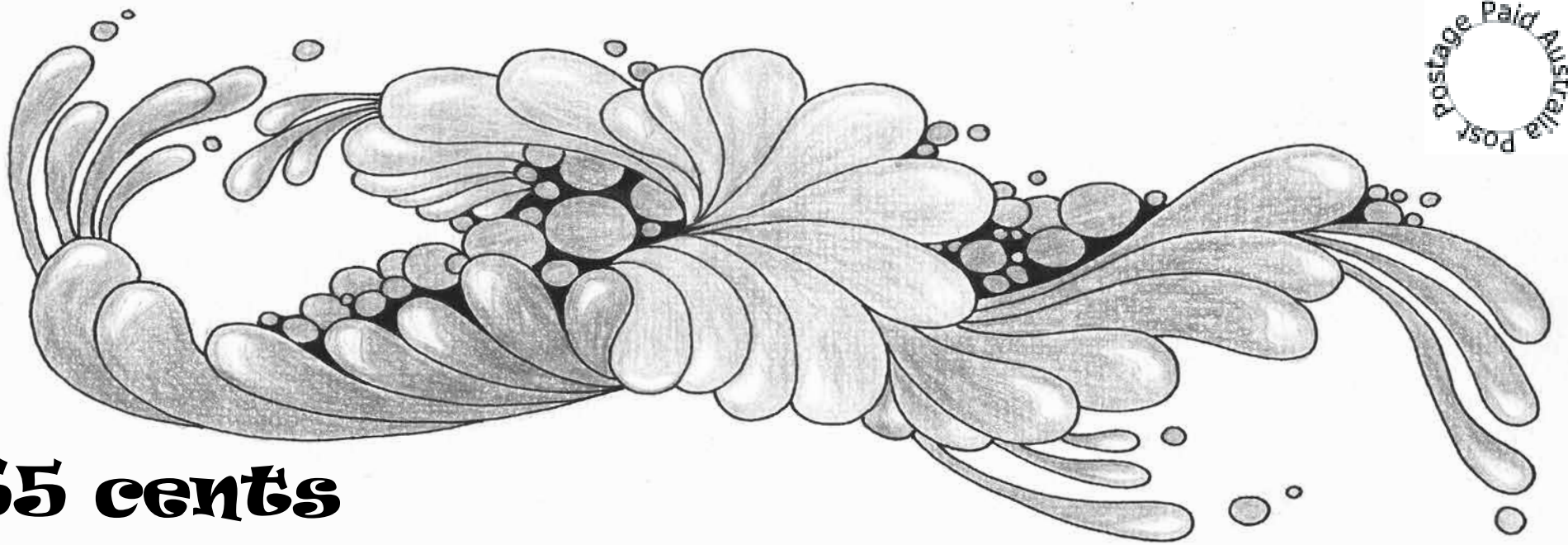


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Water

With drought and shortages occupying much of our daily focus, we should perhaps reexamine our relationship with water. it is after all our major component. Life as we understand it cannot exist and flourish without it. The dry conditions that we are experiencing are an abberation. We live in the wet tropics and we are normally blessed with abundant water. Whatever our personal circumstances let us all use water **SENSIBLY, SPARINGLY, and ECONOMICALLY.**



**Kuranda Paper
wishes an enjoyable
Festive Season to one
and all.**



'Little Squirt' On the Firies Open Day

Our Community would like to take this opportunity to **THANK** all the local Volunteer Rural Firefighters for all the work they so willingly do to keep our village and surrounds safe to live. These extraordinary men and women deserve all our praise and respect for giving of their time and effort. The Firefighters and Rescue Crew are known for often working 12 to 13 hours a day, risking their lives to save ours.... Recently the Rural volunteers fought fires around the clock with the backup of the Fire and Rescue Service. Spare a moment or more when out partying and holidaying this festive season and stay aware of the **TOTAL FIRE BAN** that is still in place until at least the 8th of December. If any person is interested in becoming a Firey please contact your local station. (Left: The Kuranda Firies recent open Day)

**Merry Christmas and
a safe New Year
From All of the
Firies....**

COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4872 Please note:

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I am writing to express my thanks to the students and families of the Kuranda Community. As Principal of Kuranda High, I am immensely proud of the education and opportunities that we have been able to offer to the young people of Kuranda. With much regret I am finishing in my role as Principal in December this year.

The decision to leave such a wonderful school community has been a very difficult one for me. However, I feel that it is time for some changes at Kuranda High and for the new possibilities that a new Principal can offer.

Over the past five years I have seen Kuranda high grow from a patch of dirt and the "shells" of buildings, into a happy and vibrant school, full of excellent staff and some terrific students. There have been many challenges during that time, but the achievements of our school have been a source of great joy and satisfaction for all of us at Kuranda High. I feel especially proud of the culture of tolerance, respect for individual personality and the promotion of individual success which has been the cornerstone of all that happens within our school. If there is one challenge which is yet unanswered, it is the fact that some people in our Kuranda community still continue to avoid the local High School, without even seeking to understand the great wealth of opportunities that it could offer their children. I hope that this will change over time as the community begins to recognise that students at Kuranda High are great kids and achieve great things. Thank you to all in the community for your professional and personal support over the past five years. I know that Kuranda High will continue to grow and blossom over the coming years.

Jenny Jensen (Principal: Kuranda State High School)

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I would like to thank the kind young couple who came to my aid and so professionally bandaged my hands on the evening of Oct. 31st at Black Mountain Rd. I bet you didn't expect to use your first aid skills quite so quickly, but well done and many thanks.

Nan Bailey, Mason Road. N. Bailey P.O. Box 695 Kuranda 4872

Dear Kuranda Paper,

On behalf of the residents of the Speewah/Clohesy/Cedar Pocket area, I would like to thank everyone that gave of their time during the recent fire emergency in our area. The outcome would have been far worse but for the unselfish assistance given. Those people that did the fire fighting (all day and late into the night), those who worked tirelessly to feed and look after the fire fighters and those who did the running around for the fire fighters.

Margaret Butteling - Secretary.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I feel very sorry for all those poor souls that cannot or will not develop a trust in the Paradise Mortal Ascension Plan for Man. Worlds like ours are designed to give us the perfect opportunity to develop such hope and faith, so that we will be the stronger for it. There is an intelligent progressive purpose in this evolving cosmos which includes us, but we don't need to prove that purpose before we can have hope or faith in such a plan. May the Force be with you all at Christmas.

Cheer's! T.D.Hughes.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

CONGRATULATIONS! To the Kuranda C.W.A. for the wonderful face lift they have given to their venue situated at the corner of Barang Street and Barron Falls Road.

What was once a very drab building is now a shining beacon, and draws our attention to the C.W.A. who give so much to our community.

There is a little park next to their building which is being used for childrens pleasure. This park could be made better but unfortunately the C.W.A. cannot give this a face lift as well as the land and all things on it belong to the local council. Perhaps the council will improve this area as they will receive the full backing of the community.

Well done C.W.A. Valarius Veritas, Forest Close, Kuranda.

Dear kuranda Paper,

After looking forward to it for some years, I feel very privileged to now at last be able to walk the historic walking tracks of Kuranda that adjoin Boonooloo Estate. The Elgars deserve great credit for their philanthropy and their perseverance in the face of uninformed and bigoted opposition to realise their dream. I say thank you to the Elgars of Boonooloo Estate for their magnanimous gift that will provide forever access for the whole community to the confluence of the Smith and Douglas Tracks in this beautiful location. It's a pity no announcement has been made to advise the public of the opening of this site and it's scandalous that the State Government has not publically acknowledged this substantial gift of 25 acres (worth \$150,000) to the people of Australia or had some public ceremony to thank Pam and Ron Elgar.

Yours sincerely Hugh Crowther.

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Wednesday	3.00 pm	to	6.00 pm
Friday	7.00 am	to	10.00 am
Saturday	8.00 am	to	12.00 pm
Sunday	1.00 pm	to	5.00 pm



RAINFALL

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to

24/11/02

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Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority Vacancies Auxiliary Fire Fighters Kuranda

The Kuranda Fire Station currently has a number of vacancies for auxiliary fire fighters.

Main duties

- 1 Work as a member of a team which crews a fire appliance or other emergency response vehicle in order to respond to emergency incidents (for eg. fires, vehicle entrapment, chemical spills, salvage operations).
- 2 Provide basic first aid if required
- 3 promote community awareness in fire prevention by participating in public education lectures/demonstrations

Requirements

- 1 Hold a current "A" class license
- 2 Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- 3 Able to obtain a medical fitness certificate
- 4 Live or work within 5 minutes travel time from the fire station. For further information please contact 0417 138 576 or B/Hrs 4051 2022

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Dave Smart

Dave became a fire Fighter on 10/09/01 at Kuranda. Dave was with the Country Fire Service in South Australia for many years before moving to north Queensland.

Owing to work, and personal commitments, Dave wishes to transfer to Esk Fire Station and we wish him well in his venture.

**Bon Voyage Dave....
All the Crew**

LOCAL FIRE BAN

I, ANTHONY JOHN HAZELL, Relieving District Inspector, Rural Fire Services, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service as delegate to the Commissioner of Fire Services and pursuant to Section 86A (1) of the Fire Service Act 1990 do hereby impose a local fire ban on the Local government area of Cairns, Cook, Douglas and Mareeba prohibiting the lighting of all fires in the said Local Government area with the following exceptions:

1. Fires within a properly constructed barbecue are permitted, provided they are not left unattended (gas and electric barbecues may be used).
2. Fires for the purpose of disposal of animal carcasses are permitted, subject to the issue of a Permit to Light Fire by the local Fire Warden.
3. Fires of commercial necessity are permitted subject to the issue of a Permit to Light Fire by the rural Fire Services District Inspector.
4. Fires lit for the purpose of burning standing sugar cane for harvest in accordance with the established practice of the industry.
5. Fires lit for the purpose of burning tops and trash between the hours of 1800 (6:00pm) and 0900 (9:00am).

The local fire ban shall commence from 2400 hours (12.00am) on Thursday, 21 November 2002 and shall continue until 2400 hours (12.00am) on Thursday, 05 December 2002.

Tony Hazell Relieving District Inspector Cairns Peninsula

QCWA KURANDA BRANCH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2002

Oh dear, December already! The last two months have flown by so quickly - the year has flown by even faster.

State Conference at Longreach is now behind us and, having just celebrated our 65th Birthday this month, our members can finally look forward to a well deserved break over the Christmas Holidays.

End of October saw 4 of our members travelling, along with 30+ other ladies from the Far Northern Division, out to Longreach for the Annual State Conference. What a busy time with all the State Finals to either enter or check out - Handcraft, Dressmaking, Cookery, Floral Art, Knitting & Crochet, Music & Dramaand the wonderful Quilts made by QCWA Piecemakers. The theme being "Year of the Outback" produced a large number of knee rugs and quilts with an Outback design. Some 40 of the quilts on display were then auctioned off at a Dinner under the Stars - Stockman's Hall of Fame - the monies raised being then given to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Despite the fact that Longreach, like most of the western area, is severely drought stricken, the local QCWA Host Branch performed magnificently - arranging venues, accommodation, lunches for delegates each day of Conference, the Gala Dinner and every thing else in between. No whinging or feeling sorry for themselves, these ladies. They were a shining example of country women doing what has to be done with a smile! With approximately 600 QCWA delegates, members and visitors, it is estimated that our Conference pumped around \$350,000 into the local economy over 6 days.

Back home again and things still to be done. Community projects for the Mareeba Hospital, Mareeba Garden Settlement and St. Margaret's Youth Refuge were presented to representatives of these establishments at our 65th Birthday morning. This was a great morning, with visitors from Kuranda, Tolga, Atherton, Mareeba, Innisfail, Babinda, Pt. Douglas and Mt. Molloy joining us to celebrate sixty-five years of service to QCWA and the community in general. Lots of goodies to eat and terrific prizes at the Mini Cent Sale. A pity the grounds look so dry as does the council park next to our hall, perhaps they may turn the sprinklers on shortly and green it up a bit.

Many members are still busy with craft - which ranges from card making to foundation patchwork, bobbin lace, brussels lace, snutki embroidery, aluminium embossing - to name just a few handcrafts being taught and learnt at our weekly craft mornings. Do you have a craft you would like to share? Come along and join us on Wednesday mornings, we'd love to see you, share a craft, a laugh and cuppa.

Finally, with all the expense recently of upgrading our Hall - painting, guttering replaced, hot water system, ramp etc., we are now looking for ways to replenish our coffers. Following a successful RUMMAGE SALE in August, QCWA Kuranda branch will be holding another RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, December 7th. Lots of goodies - clothes, books, those "must have" knickknacks. Starting at 8.30am for the early birds, there will be tea/coffee and bikkies available (50c) for the hungry.

Kuranda QCWA Branch members wish to thank all the Kuranda community who have supported us over the past year and wish everyone a joyous and safe Christmas and New Year. See you in 2003. For Hall Bookings, please contact C. Jeanes on 40937187.

QCWA FUNDRAISER Rummage Sale Saturday December 7, 8.30 am QCWA HALL



Report and thanks:

Since Wednesday 13 November Speewah Area has had an ongoing problem with fire (approximately 17 square kilometres in area). The Speewah Rural Fire Brigade wishes to thank the Rural and Urban Brigades, Fire Com., Police, Ambulance, Local Store, and Community Volunteers (too numerous to mention names). The constant stream of ladies who came with food, fed tired fire fighters and left to return with more supplies; the tired yellow fire gnomes who fell asleep at 4.30 am beside the fire break while waiting for the last of the back burn to black-out to a safe stage, before they could go home to bed and arrive later that morning to begin all over again, checking breaks and trying to keep up with wild fires; the Year 12 student who arrived to help, went home for his end of year celebration only to return early next morning to put in a man sized effort of hot and tiring work.

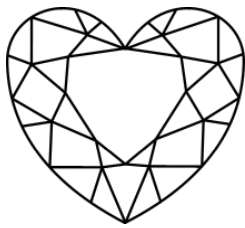
Thanks also to the Rural Brigades who travelled from Kuranda/Myola, Koah, Lake Barrine, Hodsic Road, Julatten to work all day and return to their homes some distance away in the early hours of the morning; the Police, SES and Ambulance who made the Highway safe for motorists and the working Brigade members on the first two days; the Urban Brigades who came from Kuranda, Mareeba, Atherton and Smithfield. We are planning a social get together to celebrate an end to the fire and to constructively debrief all involved. You will be advised of time and date by telephone or letter. Once again our thanks to all. These six days have acted as testament to human good will in time of need. Apologies to anyone forgotten here.

Yvonne Thomson Speewah Rural Brigade.



**HAPPY 30TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY
TO WILLIE AND GAYLE HILL
FOR DECEMBER 15TH.**

LOVE FROM THE FAMILY



More Common Sayings

(How clever are you?)

contributed by Tep Duncan.

1. An ignoramus and their lucre are readily disjointed.
2. In the absence of the feline race, certain small rodents will give themselves up to pleasurable pastimes.
3. A plethora of culinary specialists vitiate the liquid in which a variety of nutritional substances have been simmered.
4. Illegal transgression has no remuneration for its perpetrators.
5. A winged feathered creeping animal.
7. Provide the privilege of enfranchisement or I will feel that life is not worth living.
8. A condition characterised by tardiness is more desirable than one that is systematically marked by eternal absenteeism.
9. Impetuous celerity engenders purposeless spoilage.

**Answers For Last months
Common Sayings:**

1. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.
2. Idle hands make evil work.
3. A stitch in time saves nine.
4. The bigger they are the harder they fall.
5. You can't teach your grandma to suck eggs.
6. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink.
7. A bad tradesman blames his tools.
8. A penny saved is a penny earned.
9. Better to light a light than to curse the darkness.

Apologies to Chris Fryer for wrong surname last month....

SOME RECENT KURANDA HISTORY

by Cliff Stevens
(now of Bundaberg)

After almost 20 years of living in Kuranda, it is just 12 months since I moved away and settled in Bundaberg.

Looking back over those years, I am now able to give a thought or two about some of the community groups with which I had been associated, and through which I made many friends.

I often remind myself of the long gone days when, at the R.S.L. meetings, donations were allocated to various organisations. And to think that those funds were raised, in the main, from profits from the sale of liquor (no licence), sold in the bar of the R.S.L. hall in Coondoo Street. Regrettably most of the heavy drinkers who supported the bar, from came the profits, have either passed away or moved on.

The Kuranda Local Ambulance Committee was, and still is, a group of volunteers who unselfishly devote considerable time and energy to raising funds that are spent entirely in the Kuranda area. I wonder how many readers appreciate the fact that people such as Beryl Blakey just to name one, have worked with the Kuranda Ambulance for around 30 years. The same goes for my namesake, Cliff Timmins and his wife, Betty. There are many others, of course, such as Mrs Coleman who regularly donates her orchids for sale at the cake stalls. Occasionally I receive word that my painted signs

promoting garage sales or the quiz night, have been spotted along the roadside.

Long before the S.E.S. was allocated premises at the old cop shop, and more recently alongside the new ambulance station, I remember the evenings we trained in that old R.S.L. hall. The S.E.S., under the direction of Kay Moule, has progressed a long way since those days, but I well remember folk such as Trevor Chapman, Henry and Lani, and so on.

A group of people who do so much for Kuranda are the Lions. Name an excuse, if they ever needed one for supporting the community, and you'll find the Kuranda Lions there. My thanks to people like Bruce Vanderweyde, Col and others for some good times in the past.

For a couple of years I was the proof reader and a paper folder for this Kuranda Paper. I often cursed you, Marjorie Spear, for the scribbled notes that you sent in which had to be deciphered by myself and others. But I forgive you now, Marjorie. After all, where would the Paper have been without the very many contributions coming in from people like yourself? The efforts of others such as Joan Dods will and should also always be remembered. My time with Meals on Wheels is also worth a mention. It helped me pass away a morning or two, although when I think of it, it was only a matter of a few hours work, going to Mareeba, returning and delivering the meals, each time my

turn came around. (I think of you again, Marjorie, and hope you're well).

Some years ago, Kuranda EnviroCare was formed when Jax Bergersen, a few others and myself got together at my house one evening. Since then, the group has gone from strength to strength, and I must confess it has given me tremendous satisfaction to have been associated with them. To those people who still say, "Oh, they're just a bunch of greenies", I say, "You're wrong, you're very wrong." And if you continue to say so, then I recommend you attend one of their meetings, listen to what they're discussing and doing, and I'll be amazed if you don't have a change of mind.

So, to those readers in Kuranda who may have a few hours to spare occasionally, give a little thought to joining a Kuranda community group. I can assure you it's very satisfying. In those groups they are all volunteers, and funds raised all go back to your own community. Finally, to all those people who I continually extracted cash from for raffles, Melbourne Cup sweeps, etc., I say thanks. Many of you never ever won anything, but you still coughed-up next time I came around. Thank you.

And for those who may be wondering about my move. Yes, I'm very happy here in Bundaberg, have settled in well, and hope to soon join up with a community group or two.

Library News By Kath Raward

It would seem this year has just vanished! Globally, it has been a truly amazing 12 months, and like many in Kuranda I am wishing for a more PEACEFUL 2003.

In our little part of the world we have been very busy getting stacks of new books, videos and magazines onto the library shelves for the coming holiday season.

We have completely overhauled the magazine section of the Library. We have some interesting new subscriptions, and plenty of variety from which to choose. Here's a sample of what we have in store for you.

Magazines at your library

- Australian Home Beautiful
- Australian House and Garden
- Art and Australia
- Australian Geographic
- Australian Gourmet Traveler
- Australian Photography
- Better Homes and Gardens **NEW**
- Burkes Backyard **NEW**
- Choice MagazineCosmopolitan
- Crafts Arts International
- Dolly
- Earth Garden

Gardening Australia./Organic Gardening **NEW**
Grass roots

- Home Spun (craft magazine) **NEW**
- International Wellbeing **NEW**
- Internet.au
- Motor
- National Geographic
- Nature and Health
- New Scientist
- Q Magazine **NEW**
- The Owner Builder
- ETC ETC ETC

Of late we have been told we have the coolest and most comfortable environment in Kuranda, and I am very happy to agree with that. Add to that the masses of new titles added to the collection, FREE PC use, Internet Use for \$2.50 per hour for locals. It really is worth taking a cool and relaxing cruise through the library!

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Buck Richardson for his newly released book "Dingo Innocent". It has been a real hit with the locals. A copy is available for loan at the Library.

The team at the Kuranda Library would like to extend to all our lovely locals, our best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Safe Christmas and a Peace-filled 2003.

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?

The Council has gone to a lot of trouble to make our new cemetery look as nice as possible.
BUT NOT TO BE!

They had two (2) large sprinklers on stands and four (4) lengths of hose set up and the grass was growing nicely 'til someone thought they needed them more than the council.

The matter has been reported to the police, so be careful using them, someone might dob you in. It is a shame (no a disgrace) when people not only steal from the living but now go out of the way to steal from the dead. If this makes the culprit feel a little uneasy please feel free to return them as it will enable you to rest easier in this life and hopefully the next.

A PLEA FOR HELP !!!!!!!



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9.30am Sung Eucharist
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5.00pm Afternoon Worship
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all other Evening Prayer

Thursday
10.00am Holy Communion
Christmas Services
Carol Service
Sunday 22nd December
6.00 pm
Christmas Eve
7.30pm Carols by Candlelight
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
9.30am Family Communion

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Sunday School

Enq The Rev'd Chris Wright -Tel 40938735
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A Thought for December
One of the aspects of the Christmas Story is the journeying and arrival of the Wise men, we can read about it in St Matthews Gospel Chapter 2 verses 1 to 12 This lovely and haunting passage might take our thoughts back to the shepherds on night of Jesus birth. The Shepherds that night had to make a decision about how they responded to the news they had been given. Likewise what is significant about the Wise Men is simply that they came. Presumably scores of other astrologers saw the same conjunction of stars. Presumably some wrote copious notes on the phenomenon. Others probably wrote learned papers for monthly meetings of colleagues! But only certain Magi decided to take a long and dangerous journey based on a hunch. Once again the Bible is telling us that the way of wisdom is to respond to those promptings in our lives which are possibly the calling of a loving God.

Obviously not everything that calls us is the call of God. Herod also called the Wise Men to search further for the child. He suggested that when they found the child they should bring him word. Quite rightly something made the Wise Men decide that there was something about this call which made it less valid than the one they were responding to. The all-important message for us is that we are wise about religious experiences in our lives only if we are prepared to evaluate them. To do so does not mean we are questioning God's way. Each of us is given many human powers to evaluate everything in our experience. To pretend we do not possess these powers or to acknowledge that we possess them and then to refuse to use them is not being a responsible Christian.

How do we decide that God is calling us to a certain course of action? Our first step is to realise and evaluate Saint Paul tells us to "test the spirits." That means that we must always evaluate

the spirits or spiritual influences that affect our lives and call us in certain directions. There are influences that are of God and there are influences that are otherwise. The latter arise from that part of our lives which has many names. The Bible refers to "the old man," and, one presumes, the old woman in our human nature. Saint Peter refers to the flesh that wars against the spirit in us all. By this he means far more than our body. Paul is telling us about all that part of our human nature which refuses to acknowledge the will of God and insists on our own will. If we wish to use Jungian language we would say that "the shadow" in our human nature issues many "calls" to us that can result in our destruction if we give ourselves entirely to them.

Having realized the hard necessity of testing the spirits that impinge on our lives we must then use to the full the resources which God has given us. It may sound very obvious to say so but we can begin with some hard disciplined thinking about the particular direction in which we feel called. At the same time we can commit that thinking to God in prayer, asking that our thinking be guided toward the discovery of God's will for us. We can also turn to other people whom we trust, friends who understand what it means to seek the will of God about some course of action to which we feel called. If we are a member of some group, a Bible study group or a prayer group, we might consider sharing our need for guidance with them. In the end we must make our decision. But if we have carried out the process just described we will have made a responsible Christian choice. Such a choice Our Lord will accept and respond to. Our Lord's response will be the gift of his grace to enable us to live out the consequences of our decision. Many voices try to guide and shape our lives. When is a call God's call? How do we decide?

The Power Of GOD

A friend asked (Abdu IBaha) how far the individual could attain to that (Christ) conciousness in himself of which St.Paul speaks as our hope of Glory, (.Abd u l Baha') turned with a look of great joy and said with an impressive gesture; the bounty and power of (God) is limitless for each human soul. Consider what was the quickening power of the (Christ) when He was on earth. look at His disciples! they were poor and uncultured men. Out of the rough fisherman He made the great Peter and out of the poor village girl of Magdala He made one who is a power in all the world. Today many queens have reigned who are remembered by their DATES in history, and nothing more is known of them. But Mary Magdalene is greater than

them all. It was She whose love strengthened the disciples when their faith was failing. What she did for the world cannot be measured. See what a divine power was enkindled in her by the power of GOD.
Abd u l BAha
For further information ring Roofia 4093 0396

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WAIT-A-WHILE

**REPORT BY DR LESLEY CLARK
STATE MEMBER FOR BARRON RIVER**

Where did the year go? It doesn't seem possible that Christmas is just around the corner again! In fact I found myself wondering where the last 5 years had disappeared to when I joined students, parents and staff at the Kuranda High year 12 graduation night. This was a special celebration for that group of students who had made the transition from baby faced year 8's when Kuranda High opened in 1998 to mature young adults about to take the next important step in their life journey. I enjoyed the opportunity to congratulate them all wish them well in their chosen careers. Congratulations go also to parents for a job well done and to staff for preparing these young people with the knowledge and skills they will need as they make their way in life. Best wishes and thanks to our foundation school principal Jenny Jensen for your wonderful commitment and dedication over the last 5 years – the love and caring you have shown over that time is a gift that I'm sure will shape students lives for many more years to come.

The year has seen a number of important new developments for the Kuranda community that will continue to bear fruit in 2003. The Kuranda Neighborhood Centre now offers a comprehensive range of services from the cottage on the corner of Barang Street. Part time coordinator Cherry Ferrari has played an important role in fostering interagency cooperation and building bridges between the indigenous and non indigenous community in Kuranda. Next year I will be working with Council and a range of local organizations including the Neighborhood Centre to establish a community centre that they can call home.

Improvements in health, housing and infrastructure for Kuranda's Aboriginal communities has been one of my priorities this year and the work underway at Koah, Kowrowa and Mantaka will make a big difference. The first stage of the housing redevelopment at Top Kowrowa will start next year following extensive community consultation. The establishment this year of the Kuranda "Negotiating Table" in which representatives of the Aboriginal community work with government agencies to improve services and achieve their economic, social and cultural goals should see further runs on the board next year. However, there has been some sadness

this year with the loss of loved ones. The loss of elder Lance Riley being a particular blow to the community. My sincere sympathies go to Joy and all the family.

Special thanks to Dr Dave Cumming for taking the plunge and committing to the building of a whole new medical center for Kuranda. Queensland Health will rent space in the building and the whole community should benefit from this partnership with an improved range of both private and public health services over time.

Kuranda Arts Coop has been busy this year, not just with moving around town (!) but with artists getting into the export market with the Craft Connect project seeing their work in demand in Singapore. I also heard that the guests at the new Liberty Resort have been buying up big time!! I hope that is a good sign for the future for our local talent.

Tourism business should pick up for everyone next year with the additional Australian Airlines flights from Asia. The redevelopment of Lower Coondoo Street should be ready for the next season with work kicking off at the end of February. This will really transform the main street with new paving, landscaping and underground power. Local art will also be integrated into the work and for a preview of what might be in store come along at 5.30pm 9th Dec at the CWA hall. The completion of this project together with the new bus parking area in Arara St will see the completion of all the major infrastructure projects funded by the tourist levy.

Kuranda is still the village in the rainforest – when it rains!- and tourists and locals alike are enjoying the new Heritage Trails rainforest and river walks opened by the Prime Minister. The Barron Gorge National Park also offers more enjoyment for visitors with the recent completion of work at Speewah including camp ground, toilets, BBQ's and improved walking tracks. Thanks again Ron and Pam Elgar for the donation of land to make this possible. If you haven't been out there yet, go for a walk or a picnic and let me know what you think. Just follow the Stoney Creek road past the Boonaloo subdivision and look for the National Park, signs.

This are just some of the highlights confirming that it has certainly has been another big year. There will be plenty of challenges ahead and I look forward to working with you all again in 2003. But for now lets all enjoy a relaxing, safe and happy Christmas break with friends and family. Till next year



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Top Time At Top Pub

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Prize for Best Talent

Healthy Though Elderly

I found an interesting article in a magazine recently about the uses for rosemary. Rosemary helps poor circulation and improves memory (something I'm having problems with) and can be used as a remedy for headaches by applying a drop of oil to the head.

It has uses for digestive and circulatory problems is an antiseptic and stimulant for the gall bladder. It has mild analgesic and anti oxidant properties and strengthens the capillaries. I'm starting to use this wonderful herb but don't expect an instant change. Use the leaves of the plant, either directly in meal preparations or infused in water.

N.B. Remember to never use an aluminium saucepan when preparing any herb decoction.

Marjorie Spear 4093 7205

Kuranda Garden Group

The November meeting was very, very well attended. The venue was at the home of Eric and Regine Isautier on Boonooloo Estate. The tour around the garden was very interesting, lots of shrubs from which we were able to take cuttings, fruit trees and flowers. Afternoon tea was on the verandah and provided us with a beautiful view of the estate. Anyone who would like to share their garden with our Group please contact me at the number below.

Our December meeting will start off at my home at 16 Spear Rd and then we will finish at the home of Lyle and Pat Greene at the corner of Greene Rd and Black Mt Rd where we will have afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share. Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Next month December 14th. There will be no meeting for the months of January, February and March. We look forward to a large turnout for our last meeting for this year. Everyone is welcome.

Marjorie Spear 4093 7205

Organic Growing

Like everyone else my plants are hating the drought. The extra watering is a nightmare for me. Put lots of mulch around the fruit trees to stop them drying out after watering. I've just heard about a product called "water crystals" which is supposed to hold water around plants. Has any reader any information on this product? Please ring me. Shadecloth over vegetables and other delicate plants help them to cope with the dry conditions. I've used this with great success in the past.

Of interest to Mareeba Council is the use of lemon scented Geraniums to absorb toxic waste from contaminated soil. Apparently this plant thrives in these conditions. A tip for everyone disposing of plastic bags. Always tie them in a knot, if they happen to escape into the environment they are less likely to be a threat to animals.

Marjorie Spear 4093 7205



Punters having a wonderful time at Billy's on Melbourne Cup Day



Gardening Tips

~ Seed Saving ~

I have been asked about how to keep your own seeds and storing them. First I'd like to clear up a myth about keeping seeds. There are two types of plants - open pollinated and hybrids (not including G.E.)

Open pollinated means plants which are bred from the same plant or same species of plants. A hybrid plant comes from two open pollinated plants, usually different varieties, of the same species and are usually manually pollinated.

The breeders will take part of the flower from plant A and pollinate plant B. They are usually quite different plants. Plant A might have high resistance to a disease and plant B might be a good producer, so by hybridising they can get a good producing plant with high disease resistances. The thing is, when you plant the seeds from the hybrid, you will get either plant A or B or sometimes in between, not the hybrid. They have to cross-pollinate every year to keep getting seed for the hybrid plant.

On the farm we try to keep as many seeds from our own plants as possible by using open pollinated plants. We select the best looking plant and the best fruit on each plant each year.

If you want to keep your own seed it is important to let the fruit grow until it is over mature, almost going rotten. This is so you get the best germination rate of the

seed. Cut open the fruit and scoop the seed out into a bucket. Wash it two or three times, each time letting the seed sink to the bottom and pour off the water, pulp and any floating seed. After washing the seed, place it on some paper or flyscreen to dry. Move the seeds gently as they dry to prevent sticking to each other and whatever you have put them on.

After they are dry put them into a bag or bottle, label showing the date and what they are. We also like to put inside the bottle a note in case the label gets damaged or fades - its hard to remember what you did 12 months ago if there is a variety of seeds! I have found the best place to keep seed is in the bottom of the fridge. It's not too cold, and the temperature is consistent. I have kept seed for four to five years in a fridge and had very good germination after that time.

Another thing to keep in mind when keeping your own seed is they can sometimes be pollinated by your neighbour's plants. E.g. if they have cherry tomatoes flowering at the same time as your bullock heart tomatoes, it is possible to get cross pollination with them by bees and other insects. I am not going to guess what sort of tomato you would get from that cross! So if you can plant earlier or later than your neighbours, or talk them into growing bullock hearts too ...

Hope I have been of some help. If you have anything you would like me to write about in the next newsletter, send me a letter. There will be a prize for the best question!

Happy gardening, Neil.

HYDROPONIC GARDENING

by Jan Coulter

I have been growing greens for the chooks in my hydroponic set up. They love warrigal greens, watercress etc. I also grow purslane, which is like a weed but is one of the only vegetables to have Omega 3.

I am having trouble raising seedlings. As soon as they come up something eats them. They just disappear. I have also had rats eat my tomatoes. With no rain all the animals are hungry.

My Paw Paw tree in the ground is still only about half the size (both in width and height) as the hydroponic one. Lettuce and herbs are doing well. Basil looks beautiful, with all the different colours and shapes.

I am continually adjusting my nutrient mix as the bore water is more concentrated and has a higher salt content as well as the water content evaporating. Most plants are coping though, my capsicum looks like a Xmas tree with decorations. For Information

Ph 4093 0394 or call in at the video shop.



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Loving wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season and a New Year of peace from The Green House

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PO Box 494 Kuranda 4872 Phone: 4093 8834

GETTING AHEAD OF THE GAME

Within the next two months, Mareeba Shire Council's new Plan for the shire will be referred to the public for comment. This is the time to take a close look at what you want for our area, where you think residential development should be and should not be.

From time to time, we receive distress calls from people worried that someone has cleared their block wall-to-wall. Are there any laws to stop this? Why buy forested blocks if they wanted cleared ones?

In most Rural Residential, Park Residential (Top of the Range Estate) and Urban zones, there are no restrictions to land clearing. That's because when the plans and the Local Laws that go with them were made, we (with our local knowledge) did not let Council know that certain areas are environmentally precious and therefore not suitable for such development. Now, when people who don't recognise and appreciate the value of their forested blocks choose to clear all the vegetation, we're on our back foot. They're not breaking the law, and we can just look on in dismay.

We, as a community, need to get ahead of the game. This can be done by getting our heads around the planning documents which Council has prepared (and the State Government vetted) at the time they come to us for comment. This is about to happen in the Mareeba Shire.

KURANDA **EnviroCare** will conduct a series of small workshops for people who are interested in understanding what the plans mean and how they can make Council aware of their concerns. We'll have these workshops on different days and times so that you'll get a chance to come to at least one of them. There may not be a Kuranda Paper in January in which we can let you know about these workshops, so if you give us a call on 4093 8834, we'll put you on a list to contact when the plans come out for public consultation.

Land for Wildlife Revival

We are pleased to report that the Land for Wildlife program is about to enjoy a rebirth in this area, with a number of members of KURANDA **EnviroCare** undergoing training to assess properties. If you have previously applied to have your land assessed for Land for Wildlife status, but received no response, please contact us (4093 8834) so we can proceed with your application.

Julatten field day

There's a new enviro group starting up in Julatten and we want to give them a hand. On Saturday 21st December, we'll take off from our nursery at Pademelon Lane in convoy. If you're here by 8am, you'll get a lift. Morning tea and lunch will be provided and we'll be back here by 2pm. Call 4093 8834 if you want more details.

The plan is to show them how we select the trees, prepare the site and do our planting (dig, fertilize, mulch and tag).

More Good News - We're on a Roll

After a long wait, we've received notification from Envirofund (Commonwealth Natural Heritage Trust) that our application for funding to produce an information compendium for local residents and newcomers to the area, has been successful. This will help us compile a book of information about what trees to plant, what's a weed and how to deal with it, what the rules and regs are for keeping dogs and cats and where you can get information on a whole range of things.

We've also received a cheque for the first stage of a project to desludge and revegetate the Queen and Dismal Creeks mouths. This will involve constructing a track over the creeks for the horse riders.

Regular Saturday Morning Working Bee - 8am

Our regular working bees will continue. Look for our signs along Myola-Oakforest Road. Expect Christmas Cake for morning tea!

Sustainable Schools, Society and Sawmills project (45s)

In order to involve the community in this farm forestry project, we're inviting potential partners to tender for the opportunity to be involved.

Our next party-meeting will be on Wednesday 4th December from 6pm onwards at Pademelon Lane.

Bring a plate.

Guests: TREAT members and the new Julatten Enviro Group



YOU ARE INVITED TO TENDER for the opportunity to contribute to a project called Sustainable Society, Schools and Sawmills.

The project will see mixed, local, native tree species planted on the Kuranda State High School grounds for timber production, bush tucker (fruits and nuts) medicines, resins and fibres and for their indigenous cultural relevance. The trees, to be grown in plantation format, will provide a practical and visible tool for teaching elements of Studies of Society and the Environment (including Place and Space, Systems, Resources, Power, Culture and Identify, Science, Biology, Agricultural Studies). The project will also be a demonstration site for local landholders wishing to understand how farm forestry might be applied to their properties. **WAYS TO INVEST OR CONTRIBUTE** You may tender to contribute in-kind (carry out work or supply materials) or financially (to employ contractors or purchase materials). **RETURN ON INVESTMENT OR CONTRIBUTION** Your contribution will entitle you or your organisation to be publicly recognised in signage on the site and in publications which the project will generate. You or your representative will become a partner in the management of the project. A management structure will be developed democratically in the early stages of the project. **ETHICALNESS** Tenderers will be selected for their ethical appropriateness in being associated with the education of primary and secondary students in farm forestry techniques that underpin social, environmental and economic sustainability. **WORK TO BE DONE** The tasks (and their estimated \$ value) which need to be undertaken in the first stage include:

- 1 Scientific and or technical advice (\$5000) (This is expected to involve a number of people)
- 2 Slashing (approx 5ha, \$200)
- 3 Clean-up, store mulch resulting from slashing (\$200)
- 4 Flatten site (\$200)
- 5 Supply herbicide (\$300)
- 6 Apply herbicide (\$200)
- 7 Survey and set up 3m x 3m planting grid stakes (\$250)
- 8 Rip ground to grid layout (\$250)
- 9 Supply plants (\$1000)
- 10 Supply fertilizer (\$300)
- 11 Supply signage (\$1000)
- 12 Project management equivalent to 1000 hours (\$25,000) (This may involve more than one person)
- 13 Planting/maintenance labour equivalent to 200 hours (\$3000). (This is expected to involve a number of people)

HOW TO APPLY This project is initiated jointly by KURANDA EnviroCare INC., Private Forestry North Queensland Inc. and Kuranda's Primary and High Schools. For more information and tender documents apply to:

Jax Bergersen, Pademelon Lane, Kuranda 4872 Phone: (07) 4093 8834 Email: envirojax@optusnet.com.au

EnviroCare is getting ahead of the game



Below: Some of the funky creatures the kids had fun painting. Everyone took their own one home. A fun day was had by all See you same time next year all



Community Pottery Group

There's been a flurry of activity in recent weeks - several new members and lots of firings and work going on. We've decided not to have any formal workshops over Christmas, as so many of us are busy or broke. We will resume in January. Members should receive a phone call soon to invite you to a Christmas social dinner in Kuranda. We are just finalising dates and will contact you soon. Thats all for this month. Any enquiries, contact Ian or Tonya Whittaker: Ph: 4093 9652.



Art By Lotus

"Koch For Kids Day"

F.N.Q Disabled Children's Support Group Inc. recently held a "Lets Talk Day" with activities focusing on communication skills. Star, Lotus & Ahimsa Thomas, Ian Whittaker, Judy & Curtis Davies made 100 clay creatures for the children to paint on the day. the creatures proved to be the most popular activity on the day. Thank you Kuranda Mud Slingers. **Left:** Steven painting his creature, **Below:** some of the creatures.

SUFI: Poem after Hafiz
by Merrill
the heart is always
going to market
buying things
it doesn't need when
what it wants
is to let the light
shine on its own
bright garment
of tears

The Essence Within

I went out and about
and looked in wonder
but the true
Holy Grail
did I find were the
Mysteries awaiting me
The Essence Within....
I travelled around
wandered downtown
looked all around
but the real jewel
I did find was
to expand my mind
with crystal and
sweet perfume divine
the glistening pure truth
eternally in existence
I did find among
those of like mind
were fellow travellers
upon the path to
The Essence Within....
I wandered near and far
Now I've found my true star...
The Essence Within.

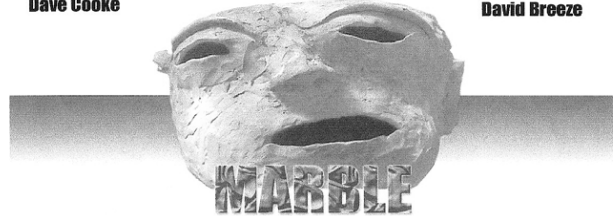
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NO EXPERIENCE
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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Dave Cooke

David Breeze



From the rainforest surrounding Kuranda in Tropical Far North Queensland emerges a duo with power and soul and two well travelled guitars.

Marble perform a diverse repertoire of popular song from the 60's to present and can embellish their performance with prize winning original music. Marble have a set list with appeal to audiences of all ages and backgrounds

Dave Cooke is the lead singer and acoustic guitar player. A veteran of over 500 professional gigs, he has experience performing to audiences throughout Europe and at some of Australia's best international resorts including Ayers Rock Resort and Hamilton Island Resort.

David Breeze is a musician and guitarist with 20 years experience playing with bands of many musical styles from rock to jazz to reggae and everything in between. He has performed at the Woodford Folk Festival, MusicAirs and at pubs and clubs from Adelaide to Atherton.

Marble are currently expanding their performance profile locally, enjoying opportunities to build a solid rapport with their audience whilst creating an enjoyable and laid back entertainment experience.

Bookings / Info

Dave Cooke 0408 003 267
David Breeze 0404 290 060
A / H (07) 40 93 9083



THE YOUTH PAGE



By Jorden Gill aged 8

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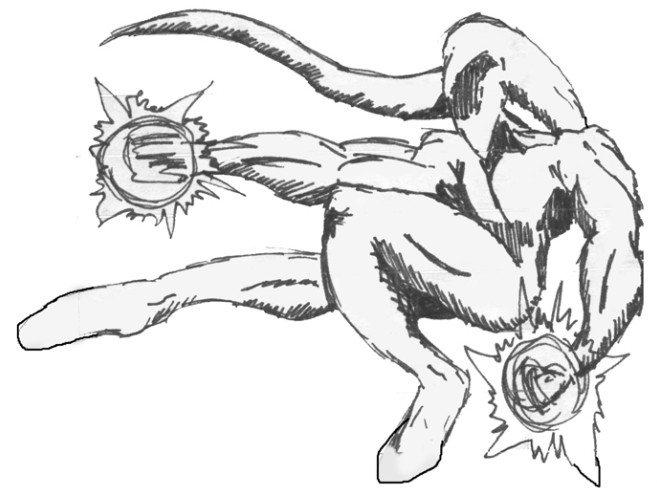
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Have a safe &
Happy Christmas
Holiday from
the crew at the
Kuranda youth
Page....
see you in 2003



Apologies to Tamara Thomas for omitting her name to her art last month....oops!



Above and right art by Ahimsa Thomas.



News from the neighbourhood centre

Hello everyone, It's been another busy month at the centre and, as the end of the year approaches, a time to evaluate what we've done and how far we've come as well as to acknowledge how much more there is to accomplish, for, and with, the Kuranda community. At recent service assessment with the Old Dept. of families (who provide the modest funding) concluded that KNC is well and truly doing what it is supposed to do, that is: co-ordinate and develop local network, provide community education, groups and courses, offer information, referral, advocacy, support and counselling. In addition, as many of you would know, the Neighbourhood Centre provides and inexpensive book exchange, super-cheap photocopying and a free selection of pre-loved clothing and home wares. One of the services that may have to cease in the new year is the provision of emergency food parcels to needy families and individuals. Over the years, these have been supplied from community donations (particularly St Saviours' Church) with no government funding whatsoever. These funds are now at an end. Any wonderful and creative ideas as to how this situation could be reversed are most welcome: please give me a call! There have been several requests from locals for workshops and information sessions on topics of interest. These are planned for early 2002. The Self-Esteem and Assertiveness course will again be offered, so for those who missed out last time, get your name down! Other suggestions include sessions on Womens' Health, Growing Older, Growing Better, Dealing with Conflict (before it gets out of hand!). Please tell us what you would like to know more about so these sessions can be a real success. Phone 4093 8933. Tickets are selling fast for KNC's Christmas raffle - only 50 cents! The prize is a superb set of silver port glasses with an engraved silver tray. A 1998 bottle of top quality Genache red wine is also part of the deal! Call in for your ticket soon: the raffle will be drawn on Friday December 20th. And finally, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre will close over Christmas/New Year so we can all re charge our batteries ready for 2003! Last day will be December 20th 2002 reopening on Monday, January 6th 2003. So until then, stay safe and be joyful.....Cherry Ferrari

fact or fiction..what the medical evidence suggests. Can I protect my children against meningitis?

Meningitis is a life threatening disease, causing infection of tissue around the brain & spinal cord. It is caused by either bacterial or viral agents, the former generally more serious. There is no immunisation available against viral meningitis. The bacterial causes are nasty and one of the commonest is the somewhat confusingly named Meningococcus. Other bacteria include Haemophilus & Streptococcus. Meningococcus comes in various stains; A,B,C & W135 with B & C the most serious. No vaccine is available against B but sub-type C, which is significant cause of disease & death in children under 4 yrs and adolescents, has been the focus of much research. The old vaccine offers life-long protection. Any patient over the age of one year requires just a single immunisation, Children aged between six weeks & one year can be immunised but requires 3 needles. A national immunisation program was introduced in the UK in 1999. Data from the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre in London suggests that the cases of Meningitis C have fallen by 85-88%. In summary a new Conjugate vaccine is now available to offer your child life-long protection against one of the most virulent strains of meningitis. If you want to know more than just speak to your GP. **Dr Dave Cuming Kuranda Medical Service**

Top Way 2002 Runners- up

left-right:
Tim wason, Lisa
Riley, Richard Bing,
and Dameon Hunter.



Top Pubbers 2002 Premiers

left-Right: Jeff Kapteyn,
Gazza Alston, Fleur
Hobson, Claude
Hobson, James reilly
with Jo.



Village Green Green Lines

by Jack Mc Bowl



Yippee - our Bowling Green is looking great and so the Kuranda Bowls Club is back in action! Kitty and I were feeling rather lonely as we watched the exhausting renovation work being done and the back-breaking job of weeding. The 1st stage in the paving-work programme is nearing completion and this work was done under the 'Work for the Dole' scheme supervised by the Bowling Club President, George. New sprinklers have been installed and the Club is in the process of replacing the irrigation-pipe system. The Club greatly appreciates the professional advice and assistance given by Pumping Irrigation and Machinery Services of Mareeba. Final game for the '02 Charity Bowls Series will be played on Thursday 5th December. Team registering should be completed by pm. Game cost is \$7 p.p. which includes a 'spider' (\$4 goes to the charity pool fund). The team for extra fund-raising on this evening is the Kuranda Voluntary Fire Service. Sunday lawn-bowls re commenced on 17th November. Sunday's game starts at 3pm (2.30 registration) and Bowling Club members are reminded that some membership fees are overdue (actually the subscription year is 1 July to 30 June). Of course new members are always welcome to join this friendly group. Thursday evening social bowls (7pm for registering) re commences on Thursday 12th December. The Kuranda Bowls Club Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 8th December commencing at 6.30 pm. Members and past-members, plus their families, are cordially invited and the venue is at he Kuranda Sports & Social Club at Fallon Road. There will be a slight charge. Telephone 40938057 or 4093 7117 (evenings) if you require further information. If you don't have your own bowls, bowls are available at the Club at Fallon Road, and remember - footwear must be flat smooth-soled shoes. As I put pen to paper, the smell of smoke is in my nostrils and I cannot finish off without thinking of the courage shown by our local heroes - The Fireys - our local team who know how to work when something uncontrollable is approaching. Thank you all. On reflection, we had a great bowling year - thanks to all for the fun we have had. Now we prepare for Christmas and hopefully lovely rain - not floods as experienced in the Northern Hemisphere - just lovely soaking rain.

Best wishes to you all - Jack and Kitty

Hello to all readers of the kuranda paper. Our 2002 season came to an end on November 9th with the grand final being played between Top Pubbers and Top Way. The final was played at the Top Pub and turned out to be one of the best matches seen in our finals history. It was touch and go right throughout the match with one team leading, then the other. It came down to the final frame of the match to decide a winner or to go to an extra frame play off. Top Way needed to win the first two games of the frame to force a play off, Top Pubbers needed to wind one of the first two games of the frame to be premiers. Well, as you can imagine, people got very excited when Top Way won the first game. After twenty nine closely contested games, it now came down to one game. If Top Way win, a play off would commence. If Top Pubbers win, they are the 2002 premiers. The teams were getting great support from a very vocal crowd, which was great to see, and when Top Pubbers won the next game to secure the championship both teams were applauded by a very appreciative audience. Top Pubbers were very worthy winners and Top Way worthy as winners in defeat. So congratulation to both teams and to all the teams that participated in the 2002 competition and to the players that received personal awards for their achievements. Team and individual details.

Fianl team standing

Premiers	Top Pubbers
Runners up	Top Way
3rd	Kuranda Kings
4th	Far Cues
5th	Top Shots
6th	Chaos Cannons
7th	Top Warriors

Best male player

Ken Alderdice and Claude Hobson (equal points)

Best female player

Fleur Hobson

Most improved players

Male: Dameon Hunter

Female: Fleur Hobson

Best and fairest

Male: Jero Richards

Female: Janet Hoye

So that's it for 2002. New players and teams are welcome to join us next year in what we hope will be the best season yet. Word has it that a couple of teams from the Roscommon Tavern might be joining us. We look forward to their return to the competition. Notices will be posted at all possible venues early in he new year about the competition so keep an eye out if your interested in playing. So, until then..... We wish everyone a peaceful rest of this year and a very Happy Christmas and safe New Year.



KURANDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FOUNDATION CLASS

Five years since opening our doors to students, Kuranda High School now boasts graduates who have completed all their secondary schooling in Kuranda. On Friday night (15th November) the Year 12 graduating class, including 18 students who started at the school on Day 1 in January 1998, celebrated. "This is a fantastic achievement for Kuranda and we are very proud of our kids and our school," said Foundation Parents and Citizens Association President, Di Russo. The students were presented with certificates at the Third Annual Graduation Ceremony. Dr Lesley Clark, Member of Barron River, also congratulated the students and the school. She presented each graduate with an engraved Portfolio in recognition of his or her success. A special commemorative medallion was presented to the original foundation students. A large number of staff, friends and family attended the presentation along with Clive Dixon, District Director of Education. This milestone comes after a long history of efforts to make High School education available in Kuranda.



SENIOR 2002 Roll of Honour

Rowan Carroll	Gizelle Hanley	Soren Skyme	Rowan Gregory	Ben Binstead
Scott Anderssen	Alana Cranswick	Joshua Fox	Kristi Wilson	Hollie Davies
Tanya Walker	Tasha Walker	Phoebe Ward	Aaron Hill	David Isgar
Tegan Crowley	Chad Taylor	Ahimsa Thomas	Clinton Green	Shay Moore
Nadine Marquez	Luke Tolley	Sian McCulloch	Kyran Wiggans	Chris Paton
Jesse Lewis				

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK TO ALL



KURANDA STATE HIGH
Parents and Citizens Association
Congratulates
2002 Year 12

GRADUATES

A special acknowledgement to foundation students for 13 years education in Kuranda.

All the best
for the
future.
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BEST**



PROFESSIONALS – Kuranda

The Professionals - Kuranda office opened for business on 19th August, 2002.

Michele Paterson purchased Mike Mabbutt's real estate firm (LJ Hooker) which has operated in Kuranda since 1996. Michele, principal and licensee of the business chose to be part of the Professionals group. The Professionals group are one of the leading real estate organisations in Queensland.

Mike Mabbutt and Louise Cox remain in the sales team and Jackie Harper still looks after the office and property management. Combined with Michele's experience in the industry, the staff have over 30 years experience in real estate.

The sales team knows all aspects of the Kuranda property market – area specialists in farming and rural acreages, village and rural residential and commercial.

Property management, including residential and commercial rental is a particular interest of Michele's and she has industry excellence awards to show for her work in this area. (Finalist in "Property Manager of the Year" 1997 and 1998)

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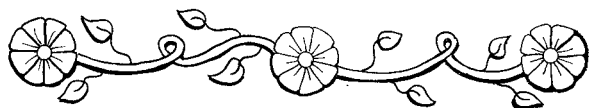
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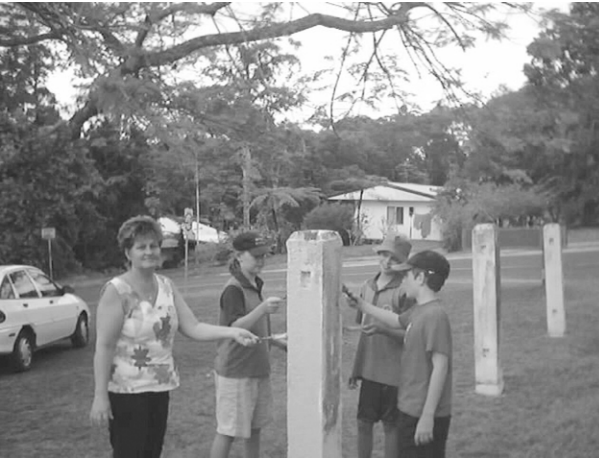
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KURANDA DISTRICT STATE SCHOOL

Kuranda District Primary School Year 6/7 G Leadership Project

For our Student Council & Parliament action plan we decided that we would paint the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. The job was a bit big for us to do so the School Captains Jay Jensen and Candice Hunter & Vice Captains, Ann Marie Plasto and Patrick O'Driscoll decided to just paint the poles outside of it instead, with the help of teacher aide Ulla.



High Jump Champion

An outstanding performance by Lynece George in the 12 year old girl high jump at the Queensland Championships in Townsville has gained her selection in the state track and field team. Lynece jumped an impressive 1.55m at the championships. This was the same height jumped by the eventual winner of the event but Lynece was placed second due to a count back.



Previous to this Lynece's best jump in competition was 1.42m. Her aim in this competition was to break 1.50m and she did this in impressive style showing great strength of character as she jumped 1.52m and 1.55m on her final attempt.

Lynece is now preparing for the Australian track and field championships being held in Canberra at the end of November. It is fantastic that a student from regional Australia can achieve this.

Travelling Mates

What are Travelling Mates? Travelling Mates are hand puppets and stuffed toys who travel from the students at a school to visit students at other



schools and centres. These mates learn about the life in other schools and gather information for projects and activities. Mates travel with a diary, photo album and other travel necessities. These modern mates have their web page and email address. Some diary entries are recorded in their web area. Travelling mates help students develop skills to demonstrate outcomes in learning areas like literacy, numeracy, social and cultural studies and science. Kuranda District State School has several buddies having wonderful adventures. Two of these buddies have their own websites. You can visit these websites and see what they are up to. Ngunba the platypus is currently at Boigu Island finding out about Torres Strait Island culture for students in 2M. Billy Black Bream will be spending a week doing work experience with local marine biologist (and former Kuranda District State School student) Nicholas Sachlikidis. Billy is there to find out what

a marine biologist does and to find out about the differences in salt water and fresh water habitats. He will be reporting back to students in 3PS. If you would like to follow their adventures, visit <http://www.ieta.ash.org.au/tmates> and choose Ngunba or Billy Black Bream from the drop down list. I wonder where Miss Mouse from 2A is...?



Matthew Hayden here in Kuranda??

Just looking at our young junior cricketers, you might be forgiven for thinking that the famous Australian batsman was actually here in Kuranda. There is certainly plenty of talent to be seen each week at the junior cricket. The boys have done really well with seven weeks of cricket under their belts now. Our Under 12 "Kuranda Kings" are coming together as a solid team, under the patient guidance of coach Dave Pickering.

Only three of the boys have ever played before and already the team is winning some of their games. All the players deserve praise for their efforts. The team has a few sets of brothers with Max and Sam Irwin and Reuben and Mark Pickering. (Reuben Pickering is bowling well and has started his career as a "spinner") Young Oliver Mabbutt is following in his big brothers footsteps and is already developing as a good fast bowler. Issac Coleman is batting well, but he has already learnt the valuable lesson that wearing a helmet is a lot safer (even though "Super glue" can work wonders). A great start to by John Dearly, Rizzie Rusch and Adam Majer. Special mention to the parents who

Kuranda plays at Taipans game!

If you know anything at all about basketball, you will have heard of the famous "Dream Team". Well now there's the "Kuranda Dream"! Early this year, Tom Stirling (himself known to be a pretty good mover on the basketball court) got together with a group of young Kuranda kids and started to teach them the skills of Basketball. They decided to form a team and try their luck against teams "down the hill". Their team name.....the "Kuranda Dream".

They had high hopes, but not much experience! What a success story.

have come along to score and to support the kids.

The Under 14 "Kuranda Crocs" started slowly, but have really started to perform well now. Jon Milton's expert coaching has helped to transform lots of the players from beginners to competent players. (Jon has even dragged out his own whites this year and is scoring centuries with ease in the senior competition) Jess Girling's experience is really helping with consistent good batting and bowling. Dan Stacey is keeping a very tidy wicket and turning in some excellent bowling performances. Everyone is out there each week trying hard and performing well. Congratulations to all the boys: Lachlan Stirling, Justin Mabbutt, Jay Jensen, Kurt, Jesse Milton, Thomas Hughes and Ryan Pratt. New recruits this year, Andy and Krisna have added to the depth of the team.

A big thanks to Mike Mabbutt (again) for helping out with sponsorship. Mike has donated a substantial amount of money this season to help us purchase some more gear for our younger and smaller players. Good on you Mike!

The team not only made the grand final in their first season, but have improved out of sight during their second season.

The big highlight was on Wednesday 27th November when Tom and the team were invited to play at the Cairns Convention Centre as the junior curtain raiser to the Taipans NBL game. A terrific experience for these kids and a credit to their coach and to their natural talent.

Well done to the "Kuranda Dream" (Jack Billam, Ryan Pratt, Jay Jensen, Reece Kirwan, James Mazza, Jess Donachie, Lachlan Stirling, Justin Mabbutt and Joel Woodcock) and "Coach Stirling".

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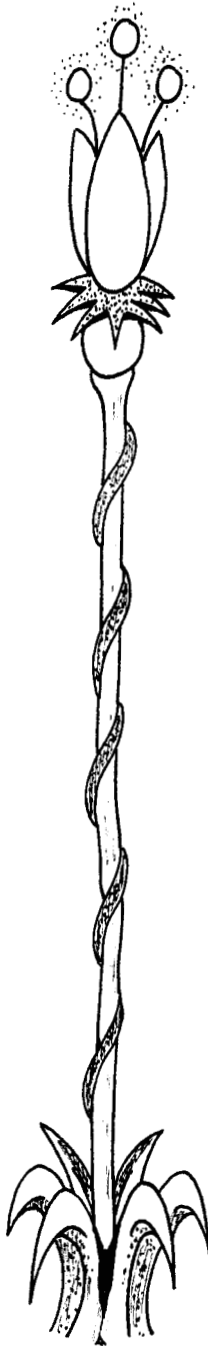
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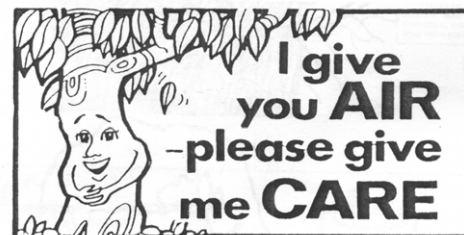
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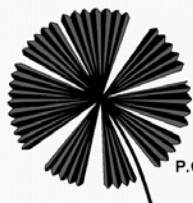
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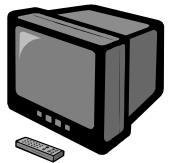
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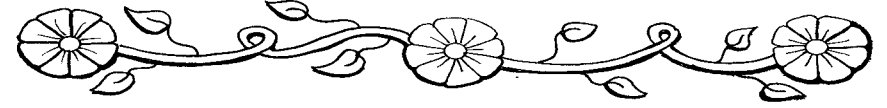
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AL-ANON can help you
 Meetings :
 Kuranda 10.30 a.m. Sunday
 Neighbourhood Centre
 Cnr. Coondoo & Barang Sts.
 Ph 4093 0462

KURANDA S.E.S. 40937188

Kuranda Branch Library Council Office
 4-12 Thooree Street
 Phone 4093 9185
OPENING HOURS
 Monday Closed
 Tuesday 11 am - 6 pm
 Wednesday 11 am - 5 pm
 Thursday 11 am - 5 pm
 Friday 9 am -12 noon
 Saturday 9 am -12 noon
 No Council Services available Saturday
 Council Cashier Closes at 4 pm Tuesday,
 Wednesday and Thursday.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Regular Meetings in Kuranda

- Every Sunday** Soft Ball, Hunter Park, Fallon Rd 2.30 pm Ph 4093 7113
Al-Anon 10.30 am Neighbourhood Centre, Cnr.
Coondoo & Barang Sts. Ph 4093 0462
Alcoholics Anonymous 10.30am at CWA Hall Ph 4093 0462
Kuranda Bowls Club social games 1-5 pm
- 1st Sunday** R.S.L. 5 pm Sports & Social Club Family Service, Uniting Church
St. Christopher's
- 2nd Sunday** Kuranda Bowls Club Monthly Meeting 12.30 pm
- 3rd Sunday** "Pottery do your own thing day" Mud Slingers 10.30 am 284
Myola Rd. Next to high school. Ph. Ian 4093 9652
- Every Monday** Life Span exercise QCWA Hall 9.30 am
- 1st Monday** Kuranda Horse and Pony Club 7.30 pm Mantaka
Tennis Club 7.30 pm Sports and Social Club, Fallon Rd
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- 2nd Monday** KNC (was KISC) 7.30 pm Management & 8 pm General
QCWA 12.30 pm Ph 4093 8933
High School P&C 5.00pm
- 2nd & 4th Mon** Kuranda Lions 7.30 pm S&S Club Fallon Rd Ph 4093 7187
- 3rd Monday** Kuranda State Primary P & C Assoc 3.30 pm in
School staff room
KNC management committee meeting
7.00pm 7 Rob Veivers Drive ph.4093 8933
- Every Tuesday** Taekwondo & Self Defence Adults 7pm
CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682
8 Ball 7.15 pm at Speewah Tavern, Fitzies
Tavern and Sports and Social Club
- 3rd Tuesday** Rangers Soccer Club 6.30 pm. Ph 4093 8803 Norman Guy
- Every Wed** Craft classes at QCWA Hall 9.30 am
Cub Scouts 5-6.30 pm contact
Clare Hensley Ph 4093 9038
Dog Training 7.00 pm Kuranda Pony Club Ph 4093 8970
- 1st Wed** Kuranda EnviroCare, Sports Club 7.00 pm Ph 4093 7570
Chamber of Commerce 5.00 pm Frog's Restaurant
- 2nd Wed** Kuranda Community PLAYGROUP 10 - 12 noon
Ph 4093 0337 or 4093 9652
Q.C.W.A meeting 12.30 pm QCWA. Hall Ph 4093 7617
- Last Wed** Sports & Social Club meeting 7.30 pm
- Every Thurs** Joey Scouts Meeting 5-6 pm
Rotary, 6.00 pm Monkey's Restaurant Ph 4093 7428
Jungle Gym for Kuranda KIDS, 3.15 pm Ph 4093 0608
Kuranda Bowls Club Night Bowls - Casual 7.00 pm
Taekwondo & Self Defence
7.00pm CWA Hall ph.4093 8682
- 2nd Thurs** Ambulance 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Rd.
Respite Care QCWA Hall 9.00 am - 3.00 pm
- 3rd Thurs** 8 Ball Comp. S & S Club 7.15 pm
- Every Friday** Rotary Top Pub Goose Club 6 - 8 pm
Scouts 7 - 9 pm
- 1st Saturday** Pottery Workshop MUD SLINGERS 10.30 am
Next to High School, 284 Myola Rd. Ian 4093 9652
- 2nd Saturday** Sept 14 Kuranda Garden Group 10 August 28 Warrill Drive 2.00
pm Ph 4093 7205
- Every Saturday** EnviroCare 8 - 9 am Tree planting bees Ph 4093 7570
- 3rd Saturday** Ambulance Committee Stall - Outside St. Saviour'
Church (Bi-monthly)

PLEASE CHECK IF THE DAY, TIME AND PHONE NUMBERS ARE CORRECT.

NOTICE TO ALL OF JOHN'S CUSTOMERS

John's Bus: From the first Thursday (Dec 5) 8.30 pm bus runs will commence from Bus Stop "D" outside Woolworths, Lake St. Cairns until Christmas.

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

"THE LOCAL BUS"

MON/TUES WED to FRI SAT&SUN

DEP KURANDA	0730	0730	0830
	1230	0930	1500
	1400	1230	
		1400	
		1600	

DEP CAIRNS	0830	0830	0930
	1325	1015	1600
	1515	1325	
		1515	
		1700	

PH JOHN. 0418 772953. A/HRS 40939278

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This Timetable is effective from 1st December 2002

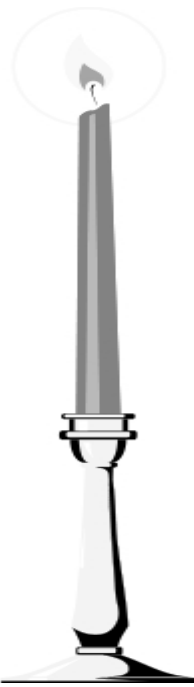
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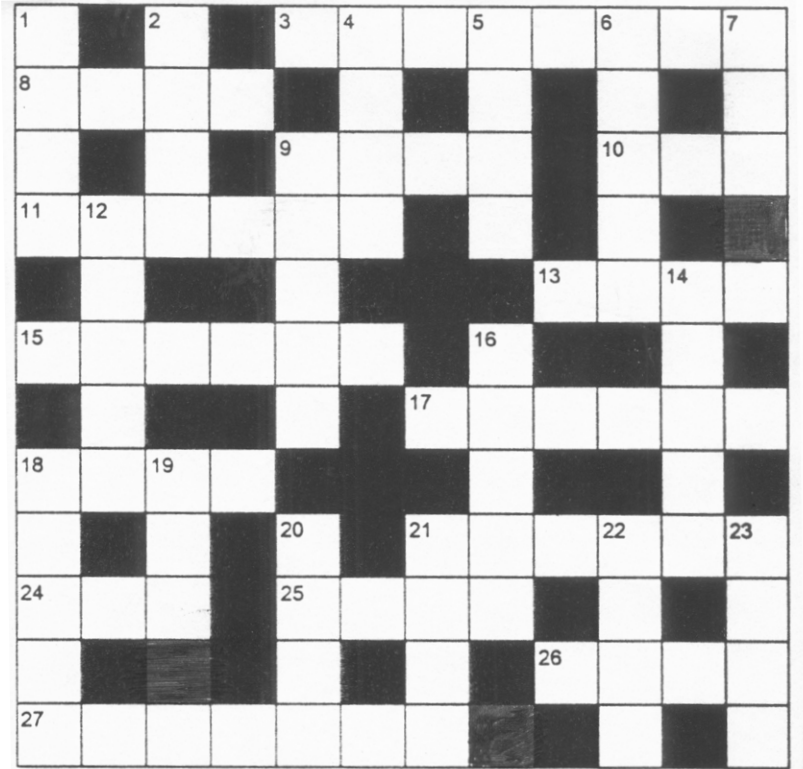
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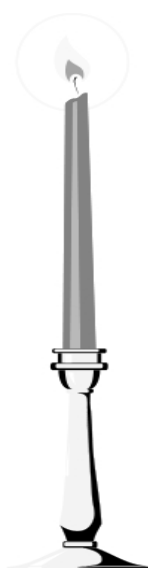
Across

3. Hurry up – illegal weed!
8. Let's hope that the Ark doesn't become one in the village.
9. Correct speed at the Mantaka club.
10. Insane forest product.
11. Treat with top hat becomes a danger.
13. Indian groom at the pony club.
15. Gym for Kuranda kids, or maybe Jim.
17. Unhappy in concrete igloo my alternative friend built.
18. Nothing like a Japanese fighter.
21. Dave, Lizzie or Lindsay?.
24. Locally smoked or fired produce.
25. Soil condition Lucy was blamed for dropping?
26. A 23 down crop.
27. Doing it Marjorie's way, without chemicals.

Down

1. Tableland cloud sounds like it didn't make it.
2. Feral forest male doesn't seem interesting.
3. Dave heads his vocation in Speewah.
5. Thrown by Kuranda Mudslingers.
- 6 & 12 Market sweet shop? (5,5)
7. Stroke an Irishman.
14. Set performance is a relief at the Amphitheatre.
16. With bone, essential for good health says Ms Spear.
18. Local Kiwi who makes connections.
19. Dirty and white tailed in the bush.
20. Sam still has one in Koah.
21. Floppy or compact at Kuranda Computer Club.
22. Steve Larkin will set one for your porcine visitors.
23. Tap, beet or arrow – all found in the bush.

ANSWERS NO 37



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