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Groom Luke Melody and bride Elva Hanley at the Kindy Fashion Parade.

## It's in the air....

What? Love ? Rain?  
Well, both.  
With Valentines Day  
and the Wet Season  
upon us it looks as  
if 1993 will be the  
year to love that  
rain.....

.. and enjoy each  
others' company.



BILL ANDERSON checks the rain gauge at the Kuranda Railway station. From 1891 until 1987 the Kuranda railway station kept the official records. The station still keeps a record for the Railway so as to anticipate slips and slides. 30" or 750mm of rain has fallen during the current wet season.



Couple incognito " Calvin Q.Layder "and " Penny Lofer " at the "Rock N.Roley" how-to hold- a murder evening at the Jodners residence. It was a killer of a night by all reports.

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**COMMUNITY LETTERS**

LETTERS, P.O. Box 66 KURANDA. 4872.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Hi there! Let me introduce myself. I am Susan Margaret Bill. I am a friend of Lydia and James Graham. The Kuranda Paper is very interesting to read. It has a lot of good information.

Keep up the good work with the Kuranda Paper

Susan Bill, Westcourt

Dear Kuranda Paper,

It isn't very often that I get into a downer, but when there are migloos out there on your side; "Why do you fight amongst yourselves?" This kind of behaviour is counter-productive. Seems to be a hard job to build bridges between clans, tribes, etc. etc. If your flag means anything to you think about this:

YELLOW; THE RISING SUN

RED IS YOUR BLOOD LINE

BLACK IS THE DEAD END unless you all pull together to make black beautiful

You may decide to ask what does this white fella know? .....THE ANSWER IS NOTHING....

James T Graham, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I read with interest your article on **Grevillia** in last month's paper. George Michael Gummow according to *Trinity Phoenix* by Dorothy Jones, arrived in Townsville in the early 1880's along with his parents. he went to Thursday Island where he established himself as a contractor and timber merchant. In the course of his business he travelled to Cairns as a log buyer.

Eventually he bought the sawmill established by Griffiths and Tills which were combined as Cairns Timber Limited.

Anglican Church Records show that on the 21st December 1907 Fanny Evelyn Mary Gummow, his daughter born in Brixton, London, England, exchanged the vows of Holy Matrimony with Henry Hanson of Townsville. The setting for the wedding was the Residence of Mr. George Michael Gummow, Kuranda, **Grevillia**.

In 1920 *The Cairns Post* reported after the cyclone that Gummows house was partly unroofed.

Yes, even in our little town of Kuranda many of our buildings have an interesting history.

Chris Wright, St Saviours, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Town Planning Scheme, DCP and Strategic Plan are like foreign words to most of us, yet they are most important documents on which we depend when changes and developments are taking place around us. These documents, administered by Council, let us know what we can and can't do with our land.

A Strategic Plan is a broad land-use plan for the whole of the shire. It broadly outlines the direction of development. The Town Planning Scheme is more specific and contains zoning maps for the Shire, defines what is meant by "dwelling" or "resort" and so on, and specifies what you can do within the zones. It also contains special provisions for carparks and bus terminals etc. The DCP is even more specific relating to roadworks, what buildings should look like in the area and where the parks should be and what you can do in them. The three documents work together and depend on each other.

This letter is to inform you of the need to retain the DCP we still have, to protect the integrity of our rural rainforest environment. As a body, we need to inform Council that we wish to keep the DCP for the areas outside the village, to be read in conjunction with the other documents. Without it, we lose its protection and give Council the control it seeks to urbanise Kuranda.

You may shortly be asked to sign a petition for this very purpose. You can ensure your name is not left off this petition to Council by calling me on 938834 (AH) or 315751 (BH) so we can bring the petition to you. Your voice will be even more powerful if you write directly to Council yourself.

Jax Bergersen, Greenhills

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I do appreciate all the work the volunteers do to produce the Kuranda Paper; I would like to thank you all. I enjoy Marjory Spears' gardening news, and hope she continues to write her interesting ideas.

Bridie Prettejohn, Kalinda Stud, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

After reading in your paper that the Kuranda Consultative Group was concerned about the dangers of the Range Road, I became rather amused as I believe the main danger is the idiot who has a drivers licence but not yet learned to drive. By this I mean those who go around sharp bends on the range at maximum speed then jump on the brakes to slow down whilst going around the corner. That is okay if the road is dry but when it is wet the car will spin out of control. In reality the driver is the danger and obviously should not be on the road. She did not drive to the conditions of the road. (I use the word she because of equality and most people who have accidents on the range seem to be women). If you believe the range road is so dangerous I suggest you use some common sense and slow down and drive to the conditions of the road.

John W. Goss, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

It is about time I contributed to your very readable publication; my wife and I do thank you for not only publishing it but then you very kindly send it to our door. Its great. May I address a pertinent observation to all drivers of AUTOMATIC transmissions using the range road? At the exact centre of the Henry Ross lookout a lady driver in front of me suddenly aquaplaned into the near side rock-face - we were ascending. At the time the movement to the left started we were ostensibly travelling in a straight line which, of course, Newton's Law would prohibit! It set me/us thinking. Here is my interpretation of this and I suggest many other accidents on our local skid pan. This lady had not engaged a fixed gear and the large heavy motor car was therefore free to change down a cog when depressing the accelerator, which it did. Thus the sudden jerk of the lower gear broke the surface tension thereby precipitating an uncontrollable aquaplane.

I hope this explanation is explicit and understandable and will keep all automatic drivers in line!

David Hulme, 7 Hilltop Close, Kuranda

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**KURANDA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE:**

As there was no meeting in January, the following are issues of interest for community discussion.

Next meeting Wed 17th, 7.30pm Sports & Social Club, Fallon Rd.

**Strategic Management Plan for Kuranda**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The following is an excerpt from the Terms of Reference prepared to assist in choosing consultants for the Kuranda Planning Study. **ALL RESIDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE LOCAL MEDIA FOR DEVELOPMENTS.. and be involved in the study process as this will eventually form our new DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN.**

**1. Background**

The rapid growth taking place in the Cairns region in recent years has had a significant impact on the community of Kuranda in terms of its role in the region and the level of activity in the town. Development proposals in the region will continue to impact on Kuranda in terms of its role as a distinct residential community, as a dormitory area for the Cairns urban area, and as an important tourism destination.

The Kuranda community, Mareeba Shire Council and State and Federal Government agencies have agreed to work together to develop a comprehensive Management Plan for Kuranda. This Management Plan is seen as providing an overall strategy to overcome existing problems and meet the challenges of ongoing growth in a manner which achieves positive outcomes for all stakeholders.

In developing this Management Plan, community consultation and participation will play an important role in identifying desirable strategies and outcomes. For the purpose of this project the Kuranda Village is the prime area of interest.

**2. Project Objectives**

- a. To review current and previous studies (to be listed) and initiatives in the Cairns region in terms of potential impacts on Kuranda.
- b. To identify the full range of issues relevant to ongoing management and development of Kuranda with particular emphasis on those related to visitor numbers and their impacts.
- c. To allow consideration and comment by all stakeholders on issues and implications in terms of aspirations for Kuranda within its regional context.
- d. To identify a priority action program which can address matters of immediate concern as identified by the stakeholders in Kuranda village.
- e. To develop and test against alternate options, a strategic framework for growth management which best meets the needs of the Kuranda community and other relevant stakeholders.
- f. To provide appropriate implementation tools to support the strategic management plan in matters such as development control, land use, infrastructure financing and development and ongoing growth management and co-ordination.
- g. To maximise benefits and minimise social and environmental impacts of tourism.
- h. To identify alternate growth options.

**3. Study Process**

An essential element of the project is a study process which allows development of a shared understanding of issues and their implications for the future of Kuranda and leads to an agreed common vision for growth management. The process will provide a close communication and involvement of the community and other stakeholders during the course of the project.

The process must ensure a staged consultation process including information gathering, issue identification, visioning, feedback and review.

Stakeholder groups will need to be identified and processes developed which will ensure that the full range of views and opinions are identified and taken into consideration in development of the strategic management plan.

**4. Study Scope**

The project will be broken into a number of specific elements which will be co-ordinated by an appointed project manager. To date a project manager has been chosen by the steering committee following MSC advertising for expressions of interest last month. This is to be ratified by Council and a public announcement naming the project manager is expected very soon.

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**PEP TALK FOR CALIFORNIANS ON THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT LINE (By TF)**

faults are found but don't be discouraged our location requires courage

idle destructive thoughts don't belong nor do fears of separation



**AROUND THE RIDGES:**

with Councillor June Rees



**CLARIFICATION OF ROAD NAMES**

Are your official documents in order? MYOLA RD; Kennedy Hwy. to Myola Village (Cnr. Barnwell & Oakforest Rd.) OAKFOREST RD; Cnr. Barnwell & Myola Rd. to river crossing at Oak Forest, but excludes the short section at Kowrova there named Buchan Street (Old Town Plan of Kowrova.)

**RECENT APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL:**

\* ORCHID NURSERY - Retail, cnr Coondoo & Morang St, Kuranda. Comprising six display sheds, an exotic orchid display area, a central pavilion, an administrator building where entrance fees are collected, public toilets and storage space. Zoned village.

\*SCHOOL OF ARTS - Lot 6, RP746484, Kennedy Hwy. Grove Creek.

\*SPEEWAH \*COMMERCIAL PREMISES, GENERAL STORE, INCLUDING THE SALE OF MOTOR FUEL & ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS, HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION, HOTEL, OUTDOOR RECREATION, PARK, REFRESHMENT ESTABLISHMENTS, SHOPS & VETERINARY SURGERY. Lot 12 on RP732900, Speewah Rd., Speewah. -Special Use Zoning.

\*KOAH \*OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, GOLF COURSE, GOLF DRIVING RANGE, RIDING SCHOOL & RODEO. - Fanton, Rd. Koah. - Consent Permit.

**GROVE CREEK WASTE DISPOSAL TRANSFER STATION.**

Your Division 4 Councillors have directed that the environmental Health Officer & Engineering Staff liaise to re-assess operations - in particular, hours of operation, scavenging rights, conditions of contract, sale of recyclable materials, construction of a longer term transfer station and fulfilling requirements of the Division of the Department of Health and to make out a report on same.

**GST & LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

Recently a letter was circulated to all Councils from THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) advising of the current position between the ALGA and the Federal Coalition on the impact of the GST on Local Government.

They state "The ALGA's concerns are not whether such a radical shift in the taxation system is philosophically or economically correct but whether sufficient information is available for local councils to assess the impact of GST on the individual councils." When the GST was announced in 'Fightback' the ALGA immediately sought clarification of a number of points on the operation of the new taxation system. Discussions were held with Dr. Hewson, Mr. Reith and Senator MacDonald, a submission was also lodged with the Cole Committee. It is understood that the report from the committee is not expected for some time, and possibly after the announcement of a date for the Federal election. Even after further and extensive consultations a number of fundamental issues remain unresolved.

These are :-  
What is the definition of commercial activities undertaken by Councils which will be subject to the 15% rate?

Will it be necessary for councils to unbundle rate notices so that 'Commercial' activities are listed separately and GST at a rate of 15% collected?

ALGA's concerns are that until these issues are resolved the impact on individual councils will assume the impact will adversely affect the range and cost of services they provide. Councils have since been advised that due to the lack of requested clarification from the opposition, the ALGA (900 member councils) has stated their support for the present Government.

**KURANDA MEDIA ASSOCIATION INC.**  
MEMBERSHIP allows you to have a say. The Association meets once a month and at the present time is looking after the affairs of **The Kuranda Paper.**  
Membership application forms available from :  
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We would like to have some representatives from schools and clubs.

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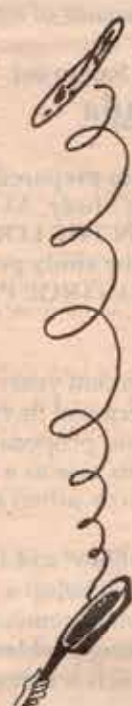
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Seen at the Kuranda ALP dinner to introduce Mr Peter Dodd, the nominated candidate for the seat of Leichardt in the fast approaching federal election from left: Mrs Jenny Scott, wife of the former member for Cook, Mr Peter Dodd, ALP candidate, and Dr Lesley Clark, State Member for Barron River. photo: Eve Stafford

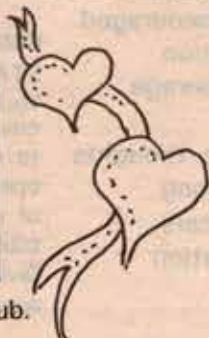


LYDIA SERVING IT UP AT THE CLUB  
Photo by Susan Bill



SUE, DAVE AND SUE hamming it up at the Club.

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GLEN GUMMOW, RUDI AND KRISHNA BUHLER, PETER GUMMOW eating out at the Club.



**STOP PRESS** - Kuranda artist Ray Crooke has been honored with an A.M. in the Australia Day honors for his service to the Arts. Congratulations Ray !

Ray's contribution to the arts locally includes the donation of a painting in the very beginning of the Kuranda Branch of the Queensland Arts Council, which substantially boosted its meagre funds, helping to assist in the formation of a very active branch, admired and respected in community arts within Qld and nationally.

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**GREY CUSCUS**  
(Phalanger Orientalis)

Quite rare, the Grey Cuscus is found only in a small area of tropical rainforest on Australia's east coast. Although it resembles the ringtail possums it is actually more closely related to the brushtails. It is nocturnal, arboreal, solitary and herbivorous, and usually has two young at a time in the pouch.

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**KURANDA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE:**

**5. Project Management Task**

This element will be concerned with the management of all project elements and staging of inputs to achieve a logical and integrated flow of inputs and outcomes. The project manager will also be responsible for documentation of the overall strategic management plan which will guide ongoing implementation.

**6. Strategic Management Plan**

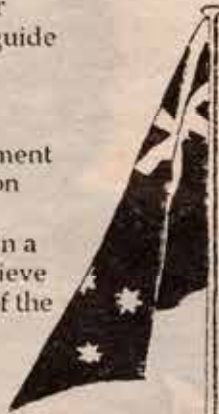
The final project outcome would be a documented Strategic Management Plan as the link document bringing together the various implementation tools and plans identified in earlier tasks.

This Plan will provide overall guidance for development of Kuranda in a manner consistent with stakeholder needs and aspirations and to achieve identified goals and objectives. This task would be the responsibility of the project manager.

**7. Conduct of Project**

The project will be overseen by a Steering Group consisting of representatives of:

- Mareeba Shire Council - elected Councillors
  - Kuranda Chamber of Commerce
  - Kuranda Consultative Committee
  - Far North Queensland Promotion Bureau
  - Dept of The Premier, Economic & Trade
  - Dept of Transport
  - Dept of Housing, Local Government & Planning
- and advisors as required: including Dr Lesley Clark MLA, Max Boudan (MSC Town Planner) and Peter Syson (Dept of Transport).  
-more details next month-



**ENDEMIC TOURISM**

The tourism industry spends a lot of time "navel gazing" - trying to work out successful strategies. As travellers become more sophisticated and governments more under pressure to cope with tourist numbers, studies are continually undertaken to study the effects and possible directions of tourism. Many times the "boffins" spend many \$\$\$ telling us (the community) what we already know - that people will travel half way across the world to experience something unique & just as quickly pack up and go somewhere else if it is lost or destroyed. Following the buzz of "ecotourism" cultural or endemic tourism is HOT, we can only hope that words are translated into action: before its too late!

TOURISM & COMMUNITY INTERACTION IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE KURANDA PLANNING STUDY. PLEASE GET INVOLVED.

The following is an excerpt from a PATA (Pacific Asia Travel Association)

THINK TANK: .....  
"endemic, adj. peculiar to a particular people or locality... native to a country or locality...  
(Gk *endemos* - belonging to a people...)" Macquarie Dictionary.

"Endemic tourism" was broadly defined by the Think Tank as tourism which recognises-  
a) that each individual locality or community has its special character, and  
b) that particular character or identity may well constitute its major attractiveness to tourists.

The concept of "endemic tourism" therefore goes well beyond 'ecotourism'.

"Endemic tourism" also includes recognition that the cultural characteristics of communities have great value as tourism assets whether the culture is indigenous or introduced.

The Think Tank analysis continues with a consideration of how the "endemic" tourism asset can be best utilised. It is clear that, beyond a certain point, increasing the volume of tourists becomes counter-productive. Damage and pollution resulting from sheer numbers reduces the value of the tourism asset and the incremental costs arising from higher volume can more than offset the additional revenue generated.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The report aims to stimulate interest in, and discussion about, tourism that will:

- \* conserve natural and cultural resources.
- \* provide quality visitor experience.
- \* increase the social and economic benefits of tourism for local communities, and thus increase tourism's contribution to the nation.

INDUSTRY MISSION STATEMENT: Profitable tourism that fosters environmental understanding, appreciation and conservation and sustains the culture and well being of local communities.

**THE YOWAH OPAL FIELD**

lies 92km west of Lulo in south/central Queensland. In 1902 about 40 miners worked the field. At present there are about 20 miners working the field which is only 2km long by 0.5km wide.

Some think Yowah was an oasis which sank deep beneath the desert many millions of years ago. The use of mining equipment bigger than you can physically carry, is prohibited. This helps to protect fossil formations.

**YOWAH NUTS** are a peculiar feature of the Yowah Opal Field, occurring as rounded nodules of ironstone. Since the opal is contained within the nodule, much as if it were a kernel, they are referred to as "Yowah Nuts". The nuts are found in horizontal layers varying in thickness from 15 to 60cm at a depth of about 11 metres, although some layers are within 6-8 metres of the surface. The nuts vary between 5mm and 30cm in diameter.

Within each nut a variety of colours and tones is possible due to the presence of oxides of iron - layers and veins of opal run through the oxides producing unusual patterns and effects.

Only occasionally is the centre of the nut pure opal, and just as rarely is this opal of precious quality. Experienced miners estimate that only one nut in every hundred has a precious core. Because this type of opal is found only on the Yowah Opal Field, the **YOWAH NUT** is one of the rarest stones in the gem family.

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**BARRON RIVER CATCHMENT DUMP WATCH NETWORK**

Concerned residents of Koah, Clohesy River, Davies Creek, and Freedom County areas attended a public meeting on the 30th September where residents expressed dismay at the statements by some of the invited speakers. This meeting resulted in the formation of the Barron River Catchment Dump Watch Network Committee.

Questions from the floor expressed concern about the placement of a landfill dump between the junction of two of the Barron River's main tributories, the Clohesy River and Davies Creek, with the subsequent risk of pollution to these streams and most of all to the lower section of the Barron River, especially the Kuranda residents who now obtain their water from this source, and which will become an important water supply for Cairns and the Mulgrave Shire.

The majority of landholders in the area draw water from underground sources and any leaching of toxicity into the land mass will pollute not only the waterways but their underground water supply.

Concern was also expressed about an environmental impact study. Do environmental impact studies tell the full story? In the experience of environmentalists world-wide, unless they conducted openly where the input is by all sections of the community, environmental impact studies end up like Royal Commissions -- you get the answers you were designed to get. In this case the local regional council's designed answers.

Australians are the greatest landfill garbage dumpers in the world. Just because we have wide open spaces does not mean that we are not endangering our environment. We are. There is no such thing as a safe landfill garbage dump. They all turn toxic. No landfill garbage dump in Australia to date meets the North American (USA) Environmental Protection Agency standards.

The time is long overdue when we the Australian people must look to a more modern and environmentally friendly way of disposing of our excesses. The cost of such units may appear expensive today but they will not in thirty years from now.

The Barron River Catchment Dump Watch Network totally opposes any regional landfill dump in the area. A better method of waste disposal is available but governments cry poor. Do you as a citizen care about the next generation, which is only twenty years away? If so then you should vigorously oppose the establishment of the proposed dump.



Oz Day Birthday Boy .. Tony Riley celebrates with Shirley and William photo by Migloo

**BARRON RIVER CATCHMENT DUMP WATCH NETWORK FUNDRAISING BARN DANCE**

The Barron River Catchment Dump Watch Network will be holding a fundraising Barn Dance on Saturday 27th February at Sam's Barn on Koah Road at Koah, commencing at 7.30pm.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by "Hot Sox and Fudge". Refreshments available include: Steak-burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Softdrinks, Tea and Coffee. The bar will remain open until 1.00am.

Supper is included in the admission charge of \$15 per family, \$6 per single, and \$3 per student or pensioner. Lucky door prize, lucky spots, and raffles during the evening. Join the crowd at Koah for an enjoyable family evening of fun and dancing!

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## \*INDUSTRY AND MARKETING POTENTIAL

CAFNEC (CAIRNS AND FAR NORTH ENVIRONMENT CENTRE) is very pleased to receive such extensive support from local and regional businesses. It is direct confirmation of the economic potential of this environment-friendly industry. Far North Queensland is a significant market for appropriate energy services.

CAFNEC believes this region has the potential to be a world-class showcase of environmentally sustainable development.

We look towards providing these services and solutions to nearby tropical Papua, Asia, and the Pacific. This will be done both through commercial export and the provision of Aid and Development Programmes.

## POLITICAL PRIORITY - DAINTREE ENERGY WEB

During its first decade of operation, CAFNEC has learned that public education and awareness must be translated into meaningful action if conservation goals are to be achieved.

Protecting the Daintree region of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area remains a priority conservation issue for us. From its inception, CAFNEC has tried to ensure the appropriate management and protection of this fragile area . . . with mixed results.

The Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield Road was pushed through against our opposition, and is now universally recognised as the economic and environmental disaster we predicted it would be. The confrontation over this road was the catalyst for World Heritage listing by the Commonwealth Government.

The real estate development in Cow Bay was carried out at the same time as the road development with the support of the Douglas Shire Council and the Queensland Government. Both these administrations have since been democratically dismissed, and their replacements reflect a higher conservation awareness.

We are aware that existing residents in that area need the delivery of modern energy services, and we are keen to assist in that process. We are less concerned about absentee (speculative?) landowners.

We believe the Daintree region offers exciting possibilities for the design and construction of a decentralised energy 'web', based primarily on renewable resources (water, sun, wind).

Planetary Power advises that such a system is both technically possible and cost-effective using components that are already commercially available. They advise moreover that the range of technology available, and the range of scales in which it can be assembled, allow for minimum environmental impact and maximum community self-reliance.

What we lack is the public awareness and political will. "Powering the Future" offers an immediate challenge to the FNQEB, Douglas Shire Council, Wet Tropics Management Agency, Queensland Government, and residents of the area . . .

"LET'S BUILD A WORLD-CLASS EXAMPLE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE SYSTEMS USING MODERN APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY. BREAK AWAY FROM OUTDATED ELECTRICITY PLANNING PROCEDURES AND INNOVATE TO MEET THE ENERGY NEEDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS IN CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION. LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR A GREEN FUTURE WITH HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE."

CAFNEC is being approached weekly by residents of the Daintree region asking for assistance in developing a renewable energy option. They are concerned to protect their unique environment.

We are pleased that "Powering the Future" is available to assist those residents, and improve the future opportunities of all north Queenslanders.

CONTACT: Jim Downey 937319 or John Donovan 938976



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birch  
the silent  
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the spirit  
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Sunecta.



by Marjorie Spear

**Golden yellow passionfruit** are fruiting well and are much tastier than the purple variety which do not grow well in the tropics as they come from the south. Yellow passionfruit have lots of sweet pulp but they have a thicker skin than the purple. They do not wrinkle, but with age the skin softens and results in useless fruit. Yellow passion grow well from seed, choose a good variety.

**Mangoes** suffer from antracnose in Kuranda climate but some varieties have proved they can fruit here but they are better grafted. Julie, Glen and Banana mangoes do produce fruit in Kuranda. All mangoes need to be pruned well after fruiting. You will notice that the commercial growers in the Mareeba area prune every year after fruiting.

It is best to keep all your trees pruned well. Ladders for fruit picking are a nuisance. In big trees wind damage can be severe and they occupy much space. I recommend a bow saw and a pair of long handled clippers.

Anyone interested in fruit growing will enjoy hearing Ron Berry of High Falls Farm talking on Tropical Fruit on Wednesday **February 4th, 7:30pm** at the Cairns Library Hall, Grafton St car park entrance. Visitors can come and bring their questions. Books and trees available and supper served. Phone me on **937205** for meeting enquiries.

**I am often asked why I use organic methods.** It is, I think, worth the effort because your health will benefit. Chemically produced food does not have as much nourishment. That has been proved by analysis. Also when poisons are used to control pests some residues remain for us to eat. Sadly we cannot grow all fruits and vegies in Kuranda but there are alternatives. All plants which have health and vigour etc. can withstand pest attacks, because insects prefer the taste of sap from unhealthy plants. So remove sickly plants.

The lovely rains have made weeds grow. It is hard to cope but we need the rain. **Cucumbers** are growing but even the big Italian variety is not fruiting much; lack of sunshine. **Pawpaws and Monstera** are fruiting well. A good recipe for Monstera fruit salad plant is to fork off the ripe segments, mash and mix with mayonnaise or herbs or chutney . . . then serve on lettuce or pawpaw. It's yummy.



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### HOME MADE: MANGO SPONGE by Susan M. Bill

**BASE:**  
3 ozs of cooking margarine  
3 ozs of castor sugar  
2 eggs  
4 ozs of S.R. flour  
Sliced mangoes

**METHOD:**  
Cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs and add sifted S.R. flour. Place mangoes in a dish and cover it with the mixture. Bake in a moderately hot oven 100c for 15-20 minutes. yummmm



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**WOMAD RETURNS ('RAH!)**

For many music enthusiasts, one of the highlights of 1992 was Australia's first WOMAD world festival held in Adelaide between 13-15 March. ABC FM broadcast most of the three days of WOMAD concerts to the delight of music lovers living interstate. It is very good news to hear that not only the festival but also the radio broadcast is to be continued this February.

Apart from well known performers such as Peter Gabriel and Yothu Yindi, the names of artists appearing this year have not been finalised as yet but all eventual WOMAD Australia Two acts will have been chosen both for their crowd pleasing track record at overseas versions of WOMAD and for their popularity with regular listeners of radio station JJJ's various world music programs.

Many interesting musical discoveries are sure to be made by anyone who tunes in to ABC FM between 8pm and midnight on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 February. A preview of this year's WOMAD can be heard on ABC FM's "Nightly Planet" program 11pm Wednesday 17/2 and Thursday 18/2.

Last year's WOMAD festival included Yiddish Folk songs mixed with Dixieland Jazz, Bolivian Dance and Political music, an Indian violin virtuoso, a Sufi rap singer, South Africa's acclaimed Youssou N'dour, Bulgarian open throat singers Trios Bulgarka (featured on Kate Bush's "Sensual World"), a master of the eight string lute from Kenya, a nine piece singing ensemble from Tbillissi plus well known Australian artists Crowded House, Archie Roach, Not Drowning Waving and Paul Kelly. This year's line up is bound to be just as rich and as varied a selection of international music.

**SWEET POTATO PANCAKES**  
 4 cups (packed) coarsely grated sweet potatoes  
 1/2 cup grated onion  
 3-4 tblsp lemon juice  
 1 tsp salt  
 black pepper to taste  
 4 beaten eggs (yolks optional)  
 1/3 cup flour  
 optional: 1/4 cup minced parsley  
 oil for frying  
**TOPPING:** sour cream or yoghurt, applesauce  
**METHOD:**  
 Combine all ingredients & mix well. Heat oil until very hot. Use a non-slotted spoon to form thin pancakes, patting down. Fry on both sides until brown. Add oil if needed as you cook. Serve hot with toppings.

-recipe from The Moosewood Cookbook by Mollie Katzen, Ten Speed Press, Berkeley, California-

**ZUCCHINI-FETA PANCAKES**  
 4 eggs separated (yolks optional)  
 4 cups (packed) coarsely grated zucchini (about 4 med-large)  
 1 cup finely crumbled feta cheese  
 1/2 cup minced shallots  
 1tblsp fresh or 1 tsp dried mint  
 lots of black pepper  
 1/3 cup flour  
 oil for frying  
 sour cream or yoghurt for topping  
**METHOD:** Beat egg whites until stiff

Combine everything except egg whites, toppings & oil. Mix well. Fold egg whites in. Heat oil until very hot. Add spoonfuls of batter and cook both sides until golden and crisp. Serve immediately with toppings.

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**JUNCTION JARGON**  
 News from Junction Theatre Company Inc.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all our members and friends, and hope that you have all recovered from the festive excesses!

**CHARISMATIC CRANIUMS** . . . Our Xmas production was a success and reaped a small profit in spite of adverse weather. Many thanks to all our hardworking cast, crew and performers who kept the audience thoroughly entertained.

**LIGHTS, ACTION!** In order to pursue her interest in acting, Liza Dewey has resigned from our lighting team. Liza's expertise will be greatly missed, and we thank her for two years hard work, while looking forward to seeing her talents in our future productions.

Anyone interested in doing stage lighting please step up as lighting workshops will be run soon by a professional lighting person. To find out more ring Ric on 937824.

**JUNCTION DATE CLAIMERS**

**GENERAL MEETING - SAT., 13TH FEBRUARY** at 2PM at the Amphitheatre.

**AUDITIONS - The Foreman** Sat 6 February, 2 p.m. Amphitheatre. We are pleased to announce that this will be a combined project of Mona Mona Aboriginal Corporation and Junction Theatre Co. Inc. This play will be the centrepiece of a Multi-Cultural Event to celebrate the Year of Indigenous People. Set in Brisbane *The Foreman*, an award winning one act play by Jill Shearer, is a drama which explores black and white relationships in the Seventies. Have we progressed at all twenty years later? **It is a challenging play with a bite.**

**Characters to be Auditioned:**

- ROSE - Aboriginal woman in mid thirties to early forties.
- JOE - Aboriginal man, Rose's husband
- KAY - their daughter, sixteen to early twenties.
- BILL - White "ocker" mate of Joe's, mid-thirties to early forties.

Any persons participating in future productions **must be a member. Annual dues are \$5.** Please be prepared to join at the auditions. This is not a long play, so if you are "indigenous" to somewhere and have an act that reflects your culture, or would like to be part of the many crew needed. INTERESTED? NEED MORE INFO? call Di on 937697. Grant applications are in progress to fund skill- building and documentation of the project.

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**VALENTINE'S DAY**  
 by Susan M. Bill

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# LISTEN UP

by James T. Roadshow 4CCR FM

THIS MONTH: **Freedom From My Past** Martin Anton  
(available from the artist phone (070) 559461)

Today I sat in a Toy-Yoy Van and listened to some of the best **new music** that these ears have heard for a long time. A super clear local by a guy you may or may not have listened to before. But remember where you first read it. **DENNIS ROSE** cuts to the bone and I really like this sort of music. The CD will be out in about 2 months time. Watch for the launch of some classic Australian music, new and old.

It is now time to get into **Freedom From My Past**. The other day I went into the 'B' music shop. The lady there was asked for the new local CD **Freedom From My Past**. She was confused! Let's look into the black book of listings. "There doesn't seem to be any Martin Anton listed". That's OK I'll try the 'C' music shop across the street.

I spoke to a young girl at the 'C' shop and said "Do you have Martin Anton's new CD?" She said, "Sure do and he used to be my teacher." I bought the CD and got 10% off because it was included in the OZ music music promo thing.

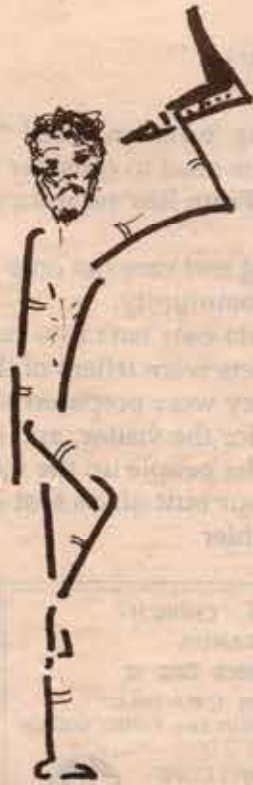
My personal CD is #145 it includes 16 tracks that are all of country feel but a few are pure corn (as in corny). It's this writers opinion that **Freedom** has some of the best players in Oz supporting Martin. For example, the ?????? sounds of Steve Gilbert and keeping great on the skins is Giuseppe Vizzone (FUN JUNGLE). At times the music doesn't have that real thing feel. The sound seems to be forced. **Brothers in Arms** is a good local that could be used in FNQ. On **Anzac Day** over and over.

The big question is can Martin take this **Freedom** on the wide open road to sell and promote it live?

If you would like to hear some **Freedom From My Past** and some other great local talent tune into 4CCR FM 89.1. "**Roadshow For A Green Future**" a message in music and word to you the voter as a lead up to the coming Federal election. A fun way of getting the Green's Electoral Platform across to us here in F.N.Q.

On Sunday morning Feb 7th the "**Roadshow for a Green Future**" will be **IN KURANDA**. You can contact Colin Hunt (070)513261 for more info.

Listen Out . . . . Gone!



YOTHU YINDI

YOTHU YINDI

MARTIN ANTON



Freedom From My Past

YOTHU YINDI

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KURANDA BRANCH Q.A.C. - HELP! HELP! HELP!

The branch in Kuranda is in need of a Secretary. We meet monthly in a relaxed manner at Frogs Restaurant. The work of the Arts Council is to support and foster all aspects of cultural endeavour in our community. We also support outside activities that are offered to the community through touring and networking.

We have expertise in grant application procedures and a wide knowledge of available funding.

We have solid support through our membership who in turn benefit from concessions on tickets and cultural news from neighbouring areas.

President Gayle Hannah and Treasurer Julie Dawbarn would like to talk about the secretaries job to an interested person. If you are in support of the community development of our village - this job is for you.



Dennis Rose, Laura and Robyn.  
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Regards, Geoff & Stephen.

### WRITERS AT KURANDA

"Pioneering Performance Poetry"

Attention all poets - practising and aspiring .. as a followup to the recent visit by poet extraordinaire Komminos, an evening of part performance - part workshopping is planned for mid February. This is **not open to the public** and is meant to polish skills and confidence. So pull out those poems from under the bed or in your head and give them a dust up. Join your peers in an evening of doing it! **Participants** are invited to read (their) and hear (others) original poetry at an event planned for mid February in Kuranda. Interested persons should contact 93/ 434 to book. **Participants only please.**

**STOP PRESS** - Kuranda artist Ray Crooke has been honored with an A.M. in the Australia Day honors for his service to the Arts. Congratulations Ray!

Ray's contribution to the arts locally includes the donation of a painting in the very beginning of the Kuranda Branch of the Queensland Arts Council, which substantially boosted its meagre funds, helping to assist in the formation of a very active branch, admired and respected in community arts within Qld and nationally.

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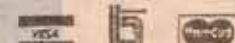
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after Service  
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Whether we are taking about increasing 'butts on seats' in the churches or on the tourist buses there is the need to consider the 'butts' as people not numbers. Is a 'Lounge Act From Rio' necessary to stimulate Kuranda residents into action?

Action for commitment, understanding and care not only for the tourist but also the local environment and the community.

Prophets of the past were not fortune-tellers - its easy isn't it to read the stars and plot the days responses. Those prophets were tellers of the truth. Alert, questioning and active in their caring they were prepared to stand up for Justice. Justice for our ecosystem, justice for the visitor, and justice for our community - our families, friends, and the people up the road.

Brothers and sisters act now!. Shift your butt off its seat and get involved in what is going on around you. K. Buhler.



**BIBLE READING:**  
MATT. 5:6.  
"Blessed are those who  
hunger and thirst for  
righteousness.  
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**EASTER CHOIR**

Do you enjoy singing? If so, come along and join a choir in Mareeba, being formed to present some Easter music, telling the story of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ. Rehearsals begin on Monday February 1st, at 7.30pm and continue on subsequent Mondays, venue to be arranged, so contact Ruth Beasley on 930 303 for more details. It is hoped to stage a performance in Kuranda this year as well as in Mareeba, both taking place before the end of March.

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"In Jesus is life and that life is the light of men" (1 John 1.1)

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This smiling face is now missing from the BP Roadhouse in Kuranda, as **Matthew has joined the Army!** Matthew Flynn, 18, is the son of Peter and Judy Flynn of Fairyland Road Kuranda, and was educated at Kuranda Primary School, then later in Cairns, at St Augustine's and Cairns High. He has been working at the Roadhouse for about six months.

Matthew leaves for Townsville on February 15th, for his Enlistment Ceremony, and then goes to Wagga Wagga in NSW for basic training. This takes four months, and after that he wants to do Diesel Fitting or Mechanical Engineering. Enlistment is for a year, and then assessment, there may be the option of another four years.

Then it's welcome back Colonel Flynn ???  
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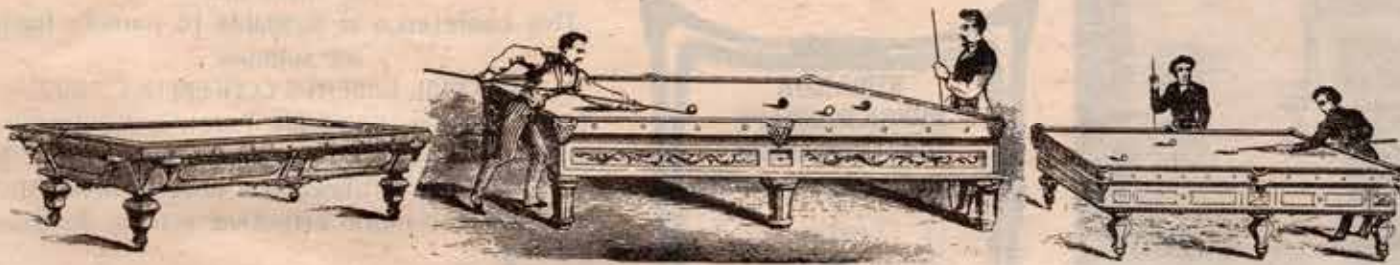
today  
a shadow on the lens  
of the goldfish bowl  
blocks out the sun  
from where i am  
a relocation would seem  
called for  
down to the crowded population  
of a mega-city situation

mystery is in the plane  
of air  
i can feel someone staring there  
binoculars or telescope  
reign of vision  
or higher hope  
facing south  
north of south east  
my disturbance is released  
i spy with my little eye  
something beginning with ....  
swinging the magnetic compass  
it is looking for us  
riding the waves of general thought  
recognition is sought  
and then it sweeps  
in rhapsody  
around the central patterning

who would have thought  
a one eyed ref  
could give such relief  
doing such a simple thing  
seeing if the fish are still swimming

agony and ecstasy  
in one intense moment  
all the hearts of the world  
reflected in the heights  
night vision or glare  
of the daytime light  
blindness reigns again  
1000 angels come along for the ride  
a universe  
in a blood sample slide

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St. Valentines Day

Its history is related to pre-Christian Rome  
when boys drew the names of girls from a  
love urn on the feast of the Lupercalia,  
on February 15th.



The custom was introduced to England by the Romans and continued  
through the Christian era. In order to adapt the practice to  
Christianity the church transferred it to the feast of St. Valentine, a  
bishop of Rome who was martyred on Feb 14, in the year 270.

The paper valentine with inscribed sentiments dates from the 16th  
century and the first printed valentine may have been the frontispiece  
of A Valentine Writer, a book of verses that offered assistance to the  
inarticulate and was issued as early as 1669.

With the introduction of penny postage and envelopes in England  
in 1840 the exchange of valentines increased and the use of lace paper,  
delicately ornamented became popular.

NB: St Valentine's Day as a lovers' festival, the choice of a valentine  
and the modern development of sending valentine cards has no relation  
to the saint of any incident in his life. *Ency.Brit 1962 edition*

KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE

Good music last Saturday from *Missing Link* and *The  
Mexicans*. Hot work Rohan. A general meeting will be held on  
Saturday 30th at 3pm at the Amphitheatre to discuss funding  
received from the Federal Govt for the new stage. Appreciation and a  
big Thank You to John Gaylor for assistance with the Federal Grant  
\*\*\*\*\* The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sat 20th  
February at 3pm to elect a new committee. Be a part of the  
best community venue under the sun (rain?)

**KURANDA**  
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With school holidays about to end PIERRE and CLINTON enjoy their last days of summer freedom.  
photo Krishna Ruhler



## KURANDA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB A.G.M.

Will be held on TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 1993 at 7pm at the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

Annual Report, Election of Office Bearers for 1993. At the present we are seeking funds from interested sponsors as the club is in financial difficulties. The club is also seeking players from out of town. We will have players from Mossman to participate in this year's games.

We wish to thank sponsors who have already donated funds towards the club. Sponsors are Tjapakai Dance Theatre, Fitzroy Fabrications, BP Kuranda, B&D Raw Materials. We would like to thank all past sponsors for their support in the last 3 years.

We wish all teams a successful year, and all those who made it happen last year.

Andy Duffin

## CLUB NEWS

This is a free service so Secretaries please send in information on social activities, fixtures and membership to the Kuranda Newsagency. Mark all contributions To The Kuranda Paper.

## KURANDA R.S.L. SUB-BRANCH AGM NOTICE

All Kuranda RSL Sub-Branch members please note: The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the KURANDA RSL MEMORIAL BOWLS & SERVICES CLUB, Fallon Rd, off Mason Rd, Kuranda on February 2nd, 1993 at 7.30pm. Please note: Financial Members only are permitted to vote so come prepared to pay dues (\$15). Please attend as active support is needed.

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## PENSIONERS:

The Kuranda branch of the Australian Pensioners' and Superannuants' League had a "Merry" Christmas lunch at Frogs on December 7th, 1992, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

A big "Thank You" to Ruby and Krishna who provided musical entertainment. Frogs provided a delicious meal and drinks, then presents were distributed.

This was the last meeting for the year, and the first one for 1993 will be held on Monday February 1st, at 2pm at the CWA Hall -- all welcome!! See you there. Contact 937 370 for enquiries.

## SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

The Bowling Green has been planted with grass, and the Bowling Gurus tell me that they will be bowling in March.

Lydia's tasty tucker and Dave's Sunday roast for \$6.00, are picking up a following of traditional munchers.

Lydia says keep St Valentine's Day Eve (13th Feb) free for a gastronomic delight. Dave says its bound to be a Psychological Cabaret. See you there!!

—Arch.

## REGIONAL PARENTS CONFERENCE

Contact Gayle on 937652 or a.h. 937325 for more info

This conference is available to parents from all schools.

## REGIONAL PARENTS CONFERENCE 1993

The Peninsula Regional Parents Conference provides a great opportunity for parents to participate in professional development, thus allowing for more effective school decision-making.

The 1993 Conference, to be held at the Ravenshoe Secondary School Campus on 27th and 28th February, will offer development in the following areas:

- \* Teleconferencing
- \* Self Esteem
- \* Joint Budgets
- \* Effective Meetings, Roles of Executive Management of Difficult Student Behaviour
- \* Collaborative School Reviews
- \* Effective Parenting
- \* Participative Decision Making
- \* Volunteers in the Classroom
- \* Gifted and Talented
- \* Anti-Discrimination Act et al
- \* Workplace Health and Safety
- \* Senior Schooling - TEPA

We have also invited three very interesting and informative key-note speakers.

## KURANDA



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## KURANDA COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The Fashion Parade was very successful. Many thanks to those who contributed food and modelling skills. Without Mrs Miller's Hostel, Jill Melody's New to You, Lynette Snider and Coralie Wason from Bana Mara and Rosemary's Leotards, Mareeba we couldn't have done it.

The Teval Print raffle was won by Tracey Eaton. Thank-you Henri for your donation.

Most of the fashions modelled for the Kindy Fundraiser were from Kuranda's New To You Boutique. How fortunate for Kuranda to have a dress shop of such versatility. There were outfits displayed for men, women and children that would suit any occasion. Those who thought New to You stocked only re-cycled clothing were in for surprise. With the quality of the re-cycled fashions being so good, it was hard to distinguish between "old" and "new".

Great attention was paid to detail with accessories playing an important part in the fashion parade. From the large assortment of jewelry to the beautiful bouquets (made by Gayle Hannah) carried by the wedding party. Yes - there was even a wedding! The bride was Elva Hanley, the groom Luke Melody. Other models included Donna Pierce, Linda Jodner, Maggie Hannah, Gerda Williams, Sue Powell and Pira Melody. International model, Kim Teeling, was MC.

The audience was also treated to an Aerobic's display by those talented models who are all students at Jill Melody's Aerobic classes. They proved, by modelling Rosemary's Aerobic Wear, that the greatest accessory to any gym wear, is a toned body - well done ladies!

The unlimited talents of Kuranda artists was further evident with an exciting display of summer outfits designed and printed by Coralie Wason, Lynette Snider, Sheila Brim, Shane Gorry and Thomas Bosen.

Models, Judy Bell, Shanie Wason, Lisa Riley, Ronda Riley, Stacey Riley, Tammy Grey and Faye McInerney showed how these clothes could be worn with flair and style.

All items modelled are available at Kuranda's newest boutique, Bana Mara. Lynette, Coralie and Karen proudly opened their shop in the Jill Binna premises, on December 1st. Best wishes!

The Kindy Fashion Parade certainly provided a fun interlude for Kuranda families during the post Christmas holidays. Well done all!

### meanwhile ...BUILDING CONTINUES

Parents and staff have worked voluntarily throughout January to have the building and grounds ready for the inspection on 1 February 1993.

### and .....STAFFING

Director Lorraine Akkerman will be completing her Bachelor of Education - Early Childhood this year. Lorraine has been with KCKA since July 1989.

The assistant, Jocelyn Saggars (Mon. Wed. & Fri. sessions) has completed a certificate of Child Care. She is our gardening expert. We hope to have our own vegie garden for the children to tend and harvest.

Assistant Susan Jones, (Tues. & Thurs. sessions) begins an Associate Diploma of Child Care this year.

Kindy sessions and fees are outlined on our advertisement. There are still places available for both sessions. Families with more than one child enrolled are entitled to a 30% discount on the second and third child's fees.



ELVA HANLEY displays one of ROSEMARY'S creations from 'Rosemary's Leotards' in Mareeba.



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TINA SNIDER, RHONDA RILEY, JUDY BELL, CORRINE GRAY, STACEY RILEY, FAY MCINERNEY AND LISA RILEY modelled original BANA MARA fashions.

KURANDA COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION INC.  
P.O. BOX 580  
Barron Falls Rd  
Kuranda  
(070)938087 b.h.  
(070)937500 a.h.



Commencing operation in our new building in February 1993.

We are a non-profit, community organisation providing an affordable educational programme for 3 to 5 year old children.

Sessions offered are  
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Director: Lorraine Akkerman

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Jill Melody A.F.A.A.



KURANDA STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
A.G.M.  
FEB. 16TH. 7.30pm.

P&C Ass. meets third Tues. of month.

ALL WELCOME.

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Somewhere in the Peninsula where the sun is like a curse  
Where each long dull day is replaced with another slightly worse  
Where the cattle dust is thicker than the shifting desert sands  
And the stockman dreams and wishes for a greener, fairer land.  
Somewhere in the Peninsula where no woman's ever seen  
Where the sky is never cloudy and the grass is never green.  
Where the dingo's nightly howling robs a man of blessed sleep  
Where there isn't any whisky and the beer is never cheap.  
Somewhere in the Peninsula where the nights were made for love  
Where the moon is like a search-light and the Southern Cross above  
Sparkles like a diamond bracelet in the balmy tropic night  
It's a shameless waste of beauty when there's not a girl in sight.  
Somewhere in the Peninsula where the mail is always late  
Where a Christmas card in April is considered up to date,  
Where we never have a pay day so we never have a cent  
But we never miss the money, cause we never get it spent.  
Somewhere in the Peninsula where the ants and lizards play  
Where a hundred fresh mosquitoes replace the one you slay  
So take me back to Mareeba, let me hear the bar-room yells,  
For this God-forsaken Mulgrave is a substitute for Hell.

by Bill Santowski

(This poem was sent in by Mrs Barbara Santowski of Barang Street, Kuranda, and was written by her late husband, Bill Santowski during the drought in 1946, whilst he was managing "Mulgrave Station", Chillagoe.)



Jutta Chirio (on left) proprietor of Kuranda Fruit and Vege. and Lorraine Akkerman who works next door at Base Camp Disposals - when she's not the Kindy teacher - take five to check the weather.



The Crothers 'cottage', corner of Therwine and Thoree Sts. Scheduled for demolition after the Wet unless reprieved.

**Cottage Cheese & Apple Pancakes**~something different for Shrove Tuesday (Feb 23rd this year) or anyday! ~!

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup low fat cottage cheese
- 1 cup grated green apple
- 3/4 cup flour
- 2tsp lemon juice
- optional: 1 tsp honey
- 1.2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp salt
- optional: 2-3 tblsp minced nuts
- OIL or butter for frying.
- TOPPINGS: real maple syrup, sour cream or yoghurt or Berry Sauce (see under)



**METHOD:** beat egg whites until stiff. Combine all other ingredients except toppings & oil. Mix well, fold in egg whites. Heat oil or melt butter. When hot enough to sizzle a drop of batter on contact, add spoonfuls of batter. Fry both sides until firm & light brown. Serve right away with topping.  
**BERRY SAUCE:** 1 cup fresh or frozen (defrosted) berries ~your choice~ 1-2 tblsp sugar, few drops fresh lemon or lime juice. Place all ingredients in blender and puree. Strain out seeds. Taste and adjust sugar & juice.  
~recipe from The Moosewood Cookbook by Mollie Katzen, Ten Speed Press, Berkely, California~

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JANUARY 1993

30TH SAT.

KURANDA KINDY. Working Bee 8am.  
KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE Gen meet.  
3pm.



FEBRUARY 1993

1ST. MON.

PENSIONERS. 2pm. C.W.A. Hall. ph 937370

2ND. TUES.

KURANDA KINDY Commences.  
KRSLMBS&S CLUB 7.30pm. Fallon Rd.  
KURANDA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB. AGM.

7pm.Amp.  
6TH. SAT.

K. MEDIA ASS. Meet Fire Station  
9.30am.  
JUNCTION THEATRE auditions 2pm

Amp.  
7TH. SUN.

SPEEWAH DIST. ASS. AGM.  
PH.930303.  
UNITING CHURCH Family service 9am  
CWA Hall.

9TH. TUES.  
13TH SAT.  
14TH SUN  
16th. TUES.

QAC. 7pm Frogs.  
JUNCTION THEATRE AGM. 2pm. Amp.  
VALENTINE'S DAY.  
KURANDA SCHOOL AGM. 7.30pm. P&C  
meet 3rd.Tues/month.  
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE . 7.30pm  
Sports/social club Fallon Rd.

17th WED.  
20th SAT

KINDY AGM 2pm. BBQ.  
AMPHITHEATRE AGM. 3PM.  
SHROVE TUES. PANCAKES!!!!  
KOA H BARN DANCE. Barron River  
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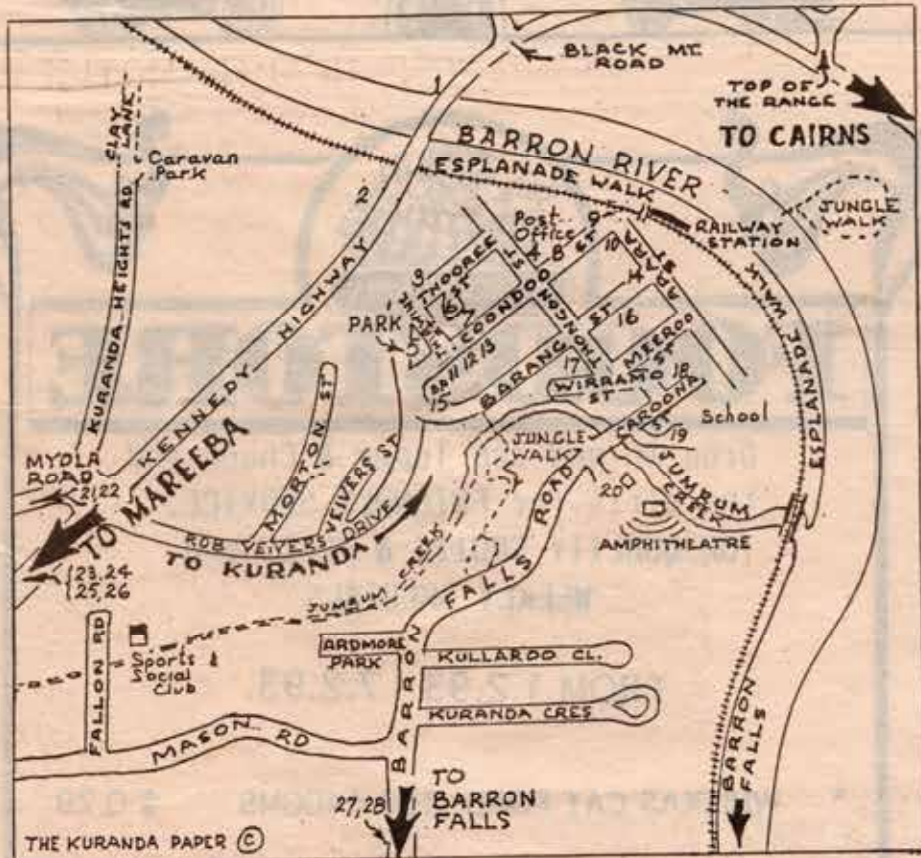
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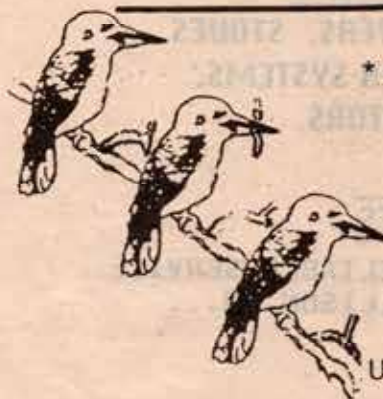
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| 2. Cemetery                      | 16. Catholic Church             |
| 3. Laundry (Coin Op)             | 17. CWA and branch library.     |
| 4. Telephones                    | 18. Recycling Depot             |
| 5. Toilets                       | 19. Kindergarden                |
| 6. Car Park                      | 20. Scouts                      |
| 7. St. Saviours                  | 21. To Russett Park             |
| 8. NP Building Sty (Auto Teller) | 22. To Pony Club                |
| 9. Police                        | 23. To Rainforest Resort        |
| 10. Hotel/Motel                  | 24. To Speewah                  |
| 11. Vet                          | 25. To Koah                     |
| 12. Fire Station                 | 26. To Clohesy                  |
| 13. Surgery                      | 27. To Wrights Lookout          |
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# COMMUNITY LETTERS

LETTERS, P.O. Box 66 KURANDA. 4872.

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Hi there! Let me introduce myself. I am Susan Margaret Bill. I am a friend of Lydia and James Graham. The Kuranda Paper is very interesting to read. It has a lot of good information. Keep up the good work with the Kuranda Paper  
**Susan Bill, Westcourt**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

It isn't very often that I get into a downer, but when there are migloos out there on your side; "Why do you fight amongst yourselves?" This kind of behaviour is counter-productive. Seems to be a hard job to build bridges between clans, tribes, etc. etc. If your flag means anything to you think about this:  
YELLOW; THE RISING SUN  
RED IS YOUR BLOOD LINE  
BLACK IS THE DEAD END unless you all pull together to make black beautiful  
You may decide to ask what does this white fella know? .....**THE ANSWER IS NOTHING....**  
**James T Graham, Kuranda**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

I read with interest your article on **Grevillia** in last month's paper. George Michael Gummow according to *Trinity Phoenix* by Dorothy Jones, arrived in Townsville in the early 1880's along with his parents. he went to Thursday Island where he established himself as a contractor and timber merchant. In the course of his business he travelled to Cairns as a log buyer. Eventually he bought the sawmill established by Griffiths and Tills which were combined as Cairns Timber Limited. Anglican Church Records show that on the 21st December 1907 Fanny Evelyn Mary Gummow, his daughter born in Brixton, London, England, exchanged the vows of Holy Matrimony with Henry Hanson of Townsville. The setting for the wedding was the Residence of Mr. George Michael Gummow, Kuranda, **Grevillia**. In 1920 *The Cairns Post* reported after the cyclone that Gummows house was partly unroofed. Yes, even in our little town of Kuranda many of our buildings have an interesting history.  
**Chris Wright, St Saviours, Kuranda.**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Town Planning Scheme, DCP and Strategic Plan are like foreign words to most of us, yet they are most important documents on which we depend when changes and developments are taking place around us. These documents, administered by Council, let us know what we can and can't do with our land. A Strategic Plan is a broad land-use plan for the whole of the shire. It broadly outlines the direction of development. The Town Planning Scheme is more specific and contains zoning maps for the Shire, defines what is meant by "dwelling" or "resort" and so on, and specifies what you can do within the zones. It also contains special provisions for carparks and bus terminals etc. The DCP is even more specific relating to roadworks, what buildings should look like in the area and where the parks should be and what you can do in them. The three documents work together and depend on each other. This letter is to inform you of the need to retain the DCP we still have, to protect the integrity of our rural rainforest environment. As a body, we need to inform Council that we wish to keep the DCP for the areas outside the village, to be read in conjunction with the other documents. Without it, we lose its protection and give Council the control it seeks to urbanise Kuranda. You may shortly be asked to sign a petition for this very purpose. You can ensure your name is not left off this petition to Council by calling me on 938834 (AH) or 315751 (BH) so we can bring the petition to you. Your voice will be even more powerful if you write directly to Council yourself.  
**Jax Bergersen, Greenhills**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

I do appreciate all the work the volunteers do to produce the Kuranda Paper; I would like to thank you all. I enjoy Marjory Spears' gardening news, and hope she continues to write her interesting ideas.  
**Bridie Prettejohn, Kalinda Stud, Kuranda.**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**  
After reading in your paper that the Kuranda Consultative Group was concerned about the dangers of the Range Road, I became rather amused as I believe the main danger is the idiot who has a drivers licence but not yet learned to drive. By this I mean those who go around sharp bends on the range at maximum speed then jump on the brakes to slow down whilst going around the corner. That is okay if the road is dry but when it is wet the car will spin out of control. In reality the driver is the danger and obviously should not be on the road. She did not drive to the conditions of the road. (I use the word she because of equality and most people who have accidents on the range seem to be women). If you believe the range road is so dangerous I suggest you use some common sense and slow down and drive to the conditions of the road.  
**John W. Goss, Kuranda**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

It is about time I contributed to your very readable publication; my wife and I do thank you for not only publishing it but then you very kindly send it to our door. Its great. May I address a pertinent observation to all drivers of AUTOMATIC transmissions using the range road? At the exact centre of the Henry Ross lookout a lady driver in front of me suddenly aquaplaned into the near side rock-face - we were ascending. At the time the movement to the left started we were ostensibly travelling in a straight line which, of course, Newton's Law would prohibit! It set me/us thinking. Here is my interpretation of this and I suggest many other accidents on our local skid pan. This lady had not engaged a fixed gear and the large heavy motor car was therefore free to change down a cog when depressing the accelerator, which it did. Thus the sudden jerk of the lower gear broke the surface tension thereby precipitating an uncontrollable aquaplane. I hope this explanation is explicit and understandable and will keep all automatic drivers in line!  
**David Hulme, 7 Hilltop Close, Kuranda**

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