arts page", but what good is art if we lose the greatest creation of all, our fantastic planet, our beautiful rainforest? Be part of the solution and come along and/or lend a hand at the upcoming 2007 energy fest (see opposite). See you at the Tanks, 7-7-7 - seren.

EMERGING ARTIST IN KURANDA

The new name to watch in Kuranda art circles is Ramona T. Barstys.

Ramona has lived in Kuranda for many years and is involved in a number of community organisations. She was born in Canada to Lithuanian migrant parents. Although raised in Canada, Ramona retained her parents' heritage and culture and she still speaks the language fluently.



Ramona arrived on our shores in 1977 and worked in hospitality for twenty years, qualifying as a commercial cook in 1989.

Blue Care community services then took up a lot of her time as Ramona worked in the aged care and disability areas. After her own health scare in 2004 Ramona decided to tread a new path; to do all the things she had been wanting to do all her life. Art topped that list.

Ramona set her objectives and started oil painting

with Claire Souter. One of her first completed paintings, bright sunflowers, was featured in the Kuranda Spring Fair exhibition in 2005. She enrolled at TAFE college in Cairns and this year she is completing her Visual Arts Diploma.

Ramona has recently been included in exhibitions at the Tanks, Foyer Gallery in Atherton and University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba. She will be part of the June exhibition at Cominos House in Cairns and she plans to have her first (multi-media and wax encaustic) solo exhibition at the end of this year.

Ramona's work is bright, bold and innovative. Each painting has a story to tell. Her work is now sought by discerning collectors and she has sold over a dozen paintings in the last year alone. They have new homes in South Australia, Brisbane, Central Coast NSW, Sydney, Kuranda and Cairns.

Ramona T. Barstys is very successfully adding to the rich art culture in Kuranda.



KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

Easter has been and gone but it did not take the rain with it. Although many are resentful of the constant wet, this is the most wonderful growing period for bamboo.

For making simple things, bamboo cannot be bettered. In the tropics, it is found almost everywhere, in all sizes, and is immediately available for working with the basic tools - a knife and a saw. As a material it is almost universal, having qualities that are unsurpassed - strength, lightness, rigidity, and flexibility; it is also cheap and abundant.

Traditionally, bamboo constructions are held together with pegs or bindings of split bamboo rather than with nails or other metal fasteners, but the advent of synthetic adhesives has changed this. Now bamboo can be easily glued together; it can be laminated and worked like wood. The traditions of bamboo crafts have deep roots.

The crafts of bamboo are very pure. This is because bamboo itself as a raw material has almost no financial value and products and craft are derived entirely from the skill and art of the 'masters' hands. It is the craftsmanship itself which is prized as bamboo is not by its nature a material which can be expected to last a long time.

The Arts Co-operative makes good use of locally grown bamboo as poles for the colourful flags displayed outside the gallery. However, due to the constant exposure they have to be replaced from time to time. A number of our artists use the offshoots for wall hangings and small sculptural pieces.

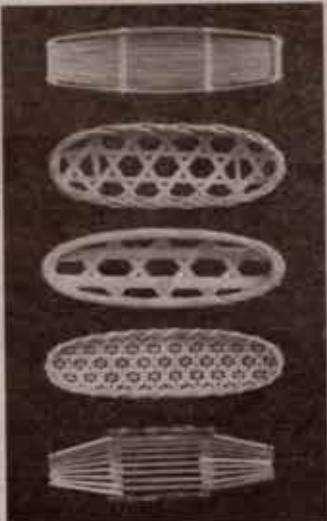
Those people who visited Mollie Bosworth's garden in Butler Drive (included in the Australian Open Garden Scheme) over the weekend of 14 and 15 April would have seen the very attractive yellow and black Bulgarus (Buddha belly) bamboo featuring. Over that weekend tickets were sold in the Arts Co-operative's mini raffle. It was drawn on the 16th April and the winners names were.....

.....not supplied to this paper, sorry, ed.

Prizes can be collected from the Arts Co-operative gallery in Rob Veivers Drive.

Kuranda Arts Co-operative
Gallery hours 10am - 4pm daily.

Look for the coloured flags on the bamboo poles





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PLAYING CARDS

with
Buck Richardson

There's a new concept in entertainment in town. It's a private home parlour game, combining theatre and art, to which the public is invited. But there's only 20 places available each Friday evening, so it's essential to book in advance. You can bring friends and make a private party of the evening if you like. The game consists of three parts.

1. Peruse an exhibition of unique art and merchandise Buck has digitally created from the photographs of over 200 different species of moths he has taken in his home in Kuranda.
2. Enjoy an entertaining hour of theatre as Buck performs 8 'cards' from the repertoire of characters he has played over the past 20 years, including The Guru, The Man with No Name, Dr Blowit and excerpts of Monk O'Neill.
3. Finish with cheesecake, coffee, chocolates and chat.

Opening night is Friday 11 May 2007 and each Friday thereafter until the season ends. For more information on the game or to book, visit Buck's website: www.leapfroggoz.com.au, or call him for a chat on 40937434.

2007 emPower Energy Fest

07-07-07

"Putting a Chill on Global Warming"

Saturday 7th July - Thursday 12th July

Tanks Art Centre

46 Collins Ave. Edge Hill

If you are passionate about your environment and community then we'd love to have your help to make this event a success!

Last years emPower Festival, attended by indigenous elders and Dr. David Suzuki, was so successful that we are doing it again - this time for **6 full days**.

The six day Climate Change exhibition and festival will be jam packed full of activities for everyone, kicking off on **Saturday 07-07-07** with a day of **celebration, music and festivities** to coincide with Al Gore's Live Earth concerts on seven continents.

Sunday starts with **environmental markets** and ends with a **movie night**. Evening **workshops and forums** will explore the possible impacts of climate change on our local FNQ environment. An informative **climate-change and peak oil exhibition** will be running daily through until Thursday when the festival will close with the festival **networking wrap-up** for everyone involved in making the festival a success.

Expressions of interest and support are sought from:-

Individuals - festival organization, research dissemination for exhibition and assistance during the festival.

Local businesses - market stalls, exhibition information and sponsorship.

Organizations - forums and workshops, exhibition information and sponsorship.

Schools - register your preferred tour times and let us know what you could contribute.

Primary Schools - a 2-3 minute speech by students addressing local, state, or federal government on "what we want you to do about global warming".

High Schools - a 500-1,000 word essay on your "Visions of a sustainable future".

Songwriters and musicians - register for the song-



writing competition and to play at the festival!
Together, each of our little steps makes a big contribution.

Contact Geoff or Svargo today to register your interest in attending or assisting with the festival:
Phone: 4093 8899 or 4093 7755
Email: empower@takesteps.org

FOCUS THEATRE NEWS

FOCUS THEATRE presents on Saturday 12th May, in The Understage, a night of frivolity and fun with **THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE: A BARREL OF LAUGHS**. Join us for a night of comedy, strange happenings, music wine and song! Diogenes, the infamous philosopher, will be there to give you his wisdom, locals will Stand Up! and see if they are funnier than the next, wise and wicked Judges will judge, and give the worst (or best) cash and other great prizes, and you the audience are expected to have fun fun!



Bosko and Honey, (Dan and Yuki from "Ukulele Flambé") fresh back from a New York engagement at the New York Ukulele Festival, will start the night, create mayhem, and give us the dancin' feet we all love to have on these Understage nights that are a Kuranda specialty. Come early, this is a once off comedy night. The doors and the bar will open at 7pm, snacks are available. Get your entry form for the comedy competition from the Information or neighbourhood centre. Yours in theatre, Diana.

Amphitheatre Members \$12, Non-Members \$15.

FOCUS THEATRE PRESENTATIONS ARE SPONSORED BY KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE SOCIETY INC



TENQ WELCOMES ANOTHER GREAT TOURIST DRIVE

Tourism Tropical North Queensland chief executive officer Rob Giason welcomes the official launch of the Great Inland Way Touring Route today by Minister for Tourism Margaret Keech.

"I congratulate everyone involved in the Great Inland Way Promotions Group which has worked so hard to make this initiative a reality," Mr Giason said.

"Interesting new product such as this offers fresh ideas to encourage Australians to holiday here."

"This touring route takes visitors on a fascinating inland journey from Sydney to Cairns, taking in parts of North Queensland including Charters Towers, Mt Garnett, Ravenshoe, Atherton and Mareeba on the Atherton Tablelands, Kuranda, Cairns, Lakeland and Cooktown."

"These areas are already linked through the Great Tropical Drive. The development of the Great Inland Way Touring Route will build on the success of that project as it allows the other areas on the route between North Queensland and Sydney to also benefit from increased tourism traffic."

FOODWORKS

Autumn leaves super in-store specials at Kuranda Foodworks!

Breeze in and check out this weeks goodies:

- Noble Rise varieties - \$2.79 ea
- Nanna's Pies variety - \$3.39 ea
- Best Buy Cool Sticks (box) - \$3.69 ea
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Sunday Event Ideal Training For Race

The Queensland Ores Fun Run & Walk, which will be held this Sunday, provides an excellent chance for intending participants in the 2007 Great Wheelbarrow Race to get into the swing of training for the big race, organising committee chairman Cr Evan McGrath said.

"There is no better way for intending participants in the 149km Great Wheelbarrow Race between Mareeba and Chillagoe to hone their conditioning and starting skills than this Sunday's event," Cr McGrath said.

"For those who are not quite courageous enough to push a wheelbarrow all the way to Chillagoe, from May 18 to 20, the Queensland Ores Limited event is a great way to get active and enjoy the company of others," he said.

The Queensland Ores Limited event is open to all members of the public. Intending participants should contact Mareeba Shire Council for an entry form.

The Sunday, April 29 Fun Run & Walk will start at the Mareeba Turf Club at 8am.

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Crumbed steak	\$13.99 /kg	Atlantic salmon	\$35.99 /kg
Rump steak	\$17.99 /kg	Spanish mackerel	\$23.50 /kg
Whole budget rump (sliced free)	\$8.25 /kg	Banana prawns	\$24. /kg
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During term 1 we were able to engage in lots of natural science activities such as Worm farms & Frog Breeding! We set up our compost and worm farm. The children had many opportunities to check out these, amazing creatures breaking down their lunch scraps, and to gently handle lots of worms. We also had some success with our Frog Breeding Box. Many children in both age groups spent very enjoyable times looking at the little frogs that have grown from eggs in our Frog Breeding Box. The eggs came from Sue's pond at home, she is very familiar with them, has read a lot & observed them closely, so she has much to share with the children. The children learnt so much as they used all their senses at this tiny habitat.

One child commented that the "pond" was smelly, & also remarked "They need water or they'll die." She had obviously taken a lot on board during the time we have been observing these little creatures. The children were desperate to hold the tiny frogs, Sue helped them with this, and gently placed the frogs in their wet palms. We have 2 different varieties: a dainty Green Tree Frog and a tiny Brown Sedge Frog. We have a frog chart nearby which we used to identify the frogs.

When they first felt the little creature in their hands there was a quiet almost sacred moment. They were totally engrossed in the wonder of it. "We have to be gentle," one child instructed. There was laughter when the Dainty Green Tree Frog bounded off one child's hand back into the water. They all wanted to repeat that experience. The Dainty Green Tree Frog climbed on their hands before lift off and that was so different from seeing it swim or jump.

"It's a froglet!" someone exclaimed. Another child observed that one of the frogs had a small light green patch near its shrinking tail. She explained in her own words that she thought that would be its colour when it was a grown up.

Earlier when we were looking for the Dainty Green Tree Frog we couldn't find it despite looking at all the pebbles and plants in the box - it was in the food jar! The children were really surprised, "So that's what they eat... flies!" someone exclaimed.

When another child held the frog it jumped off his hand onto his face right next to his nose, "Isn't he cute," he said, everybody

agreed.

When a child held one of the larger tadpoles it flipped over and as the children were looking at its intestines coiled under the skin they saw a tiny pink section above and it was beating. Wow!!

Over 40 families came to our end of Term Disco night. There were lots of children in great costumes & some 'imaginative hats' on the parents! A BIG Thank You to Kuranda Fruit and Veg Shop, Hasham's Dips, Australian Venom Zoo, Mungalli Falls cheeses, Kuranda Rainforestation, Atrium Restaurant at the Holiday Inn and Smithfield Coles and Woolworths, for prizes and donations.

Kuranda Kindy is 20 years old this year! Thanks to the amazing efforts of Lorraine & staff over the years, many families have been part our Kindy community! The Creche & Kindergarten Association that we are affiliated with is 100 years old this year! C & K is the oldest organisation of its type in Australia. So to celebrate this milestone, we will have a special family event on Sat 15th Sept 2007. All past kindy families will be invited, so keep an eye out for your invite.

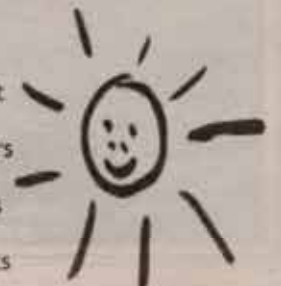
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The weather loomed dull and gloomy as the guys did gather round for what was about to be, a showdown for the town.

Marks Barbie was a sizzling as the burgers got under way and the drinks they were a flowing, when the sun came out that day, Ben'O's boys were winning and Gazzas 11 couldn't up the play Danny got a hat trick as guy dived in and danced away.

There were dogs aplenty 2 white, 2 black, 1 grey that got into the cheery spirit the boys provided that day. The kids came out the winners The roos came out gridders to be able to help the K-Bats to be on their merry way.

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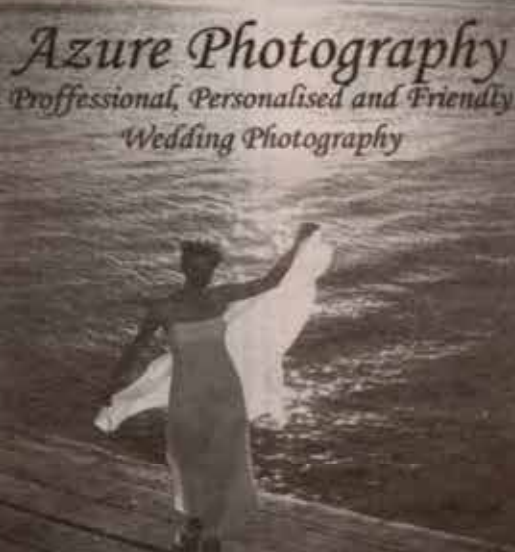
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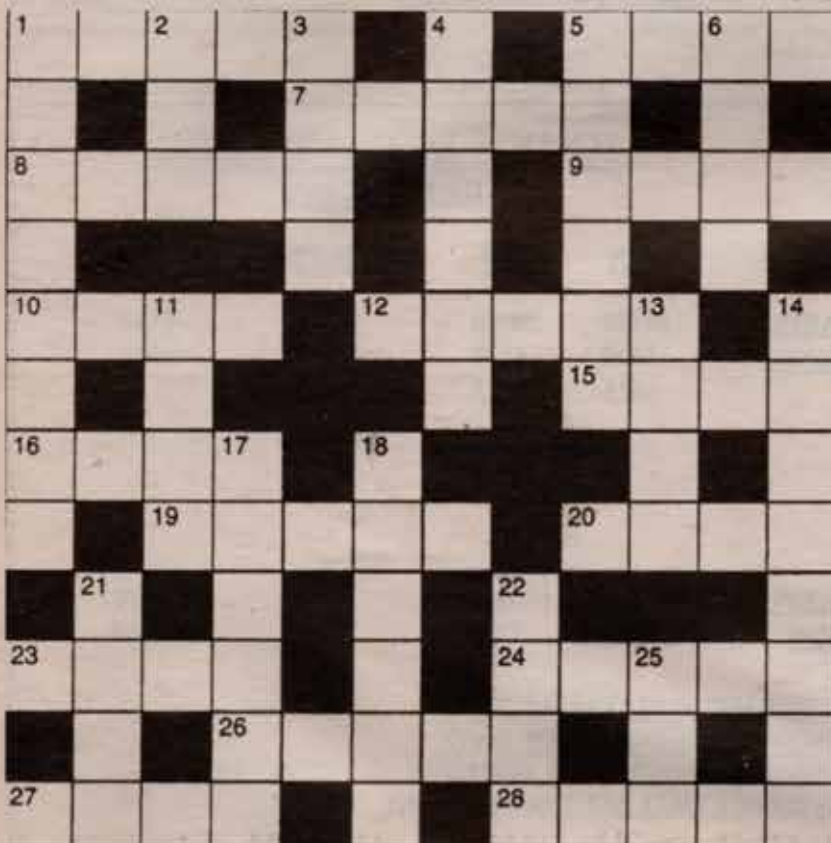
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Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 87

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Across

1. Rope for a girl outside Mareeba rodeo ball.
5. Get off the turps with Al in the village.
7. A fix should improve it.
8. Encounters at the Kuranda Butchery perhaps?
9. The bard can sometimes be dull.
10. Within the law you can cry like a baby.
12. Ouch - this artist hurts!
15. Spike - when he was to go on radio.
16. Not even a chance of success.
- 19 & 18 down. Hot tropical treat providers after yum cha on Sundays (5,6)
20. Hopefully Azure Photography products are not.
23. Bran might be stored in it.



Answers # 86

24. She is a grey South Seas gem.
26. No blessing to be found in high birth.
27. Small beer for essential Mantaka club member.
28. Many quiet corners for this secretive youthful activity.

Down

1. Eucalypt could be a citrus.
2. Take Mrs McArthur to court?
3. Kiln to roast in.
4. Local reggae band at the top of their game.
5. Including what a rider does.
6. In short it's still alright.
11. In your duty to speak like a Pakistani.
13. What Kuranda Rangers efforts are directed towards.
14. Bury beneath the carpet.
17. Emaciated latte at the Windmill.
18. See 19 across.
21. Aloha - welcome to a bit of angelic radiance.
22. Roofless but ready to do business.
25. They accept our returns (1,1,1).

Community Calendar

Bowls Club AGM Sunday the 11th February 2007 at 2pm at the Sports Club on Fallon Road.

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