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Kuranda Steps Back In Time

Kuranda put on a show to mark the 120th Anniversary of Kuranda Scenic Rail with free family entertainment and residents dressing in period costume to help celebrate the event on Saturday.

The village was buzzing with buskers and street performers, while the feeling of yesteryear was captured with horse and carriage rides and a horseshoe throwing competition in the park.

Transport Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk was among around 400 passengers on the Kuranda Scenic Railway service to mark the first ever journey on the line 120 years ago. She was joined by Member for Barron River Steve Wettenhall and Queensland cricketers Andy Bichel and Jimmy Maher at the Kuranda Station at 10.40am when the station took on a party atmosphere, with balloons, a birthday cake, bands and locals in period costume.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the local community to come together to celebrate one of Queensland's most iconic tourism attractions," Ms Palaszczuk said. "Here today it is remarkable to follow the same journey as those first passengers did 120 years ago, the same journey that thousands of people have travelled since 1891."

The second train had around 350 passengers, so the numbers were very good for the celebrations with many more locals and visiting tourists in the village.

Mr Wettenhall joined in with one of the buskers and played the fiddle, before the passengers walked through the village, shopping and enjoying the free entertainment along the way and at Centenary Park where there were live bands, performances by local artists, jumping castles and numerous other children's activities.

The Villanova College 20-piece Big Brass Band packed out the park and the massive tunes could be heard all over the village. Two local bands, Deb and the Moonbear and Koahlition, also entertained everyone in Centenary Park.



Man Beats Machine



FOUR SOLO RUNNERS AND ONE TEAM beat the train in the inaugural Cairns Kuranda Great Train Race which was hailed by contestants as a huge success. More than 80 contestants took part in the 18km race with a number of people travelling from interstate to participate.

Cairns' top roadrunner **Phil Bradshaw** won the race with a time of 1 hour 13 minutes and beat the train by 15 minutes. Second was **Mike Le Roux** in 1 hour 22 minutes and third **Bini James** in 1 hour 23 minutes.

In the women's section, **Sue Crowe** was first in 1 hour 34 minutes, second was **Anthea Henderson** in 1 hour 47 minutes and third **Stevie Johnson** in 1 hour 53 minutes.

The first team across the line was Team Tablelands Trio from Atherton who finished fifth with a time of 1 hour 27 minutes.

The train arrived into Kuranda Station in sixth place with a time of 1 hour 28 minutes.

World Champion Ultra Marathon runner Mike Le Roux did not have any way to get home after the race so he drove his car to Kuranda early Saturday morning before the race, ran down the 18km track to Cairns and then turned around and competed in the race.

Third place-getter Bini James was born in Ethiopia and is their National 3000m Champion, but this was the longest race he had ever competed in.

Sue Crowe was one of the ambassadors of Tourism Tropical North Queensland's Australia's Greatest Adventurer Campaign.

John Fearon was the oldest competitor at 72 years of age and travelled from Sydney to compete in the race with his two sons. His time was 2 hours 35 minutes and he was placed 65th.

The runners described the atmosphere leaving the Freshwater Station and arriving into Kuranda along the Barron River as electric, however the 1000 foot ascent was extremely gruelling and quite lonely.

Helicopters were above, filming the race, and people waiting on the platform at Kuranda Station for the train realised man had beaten the machine only when they heard the clapping of the crowd down at the river bend welcoming the winner.

Tablelands Mayor Tom Gilmore, Councillor Jenny Jensen and Kuranda Scenic Rail General Manager Andrew Kennedy presented the trophies and prize money to the winners of the race.

Described as more gruelling than the Pyramid Race, the winners all said it was one of the best races they had competed in.

Race Director Alan Courtney said the day was a huge success and he was already working on next year's race.

– Marc Sleeman

COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

75th Anniversary Celebrations

Etty Bay Surf Life Saving Club is celebrating its 75th Anniversary on Friday 30th September 2011 (Cocktail Evening at the Clubhouse), Saturday 1st October 2011 (Formal Dinner at Innisfail Brothers) & Sunday 2nd October 2011 (Club Championships & Barbecue).

We are asking past active members who would like to attend these celebrations to contact the committee registrator Jenny Jones on 0437 649 559 or via email longfella@westnet.com.au as soon as possible.

If anyone has any memorabilia, photos or stories re club activities over the past 75 years please forward them to Etty Bay SLSC, PO Box 805, Innisfail Q 4860 or email to longfella@westnet.com.au.

DR Jones,
Chairman Etty Bay SLSC
75th Committee

A Blue with the "Blue Team"

It has saddened me over the years to watch the steady diminution of political skills and media quality.

It seems that the wit and oratory of the standard of Jim Killen and Fred Daly and their ilk has somehow evaporated into shallow name calling and petty negativism. It appears that it is more important to demean your opponent than to address the issues.

And the media no longer call this shallow sham an insult to our citizenry but rather promote it by wanting 20 second sound bites. Even when the media does have a "long" ten minute interview, it is debased into point scoring between the representative and the interviewer. Doesn't the media realise that we don't care what the interviewer's opinion is and that the interviewer is not standing as our representative.

Today it got worse. Today I received a piece of junk mail from a parliamentary representative from the "blue" team who wanted me to tell him who I vote for and my name and address. Excuse me! What is this bloody rubbish? Is the "blue" team making a database of how individuals vote? Is this lawful? I don't know but it certainly smells very bad. Are the party's opponents going to be lined up against the wall when the revolution comes?

If this wasn't so funny because of its puerile stupidity it would be serious. Only 10% of people would reply to such an enquiry, and half of them will have lied. And another 50% of people will have thought "What a bloody idiot". It is just a good way to generate a 3% swing – against.

Mark Freeman



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Cassowary Counterclaim

I cannot allow the nonsense espoused by Ewan Leighton to be claimed as fact. As someone who has extensive experience and no fear of dense rainforest here are some counters to his facts. Years ago I had a phone conversation with the great Cassowary counter one Francis Chrome as I was interested in how you count Cassowaries i.e. What do you base your result on? I could tell from his replies that he had a predetermined outcome (endangered).

Does Ewan not take into consideration the efforts of the local greenies in planting food trees willy nilly around Kuranda might explain the appearance of the birds? Cassowaries are born with road sense and the ones you see around here, Black Mountain etc. are usually fleeing traffic unlike the ones at Mission Beach that wander around the streets like chooks due to familiarity with people. Now to the threat posed by dogs, this particular greenie cannot see the forest for the trees?

Cassowaries have evolved over thousands of years with a much more capable predator than dogs. I refer of course to the dingo which cannot be left out of the equation. It is also contentious to claim the population is now at crisis point – how do you arrive at that conclusion Ewan?

Clem. Wright, Koah

Social Housing

Why am I not surprised that Member for Barron River, Steve Wettenhall, did not challenge my letter (*KP May*) on the lack of progress of the "massive roll-out of social housing across the state"? This "massive roll-out" announced on Jan 10 includes 260 for FNQ (four electorates) by 2013. I naively expected 60 for Barron River electorate.

Instead Steve wrote in his column (*KP June*) "I also recently met with community members to discuss further improvements to housing in the district and I will continue to lobby government for more investment in housing in the Kuranda area". Steve continues "to discuss" – what the ?

There are social housing developments planned for the electorate at Palm Cove (18) and Trinity Park (19) both of which attracted some controversy. Steve is quite coy about the progress. Only five social housing units (all at Korowa in 2010) have been constructed in the electorate over the last 15 years.

So where are the remaining 25 or so to be constructed? Must be in the Kuranda region!

Surely Steve's Government has a master plan for this "massive roll-out" and does not suddenly build on a whim or a thought bubble. Or are they re-assessing the electorates that are vulnerable in the 2012 Election?

Barry Hodson, Kuranda



Digging The Dirt

Thank you 'Alectura' for your informative monthly gardening column. I am grateful for the info on local plants and important do's and don'ts. Sometimes you provide a photograph of the 'Plant of the Month' assisting in recognition. Sometimes, you don't. Is it possible that the photo identification becomes a regular thing? It would be greatly appreciated.

Keep up the good work. It is a great paper. I look forward to its publication. Second best to the *Australian Women's Weekly* which is teaching me to crochet a garden shed.

Ruby Bradshaw, Speewah

How to Save the Amazon

I have just read a book "No Rain in the Amazon" by Nikolas Kozloff. In it the talk is as if Brazil will not or cannot stop the destruction of the Amazon rainforest, and then the world must get together and stop it for them. I have seen many such books and reports and I am amazed that so far nobody has any idea as to how to fix this problem and here I wish to do just that.

Connect the tributaries of the rivers flowing from south to north starting with the Madeira to the Tapojos then to Xingu then to Araguaia and then to Tocantins and on to the Sao Francisco. With the new water in the Sao Francisco, which is a river of 3,000 km, you would have a lot of water to irrigate as much of the dry Sertao as possible and to the south of the river as it turns to the east.

As the water evaporates about half of it will be lost underground and the other half will turn into vapor and will form clouds. This will make extra rain for the Amazon and as it cannot cross over the Andes Mountains it will have to come down the Amazon again and back into the Atlantic. It will be an endless cycle and recycle, a completely unique and closed water system in the world.

Every year there will be more water as rain in the Amazon and then there will be more water coming down the Amazonian rivers for irrigations and start the cycle all over again.

So much money is being spent on projects that do not fix this, but this solution would then fix all the other problems as the food production in Brazil would triple and there would be less hunger in the world. It would take between 20 and 30 billion dollars which is a drop in the bucket, to fix this, the biggest of problems of all. Then you would not have to invade an independent country.

Wladyslaw Berendt (Bill)

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Social Jottings

THE KURANDA MEDIA ASSOCIATION held its 20th Annual 'Thank You' Dinner for Kuranda Paper volunteers at Cedar Park Resort on Saturday 25th June.

As usual our hosts, supported by attentive front of house and kitchen staff, did the occasion proud.

The winter evening provided a wonderful excuse for the women to get their fancy winter fashions out of mothballs. The men were rather dowdy in comparison. Seren, however, was sporting evening footwear, his best silk shirt and bandana, presenting a somewhat piratical outfit.

The President, Garth Owen, always avoiding fashion extremes, chose conservative sartorial elegance for the occasion. He thanked the volunteers and reported that, in the past year, KMA had established a \$5,000 Community Emergency Fund, administered through the kind offices of KMA and had also distributed in excess of \$6,500 to community organisations and initiatives.

Laird Nicholson in reading his Official Memo No 1 (Downsizing 2011), proposed drastic cuts in volunteer wages and substantially increasing Committee stipends. (There is an unsubstantiated rumour that Graham Nicholson will be invited by Julia and Wayne to address Cabinet on cost-saving measures in the next Federal Budget.)



A planned table-top dance routine starring Toni and The Laird in the "Dance of the Crossed Crotches", was unfortunately postponed until next year. They tripped over a visiting pademelon en route to the table-top. [Proofreader to Ed – Surely Dorrit means crutches? Ed to Proofreader – Dorrit is in Outer Mongolia investigating Yak hair extensions and Yurt building with Lady Gaga and Sir Elton John so cannot be contacted!]

All in all then, it was a colourful gala, a fabulous night with fabulous guests in an unforgettable atmosphere.

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ANZAC Day Photos – Can You Help?

Firstly I must commend *The Kuranda Paper* on an excellent website – better than *The Cairns Post*.

I'm writing to see if any photographers took more photos on ANZAC Day. I'm after some photos of the jeep owned by Adrian Joffray – my grandkids were in the jeep. I'm a member of the Kuranda R.S.L.

Paul Pulis, C/- Kuranda Paper

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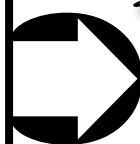
Family Day in Centenary Park Scheduled 6th July 2011: If you want to be involved in the activities or to set up a stall please call Ceri on 4093 8933 or Lolita on 4093 7118. The Family Day is coordinated by the Kuranda Interagency Network which is represented by key local and external community services and agencies. KNC's role in the events runs to some administration duties and a contact point for participation.

Lifeline Counselling: Counselling by Lifeline available at KNC on Wednesday afternoons. Appointments can be made directly to Lifeline (4050 4955) or through the Centre (4093 8933). Please note that all referrals and sessions are strictly confidential.

GIVIT: There is a national not-for-profit organisation that is coordinating a service for people in need with items that are donated by members of the community. This service works very similarly as our Furniture Exchange program – it just includes many more types of items and services and is on a much larger scale. Individuals are required to have a charity/not for profit community based service such as KNC to make the referrals, however if you want to see how it works please go to www.givit.org.au. KNC is a member of givit and can assist in the matching process.

Marg Yandell, Coordinator

- A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
- Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
- They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.
- He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.
- A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.



*See this month's
Short Story
winning entry
on page 13*

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Speewah Residents Set for Digital TV Switchover

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All residents living in the area, regardless of whether they already have a digital television or set top box on their older television sets, will need to be aware of the switchover as they will be required to re-tune their sets once the upgrade to the retransmission tower has been completed.

The upgrade will take place on 6 July between 10am and 4pm during which no television signal will be available.

N-Com Pty Ltd, who is doing the upgrade on behalf of Tablelands Regional Council, will set up a centre at the Rural Fire Brigade Shed in Speewah on 6-7 July 2011 to assist with any issues that may arise and answer any questions.

The total cost for the upgrade will be \$48,370. However Council has applied to the SBS Self-Help Retransmission Subsidy Scheme that provides financial assistance to eligible communities for some of the costs of self-help and/or television services for SBS.

If the application is successful, it is anticipated that with the SBS subsidy the total cost for the upgrade will be \$25,642.73.

Council has decided to charge a \$5 benefitted area levy across all households in the Speewah area for the first year, and to collect the balance of the funds required in the second and the last year of the levy.

Once the upgrade is complete, Council will commence analysing which households are receiving the benefit and once all the data is collated, the levy will be reconciled and only those receiving the benefit will be required to contribute to the upgrade.

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Gardening in Kuranda



Every gardener is an artist, has a vision, painting a never-finished three dimensional canvas with their plans and plants. July is the perfect time to cast a critical eye over the garden's basic lines and make judgments about what plants need to be removed and what planting added to ensure form, colour and textures across the seasons. The wise gardener is also thinking about whether certain plants are really worthwhile persisting with and carefully eying off perfect niches to grow that special plant considering its sun/shade, soil and drainage to meet more exacting needs. Also of importance is the consideration of what special protection may be needed to prevent plant loss to feral pig, brush turkey, orange-footed scrub fowl, and bandicoot.

The most frequent moan heard hereabouts is the loss of Alocasias, Caladium, Helconias and other "soft" plants to visiting marauders. If wishing to grow these without eventual loss one must provide protection at planting.

Talking about special sites, the gardener with sloping areas in their garden has great opportunity to capitalise on good drainage and, depending on light conditions, provide perfect places for the some of the more exotic Alocasia and Anthurium species. Full sun slopes are also ideal for succulent collections, although here a wise choice is necessary as not all of these can cope with the Wet.

Joining the Kuranda Garden Club gives perfect opportunity to see how others deal with their difficult sites.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: Visions immediately spring to mind of the house being over-run and the rainforest being taken over, when climbers and creepers are mentioned. If, like my Dad, you don't allow them in your garden, not realising the huge "bang for the buck" and the beauty denied in this blanket ban, do give them a second thought.

Before planting from the amazing range of these tropical beauties, one must consider siting, as most prefer full sun and the provision of a support structure appropriate to the eventual plant growth. And yes, the gardener must be ruthless in keeping the plant in check.

Possibly among the best are:

Strongylodon macrobotrys "*The Jade Vine*". A vigorous and eventually heavy vine requiring strong support. Long flowered racemes in season, attracting honey eaters.

N.B: While of equal beauty, **Mucuna bennettii** and **M. novo-guineensis** "*New Guinea Flame Vine*" and attracting honey eaters, their high seed set poses considerable risk to the rainforest.

Thunbergia mysorensis "*Lady Slipper Vine*". Vigorous but not woody, needs careful siting to display pendant racemes. Profuse nectar flow attracts honey eaters but is staining. Drawback is build-up of thatch .

Pyrostegia venusta "*Orange trumpet creeper*". With its sheets of orange tubes brightening the cooler months, this light but vigorous creeper, once established needs to be kept in check.

Ipomoea horsfalliae and **I. brigsii** "*Cardinal Creeper*". Light creepers with intense flower colour in clusters.

Other interesting and very floriferous effects can be gained from the "tie-in"

scandant semi-shrubs, **Combretium grandiflora** and **C. purpureum**, **Quisqualis Idica** "*Rangoon Creeper*" with its colour changing flower heads and delightful perfume and the much envied but hard to obtain **Warszewiczia coccinea**.

Q & A: Dear Jules, You asked me at Mareeba Markets about set on your various fruit trees and I suggested that the introduction of native bees might be of assistance. As well as possibly being more effective with pollination, and while honey yield may be low, being stingless, native bees would be less worry with your young family. I would suggest you contact Russell to discuss your needs and ensure right species for your conditions: <http://www.zabel.com.au/>

Q & A: Dear Sue, Thanks for the Pic. My best bet is that it is a **Strophanthus** species, a genus of about 40 species of flowering plants, including trees, shrubs and vines, in the family Apocynaceae, native mainly to tropical and South Africa where extract was used for arrow poison. The name **Strophosanthos**, "twisted cord flower" derives from the long twisted threadlike segments of the corolla, which is best exemplified in **S. preussii** with segments sometimes 30-35 cm long. This plant is sometimes available from Equatorial Exotics: www.equatorialexotics.com



More commonly available is **Strophanthus gratus** "*Rose Allamanda*" which like **S. preussii** is semi-scandent in growth and may be trained to shrub form with judicious pruning. Good drainage and sunny position preferred. A plant family with many yet to come into cultivation.

For plant identification, plant and seed sourcing and general questions, contact Alectura at kurandamedia@bigpond.com or wortwoad@optusnet.com.au

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Kuranda Library News

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We are looking for **Volunteers** to help us at the library. Do you have two spare days a month, approximately 3 hours a day? If you are interested come by or call and have a chat with Chrissy.

Our second **Bookclub** is only two members shy of starting. Being a part of Bookclub is a wonderful way to get out and meet fellow Kuranda-ites with a passion for reading. Bookclub can be held in the library or anywhere else your club decides – that’s the beauty of it – the library provides the book and the rest is up to you!

Driver Licensing Program Ready for the Road “L” – book w/CD now available in the library. Pass your driving test with confidence, rules of the road, Test questions and answers, Interactive Learning, Games and Animations, Full Audio (read it to me). We have two copies available – one for borrowing and one for use within the library, including free use of the Youth Laptop when studying in the library.

Magazine Exchange – What do you do with the magazines you buy each week or month? Toss them out or let them build up in your home? What about putting them into the Kuranda Library Magazine Exchange? The exchange works as follows: bring your magazines in to the library and put them in the exchange box then take what you would like from the exchange box. The magazine exchange does not include magazines that are in the library’s collection.

Kuranda’s Young Artists Display – we have some really talented young artists doing some beautiful colouring-in. We now have a display wall where you can come and see the latest creations!

Cheers,

Chrissy and Ros

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Kuranda P&C News

Kuranda District State College Parents and Citizens Association is a group of parents, family, friends and community-minded people who work together with the college, to build a stronger school community where all students benefit.

Christmas in July banquet!

Saturday 23 July, The Lodge Restaurant, Tinaroo Lake Resort

A sumptuous banquet, complete with all the Christmas trimmings, is being held once again this year at Lake Tinaroo Resort, 60 mins from Kuranda. Join us for a fabulous evening by the blazing log fire, with lucky door tickets and a charity auction to help raise funds for the P&C. Funds raised will be put towards learning resources and opportunities for Kuranda college students. This function is open to the public, so gather a group of friends and book your table early (tables for 8 and 10 people). Banquet menu—\$42.50 per person; Children’s menu—\$14.50 per child. For bookings (and information about accommodation packages), contact the Tinaroo Lake Resort on 4095 8912 or email info@tinarooresort.com.au. Mention Kuranda P&C when you book. Note this is also the weekend of the Yungaburra markets so why not visit our scenic lakes Eacham and Barrine as well and make a weekend of it?

Kuranda Family Bush Dance returns!

The **Family Bush Dance** will be held at the college during third term, on **Saturday 20 August**. Once again the fabulous Hillbilly Goats bush band will keep us jumping, clapping, twirling, and kicking our way through the old favourites. During third term, P-6 students will be busy learning their bush dances with Mr Cav to demonstrate to their families and friends on the night. There will be prizes, competitions, and BBQ, bar and cafe. Students will also be selling tickets for the P&C’s monster raffle with the fabulous first prize of a trip for two aboard Sea Swift’s MV Trinity Bay from Cairns through the Great Barrier Reef to Cape York – a unique experience! The Family Bush Dance is supported by the Tablelands Regional Council. More info next month.

The Kuranda P&C acknowledges the generous sponsorship of these regional businesses: Big Cat Green Island Reef Cruises; Cazaly’s Cairns; Cairns Wildlife Safari Reserve; Go Bowling Cairns; Great Adventures; Hartley’s Crocodile Adventures; Kmart; Ocean Spirit Cruises; Supercuts Hairdressing; Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park; Cairns Tropical Zoo; Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway; together with our major sponsor **Sea Swift**.

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The Arts Page

Focus Theatre has just enjoyed 4 weeks of fun and laughter with Ms. Kylie Guy running Theatre Sports on Wednesday nights for 4 weeks. If you weren't there, then perhaps next time.



On the last weekend of July, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th, Focus Theatre will present "The Comedy of Love...A Cabaret". As you can tell, this Cabaret's theme is all about love and loss, and who of us doesn't know all about that? We have dancers, music, skits, a short one act play, amongst other things. Still room for others to



either join in or be part of the crew. If you think you have an idea about whether it's Love or Lust At First Sight, then there is still room for a couple of more people to take part in this. In any case, you're bound to hear more about this before the end of July.

Yours in Theatre

Diana and the Crew.



President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,

KAS is gearing up for the Kuranda Roots Festival which is on this week, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd July. Both days are main stage events this year and it's looking to be quite busy.

Previous Kuranda ROOTS Festivals



2007



We've gained a couple of venue sponsors this month :

Enviromart - supplying environmentally friendly products from coffee cups to toilet roll holders!

MyMate - a new website! Take a look, it's fantastic. Obviously this is changing every day and the end product will bring KAS into the 21st Century at last!

Things are hotting up for the 30th Birthday party in September, with many fine acts putting their hands up to take part in the celebrations.

A big thankyou to **Tourism Kuranda** for assisting us with advertising for the weekend.

The re-stumping of the Top Pavilion has begun and will re-commence towards the end of July.

Volunteers of the Month (another double-up) are:

Bruce Skilbeck - who made a wonderful path in front of the kitchen.

Kim Stedman of Kuranda Health and Healing - who is fundraising like mad for the 30th Birthday.



2008



Thankyou to both of you, and everyone else who continually turn up to volunteer at the Amphitheatre, especially those few who have been there every Sunday for the last 8 weeks!

Cheers, Mandy

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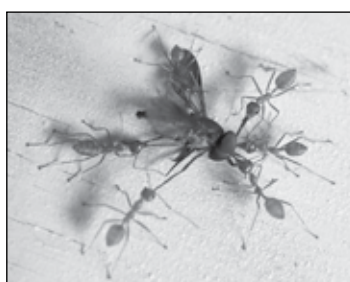
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ALLSAPI

So Focus Theatre is having a cabaret, a Comedy of Love...". This should be good! Well, they say that love never runs smoothly. It's such a comic tragedy when you sit back and watch it flow, but when you venture there you play that fool once more. Why? I hope you are enjoying it, at least. Apparently some of us are not. For some it seems the path of love is a bumpy rocky road with many twists and turns, inclines and bends. Hey, but surely that's better than falling asleep on the high-

way of monotony. So when those beasts of jealousy, doubt, mistrust, turn your passion to anger and rage, remember then of love. Ask yourself how does love act in this situation, then you will know where your rage comes from. All I'm really trying to say here is at least be kind to those you love (you can try it on your enemies later).



I Love Green Ants

Anyhow, back to the "Comedy of Love". The question is, is it Love or Lust at first sight? If you have an opinion, you can be part of the Debate at the Cabaret. Just come along to Focus Theatre (Amphitheatre Understage) on Wednesdays, 7:00pm. Enjoy July Art Lovers! It's holiday time for me, yea!

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In his new book, Stephen draws on the analogy of a music symphony to be performed by an orchestra. It is something that is harmoniously composed of various elements, a harmony or agreement of sounds, if you will. The elements (movements and sonatas) that comprise a symphony combine to construct a majestic cadence of beautiful sound that excites our senses and delves deep into our being to elicit feelings of sublime beauty and joy.

When we listen to the cherished symphonies of our favourite composers, Beethoven, Brahms or Mozart for example, we are taken on a journey that illuminates our very soul.

This book relates this to the fulfilment of our human potential, where the many parts that go to make up the human being, body, mind and spirit, contribute to and harmonise the whole. The same can be said of the whole human family. Another writer said: *The diversity in the human family should be the cause of love and harmony, as it is in music where many different notes blend together in the making of a perfect chord.*

If you would like to attend the launch then please email Stephen Chong on stephen@stephenchong.com.au or nicholsonmandalay@msn.com or contact Hidden Words Bookshop, Kuranda, phone 4093 7120, and an invitation will be sent.

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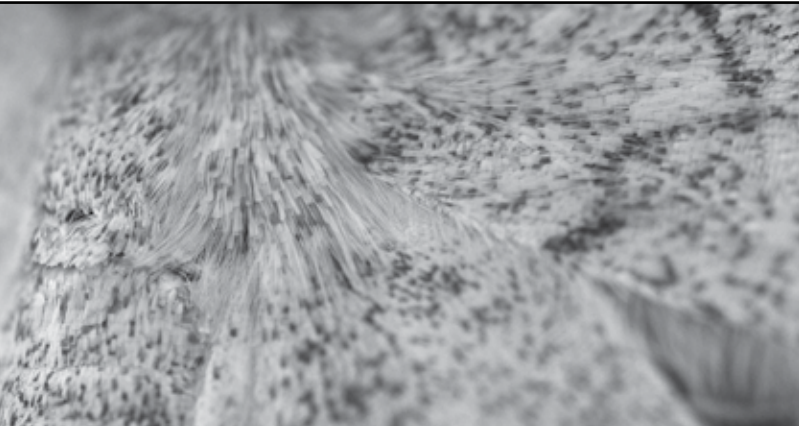
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Archie Roach, awarded one of the most prestigious art prizes in the country, the **Red Ochre Award**, which recognises outstanding contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, will be appearing at the Kuranda Roots Festival, Kuranda Amphitheatre, Saturday 2nd July.

KURANDA
'What's On at the Amphi'

Get ready for another evening of zany entertainment with the **Loony Poets Night** in the **Understage** on the full moon this month. Featuring the **Brim brothers, Astro & Aden, Eden Kiah and Bosko & Honey**, as well as local artists **Dee Raymond** and **Adam Scott Miller**. There is a wealth of talent attracted to the Loony's regularly, and it is guaranteed to be another great night out at the Understage. (See gig guide for details) www.theloonypoets.weebly.com

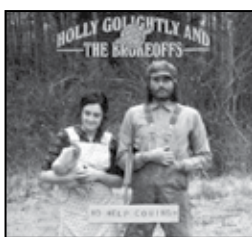
Starting on the 14th of August, "**Kuranda Folk Night**" will be returning to the **Understage**, at the Kuranda Amphitheatre with its new name "**Kuranda Acoustic**".

Due to receiving some RADF funding the organisers will be adding mentoring and stagecraft workshops to the event.

Any budding musicians who would like a support slot and the opportunity to be mentored by some of FNQ's favourite musicians at the **Kuranda Acoustic** nights can contact Michael on 0405 279 045.

THE BOOGIE BROTHERS MUSIC NEWS & REVIEWS

Beyond the mainstream...



Holly Golightly and the Broke Offs "**No Help Coming**". The dudes from Georgia are at it again. Raucous, good-time southern country rock. Holly's rough edgy little-girl vocals underlined with some heavy bottom beats and a

slide, banjo chunky-plunky sound that choogles along like an old country freight train. High speed good ol' boy guitar and yee-ha! We're rolling. Then there's the sweet lonely girl laments like "**The Only One**": "Out of all my mistakes, you'll be the only one I'll never be makin' again". But they're not down for long. Holly's male partner-in-song kicks in with the next track: "Ah, **Leave It Alone**" and we're rocking again. Even "**River of Tears**" rolls along on beautiful harmonies and the gentlest of country currents and leaves you smiling 'cause it's just so sweet. All in all this is good-time music that gives genuine pleasure and that's our bottom line. *Transdreamer Records*

The Low Anthem: "Smart Flesh". A credible, edible

KURANDA
Kuranda Roots Festival

Celebrating its 8th year the **Kuranda Roots Festival** is now even bigger, with two days and nights of world, reggae and dub music, including a mashing Friday night pre-party on the main stage, food & craft markets, a licensed bar & a chai chill out zone, with overnight camping available.

Headlining this year's mighty main stage line-up are world touring Drum & Bass act, **The Bird**, (Friday, main stage), the highly acclaimed electronic artist **Opiuo**, (Saturday, Dreadzone), legendary indigenous singer songwriter **Archie Roach** (see poster) and the manically energetic eight-piece leviathan **Dubmarine**, fronted by the north's own **MC D Kazman** (Saturday, main stage).

Joining them on the main stage are Australia's number one indigenous reggae & hip hop outfit,



Koahlition



reggae band **Koahlition** (Sat, main stage), with Kuranda's **Gudju Gudju** opening the Kuranda Roots Festival on the Friday from the main stage at 4pm. See you there!

Kuranda's **Zennith** (Saturday), and the cream of down under reggae & hip hop talent featuring the likes of **Darky Roots, The Upsteppers, & Schoolfight** (Friday), and **Rudekat Soundsystem & Imandan** (Saturday). Roots also features an awesome selection on djs, selectas & producers such as **Lubdub, Billy Dread, Ombudsman, Closer Apart, Marcus Fari & Culture Harry**.

The Kuranda Roots Festival showcases and supports the growth and development of **Mayi Wumba** (Honey Tree) Traditional Aboriginal Dancers and **Blackrobats** (Indigenous Youth Circus Troupe) in the cultural program with special welcome performances before **Archie Roach**.

Rounding out the bill are the delicate harp grooves of **The Flumes** and local

genres. The internal structure of the songs weaves together jazz and hard rock; blues and country and gospel; smoky late-night bars and street smarts.

The musicianship is just about perfect, as is the production. Lovely bass lines and percussion with the full range of guitars and keyboards to thread all the genres together into a very satisfying mix.

And the vocals - **k.d.** at her best, all originals with one cover "**Heaven**" from *Talking Heads*. Lyrics that repay careful listening. Rich poetry and images. "**I've lost my edge, it's left the building like Elvis, I guess...**"

Now here's a thing - there's more than a hint of **Phoebe Snow's** lost-girl inflections in the vocal delivery.



www.kdlang.com

Phoebe Snow died around the time of this album's production. Channelling? Tribute? Or just synchronicity?

Any which way, it's a deeply touching work, dissolving genres and genders into a magical mix.

KURANDA GIG GUIDE JULY

FRIDAY 1ST JULY
 Kuranda Amphitheatre
 Kuranda Roots Festival
 (see article for details)
 Gates Open 3.00pm
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SATURDAY 2ND JULY
 Kuranda Amphitheatre
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Monthly Committee Meetings every first Monday
Tuesday: Eight Ball 7pm start (contact Janet 4093 7104)
Wednesday: Tennis, 6.00pm-8.00pm
Thursday: Bushikai Karate 6 to 7pm contact Darryl 0487 460 597
Friday: Social Night, Pool, Lawn bowls, Darts, Table Tennis and Tennis. Meals in Sandra's Kitchen, Bar.
Saturday: Bushikai Karate 10 to 11am contact Darryl 0487 460 597
Sunday: Yoga, 10.00am-11.00am (contact Aileen 4093 7401), Tennis, 6.00pm-8.00pm
Film Club, first Sunday of every month. Contact Margaret or Hans 4093 8393.
Uniting Church: every second Sunday of the month, contact Krishna 4093 8730.

"See the Lights"

Kuranda Recreation Centre

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Clear Skies and Cool Nights – Perfect Recreation Weather

'Recreation is difficult to separate from the general concept of play, which is usually the term for children's recreational activity. Children may playfully imitate activities that reflect the realities of adult life. It has been proposed that play or recreational activities are outlets of or expression of excess energy, channeling it into socially acceptable activities that fulfill individual as well as societal needs, without need for compulsion, and providing satisfaction and pleasure for the participant. A traditional view holds that work is supported by recreation, recreation being useful to "recharge the battery" so that work performance is improved. Work, an activity generally performed out of economic necessity and useful for society and organized within the economic framework, however can also be pleasurable and may be self-imposed thus blurring the distinction to recreation. Many activities may be work for one person and recreation for another, or, at an individual level, over time recreational activity may become work, and vice-versa. Thus, for a musician, playing an instrument may be at one time a profession, and at another a recreation there is a lot more to do.'

Ref: Wikipedia

Winter is certainly here with clear skies and cool nights, great time to have some fun with friends. This month has seen a good attendance on the long week-end with an expose of activities available at the KRC.

Kuranda Eight Ball: Tuesday night from 7.00pm.

Lawn Bowls: Social lawn bowls is played weekly at 7.00 pm Friday night, weather pending. More information, please ring Lorraine 4093 9583

Aileen's Yoga: Come along, take some time out to connect with yourself. More information, please ring Aileen at 40937401. Namaste.

Kuranda Soccer Club News: If you are interested in helping the Club or want to volunteer some time and energy: Contact: Melina; 40937287, Gary & Linda; 40937109, Monika: 0418902016.

Swim Club: More information, please ring Gary 4093 8399.

Volleyball: please ring Leo 0405 116 066 or Lisa 4093 9659 for further updates.

Netball: please contact our coordinator for information. Juliet 40937 0067.

Basketball: Anyone interested in using the Backboards contact Gary 4093 8399.

Tennis: The Kuranda Tennis Club is happy to announce that social games are on Sunday and Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm and tuition for beginners at 5.30pm every Monday. More information, please ring Aileen 4093 7401 or Rudy 4093 8453 or contact Dave at the club 4093 9007.

Social Nights: Remember, you don't have to be physical to enjoy the atmosphere at the KRC.

Friday Night remains popular for a simple and tasty meal, but, please confirm bookings with Sandra and avoid disappointment - telephone 4093 7393.

Kuranda Aquatic Centre

We are now shut for a brief Winter period while all is refreshed and rejuvenated for the upcoming Spring/Summer period with the re-opening on the first day of Spring, September 1st.

We will, however, be open for one day on **Friday 12th August** for Magnapool Kuranda Klassic series of swim races featuring Olympian Matt Welsh, who, by the way, set a new record time for 50m of 25.9seconds in our pool when he dropped in last Wednesday for a few hours to launch the media campaign for the event as the ambassador.

In August a full day of clinics, racing, food and entertainment will be on offer as well as \$20,000 in

prize money. The Kuranda Pool was the first large public facility to offer Magnesium Minerals as a pool cleansing system in Australia. It has proven to be the most environmentally friendly, therapeutic, efficient and clean system available. People still comment on the amazing clarity when swimming. Now after 3 years over 200 builders and pool industry officials will spend a day literally lapping up (and down) to see and try it for themselves.

The charity event will involve a number of Cairns and Tablelands Sporting Clubs, identities and Services being represented to do a 100m dash for cash, with one lucky nominated charity coming away with a cool \$10,000 which will go back into the community via their nomination. Another \$10,000 worth of prizemoney can be won through other categories. Watch out for entry details on KurandaKlassic.com for more information and registration. Already Cairns Taipans, Northern Pride, Cairns Netball and Women's Basketball have entered teams in to the Sporting teams category race.

Entry to the event is free. Barbecues will be provided and local bands will provide the entertainment throughout the day.

Hopefully by the time we return in Spring we will have had extra shade and shelter facilities built near the newly erected shade cloths over the toddler pool which will add cover and seating for patrons supervising little ones. In the hotter months now with the added protection it will enable locals to come, setup and be protected from the harsh Queensland sun. I know we, as lessees, will surely appreciate it. With the current office area directly in line with the afternoon sun it will prove a cooler, clearer vantage point for lifeguarding as well.

Many thanks to all our patrons over the 10 month season and we'll see you all for a free swim in the HEATED WATER in the middle of August, we won't forget to turn the switch on.

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Registrations for the MagnaPool Klassic will close on Thursday 4th August. A public draw of the 8 finalists will take place on Friday 5th August and this will give competitors and charities a week to muster supporters for the big race.

Event and media manager Mark Forbes is available to answer any questions regarding the MagnaPool Kuranda.

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The Hairy Hunters

With eight feet made for climbing on almost all kinds of terrain, huntsman spiders have no problems running across our walls and clinging to our ceilings. Their feet have pads of microscopic hairs which give them grip where many other spiders simply cannot go. Their gravity defying motion combined with sudden bursts of speed do cause many a heart rate to rise suddenly, and despite being harmless they certainly do give many people shivers. Love them or hate them, these small hairy Australians are as much a part of our wild heritage as gum trees and kangaroos.

As their name suggests, huntsman spiders are just that – spiders that hunt. Roaming our houses is just another hunting ground, and one which is often rich in pest insect fodder. Sporting a flat, fuzzy body and extensive legs, the term 'huntsman' refers to the members of the family *Sparassidae*. With colours ranging from orange, brown, green, to grey, combined with spots and banding, it is an impossible task to describe here all the Huntsman spiders one might encounter throughout Australia. There are in fact over 160 species Australia wide, and plenty within our region.

One of the largest is the Banded Huntsman, *Hoconia immanis*, which is found from Victoria to northern Queensland, a particularly common resident of gum trees around the rivers. *Delena cancerides* is the Social Huntsman which lives in large colonies under bark and logs, and is best known for emerging from firewood in southern Australia. *Neosparassus sp.*, the Badge Huntsmen, are tree-dwelling spiders renowned for their intricate "badge" designs on the underside of their bodies. While collecting live invertebrates for Melbourne Museum's Bugs Alive! exhibition in 2006

we found a new species of huntsman near Cairns which had not been scientifically described. It is a spectacular orange and yellow spider, which we have called the Tiger Huntsman, and would have to be one of Australia's most visually impressive species. Earlier this year another of these rare spiders was found in Kuranda. The



A Banded Huntsman with obvious sensory hairs.



PHOTOS: ALAN HENDERSON

The Tiger Huntsman eating a cockroach, a local and one of Australia's most spectacular species.

people who found it figured that it was something quite unusual and did some research on it on the internet. That led then to us, but they didn't realise that we lived in Kuranda! Needless to say we raced over to pick it up and photograph it.

A common misconception about spiders is that they all weave webs to capture their prey. In fact, Huntsman spiders never build a web to catch their prey, but do use silken threads to line their hidden retreats under bark, as safety lines when moving around, and to create egg sacs to protect their eggs. They are highly efficient hunters without webs. The long hairs covering their legs are sensitive to the tiniest air vibrations – so much so that these spiders are known to leap accurately in the dark and catch prey, consisting of insects (such as moths and cockroaches) and even other spiders.

Contrary to popular belief and exaggerated television, humans are not on this list! The legs of most huntsmen are arranged in such a way that allows them to scuttle side-ways (much like a crab), which is particularly useful for capturing their prey, and scuttling to safety to avoid predators.

Female huntsman spiders construct white papery egg sacs to protect their eggs, which may number in the hundreds. The mother spider will remain with her eggs for 30–60 days until they hatch, and then allow the tiny spiderlings to cluster all around her for a week or so before they set off to face the world alone. Apart from a brief acceptance during breeding, most huntsman spiders do not like others nearby – in fact if this happens a bigger one will often catch and eat the smaller one!

Aside from their unsettling speed and movement, these spiders are usually quite docile unless heavily provoked. If you find one in your home, it is best to cover it in a glass or jar and slide some paper underneath in order to relocate it outside, rather than killing it. Remember, these little hairy guys are the ones guarding you from household insect invasion!

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Going Nuts...

It beats me – I have no idea why people are called ‘Nut Cases. Well, I sort of understand that they might be a ‘Case’, but why a humble, perfectly good and healthy NUT? How did it end up with such bad reputation?

In my opinion nuts are one of the best foods, great for a healthy snack. They are high in protein, important nutrients, fibre and good fats. Let’s have a look at six of the most common nuts available to us.

Almonds: Very high in Vitamin E (an antioxidant that protects body tissue from damage and helps formation of red blood cells), magnesium, potassium, manganese, copper, selenium and calcium. Almonds are high in fibre and are full of good fats – no cholesterol.

Cashews: Rich in copper (good for antioxidant defense, energy production, bones and blood vessels), magnesium, zinc, iron and biotin. They are lower in fats than most nuts with 65% unsaturated fat of which 90% is oleic acid, the heart-healthy fat found in olive oil.

Walnuts: The walnut looks like a brain and guess what – it actually is exceptionally good for cognitive function. It is the only nut that contains omega-3 fatty acids and is also fantastic for protecting the heart.

Tina Corry-Sokolich
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It provides anti-inflammatory benefits for arthritis, eczema and psoriasis. It is said to support the immune system and has powerful antioxidants.

Pecans: Excellent source of over 19 vitamins and minerals including vitamins E and A, folic acid, calcium, magnesium, copper, phosphorus, potassium, manganese, several B vitamins and zinc.

A study from New Mexico State Uni found that eating ¾ cup of pecans a day may significantly lower LDL (bad cholesterol) and help to clear the arteries.

Brazil Nuts: These nuts are extremely nutrient rich in copper, niacin, magnesium, vitamin E and very high in selenium. Selenium is a powerful antioxidant that works to neutralize dangerous free radicals, which is good news for us as Australian soil is very deficient of this mineral. Studies suggest that because of the high selenium content it may help with prevention of cancer.

Macadamia Nuts: Last, but not least (my favourite)

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Just a warning – don’t eat too many nuts at one time, they are concentrated in calories and nutrients, a handful is plenty. But before I finish, I feel compelled to mention our humble **Sunflower seeds** (very high in Vit.E) and especially Pepitas (pumpkin seeds) as fantastic crunchy healthy snacks as well.

Pepitas are very high in Zinc and therefore beneficial for the male population with prostate problems. They are also excellent for bone mineral density and osteoporosis in women and they have anti-inflammatory properties.

Eating a variety of different nuts and seeds would be the best way to get all the benefits each of them have to offer. So, all you ‘Nutters’ out there, ‘Going Nuts’ can be a very good thing!

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Many of you may remember the wheatgrass craze a few years ago. Whilst fads may change, wheatgrass hasn’t and the healing benefits of this amazing plant cannot be denied. Wheatgrass is one of the most alkaline foods known to mankind. It contains beneficial enzymes. Whether you have a wound to heal or weight to lose...enzymes do the actual work. The life and abilities of enzymes found naturally in our bodies can be increased by adding exogenous enzymes to our diet, like those in wheatgrass.

What is Wheatgrass?

Wheatgrass is a cereal grass that along with alfalfa and barley grass has been found to be beneficial for health since the beginning of the last century. In the early 1960s, Ann Wigmore (health practitioner), began promoting its health benefits.

What are the Nutrients in Wheatgrass?

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What are the Health Benefits of Wheatgrass?

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Dr. Yoshihide Hagiwara highly recommends the use of grass as food and medicine along with many other health practitioners.

How do I take my wheatgrass?

Juice: Ensure your juicer is intended for this use. Some juicers heat and therefore destroy the enzymes. Add pineapple to enhance taste and alkalise, ginger for circulation and anti-microbial properties. Consume the juice within 30 minutes according to Ann Wigmore. For an anticancer approach consume after four hours.

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The Deeps

Sixty metres down. Two hundred feet below the ocean surface. This is like the height of a twenty storey building between us and the surface. Down here things get really strange.

Looking up, we can see the hull of our vessel; our life-support system, very small and distant with our twin yellow air hoses snaking down through the clear bright water bringing our air supply. Great name for a band, we think, but, yeah, not really giving us what we need. The air compressor on the boat is working at full capacity to get the air down to us. But it's niggardly – we're a bit too deep for it.

Robby and I have to watch each other's bubbles and alternate our breathing – you breathe in: I breathe out – so we can get enough air. Any little drama and basically we're dead. Too deep to get to the surface on a free ascent and not enough air flow to cope with any exertion.

Swim slowly, slowly over the sloping bottom, seaweeds and soft corals floating back and forth to a silent submarine rhythm. Come deeper, come deeper, the pearl shells are way, way down. You don't belong here and we may not let you go. Drop your fragile umbilicals and stay, stay. This is the nitrogen kicking in. At this depth, air becomes hallucinogenic, what they used to call 'raptures of the deep'. Now it's a trip.

The skulls of a hundred dead divers lay coral-encrusted somewhere below. An earlier generation of treasure-seekers who walked lead-booted and helmeted through these deeps seeking the gold lip pearl shell. At the mercy of the squalls above and vicious bottom currents below.

Me and Robby, we're a new generation, free swimming with fins instead of lead boots and a face mask instead of a helmet. A little more in control of our own destiny, but 200 foot down in the Darnley Deeps the sense of alienation is palpable. Our equipment and our bodies are right on the edge of their capabilities, and now the tripping. Right. That's just what we need! Sponges, fish and corals twisting; shape shifting and whispering.

We're watching each other and telepathing like you wouldn't believe. Hey. Let's drop our work lines and swim to the bottom. Do we need air? Whoa! Relax, relax. Override the senses and stay in control.

So we settle back into the rhythms of our breathing and the silent wash of the soft corals and sponges – so intricate, so beautiful. The sloping bottom begins to flatten out. Coral gravel with ledges and hard coral growths pushing up through the softly washing grasses. It's all grey and monotone. No colours survive at this depth. Reds are the first to go and then on through the spectrum as you go deeper until all the colours disappear. Welcome to the grey lands, where Neptune is the king. Oh. Did I really just think that?

Our hoses are stretched and the air is only just getting down to us. Can't see any pearl shell but out on the edge of visibility something is rolling back and forth in the current. It looks like a lump of coral but it's a bit too symmetrical and, like us, definitely out of place.

The hose won't stretch that far, but I know I'm going to do it. Signal to Robby: Give me three breaths then I'm dropping off swimming down and grabbing that rolling thing. Ok?

He glares back: No! You crazy? He's right but I'm going to do it. Robby gives the cut-throat sign but he takes a breath and holds it while I pull in three big ones and unhook my airline.

The nitrogen hits the brain and I shift gear into over-drive, kick down, glide over the bottom and grab the ball of coral. Yes! Push hard with the fins for lift off and there's Robby with my regulator pushing down. He holds his breath as I grab the mouthpiece, shove it in; blow out and suck on the meagre air supply until I've got another lungful. Starting to spin, but the oxygen kicks in and I signal to Robby that he can take a breath.

We both give the thumbs up and start the slow ascent, heads full of stars. It's a lazy, hazy swim back up to the light. Taking our time, watching the depth gauges and letting the nitrogen in the bloodstream dissolve. The tripping effect gradually subsides and the risk of the bends diminishes.

We watch each other, still telepathic, and the obvious pun floats between us, big grins on our faces. Getting bent down there was very cool. Getting bent on top would seriously not be. Nobody wants a diver writhing in agony on the deck with a nitrogen bubble jammed against a nerve or, worse still, in the brain. No. That kind of bent we can well do without. So we hang at 10 metres for a long while then drift up to the surface, all bright and sparkly.

Salty, our deck hand reaches over and helps us up the ladder and back on deck, his eyes as big as saucers. "Bloody hell Bob" he splutters "Are you guys ok? Do you know how deep you were? What's that you've got? Did you see any shell?"

We pull off our gear and suck on oxygen for a while. Salty picks up the coral ball and gives it a few exploratory taps. "Is this what I think it is?"

"Maybe, let's chip off a bit of coral and find out".

He grabs the shell-cleaning hatchet and gently chips away until we can see...brass! Yes! It's an old hard-hat diver's helmet. A rare treasure and very valuable as a relic; a memento and a conversation piece.

I reach over and take the helmet and hatchet from Salty and sit quietly chipping away until it's exposed. Still a bit narked, I'm gripped by some powerful psychometry. This is amazing. He was a young Japanese man on his first pearling season in the Torres Straits; missing his family but determined to make it as a diver.

The weather was blowing up and the tide was building. The lugger master had ordered the diver down for one last drift before sailing back to T.I. The shell bag was filling nicely when he felt his air hose go tight. Wind picking up above, they'll probably signal diver-up soon. Then a vicious bottom current picks him up and drags him against the pull of the air hose straight under a sharp coral ledge. A shimatta!

Helpless under the weight of his lead boots and shell bag he sees his taut hose sliced clean by the coral. Water rushes in; lungs fill, brilliant flashes of light, star bursts and... Nothing.

I'm shaking as all these images rush in and I realize that I'm hugging the old helmet and in tears.

"Good find mate" grins Salty, "That'll be worth a few bucks".

Slowly get to my feet and walk over to the rail. God bless you Yoshi, you're a braver man than me. May you truly rest in peace. I gently lower the helmet back into the water and watch it flickering down into the blue as The Deeps reclaim their own.

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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well, what a month it's been. Our club held its annual Pony Club Gymkhana on the 4th June. What a great day was had by all. There were 74 riders from as far as Innisfail through to Mossman. The weather was fantastic. With the help of so many volunteers the day went very smoothly. Our highest point Kuranda rider for the day, winning a lovely trophy, was Jamie Hewitt-Toms. So – well done!

I would like to mention and again thank our sponsors: Kuranda Medical Centre, Gifts From Kuranda, Kuranda Video, Clifton Beach Newsagency, Kuranda Landscape Supplies, Dot McLauchlan at Veterinary Clinic & Diagnostic Services Smithfield, Kuranda Electrics, Frogs Restaurant, Kuranda Fudge Bar and Tea Room, Kuranda & Mareeba Veterinary Clinic, Terry Toms Carpentry, Steve Wettenhall and Judy Pope.

Without you all this day would not have been possible. So again – THANK YOU.

The next big event is the Kuranda Pony Fair, on the 2nd July in the park in Kuranda. This is a Fundraiser for our Zone 18 Miss Personality and fundraising quest entrants: Junior, Kristy Lane and Senior, Heather McLauchlan.

So come along and please support these girls, maybe find a bargain and have some fun.

If you want to book a table to sell things contact Fionna Lane; 4093 0986. Starts at 9am and goes until 3pm.

It's been great horse riding weather with the beautiful days and very cool nights. Hope your horses aren't getting too hairy! School holidays are now on, so please, if you see kids out and about riding their horses, please take care driving past them!

Well, till next time, HAPPY RIDING!

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Book Review

"Who Am I"

by Robert (Bob) Taylor
(Chargan My Book Publisher Pty Ltd, 2011)
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The fearful plight of child migrants to Australia is very much in focus at present. You may have read or heard of David Hill's book "The Forgotten Children" or seen him on the TV describing his youthful experiences. Then we had a Senate Committee report and the Rudd apology in the National Parliament.

There have been further books on the subject and a film is about to be released. There is also talk of a court challenge. The matter has been discussed publically in the context of both Church sponsored homes and also the Fairbridge Farm scheme. The historic evidence of mistreatment is not good.

So it is of considerable interest when a north Queensland author and former child migrant puts his own history on paper and publishes a book.

This is Bob Taylor of Tolga, whose book is the review for this month. Bob was transported to Australia from England at the young age of 10 years. He never knew his parents, and more recent efforts to find them have all failed, largely through lack of cooperation from the church and the fact that Taylor is such a common name.

He was told that he was being shipped out to Australia for a better life than in the English orphanage, and that he should never return to England. But the truth was quite different.

One half of the book recounts the trials and misery that Bob experienced at Boys Town, Bindoon, in WA, also known as St Joseph's Agricultural and Trade School, a Catholic institution started by a Brother Keaney from Ireland. But Brother Keaney is described as a brutal tyrant, and the monument to him was later removed from the grounds of the institution

Some of the other staff are described in a similar vein. Bob's early life is depicted as being miserable and a form of child labour, although he does appear to have received some privileges later on. Frequent beatings and other mistreatment were common. Bob does not himself mention any sexual mistreatment that he experienced, but there is reference to such issues in relation to other boys. The education the boys received at Bindoon is seen as being grossly inadequate.

Bob survived the experience through the application of his own willpower, and he has enjoyed a good life as a national parks ranger in remote places. He now enjoys retirement with his wife. His wife had friends in the Kuranda area, so on one annual leave she and Bob stayed with them for a few days. Bob was impressed with the area, so in 2001 they decided to move to north Queensland, where they now live. As he says in the book:

"I felt I had lived a privileged life despite my less than promising start at Bindoon. In spite of the hardships, I survived and was luckier than a lot of children and people in the world."

But some other child migrants have not had such favourable outcomes to their lives. There is a degree of commonality in the terrible experiences of other child migrants in various institutions throughout Australia, often leading to unbalanced and sad lives.

It bears out the truth of the saying that the ill treatment of a child lasts a lifetime. Bob can testify to this as he still bears some of the scars. It is testimony to the fact that childhood is best undergone within the confines of a loving and caring family.

Such a family remains the bedrock of civilization and the primary source of education for life. It is that which provides an individual child with his or her identity and emotional maturity. Institutions, no matter how well intended, cannot provide this level of care and concern, and if the wrong people are involved at the interface, the institutions can and do go badly off the rails. But institutions can also be very good at hiding the incriminating evidence.

The experience of the child migrant schemes indicates that this applies whether the institutions are religiously based or otherwise. Vigilance and accountability are required for all institutions involving children, as well as people prepared to speak up and expose any serious mistreatment. Bob is one of these.

The book is a recommended read.

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KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

The Story of the Baker

The baker had made pies for years and years. One day he mistakenly left a thumbprint in one of the pie crusts. That day he sold the pie with the thumbprint first. Suddenly he was aware that people like to know that a human actually made the goods. Does a thumbprint signify a mistake? Reassurance that no-one is perfect? Reassurance that a person made the pie, that it wasn't made by a machine?

In the late 1800s, the Industrial Revolution changed how people thought about the world. Eventually, the craft person was driven out of business by factories that could make the same item cheaper and faster. Now, we are finding that we miss the look and feel of things being made by hand; we are buying the irregular piecrust with the thumbprint.

The story is about all aspects of making things - in our case, making fine art and crafts.

Arts Co-op Artists Exhibiting

EPICURIOUS - Exhibition at Palm Cove

Images that relate to food and eating form the recent body of work by Kuranda Arts Co-op printmakers **Margaret Genever, Laurel McKenzie, and Sasi Victoire** are now showing at Palm Cove. Epicurious celebrates Tropical North Queensland through its food culture. This exhibition responds to changes in habits, customs and fashions surrounding the consumption of food and reinforces the tradition of artists as witness to the social traditions of a time and place, where food acts as the lubricant for interaction. These Co-op artists, both individually and collaboratively, reflect on the unique culinary produce and the lifestyle of the tropics in their printed imagery.

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These three passionate printmakers, Margaret, Laurel and Sasi are also featuring, along with the members of Inkmasters Inc, in an inaugural exhibition opening on 28th June at C1907 Contemporary Artspace, City Place Cairns. This exciting exhibition will only be open until 7th July.



A Continuation from last month's 'Watch This Space'

The new eye-catching soft sculptures now displayed daily outside the Arts Co-op Gallery are currently the most photographed feature in the village. They are 'fun, colourful and jaunty' as they were described last month when these artworks were in the making. We are now certainly not being missed by the daily passing foot traffic. These colourful artworks are a credit to the initiative of the participating Arts Co-op artists and certainly an asset to the colour and atmosphere in the village.

Big Band Serenade

During the recent Kuranda Scenic Railway anniversary celebrations, the Arts Co-op was serenaded by music students from Villanova College, Brisbane.

The boys set up their instruments outside the Gallery, plugged in their amplifiers and proceeded to enchant the onlookers with a selection of Irish songs and some of the familiar classics. Like the Pied Piper, it wasn't long before there was a large crowd enjoying the performance and clapping along with the beat.

The music students' Big Band later played in Centenary Park.

The Arts Co-op would like to thank the organisers and Villanova College for providing such quality entertainment in the village.



The Way it Was (Part 9)

by Peter Ryle

This is the ninth instalment of the article "The District of Cairns" from The Cairns Post 13 August 1890.

The District of Cairns

By our own reporter
(Continued)

The course of the 3rd section of the railway has been cleared through to open forest country which begins about the 27 or 28 mile peg, but of course is impassable. Traveling up the river past Welcome Pocket is fairly easy, as the banks of the river can be kept all the way. The country is not so very broken here and to a less professional eye, railway construction seems very easy. The rise is of course very gradual and the line as surveyed keeps close to the rivers edge until Dinner Pocket is reached. The river here makes a great sweep and the line will run across the pocket some way from the water. Before this last named pocket is reached a splendid sand flat stretches for a good distance along the edge of the river. Above this is a large deposit of gravel, which with sand will be of great value for the railway works. This is one of the finest patches of sharp sand I have ever seen. The river itself all the way up to the forest country, above Dinner Pocket, is a beautiful sight. Here is a deep shady pool, here a miniture [sic] cataract, here a mill stream, here a turbulent roaring flow as it meets rocky obstructions and plunges fiercely over them into another deep pool below. Then the river assumes the image of a lake, broad and still, the gentle breeze just rippling the surface and the tiny waves glistening in the sunlight. Then the current is broken by colossal boulders as large as a big hotel and stealthily the liquid mass seems to twine round the bases of the rocky monsters as if it would fein dislodge them from their places and bear them away. Then the current becomes angry at multitudes of smaller rocks which persistently bar its way. It appears to fight with the stones and then rush away sweeping through a narrowed rocky channel and then spreading out on a broad sandy flat as if to bask in the sun. Again the waters collect and force their way over and around more boulders and more jagged rocks, along sandy channels, over weedy flats, into deep pools again to burst forth with

a roar among the everlasting rocks. And so it runs on for ever, ever varying, ever changing, one moment silent and foreboding, another vivacious and lively, again to become threatening and serpent looking in its wreathings and twinings among boulders it cannot overthrow, again collecting in broad lakes only to rush forth with renewed energy, to defy the very mountains to bar its passage to the coast. Beautiful indeed is the Barron River and cannot but raise beautiful thoughts in anyone who could find time to wander along its banks and trace the tales of thousands of years in its rocky and broken bed. The route of the third section will not be so grand or aweinspiring as that of the second section, but it will be full of interest.

The second section is famous for its numerous hotels, and to judge from the start made on the third section this part of the line will be even better provided in this respect. At Myola township Mr. Sullivan is putting up an hotel which promises to be an extremely neat and finished structure. His furniture is on the ground together with the roofing iron and all materials. The blocks are in and the wall plates laid. A pit saw is engaged close by cutting the timber for the house. Good building stuff is very plentiful about here. A mile or two further up the River Mr. Geo. Bailey is erecting a place also. It is built of iron and sawn timber in a workmanlike manner. It is provided with a good sized dining room, bar, four bedrooms, and outbuildings, kitchen, stables, &c. the house is now almost finished and commands a view of a pretty spot on the river. Above this again at Korowa township Mr. Wm. Mazlin has started to build an hotel on similar lines. Above Dinner Pocket and on the edge of the scrub Mr. Hatton has erected a splendid edifice. It is situated on his selection some 30 odd miles from Cairns on the Railway side of the river. It is almost completed but will not open for some time, there being as yet no population round about and no

travelling public. The house which is two-storied is 35 ft by 30 ft, and has two verandahs both basement and upstairs. The fittings are excellent from the door knobs to the window fastenings. The lower floor is concreted which makes the coolest floor possible. The framework of the windows, which have eight panes, is all of red cedar, and the paneling of the doors are also made of this handsome wood. There are to be two fireplaces, one upstairs and one on the ground floor. About 25,000 bricks have been moulded ready for burning, of some excellent clay found in the vicinity, and the chimney is to be erected of these. There are four rooms downstairs, including one for the bar, and two storerooms, one of which contains a cellar below the floor in which beer can be placed to be drawn through a pipe at the bar. Upstairs there are six large rooms nicely fitted and painted thoroughly throughout. This building is one which would be an ornament to the main street of the town. Above Mr. Hatton again at the junction of the Clohesy River with the Barron, Mr. Valley is about erecting an hotel also on the route of the railway.

(To be continued)

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In Memory of Milton



MILTON ERNEST BRIM was born on the 7th April 1936 at Mona Mona Mission to Cecil and Dinah Brim (both dec). He was the fourth of eight children – Marita (dec), Warren (dec), Ivan, Ruth, Eunice, Ross (dec), and Annette (dec). Milton grew up in a Godly loving family, run by the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

With limited schooling on Mona Mona Mission to 6th grade, the knowledge and wisdom Milton had, one would think he was a university graduate.

Throughout Milton's life experience, he retained vast knowledge, wisdom and understanding and was often sought by professionals in various fields such as, giving lectures at Primary and High Schools and other venues when required, particularly in sharing his faith in God and his knowledge of history, bush and culture.

Milton was a hard worker. Whilst on Mona Mona Mission, under the guidance of Frank Cherry and Lloyd Weedon in the Mechanic's department, he was taught everything about cars, trucks and tractors.

After many years Milton left Mona Mona Mission and got a job with the Main Roads Department, but would come back to Mona Mona Mission on weekends. He then joined a boxing troupe. He also worked with Finley Grogan and Fred Duffin, timber cutting. Even though Milton was a hard worker he found time for romance. On one of his weekend home visits he nominated to ride (being an expert with horses in his younger days) in the local rodeo event. He was beaten by Harry Grogan Jr. by 1 point.

It was at that time Milton proposed to his childhood sweetheart. At age 20 Milton married Flo (nee Hudson) on 28th August 1956 and they were blessed with four children – James, Irene, Ernest and Corinne. Later in life Milton also helped rear Manny, Michelle, Ian, Lisa, Pamela and Traci.

Since the opening of the Tjapukai Cultural Park in 1996, it was the first time the Park was closed day and night to give all the opportunity to pay their last respect to Milton.

Milton displayed a natural talent and was known as an all-round sports person. He also loved anything musical, and being an excellent singer he also played many musical instruments. Milton joined the Mona Mona Brass Band and Church choir. He excelled in the cornet (was taught by Bill Zanotti) and was honoured with the role of Drum Major leading the brass band in ANZAC parades and other community events.

Milton and his young family relocated to Oak Forest on 23rd June 1962 after seeking exemption from Mona Mona. They lived there for 10 years whilst he worked with Queensland Railways at Almaden until his transfer to Kuranda. He then worked with the construction crew to build the Kuranda Collin's Bridge. Before moving to Kuranda Milton obtained employment with the Forestry Department. He started as a labourer, was promoted to Ranger where he was given the responsibility of teaching Forestry trainees 'tree identification' and later promoted to Overseer. However, due to the restructuring of the Forestry Department, Milton was made redundant after 33 years.

After his redundancy Milton didn't tire easily from working with trees. He acquired work as a Ranger/Advisor with the Djabugay Tribal Aboriginal Corporation for 9 months and then with Skyrail for 13 years until his retirement in 2009. During his employment with Skyrail, Milton had the opportunity to associate with many celebrities and dignitaries, this included an hour on the boardwalk with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11, Parliamentary staff, David Suzuki, and David Attenborough. Milton was nominated as an Olympic Torch Bearer, which he proudly carried over his Djabugay Tribal Country. As you can see with Milton's work ethics, he could not be kept idle, and after 18 months of 'retirement' he went back to work with Skyrail.

Milton participated in Community events and was involved in many Committees, Boards and Engagements that required his expertise on religious or cultural issues. These included Kuranda Seventh-day Adventist church boards, Djabugay Ranger, Justice Committee, Djabugay Tribal Aboriginal Corporation and also lecturing in many schools in the Cairns and Kuranda areas.

Milton was a faithful active member of the Kuranda Seventh Day Adventist Church, also a tireless worker, accompanying the various Ministers on their ministerial duties. He had a knack of giving spiritual encouragement and supporting his church in more ways than one. He had a sense of humour, was a hard worker and was an everlasting friend that will be sorely missed. He had a forte in maintaining long and lasting friendships with many people, far too numerous to mention.

Milton was a loving, caring, thoughtful, devoted family man who loved fishing, spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Whenever they visited, their "Poppy" would always take them fishing on his days off or later in the afternoon, if he finished work early. On Tuesday 19th April, Milton took his wife, granddaughter and great-grandchildren up the Barron River for a couple of hours fishing before sundown. It was there that he was called to rest doing what he loved, and is now awaiting the call of his Life Giver.

Milton is survived by his wife Flo, four children, 24 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.



Thirty years is a long time to know a person. You see them at their best and worst. And like good wines, some friendships and people grow better with age. Milton's friendship was one such that, over the years, increased, my respect and deepened my appreciation of Milton – a family man, hard working and industrious and always ready to lend a hand to getting the job done. Milton loved his wife and family so evident in the way he'd tell stories about the exploits and achievements of his children and always an abiding sweetness in his voice when he talked about Flo.

Milton – a respected Aboriginal Elder, willing to share his knowledge and skills not only with indigenous youth but with interested non-indigenous folk. Very keen on reconciliation and the advancement of his people and while keeping the traditions of his culture, he found a bedrock in his Christian faith.

Like a good wine, Milton was a complex blend, his company to be savoured in good times and hard. And like all good vintages, Milton became more mellow as he aged and was a benchmark for a full and remarkable life. And like the very best of wines, Milton will be missed and a long time before we see an equal.

Gone to the vineyard of the Lord!



KURANDA VILLAGE TAX TIP

By **Fay Allen** BCom CPA

TAX RETURN CHECKLIST FOR SALARY AND WAGE EARNERS

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

Income

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

Deductions

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

Other Information

- List of children's education expenses
- Days spent in remote areas
- Private Health Insurance details
- Names and dates of birth of dependent children or spouse
- Total net medical expenses for your family if over \$2,000 in total.
- Bank details - BSB and Account No. (this will generally speed up your refund)

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Kuranda Branch

A BIG THANK YOU to the generous Kuranda community who donated so kindly to 'The Biggest Morning Tea' we hosted on Wednesday 25 May. \$650.50 was sent to the Cancer Council of Queensland.

This was a combination event not only to fund-raise for such a worthy cause but also a token THANK YOU FROM THE COMMUNITY to our 'WET SEASON' HEROES who were out there in the winds, the rains, and the problems associated with such intense conditions. Invited were hands-on to representatives from S.E.S., Kuranda Police, Ergon Energy, Roadtek (Kuranda Range), Fire & Rescue, Kuranda Ambulance and Tablelands Region Council.

Our members did a sterling job with the catering and tea/coffee and we were so proud to offer such a selection of teas and home-baked items. A blue on white quilted wall hanging was made for the event by one of our members and was much admired – this is just one example to show we have great talents within our group (in addition to our baking!) Some of the raffles were hand crafted by our members and apart from the talent shown, time was also given to make the articles and time, these days, seems to be a scarce commodity.

Another thank-you must also be extended to the charming M.C. Beverley and to the harp player Astrid – both girls ensured a very pleasant morning was enjoyed by all and their attendance was "the cream on the cake"! Again – thank you to the community for attending and to our own members (possibly assisted by their husbands!)

May and June have again been busy months. Our handcraft teacher attended a CWA State Handcraft School in Tolga – before the recent chilly weather set in. Members were also busy cooking and serving up morning tea to 150 people who came to visit Kuranda on the Rotary "Dream Train" at the end of May.

Kuranda Branch hosted the Far Northern Division Contest Finals in early June and members were quite successful with winning entries in Cookery, Handcraft, Knitting & Crochet, Photography and Public Speaking. Guests from other branches and contest judges were well fed from the time they arrived (some arriving at 7.00am from Tully and Flying Fish Point) until departing around 3.00pm. By that time, our members were also ready to head home.

The Barron River 2011 Queensland Day Awards, hosted by Mr Steve Wettenhall, MP, were held recently at Yorkeys Knob. Congratulations are extended to Gerald Hobbler and Yvonne Dighton who each received an award for volunteer contributions to their community.

Craft: recent lessons have been "Stack & Slash Patchwork", Candlewick Embroidery and making a "Hussif" or "Housewife" – a holder for needles, threads etc.

With the Innisfail and Cairns shows coming closer, everyone is busily trying to complete their handcraft entries ready for judging and display at the shows.

Our craft and social mornings are held every Wednesday 9.00am-12.00 noon. Come along and join in, learn a craft – show/teach a craft or just have a cuppa and a homemade biscuit with us. For Hall bookings, please contact the Hall Convenor on 4093 7599 or Branch President on 4093 7016.

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Hans Zehntner - Jack of All Trades

Let me introduce you, if you do not already know him, to a Kuranda man who is an instrument technician and tool maker, precision mechanic, fitter and turner, safety officer, contract supervisor, water and sewerage officer, house builder and furniture maker, wood sculptor, gardener, environmentalist, self-sufficiency proponent, canoeist, world traveller, film manager, and all round hearty fellow, among many other things. This is **Hans Zehntner**, our profile for this month.

Hans was born in Basel, Switzerland and spent most of his youth in small Swiss villages. But there were early signs of an adventurer in that he was not content to remain within the pressured Swiss society of the time. He completed his apprenticeship and then decided to travel. He applied for visas. The first to respond was Australia so he caught a boat and arrived in Sydney at the end of 1963. Within three weeks he had had his money stolen, so he applied for jobs. Then he bought an old car and began travelling, working as he went.

First he went to Brisbane and then north up the Cape. He passed through Kuranda and liked what he saw - cool and green, a good place to later retire. Then to Mount Isa where he worked in a power station for six months. He went on to Alice Springs and the Rock, then down to Adelaide and back to Brisbane.

He was working on a theatrical set there when he met his future wife Margaret, who was then playing in an orchestra for a choral society as well as going to Teachers' College. Hans still decided to travel some more, going to Darwin and Groote Eylandt before returning to Brisbane to work. There he and Margaret married.

But the travel bug still had Hans firmly in its grip. They hitchhiked together through Asia to Switzerland, where Hans worked for a year. But then they came back to Australia by boat until the boat caught on fire in the Pacific. They were flown the rest of the way. They had their first child. Hans then got a job in Tom Price for four years where they had their second child. After that he worked at Mary Kathleen for three years. They had their third child. They then went back to Switzerland for



a year before returning to work in Tennant Creek on the mines for two years.

Hans then moved to Darwin where he worked for Power and Water for the next 18 years, finally retiring in 2002. The family travelled around Australia for a while during which Hans brought land in Kuranda and erected a shed. They lived in the shed for some three years while Hans designed and then built his own environmentally friendly house to a unique design. It needs no air conditioning and he and Margaret are largely self-sufficient in power and water. They grow fruit and vegetables and have chickens. The front veranda looks out over a lovely lagoon that Hans built.

Hans' canoeing exploits are legendary. He has canoed the Yukon, Danube, Murray, Katherine, Franklin and Gregory Rivers. Recently he did the Ou River to the Mekong in Laos and the "Barron Challenge" from Mareeba to Kuranda. He also keeps fit by scuba diving, walking and travelling generally. Hans feels at ease with nature and is more an outdoor man. His travel adventures have usually been combined with an appreciation of other cultures and peoples.

Hans has been heavily involved with Envirocare in Kuranda, including seed raising and tree planting. He

helped with the move to Envirocare's new premises recently and helped build many of the improvements. His environmental activities are varied and are an expression of his strong social conscience. He is also an inaugural member of the Kuranda Film Society and current President, as well as a member of the Kuranda Recreation Centre where the films are usually shown.

Hans has a relaxed philosophy of life. "Live and let live" might be his motto. He feels he can do just about anything if he puts his mind to it. A bit of a perfectionist, he will persevere until the job is well done. He is not excessively ambitious or materialistic though, and believes in moderation. Although not a religious man, he humbly and honestly goes through life ready to help anyone who seeks his aid.

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Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

Sculpture has most often been made to occupy open areas, in civic squares and council gardens, or to adorn the facades of buildings or mark sacred sites, however, an original and unique stone sculpture by artist **Kim Prentice** first greets you at his front gate. A sacred site indeed.

Blending his distinctive style with exotic woods and stone structures, Kim has built up a garden assemblage of sculptures. Within the creation of his garden and home, Kim is fulfilling his vision, in which the combination of the beauty of nature and his sculptures create an ambiance where sustainability and creativity becomes reality.

Where is your current studio?

I have a large designated studio within the garden on my Koah property, but a majority of my work is done outside that building and under the large poinciana tree, magnificently shaped with age and character and providing a shady work area.

Do you work alone or with others?

Mostly alone. I find it hard to blend with other artists on personal artworks as my designs and progress change constantly, especially as I 'chop through'. I am, at that stage, forced to introduce variations and come in on another tack. I do, however, enjoy the collaboration of other artists when planning and executing public art.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Natural light – lots of glass. I cannot use artificial light as I cannot work with shadows. Working on large three-dimensional pieces I also need space to be able to move around the artwork and then stand back to survey the ongoing form and design. I can't be too precious about my studio – sometimes I have to drill holes and hang things.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

No regularity at all. My inspiration comes in bursts and especially when my materials become available, then I start. Some of my larger sculptures may take over 12 months to complete.

Describe the works you do in your studio.

It is varied, but mainly wood. I also sculpt in metal, stone and concrete. All my



sculptures are large, some are lifesize or even bigger.

Why is sculpture your chosen medium?

I found three-dimensional sculpting quite by accident, in fact I actually stumbled across it. I have a building background and I am familiar with tools and working with wood. I guess I had the skills to be a wood sculptor and the far north environment was indeed my inspiration.

List things you listen to while working.

My listening is somewhat restricted as I am usually wearing ear muffs when light sanding, however, my daughter introduced me to 'world music' and I love it. Otherwise, when I am not playing a CD I will have Radio National going in the background.

Your favourite tool?

I would have to say my angle grinder. It is so versatile with so many different blades. Understandably my work necessitates this tool being replaced every twelve months. I tend to get the same model and one of the best value, but I must say that I don't get overly attached to it – I don't have time to.

How do you identify your work? (signature/stamp/chop)

I use my initials and scratch them underneath the finished artwork – somewhere hard to find.

How do you sell your work?

The best practice for me seems to be 'word of mouth'. Many artists find this. This is the way I receive many of my commissions. I also have some sculptures in the Oceanic Art Gallery in Port Douglas. This venue has worked well for me.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

No, I don't teach as such. As far as selling is concerned, like most artists I can currently respond with "I would like to". Economic times are tough. Visitors come and have a look. They show an interest in the process of wood sculpting, the species of wood I am using, what woods are available, what colours and where does it come from. They can buy if they wish.

What do you do with your seconds?

My sculptures, intended as public art in particular, are constructed of durable, easily cared-for material, to avoid the worst effects of the elements and vandalism; however, many prototypes are intended to have only a temporary existence and are made of more ephemeral materials. They are not built for longevity. These pieces usually end up as presents to friends.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

Plenty of unpaid jobs, there are always plenty of those, but nothing over and above my artwork that brings home the bacon. I am looking, however, for regular paid work.

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

It is totally out of my control but I would like natural light at night. I cannot work in the evenings as there are shadows everywhere. This is so very restricting.

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

I would be living totally sustainably. I have my own power sources, grow fruit and vegetables but I would perhaps have a few goats. I would be gardening; working a priority. The sustainable home garden is a definitive source around the world.

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



- God must love stupid people; He made so many.
- The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
- Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
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Open Letter to the Kuranda Community

Have you ever noticed that when we recognise the connections between things, opportunities for better outcomes emerge? Unfortunately, decision makers work within isolated silos with narrow jurisdictions, and often miss the connections and the opportunities that exist. Take Kuranda for example. Consider these separate matters:

1. The new Foodworks building on Thongon Street

We fully recognise the value of having an independently run, local supermarket in town which provides a valuable source of local employment and wish no disrespect to the proprietors of this business, but we wish to clearly state that the building is an eyesore and should have never been approved. This was a poor decision which the TRC inherited from its predecessors Mareeba Shire Council, who approved the building in typical contempt and insensitivity for the Kuranda community and township, and in conflict with its own Planning scheme provisions, which state:

- Overall outcomes sought for the Village area are to achieve an area that protects and enhances the image, natural vegetation and scenic quality of the Village of Kuranda as a tourist destination (page 108)
- S1 - Siting and design of any building is sympathetic to the surrounding natural and built environment.
- PS2.2 - Buildings are setback 3 metres from side and rear boundaries of the site
- S7 - The attractiveness and amenity of the Village zone as is indicated on Map Z6 is protected and enhanced through sensitive siting and design of buildings.
- S8 - Building design minimise building bulk.

The Foodworks building features a blank, unarticulated tilt-up concrete wall, of a bulk and scale which dominates the view, in possibly the most visible vantage point in a town which bases its local tourist economy on its village character and scenic values. It is town planning at its worst. To add insult to injury, we discover from an article in the Mareeba Express that the original permit was not even complied with, which Council to their credit are trying to address.

2. Pensioners' cottages on Thooree Street

The block directly next door to the new Foodworks, which is public land, has been approved for two pensioners cottages- presumably these will also be concrete buildings. So rather than realizing the opportunity to use this land to soften the visual impact of the huge concrete wall which now stands there, it will be compounded with more unattractive buildings. But the real problem is the living environment which will be created for the future residents of these pensioners cottages, which has the following problems:

- The cottages will be over shadowed by an enormous concrete wall, which blocks both the northern light and prevailing breeze - both important aspects of responsible passive design, especially in the Kuranda climate where mould and damp are constant health issues, and where natural light is imperative for a healthy home environment.
- The lot is wedged between the sheer bulk of this large featureless concrete wall an expansive bitumen car park, creating a unattractive and depressing home environment (ask yourself- would you like to live there?) Social housing design needs to soften rather than reinforce difficult social, psychological and economic situations.
- The lot is highly visually exposed; meaning residents are unlikely to feel safe when at home.
- It is a sloping block, meaning that it is unsuitable for less able bodied people to move around the grounds making gardens difficult for residents to maintain;

It seems that little or no consideration has been given to the psychological impact of living with a view of an expanse of bitumen on one side, a sheer concrete wall on the other, and feeling like you are in a fish bowl with continual passing tourists and residents doing their business. This is compounded by the fact that the residents will be aging people, and likely to be staying for a long durations-possibly the last years of their lives- years which may be characterised by becoming increasingly house bound, and having decreasing levels of independence and social mobility. For these people, providing homes in such a location is not only inappropriate but it is uncompassionate, and could easily lead to residents experiencing depressed mental and emotional states. Whilst the land has been allocated - the buildings can still simply not be built! It is not too late to recall this decision.

3. The Kuranda library

Whilst we have a great little library with an eclectic collection of media and literature (reflecting the eclectic character of the Kuranda community), the building is clearly too small for its current usage. If it was able to relocate to a larger building, it could accommodate meeting rooms, a larger children's section and play space, study areas and a computer lab which caters specifically for Kuranda's teenagers who currently have limited recreational opportunities available to them within the town.

4. The Kuranda Community Precinct

The acquisition of this building is a great opportunity for the Kuranda community, and with the creativity, diversity and imagination which exists within this town, we feel sure that in the fullness of time this facility will become a wonderful community space. However, as usual, funds are limited, and activating the space will be difficult with the mere \$200K that has been currently allocated to its upgrade.

So where are the connections? Consider the following scenario:

- The proprietors of Foodworks finance a community driven arts project (perhaps coordinated by Kuranda Arts Coop, mentoring art students from the Steiner and State schools) to unleash the creativity of the Kuranda community to make this ugly blank wall into something beautiful - thus transforming an visual imposition onto the town into a gift to the community that we can all feel proud of;
- The TRC recall the decision to construct two pensioners cottages directly adjacent to this site, and instead re-vegetate the site with fast growing native rainforest trees, to mitigate the visual bulk of the wall, in a way which also complements and frames the artwork;
- Use the allocated money for the pensioner's cottages to retrofit the existing Kuranda library into 2 x 2 bedroom detached pensioners cottages, as this building benefits from a less exposed site on a flat lot with good pedestrian access and orientation, good light and air circulation, and is screened by well-established landscaping. With the relocation of the library there would also be the opportunity to reclaim some of the bitumen carpark to provide more gardens for the residents;
- Use the remaining funds from the retrofit of the Kuranda library (which will be far less expensive than the construction of two new units) to add to the existing funds for the Kuranda Community Precinct, to relocate the library here- thus activating the space as a community hub, and providing a generous area for the library to offer a range of computer labs, kids areas, study areas, and meeting rooms, as well as their existing collection.

We would like to invite the views and comments of the Kuranda community on these ideas. What do others think?

Please respond to the Kuranda Paper by their next deadline on 22 July.

Yours sincerely,

Zach Barclay and Trish Molloy

NB: The Kuranda Paper reserves the right to choose which replies to publish, so that a range of views may be publicised.



The Stars in July

A sneaky little solar eclipse on 1st July to round off this eclipse season, unusual in that we have two solar eclipses: one on the June new moon and another on the July new moon, with a lunar eclipse on the full moon in between. This indicates a very tight alignment of sun-moon-earth during this period.

This 1st July eclipse occurs at 9 degrees Cancer. Moon rules Cancer; moon eclipses sun, and the eclipse squares Saturn in Libra. This speaks clearly of the nurturing; the maternal and the feminine demanding (nicely) balance, equality and justice from the structures of power and authority. Not total revolution, but mutual honouring of tradition and compassion. Eclipses are active for about six months so let's see what happens.

First planet over the eclipse point will be Venus; crossing 9 degrees Cancer 11th, 12th July. The symbol for this degree is a "large diamond, not completely cut", and this speaks volumes. Always with an eye for the beauty and value of the final result, we carefully, skilfully work on the structures until the result is a polished gem, beautiful to behold and of great strength and value.


As a whole, we are the rough diamond; individually we are the diamond cutter birthing something exquisite. As holographs of the whole we each now have the tools to do this with our own life.

July also ends with a new moon on the 31st. This one is at 7 degrees Leo, which rules the sun, so the male principle emerges. July, then, symbolises beginnings which merge the masculine and feminine creative energies and begin the process of birthing a paradigm of rare beauty and strength. Now we're getting somewhere...

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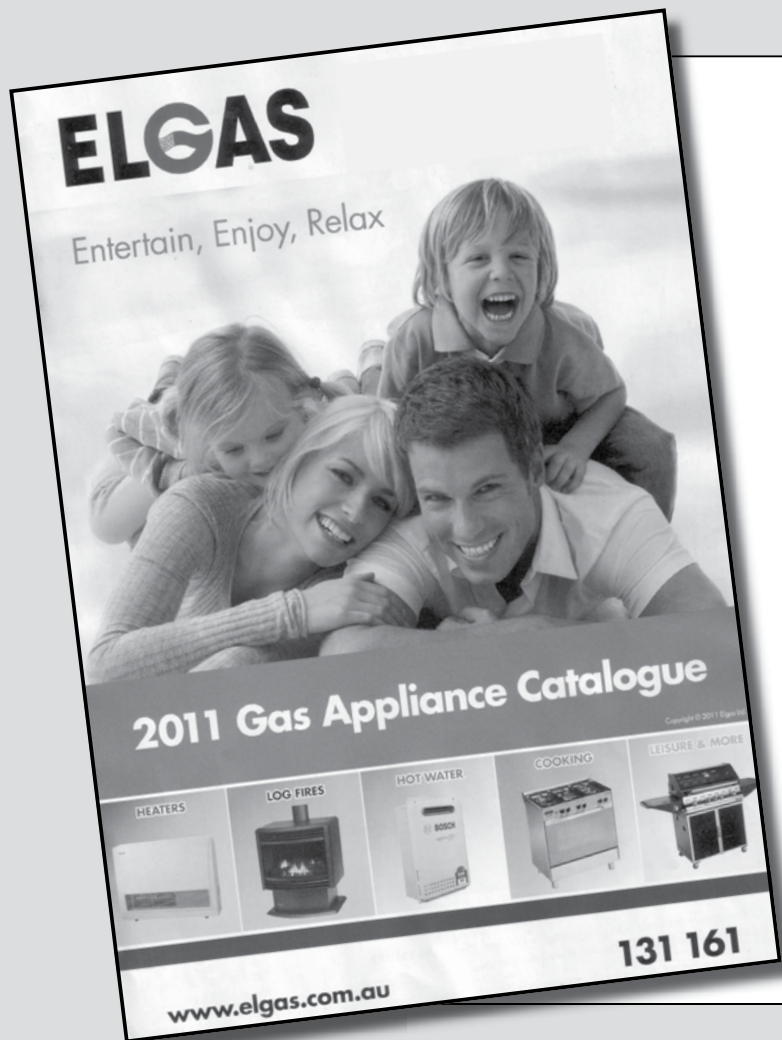
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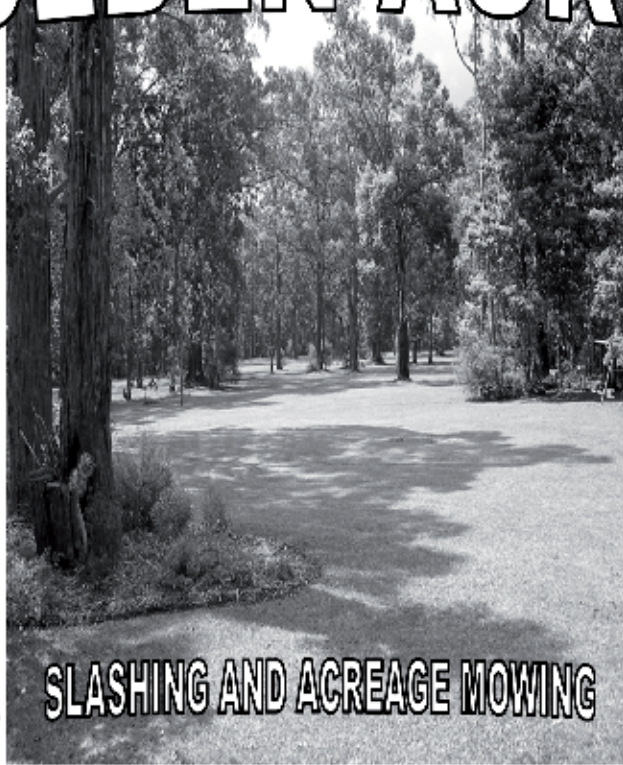
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Principal's Message

Semester one is now almost over and the students at Kuranda District State College certainly deserve a break. There have been many noteworthy events and achievements this semester. Our students have focused their learning time specifically on reading spelling and number facts in the lower years. We are sure this will be recognised when our Naplan results are published.

- The year 10,11 and 12 Chemistry students recently won the regional award for the Chemistry Titration competition. A wonderful acknowledgement of the work being completed at school.
- The year 5,6 and 7 robotics team also won the district competition earning them a visit from the technology specialists from Cairns State High and Lego robotics kit
- A small team of primary Italian students also represented our college in an Italian speaking competition and learned a great deal for a big performance next year.
- Our school choir of approximately 30 students represented the college on a number of occasions including the Anzac ceremony.

The entire community should be proud of all these achievements and support the efforts of all our students. Other news includes our primary school oval is almost completed with the turf being laid in sections. We hope to be using the oval next term and will be having a ceremony to recognise and celebrate with all the people who contributed to the building of this wonderful community facility.

Next term we look forward to much more learning and special events such as school cross country and Arts council visits. The senior students will be very busy preparing for their final exams and graduation in fourth term.

Maths and Robotics: As district winners of Robotics, Kuranda District State College was given the opportunity to further their investigations in Lego Robotics with the assistance of two teachers from Cairns State High School. Nineteen students from years 4, 5 and 6 were selected to participate in this experience. The enthusiasm of students was clearly evident by the way in which they fully engaged in the ICT problem solving activities.



Italian Language Competition: A first for Kuranda District State College

Students from across our district competed in the annual Italian speaking competition held recently at Cairns School of Distance Education.

Our nine students participated in the Italian Speaking Competition in both the competitive and non competitive sections.

Thank you to Guilano Alberti (our Italian Teacher) for training our students in readiness to compete, they were full of excitement and totally enjoyed the experience.

Kuranda Students Meet Gold Medal Winner

Matt Welsh an Australian swimmer, who is the former world champion and gold medal winner in backstroke and butterfly, visited our school and spoke to students about his swimming journey and what it takes to be an elite athlete. Students from KDSC Swim Squad spoke with Matt and ask great questions. Matt even swam a few laps for the students, gave swimming tips and signed autographs.

Matt was here to promote the health aspects of Magna Pools and to support the upcoming "Kuranda Klassic" which will be held at the Kuranda Swimming Pool in August 2011.

Matt and other top sports men and women will be competing in the coming fundraising event. Our swimming students will also be participating in the morning program on this day.





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A Thought for July

THIS month we read a passage from Chapter 1 of the Acts of the Apostles. The coming of the Holy Spirit is impossible to imagine. If we could imagine what the full force of a category five cyclone would be, the building would be shaking on its foundations, fire would be perilously close to everyone present, and it would be inextinguishable. There would also be a babble of the different languages. Mayhem. Chaos. This is the picture that the down-to-earth physician, Luke, gives us. But the people who had the wonderful experience went out from that place renewed. They had received peace; they had prayer; they had promise; and they had power. Some of them would suffer, because of what they had received. Many would die the death of a martyr. We may not have experienced the cyclone, or the fire; yet to us, as believers, God has given the same peace, the same prayer, the same promise, and the same power. We may not see it, but we have it. Neither age nor time condemns the peace, prayer, promise or sheer power of the Holy Spirit.

Recently a scientist was trying to describe the vastness of the universe, and the portions of it that have so far been discovered. World upon world lies out there, beyond what we once imagined were the borders of space. Then, virtually in an aside, the scientist concluded: 'And Jesus came down to this earth, to bring us the knowledge of the love and the saving power of God. He cared so much for us, when it would have needed just a movement of his little finger, to ignite this globe and obliterate it for ever - and the universe at large would not even have noticed the act.'

God cared so much for everyone on this earth. That was the dilemma which brought about the Passion, and necessitated the coming of the Holy Spirit: the Jews, looking for the deliverance merely of their own nation, could not take on board the love of God who cared for everyone on earth.

When the Holy Spirit came down, he saw to it that people from many nations were there to receive him. Judaea had its Hebrew, Latin and Greek languages; but the Holy Spirit equipped the Pentecost assembly with many more. Now the disciples had no excuse: their gospel could now be understood by more nations than they had thought possible. Invested, then, with peace, prayer, promise and power, just one thing still stood between them and their mission: will-power. A willingness to be open to God's guiding opens the way for God to accomplish great things. As Peter quoted to the assembly, from Joel: 'I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams' (Acts 2:17). May we endeavour to use the power, prayer, peace and promise given us by the Spirit, which changed the first-century Pentecost assembly into world-changing people. Who knows, with God's grace, what twenty-first-century people will yet accomplish?



Thought of the Month from the Baha'i Faith

"I beg of God that thou mayest find a cheerful life, cause the increase of the longing of all present in the meetings...and bring joy and happiness...so that thou mayest diffuse the fragrances and chant the manifest verses. Supplication to God at morn and eve is conducive to the joy of hearts, and prayer causes spirituality and fragrance. Thou should necessarily continue therein."

(Abdu'l-Baha)

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Holy Day Commemoration: Saturday 9 July at noon, Martyrdom of the Bab, forerunner of the Baha'i Faith, in Tabriz Persia, 1850. All welcome.

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NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday 5th July - 4pm - Kuranda CWA Hall

MAIN TOPIC: VALUATIONS UP 40% = RATES UP 40%, stretching some businesses to breaking point. TRC and State Government can control this - will they? TRC councillors and Steve Wettenhall MP invited to meeting

Sadly, a number of people were not able to attend the June meeting due to the deaths of Richie Trapnell and Nigel Bennett. Our condolences to their families and friends.

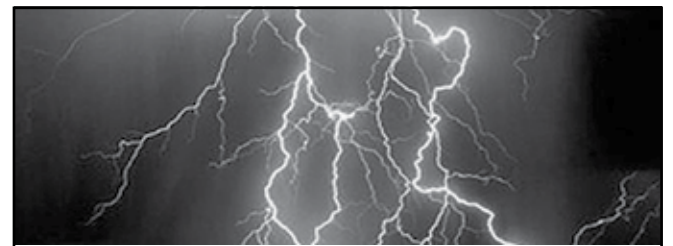
Main topics were progressing ideas on ways of attracting tourists to Kuranda. Many businesses are struggling to make ends meet - and while that may not be of concern to non-business people, tourism is the major industry that supports those services, such as the newsagent, chemist, post office, convenience stores, bank, etc, that the rest of us take advantage of.

Making visitors feel welcome at the train and Skyrail entrances to the town with people to meet and greet them is again being aired as a service to draw in visitors. It was very successfully supported by volunteers some years ago.

Developing the "Unique to Kuranda" concept is shaping up to be a major drawcard. Melissa Clinton has already set up a website (www.kurand-made.com.au) advertising products and services that can only be enjoyed in Kuranda and is willing to take the concept further with accredited products that will encourage visitors to come here for something they can't get anywhere else.

Steve Wettenhall MP, Member for Barron River, has been asked to represent the push for another highway connection for Kuranda's internal traffic, particularly to the west (end of Mason Road / Williamson Drive area)

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We've despatched six feral pigs in the last month – one near Myola/Jarawee Roads, two in the Speewah corral and three near end of Mason Road.

STOP PRESS: As we write, another sow and three young ones have been despatched from the Speewah corral. That makes 10 in the last month (6 trapped in the Speewah corral).

The pigs are after the juicy stems of banana palms and will bring down a big palm by chewing the lower trunk. They then devour the lot.

They also root through moist, grassy areas and gardens like rotary hoes, presumably looking for worms and juicy roots. The amount of damage they do is shattering. It is very disheartening for those landholders who have invested time and money in their food and floral gardens.

Once a pig is trapped, the landholder looking after the trap lets us know. We contact the expert shooters on our register who respond quickly and usually only need to deliver one perfectly placed shot to kill the animal painlessly. We are thankful that such experts are available to us for this repugnant but necessary purpose.

PIGS (continued)

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MYTH BUSTER: The young cassowary which was captured at the Heritage Markets last month, where it had wandered to from the valley behind the markets and butterfly sanctuary, was taken to a rehabilitation shelter near Townsville. All the other rehab shelters north of Townsville are full of birds needing care. The young bird was hungry and thin. It is likely it will be returned to Kuranda in due course. It is not known where the bird came from but was probably one of three youngsters which have been sent off by the parent bird who was ready to sit on another batch of eggs. It is likely its dad is from Barron Gorge National Park area, where similar sized youngsters are known to be on their own and seeking their own home habitat.

WHAT WE KNOW: There are three birds regularly seen in the Weir Road – Mason Road – Kuranda Cres. area. One is Eddie who is getting his colours and a bit of a casque; one is a brown cassowary which is doing quite nicely and will probably start getting its colours in 6 months; and one is a smaller bird, about the same size as the one found at the Heritage Markets. This bird is maintaining its weight but examination of its scats shows that it is being fed the wrong food (which may affect its health negatively).

FEEDING CASSOWARIES: If you feed a cassowary, you'll probably kill it. **WHY?** They get disease from the wrong food (your scraps) and you put them into conflict with people, dogs and cars. A bucket of water or a hose down will send them away – and hurt their pride!

DNA ID: Very, very soon we'll be able to positively identify each bird by its DNA and then we'll be able to find out how many birds we have in Kuranda.



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Kuranda Kindy Capers

The kids at the Kuranda Community Kindergarten have had an eventful month!

Lantern Parade: Everyone was busy preparing for our annual Lantern Parade, where we celebrate the Winter solstice and the coming of the warmer weather! All of the children helped out with making the beautiful lanterns using wax and paints. Thanks to everyone who helped out with making the lanterns and collecting milk bottles. Special thanks go to the Kuranda Coffee Republic and the Coffee Kitchen for keeping their milk bottles for us! Thanks also to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures. The parade was a huge success with the children making their way with their lanterns around the oval next to the Kindy.

Vacation Care: The Kindy offers Vacation Care during school holidays for children aged 3 to 8. Pick and choose your days. Each day is filled with fun, games, stories, cooking and creative activities. Daily costs are \$30 for a 2.30 pm pick-up and \$50 for a 5.30 pm pick-up (CCB can still be claimed, although the Government only offers 85% for school aged children.) Call us on 07 4093 8087 for more information about this school holiday program or to sign up for later in the year.

Kindy Enrolments & After School Homework Club: Spots are still available either for set days or casually. Call Tamara on 07 4093 8087 to secure your place.

Kindy Kids Giant Jumble Sale: The Kindy will be holding its inaugural *Kindy Kids Giant Jumble Sale* on Saturday 14 July in front of St. Saviours Anglican Church. It will be cheap and cheerful with a bargain for everyone! We are looking for donations of clean kids clothes, toys, books, cakes, arts and crafts and anything else you might have that we could sell. Please drop all donations off to the Kindy, off Barron Falls Road. We are also looking for volunteers to help out at the stall on the day, so please let us know if you can help.

The Kuranda Community Kindergarten Management Committee

Photo Caption: (Clockwise from top left) Kindy kids, Emalina, Eden, Hunter and Ethanuel show off some of the lovely lanterns for our Lantern Parade.



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GROW Project growing

Our latest Grow project planting at Warril Creek was well attended with 30 or so members, children and neighbours joining in on a cool morning to plant approx. 400 trees. These trees were sponsored through our GROW project initiative, where private individuals sponsor trees in memory of loved ones, as a living gift for those who don't need more "things", to support wildlife habitat restoration and offset carbon. Despite the chill, the planters warmed to the task and it was all done in an hour. Very well done! Here's a few snaps at the site



Gary, Belinda, Bella, our youngest planter



Ian Sporre, daughter and friend



Urma and Judy, our oldest planter



The last few plants



One year old trees in foreground, 3 year old behind group

A brisk walk through previous plantings from 1 to 3 years old was followed by an informative talk by environmental scientist Joe Rhodes, who designed the Tolga stormwater retention structures on the Kennedy Highway and Bones Road corner. Check it out next time you're passing through Tolga. Joe spoke passionately about the principles behind the power of rainfall, how we have changed the landscape and accelerated soil erosion and our need to manage stormwater by essentially slowing the water down, mimicking the natural pre-cleared landscape rainfall management, allowing for ground water recharge and reducing the power of the water to erode. New regulations out last year from FNQROC mean developments must now manage the stormwater runoff directly on site with the aim of reducing soil erosion and sediment travel to the reef.

General Meeting - Wed 6th July 7pm

Come along and join the discussion on coming years planting areas and possible research projects

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

Budget 2011-12: The TRC Budget was handed down on June 15th. General Rates will increase by 4.12%, which is comparable to CPI and much lower than the 7.5% suggested by the Local Govt Assoc of Qld. The key focus of the Budget is "no frills"; continued provision of Council services and operations, without any announcements of major infrastructure upgrades during the coming year. There are some changes, however, to Sewerage charges. Council has implemented a TRC wide sewerage charging scheme so that all TRC residents will pay the same charge for sewerage services, regardless of which sewerage treatment plant they are connected to. Personally I am not pleased as this will mean an increase in sewerage charges for Kuranda residents. However, Council has decided by majority vote, to create one scheme/one charge.

Valuations: Objection period for Land Valuations ends on July 4th. If you have any questions regarding the valuations, please contact the Qld. Dept of Resources and Environment Ph: 137468 or check their website www.derm.qld.gov.au.

Community Consultation for Kuranda Community Precinct: The consultation process is almost completed. The consultants will present their report and recommendations to the Council on July 7th. Finally, we will have a clear direction for the use of the site. The direction will be based on extensive community consultation by an impartial consultant. As I have always said, there are numerous ideas for how the site can be used and not all can be accommodated there. The bottom line is "greatest need and benefit to this district" and "funding". I will be able to provide more detail once the

report has been presented and Council has considered the decision. If you would like more information, please let me know or contact Engagement Plus (consultants) at pat@engagementplus.com.au or Ph: P: 07 3368 3008 or Mob: 0400 188 373.

Community Plan: Meetings in Kuranda: On June 28th Kuranda residents turned out in force to have their say on what is important for the Kuranda District over the next 10 years. Indigenous Community forum on June 14th was also very well attended. Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey, the voting stalls at the Post Office and the community forums. The results will be published soon. The "Community Plan" is a legislated requirement of all Councils to guide Council plans and budgets over the next 10 years.

Funding for Community Groups: FIKS. Reminder to all community groups and organisations that applications for Financial and In-Kind Support (FIKS) from Council are available throughout the year. For further details, please contact me, or Gwen Fyfe, at Council (Ph: 40434112)

Council Meetings: Council Meetings in July will be held on Wednesday July 6th in Mareeba and Wednesday July 20th in Atherton. Any resident is welcome to attend meetings. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office.

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



Unfortunately, Rick Brown has stood down as President of the KDJRL because of personal reasons. We would like to thank Rick for his efforts and contributions towards getting our great club up and running, we would also like to thank Rick's wife, Therese for her constant help and support on our game days, we wish them all the best.

The great news is that this position has been filled by Tammy Davis. Being Kuranda born and bred, there is no more a passionate person to ensure the club keeps growing stronger & stronger.

Neil Davis has joined the executive committee along with Siale Jenkins as Treasurer, they form a great team.

We cannot forget everyone else (working committee) who makes things happen - come and join this great club - no experience required :)

Our Kuranda Kids are in good hands!!!

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Water Fluoridation Implementation Project

The Queensland Government announced on 5 December 2007 that it would implement mandatory fluoridation of public water supplies where the supply serviced populations of 1000 or more persons, based on the 2006 Census. On 13 March 2008, the Water Fluoridation Act 2008 was passed as legislation.

When will fluoride be introduced into the Tablelands Regional Council area?

Under State Government regulations, Kuranda and Malanda water supplies will be fluoridated by 31 December 2011, while Mareeba and Atherton water supplies will be fluoridated by 31 December 2012.

What is fluoride?

Fluorides are naturally occurring compounds containing fluorine, one of the most common elements in the earth's crust. Fluoride compounds and ions are found in soil, minerals, plants, rivers and all water sources. In your body, fluoride helps stabilise the mineral content of bones and teeth and helps prevent tooth decay.

How does fluoride work?

Fluoride acts in a number of ways to strengthen teeth and make them more resistant to tooth decay. We know that while some of fluoride's effect is systemic, most is a topical effect, ie fluoride applied directly to the tooth surface and strengthening tooth enamel. Topical fluoride can not only stop the development of tooth decay, but also make the enamel more resistant to future acid attacks. It also helps by reducing the amount of acid produced by the bacteria in your mouth.

Is water fluoridation the best way of providing fluoride?

The benefits of fluoride can be provided in many forms, including fluoridated water, salt, milk, tablets and drops. The safest and most cost effective method, with the greatest reduction in tooth decay, is seen when teeth are exposed to frequent, low concentrations of fluoride as in water fluoridation.

Is water fluoridation a form of medication?

Fluoride is a naturally occurring nutrient already found in the water, and is used by your body to strengthen teeth and bones. Water fluoridation simply supplements the level of fluoride found naturally in the water supply and should be considered no differently.

Is fluoride poisonous?

Toxicity is related to the dose of a substance rather than merely exposure to the substance itself. Many substances (eg chlorine, iodine, fluoride, iron, salt, vitamins A and D, antibiotics, and painkillers) can be dangerous at very high levels, but beneficial and even essential at low levels. Fluoride is a naturally occurring substance, and even after increasing the amounts of fluoride to optimal levels, the level in drinking water is less than one part per million.

Will fluoridated water taste or smell different?

No

More information?

For more information about fluoride, ask your dentist or doctor or visit the Australian Dental Association website at www.ada.org.au You can also phone 13Health (13 43 25).

The information provided here has been sourced from the Queensland Health and Australian Dental Association websites.



2011 – 2012 BUDGET

**Strong emphasis on Capital Works
modest 4.12% rise in general rate**

A “budget of the times” is how Mayor Tom Gilmore has described Tablelands Regional Council’s Budget for 2011-2012 which was recently handed.

The Budget placed a strong emphasis on Capital Works, with more than \$43 million allocated to capital items including roadwork and infrastructure such as buildings, water, sewerage and waste.

Council will invest a total of \$14.13 million on the road network alone. This includes a massive \$9.28 million in capital works for the region’s extensive road network, bridges and drainage, and another \$4.8 million which has been allocated to maintain roads and bridges.

In handing down the Budget, Cr Gilmore noted that during the past three years since amalgamation, Council had had to make a series of very difficult decisions.

He said Council was very conscious of the rising costs in the household budget and the current situation facing some of the region’s agricultural industries and the general job sector.

“In striking the rates for this year, we also had the challenge of managing new property valuations and have made changes to our rating categories to mitigate the effects of the variance in valuations as much as possible.”

Being mindful of this, Council has allowed for a modest 4.12 per cent average increase in the general rate, which is lower than last year, meaning that 68 per cent of residential ratepayers in Category A will pay between \$0 and \$50 a year more in their general rate.

To give another example, in the rural residential category, 28 per cent of ratepayers will have a reduction in their general rate as a result of valuation changes, while 30 per cent will pay a minimal increase of between \$0 and \$50 a year.

“An important change has also been implemented for our pensioner remission program, with Council adopting the same criteria used by the State Government – that is, anyone with a pension card can apply for a remission on rates,” Cr Gilmore said.

It is estimated that this change will enable 893 more pensioners to access a rebate of up to \$240 on their general rate, at a cost of \$174,000.

Water access and consumption charges will rise by 5 per cent across the board.

Cr Gilmore also announced a fundamental change to the way the region’s sewerage schemes are funded,

with Council adopting a consolidated approach that will bring all the schemes together and create a universal charge for all residential properties connected to sewerage schemes.

“Without fundamental change, the costs of owning and operating sewerage schemes would place an unsustainable financial burden on the ratepayers within those schemes.”

Through this consolidated scheme, the annual fee for all residential properties connected to sewerage schemes will be \$570.00.

Entries open for 2011

Tablelands Garden Awards

It’s time to plant the flowers, prune the hedges and propagate new plants in readiness for the 2011 Tablelands Garden Awards.

The annual awards offer residents an opportunity to show pride in their properties and win some great prizes along the way.

The competition will again feature eight residential categories: Home Garden, New Home Garden, Front Garden/Footpath, Native Garden, Country/Rural Garden, Pensioners/Seniors (over 60 years), Most Colourful Garden, and Vegetable/Herb Garden.

There are also three non-residential categories: Community Facilities/Clubs which includes churches and halls and club facilities, Commercial/Public Institutions which includes businesses, public and private schools, aged care facilities, semi-government buildings and industrial complexes, and for the first time, Tourist Accommodation which includes B&Bs, guesthouses, and motels.

Prizes will be awarded for first and second in each category.

A Garden of the Year will be chosen from the zonal winners.

Entrants in the Awards will also be given the opportunity to participate in two Open Days – the northern zone open day will be on Sunday 4 September, while the southern zone open day will be on Sunday 11 September.

Entries are available from all Tablelands Regional Council Service Centres, libraries, and on-line at www.trc.qld.gov.au Entries close on 12 August 2011, with judging to be done from 18 August onwards.

Inquiries can be directed to 1300 362 242.

Tickets now on sale for exciting new fundraising event

Tickets are now available for a new and exciting fundraising event that is destined to become an annual highlight on the region’s social calendar.

The inaugural Mayor’s Black Tie Charity Ball will be held on Saturday 6 August.

The gala evening promises to be a spectacular event, offering locals the chance to “dress to impress” as they dine and dance the night away on the tarmac at Mareeba Airport.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the annual Mayor’s Christmas Appeal and, through the Rotary Club of Mareeba, to the Friends of the Mareeba Hospital Foundation and other worthwhile projects.

A highlight of the evening will be guest speaker, one-armed mountain climber Paul Hockey, who, in June 2005, became the first person with a disability to conquer the world’s highest mountain, Mt Everest, from the treacherous north face.

The Swingin Alley Catz will provide live entertainment throughout the evening which will culminate in a spectacular fireworks display.

Tickets are now available at Travelexperience, Mareeba and Atherton, and will cost \$135 per person which includes a sumptuous three-course meal, champagne on arrival and a lucky door prize of two nights’ accommodation at Hamilton Island.

HIGHLIGHTS

of the 2011-2012 Budget

- \$43 million allocated to capital items including roadwork and infrastructure such as buildings, water, sewerage and waste.
- Investing \$14.13 million on the road network, drainage and footpaths in 2011-2012
- \$6 million for plant replacement and renewal, operation and maintenance of fleet
- \$4.12 million for improving and maintaining water schemes
- \$4.15 million on improving wastewater schemes
- \$5.08 million on maintaining and improving parks, gardens and reserves, street mowing, street lighting, street cleaning and public amenities
- \$4 million will be expended to operate landfills and waste transfer stations
- \$2 million in additional projects in a number of areas, including sport and recreation initiatives, improvements to swimming pools, community halls and buildings, libraries and caravan parks
- \$430,000 to provide financial and in-kind assistance to community groups and arts funding through the RADF program
- A modest 4.12 per cent increase in the general rate
- 68 per cent of residential ratepayers in Category A will pay between \$0 and \$50 a year more in their general rate
- 28 per cent of rural residential ratepayers will have a reduction in their general rate as a result of valuation changes, while 30 per cent will pay a minimal increase of between \$0 and \$50 a year
- Water access and consumption charges to rise by 5 per cent
- Introduction of the TRC Consolidated Sewerage Scheme which results in all residential properties connected to sewerage schemes to pay annual fee of \$570.00.

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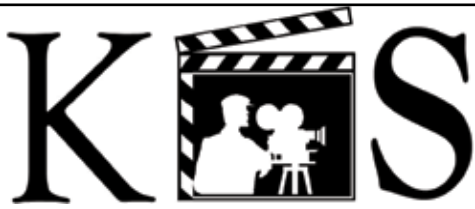
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Ten Canoes (2006)

For the sumptuously shot Ten Canoes Australian director Rolf de Heer winds the clock back a thousand years to tell a playful indigenous tale about domestic life in Australian well before the days of brick and mortar. Quick from the outset to disarm any notions of period film prestige, de Heer makes it clear this isn't going to be a dry history lesson or another pompous VCE-ready school text. "Once upon a time in a land far far away," narrator David Gulpilil begins. "Nah it's not like that. I'm only joking! But I do have a story to tell."

The Lives of Others (Best Foreign Language Oscar of 2006)

He sits like a man taking a hearing test, big headphones clamped over his ears, his body and face frozen, listening for a faraway sound. His name is Gerd Wiesler, and he is a captain in the Stasi, the notorious secret police of East Germany. The year is, appropriately, 1984, and he is Big Brother, watching. He sits in an attic day after day, night after night, spying on the people in the flat below.

He doesn't find a shred of evidence that they are disloyal. Not even in whispers. Not even in guarded allusions. Not even during pillow talk. The man obviously believes in the East German version of socialism, and the implication is that not even the Stasi can believe that. They are looking for dissent and subversion because, in a way, they think a man like Dreyman *should* be guilty of them. Perhaps they do not believe in East Germany themselves, but have simply chosen to play for the winning team.

"The Lives of Others" is a powerful but quiet film, constructed of hidden thoughts and secret desires. It begins with Wiesler teaching a class in the theory and practice of interrogation; one chilling detail is that suspects are forced to sit on their hands, so that the chair cushion can be saved for possible use by bloodhounds. It shows how the Wall finally fell, not with a bang, but because of whispers.

- My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
- I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every damn minute of it.
- Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
- I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
- Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
- You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
- Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
- Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
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The 'Green' Thing

In the line at the supermarket, the cashier told the older woman that she should bring her own grocery bag because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to her and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."

The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. The former generation did not care enough to save our environment."

She was right, that generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, they returned their milk bottles, soft drink bottles and beer bottles to the shop. The shop sent them back to the factory to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. They were recycled.

But they didn't have the green thing back in that customer's day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks.

But she was right. They didn't have the green thing in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's nappies because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in a 220 volt energy gobbling machine -- wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that old lady is right; they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief, not a screen the size of a cricket pitch. In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. They didn't have air conditioning or electric stoves with self cleaning ovens. They didn't have battery operated toys, computers, or telephones.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn fuel just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They used hand operated clippers to trim the shrubs. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right; they didn't have the green thing back then.

They drank from a glass filled from the tap when they were thirsty instead of using a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water. They refilled their writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But they didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people walked or took the bus and kids rode their bikes to school or rode the school bus instead of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And they didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful the old folks were just because they didn't have the green thing back then?

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Kuranda Transfer Station

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

Kuranda Branch Library and Council Office

4-12 Thoree Street • Phone 4093 9185

www.library.muc.qld.gov.au

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

NO COUNCIL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY

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queensland fire & rescue service



Kuranda Fire and Rescue Service

is looking for new **Auxiliary Firefighters** (part time, paid work)

Do you live or work within 5 minutes of Kuranda Fire Station and have what it takes to help keep your **community safe??**

For more information phone

(07) 40425450 today

www.fire.qld.gov.au



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The Kuranda Paper is a registered non-profit organisation. Revenue is received for advertising from commercial businesses, whilst in general community groups are free. There are no paid staff on the paper, however production of the paper incurs expenditure, printing being the main expense of course, as well as telephone, internet, insurance, postage and delivery and the usual office consumables. The policy of the current committee is that a cash reserve be maintained in order to cater for emergencies, and any excess funds be returned to the community. This 2010/2011 financial year, the committee has approved the payment of a total of **\$6540** to various community projects.

The president of KMA lodged a grant application to the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation Reef Hotel Casino, and the association received **\$2700** towards purchase of computer and office equipment. This is the first time the Paper has lodged a grant application.

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SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 26

Looking for something new?

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

Not a lot of time out of your busy schedule, but a great feeling of helping those in need.

Training held every second Tuesday night at Fallon Road.

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

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

Al-Anon can help you!

MEETINGS IN MAREEBA, SMITHFIELD, CAIRNS

Phone Kate 4093 9668
1300 ALANON





Every Sat Kuranda Envirocare Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
Tai Chi Chuan 9.30am CWA Hall. Contact Sifu Julie 042 705 4132 or Tai Chun Academy 0409 104 753.
Bushikai Karate Rec Ctr. 10 - 11am Darryl 0487 460 597

1st Sat Kuranda Camera Club - Photo Shoot 2.30pm, (see Art Pages for this month's location)
Garden Group 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599
Yoga 10am Recreation Centre Contact Aileen 4093 7401
Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361

1st Sun Kuranda Film Society 4.00pm to 8.00pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
Uniting Church Recreation Centre 5:00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730

2nd Sun **Simply friendship club.** Men and women over 45.
2nd & 4th Sun Kuranda Resort 12.00 to 3.00pm. Nola: Ph 4093 8824

Every Mon. **Tai Chi** 6.00-7.00pm, Recreation Centre, contact Les Anwyl, 4093 8276 or 0400 938 276.
Al-Anon Family Groups 7.00pm and 6.00pm respectively Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9.00am start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617
Soccer Training, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109/4093 7109

1st Mon Kuranda Horse and Pony Club 7.30pm Mantaka
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026

3rd Mon KNC Management Committee Meeting 6.00pm Rob Veivers Dr. Ph 4093 8933

Every Tue **Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30 pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537
Aquafitness 6:15 pm Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109
The KCCT meets at Malcolm's original markets at 4.30pm.
Tourism Kuranda meets behind St. Saviour's Church.
Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642

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

Every Wed **Volleyball under lights** at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road. contact Lisa 4093 9659 or Leo 0405 116 066
Craft and Social Morning at QCWA hall 9.00am
Kuranda Playgroup - 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lynda Ph 4093 8361.
Weekly Meditations/Reflections 7.00pm at The Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street.
Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Yoga at CWA
Mah Jong at KNC 12:30 to 4pm. All welcome
Soccer Training, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109
Aquafitness 8:30 am Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109

1st Wed Kuranda Interagency Network Mtng 2.00pm at KNC
2nd Wed QCWA meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group - 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Every Thur **Rotary** 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30 pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)
Women's Acapella Choir Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre, Cumberland Ave, Smithfield 7.00-9.00pm Thursdays
Bushikai Karate Rec Ctr. 6-7pm Darryl 0487 460 597

2nd Thur **Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road
Every Fri **Sandra's Kitchen** at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road. Contact Sandra 4093 7393 Thursday. Bookings essential
Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road
Aquatronics 11.00 am Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109
Zumba. CWA Hall. 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Contact Bryony 4093 7298

Contributors: CHECK THAT ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT

Kuranda Amphitheatre July Events

Friday 1st July: Kuranda Roots Festival of Soul, Reggae & Soundsystem Culture, Gates open 3pm, licensed event, 2 stages, stalls, food available, Entry \$28/\$23 Concession, season passes available.

Friday 1st July: 'Kuranda Roots' Festival of Soul, Reggae & Soundsystem Culture, Gates open 3pm, licensed event, Entry \$55/\$45 Concession (see Kuranda Roots article on music page for more information)

Friday 15th July: Loony Poets Night, Astro & Aden Brim, Eden Kiah & many more, unlicensed event, food, chai & drinks available, doors 6.30pm

Friday 29th & Saturday 30th July: "The Comedy of Love-A Cabaret", Doors open 7.00pm, showtime 8.00pm, Members \$12/Non-Members \$15, Food by Liza.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE CONTACTS

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

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JOHN'S KURANDA BUS "The Local Bus"

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

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

Tel John 0418 772 953



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

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

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

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

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS						
Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday	Sunday	
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.30am	3.15pm	5.30pm	8.30am	3.15pm	3.15pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	3.20pm	5.35pm	8.35am	3.20pm	3.20pm
KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.10pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.40pm	9.45am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON	10.20am	5.10pm	7.15pm	10.20am	5.10pm	5.10pm

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OPERATE ON SUNDAY TIMES
 NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY**

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