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## a Spirited Affair

"I declare this Fair open" - The Spirit of the Rainforest - Joan Dods - has spoken Photo R.Dods

The Kuranda community proved once again that when it comes to having a good time we set an entertaining standard. The Kuranda Spring Fair was a total success with estimates as high as 3,500 people turning out for the occasion. Reports so far indicate that most of the street stalls had a successful day and community groups such as the scouts, soccer and kindy raised good revenues for their efforts. A big thanks must go to the Spring Fair committee who pulled it all together for another year. Peter English performed miracles not only organizing the Soapbox Derby and Aboriginal Triathlon and heading the committee but also raising funds from the Kuranda business community. Rebecca Burnett-Read encouraged the beautiful works of art from the children at the Kuranda State School and brought together the Circus Monoxide crew with a number of children to create the huge puppets for the parade. Dave Harris and Dave Franks from the Kuranda Amphitheatre put together two great shows for the day providing the talent and stage management for the concert in the park and also organized for the Little Day Out at the Kuranda Amphitheatre. As well, the Kuranda Amphitheatre operated the bar for the Spring Fair. Brent Hammond had the awesome task of organizing over 50 street stalls which looked great and gave the main street back to the people for just a day. Thanks to all the people involved the Grand Parade which came together very well. It looked big and colourful and as long as Oliver Gilkerson gave back the Jaguar everything went smoothly, and no downed power lines! Thanks again to the Kuranda State School and Bob Hammond for supporting the parade and the opening ceremony.

The kids of Kuranda deserve recognition for the efforts they put in to make the day a success. The concert in the park put Kuranda on show revealing the huge line up of talent living in the area. The park is a great venue for entertainment and it was encouraging to see the level of support for local entertainers, performers and dancers. The finale of the day, Circus Monoxide, drew a crowd of about 1,000 to the night time show and looking around the crowd it was sea of laughing faces immersed in the magic of circus.

So, a big thanks to all for the Kuranda community for supporting a fun event which shows we know how to have a good time in our own town. Highlights of the 1996 and 1997 Kuranda Spring Fair will be available from the Kuranda Video Shop soon.

..... 1997 SPRING FAIR REPORT By Peter McCabe



Master of Ceremonies Bronwyn Harris - a winner! Photo R. Dods

# COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4872

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

Thank you to all those who worked hard to make the Kuranda Spring Fair a success. I suggest if it is repeated in 1998 that the parade turns round by the Police Station and returns to its starting point via Coondoo Street. It was a joy to buy mulch for my plants from the Envirocare stall but I wish more stalls had plants for sale e.g. vegies & calistemons to feed the honey eating birds. The Yuruga Nursery and Botanical Nursery also held spring fair days & offered a wonderful selection of plants. I hope other Kuranda folk attended these open days.

Marjorie Spear Bl. Mt. Rd. Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

What a monumental stuff-up the Kuranda High School is shaping up to be. Not only is the compulsory acquisition of land a permanent black mark against our community, but we add insult to injury by the horrific devastation that is taking place along Myola Road to cater for this community joke. I feel sorry for the people living along this nightmare, it has affected their lifestyles and their property, to say nothing of the environmental rape that is happening. Where is ARK? Where is the environment Association? Where is Lesley Clark? Your silence is deafening. You Hypocrites! What is next? You guessed it - a set of traffic lights!!! I don't believe this is really happening.

Cheryl Tonkin, High Chapparal R. Myola.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Recently we had a day off and drove to Port Douglas to see what's happening. We'd heard of new shops, reminding us of Kuranda, which already has too many empty shops, and more on the way. But Port Douglas felt great; they had used imagination, flair, and a bit of class. Nice accommodation, and most of the shops selling something different and interesting. A noticeable contrast to Kuranda, where some money-hungry shops can only copy others, and compete head-on with the same products. Competing mini buses shunting the poor unknowing tourist the short distance to the markets, so they don't walk past Coondoo Street shops, or the other mini bus taking them a couple of hundred metres up Coondoo Street, so it can retain some of the natural pedestrian flow. Too many silly games being played. The tourists don't need this. If I didn't own a shop in Kuranda, I'd probably tell them to go to Port Douglas, and escape all the dirty business practices, and leave all the monuments to peoples egos behind. Forget the Chamber of Commerce that's attended sadly by only a handful of mainly self seeking business people trying to assure their own survival, while Kuranda is forgotten. It's sad isn't it, as I look across to the mountain range to see if any rain is on its way, and all I see, is what must be the biggest wine cask in the world.

Lynn Moseley, Tropical Pulse, Coondoo St.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

On 9th September a majority of MSC Councillors voted for an "Indoor Recreation Centre" to be established on the second floor (street level) of the Ark development, 22 Coondoo Street. Three Councillors opposed the proposal. These Councillors were Mayor Chris Lewis, Cr. Linda Rudd and Cr. Ken Mayo. Six other councillors voted in favour of the proposal. These were Cr. Wally Gray, Cr. Gladys France, Cr. Ned Brischetto, Cr. Fred Catterossi, Cr. Stephen Shroj and Cr. John Littlemore. Although there were eleven objections in total, we believe that many other Kuranda residents would have objected if they had either been aware of the proposal or knew more about its true nature.

This "Indoor Recreation Centre" as it was advertised is actually a shooting gallery i.e. indoor rifle and pistol range. Weapons proposed to be used include .22mm Semi-Auto Pistol, 9mm Semi-Auto Pistol, .22 mm Bolt Action Rifle, .44mm Magnum Lever Action Rifle, .45mm Semi-Auto Pistol, .44mm Magnum Revolver, 12 Gauge Shotgun and live ammunition. It will also have amusement machines (video arcade style) and light refreshments. We also believe that the proposal was poorly advertised, nevertheless eleven objections is a relatively high number. The proposal was considered at one only sitting of council and voted upon whilst the developers were in the room. Council also notified the developer of approval before the minutes of the meeting were confirmed. The proposal was put through council whilst the Town Planner was on leave and decided upon a matter of days before he would have returned. We believe that the whole matter was hastily dealt with and poorly considered. Councillors who voted for it have said it is tourism and therefore will be good for Kuranda. We believe it is totally out of character with the town and community and sends a message of crass commercialism, undermining our efforts to establish a high quality, high integrity tourism industry, acceptable for all who live here.

The undersigned believe Council has acted hastily and irresponsibly in approving this proposal and have lodged an appeal with the Land and Environment Court to have the approval withdrawn. We need your support. If you too wish to say no to this sell out of our community values please sign the petition forms which will soon be circulated (please, do so only once). Support material and information will be attached to allow you to make an informed decision.

Gillian & Michael Cox, Marjorie Spear, Sharon Greenwood, Joan Dods, Brian & Sandra Edwards, Lex Briggins, Bob Madden, Keila Wasvik, Gayle Hannah. Kuranda.

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Heliconia made for the Fair at the successful street decoration work shops

# ARK

ASSOCIATION for REGIONAL KURANDA  
COMMUNITY INC.

Residents and Ratepayers Association - established 1990  
PO BOX 573 Kuranda 4872  
ARK meets every third Wednesday 7pm  
at the Kuranda Sports & Social Club, Fallon Rd.

A number of consultation strategies have progressed well over the last month:

**FNOQEB: WORKS IN THE VILLAGE:** A recent walking tour of the Village area to examine proposed works resulted in agreement regarding how problem trees and vegetation (ie those already interfering with high voltage lines and those which will do so within the next two years) may be handled. The agreement results in tree removal only where no reasonable alternative exists. If you are walking around the Village and see red or orange spots on trees these trees were marked for removal and in most cases will be, although there are now plans for some to be transplanted or pruned instead. FNOQEB are only targeting high voltage areas at the moment. These include Rob Veivers Drive, Coondoo St between Therwine St and Thongon Street, Thongon St from Coondoo St and out to Barron Falls Rd, Arara Street from Barang St to the School and Barang St between Arara St and Thongon St. There are other areas in the Village with problem trees but they are under low voltage lines and not considered a priority. In the future these may be bundled cabled to reduce the amount of maintenance and cutting required. Luckily, Coondoo St will have power undergrounded as part of the upgrade about to begin and so no further disturbance to our beloved figs will be necessary. Anyone with trees targeted for treatment on their property should have soon received contact from FNOQEB. Trees on public property, even if close to houses, are the responsibility of Council. ARK is attempting to work with FNOQEB and Council to retain as much vegetation as possible and to have any trees which are removed replaced with appropriate non-problem species. The FNOQEB provides a choice of native shrubs free of charge to replace those removed. If you have any concerns regarding a favourite tree in the Village area contact Gayle on 937 487 or Lex on 937 134.

**WORKS OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE:** We are following up complaints regarding the recent clearing on Myola Rd. It remains unclear as to who is responsible, FNOQEB or Mareeba Shire Council. If you have a complaint please let ARK know, we can't investigate or take action if we are unaware of the problem. Details in writing would be greatly appreciated, with as much info as possible. Or call any of the contacts below.

**IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPLY:** FNOQEB have advised they will be taking delivery in October of the new equipment which will allow them to identify faults, isolate them and keep general supply through the use of remote controls using the Telstra satellite system. This should result in quicker response to faults and less downtime. The permanent supply of Kuranda from the more reliable Mareeba feeder has been ruled out and it will be used only as an emergency back up.

**MAIN ROADS:** Consultation continues with the community on improvements to safety at the Black Mt Rd and Myola Rd intersections. Plans will be in the council office from 6th October and a final public meeting is scheduled for November.

**AIRCRAFT NOISE:** Ongoing.

**LIBRARY:** The former Grogan house is to be remodelled as an interim office, meeting rooms and possibly short term library. The timeline for construction of the new library/resource centre is now at least twelve months away. Whilst this is disappointing it will enable the luxury of extensive consultation to develop a very high quality facility. A public meeting will be held early in November and the idea of forming a Friends of Kuranda Library group has been mooted. If you are interested contact ARK or the Mareeba library.

**YOUR CONCERNS, IDEAS??** General Business is a very important part of every ARK meeting. Anyone, member or not, may raise issues for consideration and action. You are welcome and so is your input. ARK meetings are about information flow. They are attended by the Mayor, and frequently State and Federal Members, providing an excellent opportunity for you to ask questions and make comments.

**NEXT MEETING: October 15th 7pm ALL WELCOME**

Membership forms available from the Green House, at ARK meetings or from the PO BOX 573 KURANDA 4872.

**PRESIDENT Bob Madden 930 169**

**TREASURER Lex Brigginsshaw 937 134**

**SECRETARY Gayle Hannah 937 487**

**COMMITTEE :** Margaret Butteling (Speewah), Ann Downey (Oak Forest), Lyle Greene ( Black Mt Rd) and Arch McArthur ( Barron Falls Rd).

## MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL KURANDA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT COONDOO STREET UPGRADE.

Following the completion of the Kuranda Traffic Study public consultation period, Mareeba Shire Council will implement the upgrading of Coondoo Street between Therwine and Thongon Streets. The works will include the installation of underground services and stormwater drainage, landscaping, footpath regeneration and associated street works. The construction period is envisaged to be from early October 1997 to late February 1998. During this period every effort will be taken to ensure that no business will be without shop front access and that only minimal disturbance is caused to business proprietors. Council will be holding discussions with every business operator to alleviate any potential problems. A public meeting has also been arranged for Wednesday 1st October 1997 at 5.00 pm at the CWA Hall in Thongon Street, Kuranda. All local businesses are welcome to attend.

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## VEHICULAR CIRCULATION

Recommendations on the problems of vehicular circulation and parking, along with pedestrian movement, were contained in a report put to Council by consultants Connell-Wagner. Mayor Cr. Chris Lewis said that, after having considered the report in conjunction with comments received from the public on the consultants recommendations, Council has decided to implement most of its recommendations. "In general the response to the report by the local community, the Chamber of Commerce and tour operators was favourable". "Whilst it is fair to say that not everyone is satisfied with the recommendation on the location of a bus interchange, I believe they do appreciate the need to address the current unsightly situation by the railway station and the limited options Council has in doing so," Chris Lewis said. In detail, Council will implement the following steps, some of which are slightly modified from those put by the consultant.

1. Return Thoree Street and Thongon Street to two-way operation but retain the existing one-way circulation system around Rob Veivers Drive, Therwine Street and Coondoo Street, which will require prohibition of parking along the southern alignment of Thoree Street and widening of Thongon Street on the western side to provide additional carparking.
2. Implement the Coondoo Street upgrade as per Option A in the Kuranda Strategic Management Plan with minor modification to allow: \* two-way operation on a 6.5 metre wide carriageway subject to a 40km/hour speed limit; \* 60 degree angle parking \* one service vehicle bay in the eastbound direction; and \* exclude coach traffic from upper Coondoo Street between Thongon and Therwine Streets.
3. Construct a new bus interchange on land between Arara Street and the skyrail terminal and upgrade and landscape the pedestrian route to Kuranda from the rail/Skyrail terminals using the existing roadway as a shared zone.
4. Upgrade the pedestrian crossing of Thoree Street and Therwine Street and provide access for wheelchairs and perambulators, and additionally, provide a ramp access at the existing disabled parking bay near the toilet block on Rob Veivers Drive and the existing pedestrian crossing.
5. Provide additional carparking off-street in Thoree Street with pedestrian connection to Coondoo Street.
6. Improve signage at the Therwine Street/Thoree Street roundabout and construct a visitors information area on the approach to Kuranda from the Kennedy Highway, if physically possible.
7. Implement the agreed coach circulation requirements and upgrade the Barang Street/Rob Veivers Drive intersection and the culverts in Barang Street with the works to coincide with the construction of the Arara Street bus layover facility. \*

Upgrade pedestrian facilities throughout the township as funds permit and require new developments to take pedestrian facilities and footpath levels into account including provisions for wheelchairs and perambulators. The total cost of the works required to implement recommendation is estimated at \$6.5m with construction taking place over the next four years. Cr. Lewis said works are due to commence on the redevelopment of Coondoo Street in the second week of October. Over the past five years the Council has been working closely with local residents, businesses and tour operators to address the significant problems associated with rapid development and the enormous popularity of the village. The emphasis from all parties is to manage and plan in order to enhance those qualities the village is best known for, that is its rainforest setting and its cultural richness. Council's adoption of this traffic study lays out the final step in a very detailed and sensitive planning process that will achieve this.

## Kennedy Highway Intersection Plans-on view.

Following two public meetings focussing on proposed changes to the Black Mt. Rd. and Myola Rd intersections with the Kennedy Highway, the Dept. of Main Roads will display plans in the Kuranda Council Office from Wednesday October 1. Changes are designed to improve safety at the intersections. Comment sheets will also be made available. Plans will remain on display until the end of October. Comments will then be assessed before the final plans are presented at a public meeting during November.



### RETIREMENT OF BILL ANDERSON.

Kuranda Railway Station's gardener for over 18 years, Bill Anderson retired on August 29th, 1997, and a farewell evening for Bill was held at Freshwater Connection on that night. Local Station Master Neville Smith firstly presented Bill's wife Jean with flowers saying as the night was for Bills retirement, it was also her retirement night. Bill was presented with a watch and certificate of service from Qld Rail and a large photo frame containing 2 photos entitled the past and the present. The photos were of Kuranda Railway Station in the early century and one of the present day Station. An engraved brass plaque on the Frame had the words "Wishing you well in your retirement" from friends and workmates. Manageress of Kuranda Railway station's Refreshment Rooms, Gail Chambers also made a presentation to Bill and a gift from the Qld Fire Service, Kuranda Branch, was presented by Mr Ray Wintour. Bill responded to all speakers. Station Master Nev Smith also thanked Qld Rail for the food which was provided and also for allowing the function to be held at Freshwater Connection. Nev also introduced Bill's replacement Mr Joe Hunter to the guests and welcomed Joe to Qld Rail and wished him all the best in his new surroundings. Nev Smith. Station Master.



Bill Anderson leaving a beautiful garden for new pastures.

### HERITAGE AND INTERPRETIVE TOURISM COURSE

by CLAUDE HOBSON

This course has been run over the last 16 weeks, about how to become a tour guide and how to run a tour. We students have been to various tourism projects such as the KuKu Yalangi Rainforest Walk (Mossman), Rainforestation, Cairns Art Gallery, TentativeNests, Kuranda Rainforest Tours, and to the Daintree. In late September the students will travel to Kondoparinga station, Chillagoe and Murray Upper near Tully for further field experience. Our teachers have been professional in their work and we think highly of them. We also recommend the HIT course to anyone interested in working as a tour guide or working in tourism. We would like to express our thanks also to Joel and Teena of TentativeNests in Kuranda and to Noel of Kuranda Rainforest Tours for their support during the course. Special thanks also tour bus drivers Ahmet of TAFE and Lyn Hobbler of Kuranda who have put up with us. Thanks Fellas!



### KURANDA VILLAGE LAUNCHES 5 YR PROMOTION PLAN

The consultancy project to develop a 5 year promotional plan for Kuranda Village is now complete. The Promotional Plan was launched officially to both locals and industry at the Kuranda Rainforest Resort last Tuesday evening.

Lead consultant, Mr Stephen Le Page of Le Page and Company, said "The 5 year Promotional Plan makes numerous recommendations for actions to be taken over the years and is clearly ambitious. But is achievable and an enhanced and viable Kuranda will be at the end of it."

The Promotion Plan is the result of 15 months work by volunteers of the KVPP to move towards ensuring the integrity of Kuranda as a long term tourist destination. Program Coordinator, Michelle Bell-Turner said "the real work begins now that we have been given the tools." Currently, two KVPP working groups (Marketing and Promotions and Business Development) have started implementing some of the initiatives outlined in the promotion action plan. One of these is the development of a Kuranda Logo. North Queensland Artists have been invited to enter a competition to design a Corporate Logo for Kuranda Village. A third working group, Built Environment will be reactivated in mid October to address the structural recommendations of the Promotion Plan. Any locals or business volunteers who would like to be involved in the working groups are asked to contact Program Coordinator, Michelle Bell-Turner on ph/fax 937 593.

The Kuranda Village Promotion program is sponsored by the Department of Tourism, Small Business and Industry, Mareeba Shire Council, the Business Community of Kuranda and the Mareeba Regional Development Organisation. The program aims to revitalise the village of Kuranda through community consultation and participation. For further information, please contact Michelle Bell-Turner on phone/fax 937 593.



### HIT STUDENTS ON FIELD TRIP : READY TO BOARD SKYRAIL AT THE KURANDA TERMINAL

Back Row: Claude Hobson, Bradley Escott, Rosetta Brim, Lynn Newbury, Fleur Hobson, Daniel Accoom

Front Row: Lorraine Brim, Monica Brim, Leonie Baird, Gladys Newbury, Myrna Hobson.

Missing: Nigel Tranby, Noela Donahue. We are the students of the TAFE Heritage and Interpretive Tourism course (HIT).



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## SPEEWAH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Just an update after our Annual General Meeting held on 15th September 97 with a much better turn out. Nice to see some new faces. The names of the officers remain the same as last year as this was not the year for a general election. As before to obtain a permit you call John Thomson on 930211, if you need help or want to report a fire in the district you call Chris Plasto on 930289 or Peter Brown on 930243 or John Nichols on 930159 or Margaret on 930100. The ratepayers of our district will have noticed on their rate notice that the Council (in their wisdom) has put on a fire levy for the "Grove Creek Brigade" (which doesn't exist). This appears to be a computer error as the Speewah Brigade formally requested that Council NOT put the levy on. A few persons had commented that this was not the done thing, by not informing them that the levy was to be reinstated. It is not the intention to have the levy, but in future if it looks as though we are in need of more funds to be able to satisfactorily serve the community, we will make contact before the fact to inform you that this is going to happen. At the meeting, it was decided to assist the Speewah Residents Association and have both their bi-monthly meeting and the brigade's meeting on the same night with the hope that both associations attract more members. Please show your support for both organizations and come to the next meeting. We are both working for the community and would appreciate more community input. Another problem that has arisen at Roscommon Park is that some of the young people using the park and watching the BMX bikes are using the water tank as a grand stand. Some are also using the tank as a swimming pool. This is not only unhygienic but also very dangerous. We would urge parents of these young people to forcefully instruct them of the dangers. Also please no more rocks in the tank. The way you are going it will soon be too full of rocks to hold any water. Margaret Butteling, Secretary



## THE BURNING ISSUE- I'm a Firey

Spring is upon us and the heaters, fires and electric blankets can be stored away for another year. Although callouts have been quiet - which is how we like it - the station itself has been very busy. Nicholas has been away to Innisfail on yet another course - this time in Hazardous Material Management - and by all accounts did very well. Each course we attend means more knowledge to bring to our community. Captain Ray has been doing a spot of relief permanent work up in Mossman. A change of scenery and routine for him as well as a bit more responsibility for those of us left behind to look after Kuranda. We have two new recruits that we'd like to welcome aboard. Clayton Davis and Mike Sutherst have been accepted and we look forward to having them on the team - I hope they get as much out of the service as the rest of the crew do. A mention must go this month to the Queensland Ambulance service here in Kuranda and the fun Quiz night we participated in on the 30th August. Even though the Auxilliary Fires didn't win we managed to have a great night and learn something in the process! Look out next year. If you require any information on permits, extinguishers or just general fire safety call into the station on Tuesday nights or Saturday mornings or phone Karen Davies on 937375. Remember, Fire is a Ruthless Enemy - Take care!

## A MAJOR BREAK THROUGH IN HEARTWORM, FLEA AND INTESTINAL WORM PROTECTION

A message from Kuranda Vet Surgery and Novartis Animal Health - Keeping you up to date with the latest in animal care. Caring dog owners know all about the trauma caused by heartworm, fleas and intestinal worms. Until now these three problems have had to be treated separately. This is no longer the case thanks to Novartis Animal Health the makers of "Program" who have produced a new product which fixes all these problems with a single tablet given just once a month. This revolutionary product provides superior protection to dogs with less effort for owners and surprisingly is less expensive than treating the problems separately. Heartworm is the most life-threatening of all the common canine parasites as the worms cause heart disease and organ failure which can ultimately lead to an early death. Heartworm is easy to prevent but difficult and dangerous to treat and since it is transmitted by mosquitoes is extremely easy to pick up (especially in FNQ where the disease is endemic). This all-in-one tablet has the benefit of not only preventing heartworm disease but at the same time, preventing and controlling fleas and worms such as roundworm, hookworm and whipworm. The product is safe in all dogs and puppies down to two weeks of age when used as directed. The product is packaged in six-month packs and comes in different doses for different sized dogs and is available from your local veterinary surgery. For more information on this easy to use, all-in-one tablet drop in or call us at Kuranda Veterinary Surgery Ph 937 283 or call the Novartis Animal Health advice line on 1800 633 768.

## AMBULANCE UPDATE By Trevor Clark OIC

**STATION NEWS:** September has been a little busier than normal with about 45 emergency and serious calls responded to. I would like to extend my sympathies to those families who suffered personal loss during this period. Our next First Aid course to run in October is fully booked. For those who have missed out or need to do a course urgently, please contact our Cairns business unit on 311 755 and they should be able to arrange a course with a time frame to suit you. **RAFFLES and FUNDRAISING:** September was a busy month with the organising and running of our first Quiz night. This I am happy to say turned out to be very successful, not only with fund raising but in getting people together and having a really good fun time. On top of this I conducted a 'Mystery' Raffle. Of course as everybody now knows the mystery was a beautiful little 5 year old bay pony. An excellent child's pony which I am happy to say has on the third redraw gone to a Cairns family (In particular Naomi & Rebecca Sellwood & Lance Bridges) three children who just love him. Congratulations to the family. I mentioned our quiz night was a success. This could not have been so without sponsors and a lot of work by your local Ambulance committee. I would like to thank these people now. Kuranda Rail, Quicksilver, Great Adventures, Sunlover Cruises, Skyrail, Rainforestation, Adventures in Paradise, Kuranda Butchery, Kuranda Foodstore, T Shirt shop Kuranda Market Mall, Birch Carroll & Coyle Cinema, Kuranda Home made Tropical Fruit Ice-cream, Strangled Mango, Kuranda Village Coffee Shop, Kuranda Village Hire, BP Kuranda, Shell Koah, Louise Thorpe (Hairdresser), Sid (Mgr. Bottom Pub) Beryl Blekey, C.G Taylor, John Stewart, Betty Timmins, Kelly Lewis, Louise & Pierre Kaptain Karen Davies, Roger (the Vet) Margaret May and a host of others including all those who came along and those who always buy tickets from me. **A GREAT BIG THANKS.** Now that Spring has started all that Spring cleaning would be well under way (ha ha). Remember one man's trash is another man's treasure. With that in mind if you have any toys, tools, books, trinkets, crockery, cutlery, cakes, preserves, jams etc almost anything that you have no need for anymore, remember our volunteer market stall and give Jim a call at the market or Trevor at the ambulance station or simply drop it off at the station. If there is anyone with nothing to do either on a Wednesday or Sunday perhaps you would like to volunteer a few hours to assist with the manning (womaning) of the stall. Just call. I would like to make special mention of the support given to our local Ambulance by Pauline and Kerry at "Spellbound" who for a long time have sent in their monthly donations from their wishing well. It has been a terrific effort so Thank you.

**LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE:** following our Annual General Meeting and biennial election of officers we now have some new faces on the committee namely: Fiona Wright Pres. Rev. Chris Wright V. Pres. Margaret Barron Sec. Beryl Blakey Treas. L.Thorpe, P Thorpe, B Timmins, D. Stratford, E. Matsen, S. MacPherson, C. Stevens. Welcome to them all. If you have anything to discuss about Ambulance service or operations please feel free to contact any of these folk or myself.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Ever worried about a gift to give to someone and had trouble trying to find something appropriate. How about an Ambulance subscription. A very practical gift that shows you care.

## TREVORS TIP:

**SNAKE BITE** Now that Spring is here snakes will be up and about after their winter rest, it is appropriate that we have another look at the first aid management for snake bite. Australia is home to many of the most poisonous snakes in the world. The venoms of different poisonous snakes have different effects on various parts of the body, including the heart, breathing muscles, blood, body tissues and nerves. ALL snake bites should be treated as potentially lethal and immediate medical attention should be sought.

## SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

May appear immediately or over a period of hours. They include:-

- \* Paired or single fang mark or scratch on skin
- \* Nausea, vomiting
- \* Altered conscious state
- \* Double vision or blurred vision
- \* Problems with speaking or swallowing
- \* Weakness in the extremities and / or paralysis
- \* Respiratory/cardiac distress or arrest
- \* Blood clotting effects.

## TREATMENT

- \* Immediately apply a firm pressure immobilisation over the bite site and the complete limb (This should be as tight as for a sprained ankle)
- \* Continually monitor the patients ABC and be prepared for Resuscitation if necessary
- \* Keep the victim Calm, Reassured and Totally at Rest, Immobilise the limb with a splint if possible.
- \* Call immediately for urgent Ambulance medical treatment on 000
- \* DO NOT cut the bite area to try and drain the venom
- \* DO NOT suck the Bite
- \* DO NOT Wash the area the snake can be identified by the venom on the skin
- \* DO NOT Apply a tourniquet.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GREENHOUSE ENVIRONMENT SHOP 9 COONDOO STREET. NOTE, THIS IS BETWEEN ST SAVIOURS AND FROGS**

## FNQEB VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

FNQEB has come under increasing pressure from the community particularly in the Kuranda area to improve the reliability of its electricity supply system particularly during the Far North's wet and storm season. A detailed analysis of customer supply interruptions revealed that approx 80% of interruptions were caused by trees, palms and or branches impacting on the distribution network. In the past FNQEB has undertaken vegetation trimming programs as a means of endeavouring to meet its obligations regarding a safe and reliable infrastructure. The nature of the climate of the far north providing for rapid growth of vegetation resulted in a continuous program of tree trimming being required. However, even with such a program vegetation still caused problems under adverse weather conditions. A review undertaken of FNQEB's tree management program resulted in the adoption of a revised standard. This revised standard now involves the removal of inappropriate vegetation growing under or adjacent to overhead distribution wires. FNQEB is very mindful of the amenity of the suburban environment and consequently is offering replacement trees to individual residents and the Mareeba Shire Council for the trees that are removed. These replacement trees will grow to a height not exceeding five metres and so will not impact on the distribution network. The replacement program is expected to result in a net addition in the number of trees in the local environment. In addition, the Mareeba Shire council has the opportunity to identify trees on public land that is of significance to the community. These trees will be trimmed only with the Mareeba Shire Council accepting the on going maintenance of such trees. In conducting the vegetation management program, not only is FNQEB in consultation with the Mareeba Shire Council and ARK, but will conduct direct consultations with the owners of properties who may have trees that require removal or trimming. If you require any further information, about our tree trimming or tree replacement programs, please contact FNQEB's Maintenance Officer on (070) 502 725.

### TREE TRIMMING CREWS



Over the next couple of weeks FNQEB will be trimming or removing trees in your area. Trees and branches coming into contact with powerlines are one of the main causes of power supply problems in the far north. To reduce the chances of power disruption to you, FNQEB maintains a continuous program to manage trees and branches near powerlines. "Q. Why does FNQEB have to trim trees? A. Most damage to powerlines is caused by trees and flying debris contacting or bringing down powerlines during high winds or storm. This can cause lengthy interruptions to your electricity supply. FNQEB trims the trees and branches that are growing into powerlines or may soon grow into powerlines. This minimises the inconvenience that can be caused by a power disruption, for example, damage to household appliances (through power surges). The program is also designed to increase public safety by reducing the risk of powerlines being brought down by trees and branches in strong or cyclonic winds. Q. Why are some trees being removed? A. Generally this is because the wrong type of trees and palms were planted near or under powerlines many years ago and people did not realize that plant could grow and hinder a powerline. Before planting a tree or palm under or near a powerline, you should consider how high and large the plant will be when it is fully grown. If it will grow to more than a few metres, then plant it some considerable distance away from the powerline. FNQEB can help you decide what type of tree or palm to plant near powerlines. There are many species available that will enable you to landscape your property effectively. Q. What happens when FNQEB trims trees? A. Trimmed trees can look very different and for this reason some people may think that the trimming has been excessive. FNQEB crews are very experienced in trimming trees in an appropriate manner and they have been trained in tree trimming practices with the assistance of the Johnstone TAFE College. Q. Are replacement trees available? FNQEB's tree management program includes a tree replacement offer. With the co-operation of the property owners and local councils, troublesome trees will be removed at our cost and replace free of charge with low growing species.

## Life in the Fast Lane

Peter Roggenkamp came to Cairns from his birthplace in Sydney when he was 10 years old. He moved to Kuranda eight years ago. Peter was educated in Cairns and started working at F R Ireland and Co at 15. His first job was as office boy. His love of cars began at that time and he has since spent most of his life involved with motor cars. By 1971, after working in several dealerships in Cairns, he had worked up to General Manager of the Ford dealership whilst still only in his late twenties. In 1973 he joined a partnership in a used car business and has also spent many years with Radio 4CA and WIN television in sales and in sport.

Peter had a heart condition and almost died at the age of seven and was precluded from playing any sport until the age of fifteen. He then quickly made up for lost time and played football, basketball, squash and was a member of the Ellis Beach SLSC for ten years. He was made a life member of the South Cairns Australian Football Club after having played 406 senior matches over 28 seasons. He played in 15 grand finals and helped to win eight of them. He was a founding member of the Cairns Competition Car Club and went on to become one of Australia's most successful motor racing drivers. His racing career has spanned more than two decades and he has competed in speedway, circuit racing and rallies during that time. He won the Australasian speedway redan championship in Auckland in the early eighties. He has represented Australia against the USA in 14 speedway sedan test matches, several times as captain. He has won three Queensland country rally championships, completed the 1979 Repco Round Australia Trial and this year drove the Peter Jones and navigated Bolwell Nagari Sports Coupe to a class win in the Targa Tasmania Rally. He has also raced motorcycles, speedcars, and sprintcars winning several North Queensland championships in those divisions. He has also raced an Auscar Commodore on the Thunderdome superspeedway in Melbourne and currently drives a Formula Ford single seater open wheel racing car in which he finished third in the Queensland championship in 1995. He is a former winner of the North Queensland Sportsman of the Year Award and was a finalist in The Cairns Post Sportstar of the year in 1995.

As motor racing requires peak physical and mental fitness he spends a lot of his free time with a training programme, working out at the gym, playing squash and racing bicycles. He won his division in the 1997 Cairns Cycling Club's road racing championship.

Peter's passion is for driver education and training. He operates Peter Roggenkamp Drivesafe; the only specialist defensive, car control, advanced and four wheel drive trainer in the Far North. He stated "It is a tragedy that last year in the Cairns Police district that 42 people lost their lives and a further 1700 were seriously injured. Many of these were young people and with a higher level of knowledge and skill; 99% of these horrific crashes could have been avoided." In partnership with Nev Bates and John Soderberg, he is currently building a driver and bicycle training facility near Redlynch.

Peter treasures his time out of the public spotlight and he loves relaxing in the quiet surrounds of his Kuranda home. His only regret about moving to Kuranda is that he didn't do much sooner. This quietly spoken and high achieving resident certainly knows "Life in the Fast Lane".

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## ORGANIC GARDENING

My broccoli are half finished but have been delicious - celery going well and cabbages hearting, the outside leaves make good mulch or food for friend's poultry - I can buy organic eggs and find it difficult to find time to keep poultry. Nasturtiums are growing well and the flowers leaves and green seeds are delicious to eat; besides being a deterrent to insects the flowers brighten up my kitchen bench as do Marigolds which produce seed for future planting. I have always been warned not to grow herbs in Kuranda because of our humidity but this year I found that choosing sunny dry soil any culinary herbs have thrived, especially basil and dill both of which are very good for the elderly, and mint in damp soil. My citrus trees have been laden with fruit and had to be picked to avoid waste. Three fridges are full of ripe fruit though I have given away hundreds. You must never leave rotting fruit on the garden. Fruit fly breed in the soil so always pick up fruit that drips. It may still be edible or only fit for the compost bin or let them rot in a big plastic bag - not left open. Flowers are gorgeous in the spring. I enjoy the Jade Vine being a legume the birds eat the seeds most avidly. Marigold flowers make medical tinctures and ointment, related closely to calendula.

Marjorie Spear

### Garden Group

Our September gathering was as usual very educational, all are welcome but please bring a plate for smoko. We went to the Dightons in Koah Road, Yvonne had growing a wonderful selection of green leafy vegetables with nasturtiums growing to deter insects. She had herbs and rows of healthy parsley. Our Oct. 11th meeting is at 2pm at Warren Green's Lot at 5 Monaro Close off Myola Rd. past the new High School. Warren's wife is giving us smoko so please do not forget your plate. If time permits we shall move on to another nearby garden - any queries PH. 937205.

Marjorie Spear.

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### A PLEASING PARTNERSHIP

Every now and then something happens that pleases everyone! The new *EnviroCare* partnership is one such action attracting nothing but approval from residents, Council, government departments and agencies alike.

### ALTERNATIVE WET TROPICS CORRIDOR

Work has started on the plant holding station at Ganyan Drive, Speewah, with clearing of the site. A huge mound of crusher dust awaits spreading on the clearing. The rain beat us and we were forced to retire to cake and coffee at Harvey Lovewell's place. The working bee will continue every Saturday from 8am to 9am - that's all. A rake, spade, hat and a bit of your time is all that's needed. Call Harvey on 930 284 for directions. In a few weeks, we raid Mareeba Shire Council's nursery to prepare potting mix and planting. Thanks for the pots you have given us. We'll collect if you have spares.

### RANGE ROAD OPTIONS

Member Bruce Wannan gave us the latest information on the options being considered for the Kuranda Range Road if it is to be the transport corridor chosen to link the Tablelands and Cairns. An interesting option is the 'cut and cover'. This is where sections of the road would be put under culvert-like tunnels and landscaped back to 'natural'. The reclamation of small sections of the vegetation would be traded-off against widening the road. Ropes and nets across the canopy broken by the widening could assist arboreal wildlife to cross the gap.

### WE WERE THERE at the KURANDA SPRING FAIR

The Fair provided us with a great opportunity to display our rolls of mulching hay, spent mushroom compost, bird books (and tapes) and water books. We chatted to friends, explained about the alternative Wet Tropics wildlife corridor, examined maps of the Barron River catchment, took orders for our products and the pet microchipping - and baked in the sun. Tina Hale's umbrella and June Graham's hat of ferns and flowers saved the day. The star of our show was our fabulous banner, designed and crafted by Teena Kennedy, with its quilted logos, painted snakes and frogs.

### "THIS LITTLE PIG STAYED AT HOME"

Steve Larkin reports a quiet month which is consistent with the seasonal fluctuations in pig activity. He has busied himself with manufacturing his new smaller 'handy' traps. These will be easier to handle and move from around when the pigs are on the move again. Call Steve on 937 247 or 0412 263 279 or 93 8834 if you are aware of pig activity.

### RAFFLE

Tickets for Lloyd Neilsen's reference book *Birds of Queensland's Wet Tropics and Great Barrier Reef*, together with David Stewart's two cassette tapes of bird calls are the prize for our raffle. Reserve your \$1 tickets for this great \$60 prize. David Harris of Shane Court won Peter Jarver's wonderful photographic record "Daintree to the Coral Sea". Thank you Peter and Debbie.

### Water - Save and Survive

The free public open forum was a great success with over 100 people attending throughout the day from across the Wet Tropics region. This was in spite of a miserably wet day when it was hard to take saving water seriously. To compensate, the food was fabulous (and free) and the speakers delivered a range of interesting, entertaining and graphic messages.

The day was made possible by funding from the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund and the tireless efforts along with the many and varied skills of Jax Bergersen.

The issues of most concern to the community are the impacts of dams on natural river systems,



the impacts of uncontrolled population growth on water availability, the cost of water and, of course, its quality.

There was considerable interest in the technologies for treating surface and bore water and for treating sewage for re-use. Water saving devices were on display.

Jax is now producing a 'proceedings' of the day in which will be recorded all the questions asked and the answers given, as well as the presentations made by each speaker. A copy of this document will be available from the Kuranda Environment Association in early October at a cost of \$15.

Greg Sargeant and John Emmerson of The Wilderness Society, will explain the environmental issues surrounding Quaid's road, its affect on Blackmountain Road and Kuranda.

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**Third Friday Monthly - This Month**  
**17th October**  
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**FUTURE DIRECTIONS  
KURANDA OPERATIONS  
MAREEBA BLUE NURSING SERVICE**

The Mareeba Blue Nurses have been working in Kuranda for many years, and have been joined more recently for one day a week by the Day Respite Centre staff. Early in 1995 a significant bequest from the estate of Mr. Briginshaw was left to the Blue Nurses, raising the possibility that a Blue Nursing and Day Respite building might be built in Kuranda.

The Committee together with Kuranda residents inspected the bequeathed land on the 12th of March, 1995, and discussed the suitability of the land for future Blue Nursing or aged care use. The consensus was that the land was not well situated for these uses, and it would be preferable to locate on better situated land using funds from the sale of the bequest.

In April 1995, the Blue Nurses were required to move, and in May the committee approved relocation to the present site at the Kuranda markets. This was also the meeting which approved purchase of a computer to link Kuranda more efficiently to Mareeba.

Consultation over land for a possible site for a new building began in June, and a draft plan for a custom built centre was drawn up, with part of the new Ambulance site the favoured location. Later changes by Mareeba Shire to the siting of the SES building have probably made this site nonviable, though there may still be potential for using another part of the ambulance centre land.

The committee approved the sale of the Briginshaw land in August, 1995. It was March, 1996, before an amount of approximately \$220,000 was received from the sale and placed in a term deposit.

At this time client numbers in Kuranda were increasing, necessitating purchase of a second vehicle for Kuranda use in November, 1995. The committee investigated whether the Uniting Church might wish to become a partner in any Kuranda development, providing a worship centre for the area, but by April it had become clear there was little likelihood funds would become available for this.

In July 1996, the management role of committees was changed and restructuring of the Division of Aged Care and Domiciliary Services began. Part of the reason for this

restructuring was increasing concern about the future direction of the Blue Nursing Service throughout Queensland. There was talk of the Government contracting out services, and of increasing competition with other care services. Funding was tight, and the demand for services hard to meet, yet the future seemed less certain than ever.

Later in 1996 the number of clients in Kuranda began to drop significantly. In part, this was because early discharge patients from Cairns Base Hospital were commonly no longer being referred to the Blue Nurses. There was also a drop in referrals from doctors within the Shire. The State Government's decision to reassign Community Health nurses to home nursing previously carried out by the Blue Nurses has consolidated this trend. Numbers continue low in Kuranda, and the extra vehicle is no longer required. Staff have been reduced.

State wide, Blue Nurses are looking to adapt to changing times. Some centres are specializing in areas such as wound treatment, or palliative care; while others are moving into new areas, such as contracting services to local watch houses, as is happening in Cairns and probably Mareeba. Given significant shifts in Government thinking about funding for all aspects of health care, it is a difficult time for centres to plan for long term investment.

In Kuranda the status quo is not acceptable. For a number of reasons the existing rooms are inadequate, and must be either upgraded or replaced. While the bequest money continues to earn interest, the committee is reluctant to build what might prove to be an inappropriate investment. It is important to realize that Blue Nursing offers a service, and buildings only have a role in facilitating that service.

In this situation, the Mareeba Unicare Committee has decided to investigate the options available. A steering committee will report to the next meeting with a proposal for how best to decide on the future for Kuranda.

There is no doubt that the Blue Nurses will continue their work in Kuranda. Beyond this, though, all options must be considered. It is likely that community input will be sought.

Hopefully this article will provide a basis for informed discussion of these issues. The Committee is aware of the community interest in any decision, and asked that I prepare this article so that the community can be involved.

*John Beasley*



**BLUE NURSING SERVICE**  
MAREEBA AND KURANDA

**KURANDA BLUE NURSES FUNDRAISER**

Held at the CWA hall on the 13th September, it was an enjoyable evening with over \$100.00 raised. A feature of the evening was the presentation by the Seventh Day Adventist church choir which was much appreciated. If you have any queries about the Blue Nursing Service you can contact the director, Sue Macgregor, Ph 923446 or Ph 938928, Kuranda. Also check with your doctor.

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Divine Service 11-30am

Fellowship Lunch

after Service

Baptism Service 2-30pm

**KURANDA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE**

**Uniforms**

**Principal**

**Transport**

More buildings have mushroomed at the Myola Rd. site, - an intriguing blue colour is emerging on the main building and apparently other colours will feature soon. The uniform committee has met, proposing that the colour scheme be: Shirt - Kelly green (a bit lighter than bottle green) and Ash (light grey) this will have a pocket with the school logo (when designed). Shorts / skirts (bottle green), socks - green or white, shoes - closed in shoes with solid tops (legal requirement for prac. rooms), jacket - wind jacket type for winter (green with Ash V stripe). FEEDBACK is wanted ASAP - Uniform Comity. Lot 27 Black Mt. Rd, or Wendy 937289, or Gail 938088. **New Principal is Ms Jenny Jensen.** During the next two months meetings will be held to discuss the curriculum - check School News letter for dates. Also to be advised is the public meeting with Ross Spann from the dept. of Transport to discuss the transporting of children the high school. It has been confirmed that yrs. 8, 9 & 10 will commence in 1998 but their are a number of enquires from parents wanting year 11 as well.

Meetings are held on the 2nd. Tuesday in the month at the Primary School, 7pm.

**RESPITE NEWS**

Day Respite is held at CWA Hall every Thursday 9am - 3pm. contact co-ordinator Des Lachey 924513 To clear up a few questions or queries about Respite in Kuranda. We are a NON denominational centre and try to meet the needs of particular religious background of ethnic, Aboriginal needs. If you are aged, young disabled (not in another programme), in a wheelchair, live alone or a carer of the above, you are welcome. Meals are provided at the centre and meet the needs of special diets (eg. diabetics, vegetarians). Transport can be provided. Our 8 seater bus is equipped with a wheelchair hoist and can carry up to 2 wheelchairs per trip. Outings are organized on occasions and includes shopping, movies, visits to other centres and special celebrations such as birthdays, Easter, Xmas are catered for. Please do not hesitate to contact Co-ordinator for further information on 924513

**COMING EVENTS** On Thursday 23rd October, Respite is holding an "Open Day" for all to come and visit, have a cuppa and a chat. Meet the friendly staff, clients and volunteers of the centre. Friends of Day Respite will be holding a raffle and this will be drawn on Friday 24 October at Mareeba Respite. Cost of tickets will be \$1.00 (Sunday Roast are available from staff at Respite on Thursday 23rd October). Tuesday 4th November will be our Annual Melbourne Cup celebrations held at our Mareeba Centre 66 Rankin Street - opposite the Shire Council and next to the Uniting Church. Melbourne Cup Sweeps will be available on the day, lunch provided and a live telecast of the race. Friday 14th November Respite is holding a Mini Cent sale at the Uniting Church Hall Walsh Street, Mareeba. 0800 -12MD. Lots of prizes, morning tea, raffle drawn that day cost \$2, plus tickets.

Des Lachey Co-ordinator 924513



Combined Christian Religious Education at Kuranda School joined with the NAIDOC celebrations presenting here the many cultures of the world.



After chanting their song of love the Tibetan Monks presented Principal Bob Hammond with a prayer shawl.

Visiting Tibetan Monks celebrate World Peace Day with Kuranda School children during NAIDOC presentation.

Thanks to Judy Enoch for leading the NAIDOC / Combined Christian Celebration.





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## LIONS CLUB



Lions International President 1997-98, Howard Patterson, has asked Lions across the world to adopt "Proud Past-Bright Future" as the guiding theme for this year. He points out that membership strength makes service activities possible. Our predecessors giving so generously of themselves has enabled Lions to be not only the largest, but the most active service club organization. In our twenty-second year of service to our community, Kuranda Lions certainly believe in our president's theme and we invite men and women in Kuranda to consider joining us to brighten the future by serving their community. We'd be pleased to have you as our guest at one of our meetings to look us over and hear what being a Lion involves. Perhaps our easiest contact point is Lion Col Jeanes at his ticket selling counter outside the Newsagency or the Kuranda Markets. Lions meet every second and fourth Monday in the month 7.00 for 7.30 at Kuranda R.S.L. Sports and Social club, Fallon Road. Lions have recently completed two successful fundraising projects. The hamburger stall at the finish of the Crocodile Trophy Mountain Bike Race on 28 August raised \$325. Congratulations to Ian Pike on his organization of this event and thank you to our local butcher, Kevin, Rex from Regal Bakery, Lion Werner from Kuranda Foodstore and Ian from the Trading Post for their generous donations of food and preparation time to make our efforts more profitable. At the Spring Fair on 6 September Lions operated their Merry-Go-Round to give kids (and ourselves) a lot of pleasure and raised \$225. Thank you to Mareeba Shire Council whose provision of a power pole so close made a generator unnecessary. The Merry-Go-Round is available free to local organizations and hired out to other groups. Lions District Governor Jim Baillie and his Lions Lady Maud visited the club on its 8 Sept meeting. Another special guest at that meeting was Clayton Davies, who was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for the enthusiastic work he performs for the club at every project - congratulations, Clayton and thank you. Guest speakers at the meetings on 22 September were Jodie Harley, who is seeking funding to improve access to Pony Club activities for the disabled and Ken Harley, President of the Kuranda State High School Interim P. and C. Association who talked about progress at the High School. Also present at the meeting was Zone Chairman Lion Peter Fox. Next meeting is on Monday 13 October.

## THE KURANDA PAPER COMPUTER USER

**Report:** Microsoft demonstrated Windows CE running in an on-board car computer as part of a product code-named Apollo. It also highlighted a Windows CE version code-named Gryphon running on Wapnet PCs, sources said. "These [Gryphon] units will ship late this year," said a source close to



Microsoft. The company demonstrated Gryphon's ability to handle tasks from maintenance of museum season-pass information to being able to work with futuristic smart cards. But some of the most interesting demos at the sales meeting centered around Windows CE's use in devices that integrate TVs, PCs and phones, said sources. Microsoft also showed Windows CE as part of a new type of TV remote-control unit, sources said. With this remote, users could browse TV channels or Web channels on a small flat-panel display built right into the remote unit, enabling channel surfing that does not disturb other TV viewers, sources noted.

## TIPS OF THE MONTH For Win95

Here's a shortlist of the changes you should make to all new Windows 95 installations.

From any folder window, choose View, Options, and click on the View tab. Click on the Show All Files button. Uncheck the box that hides MS-DOS file extensions. Choose View, Options, and select the single-window choice on the Folders tab.

To curb the Recycle Bin's appetite, right-click on its icon and choose Properties. On the Global tab, check Use One Setting for All Drives, and adjust the slider to 5 percent or less of each disk.

Start the Control Panel Multimedia applet, click on the Audio tab, and check the box that adds a volume control to the Taskbar.

Download and install the Font Smoothing utility from [www.microsoft.com/truetype/grayscale/smooth.htm](http://www.microsoft.com/truetype/grayscale/smooth.htm). Open Control Panel, Display; on the Plus tab, turn on the option Show Window Contents While Dragging. Now is a great time to make sure you can restore all hardware settings to the current working configuration.

Start by printing a complete list of IRQ, DMA, and I/O address settings for future reference. Open the Control Panel System applet, switch to the Device Manager tab, and click on the Print button. Choose All Devices and System Summary. When your printer has finished spitting out pages, grab the printed output and go through one additional, crucial step: Select each entry in the Device Manager list, click on the Properties button, and check the resource values listed on your printout against the ones shown on the screen. We've seen several systems where the two settings didn't match--and invariably the screen has been correct.

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## ROTARY WALKAMIN COUNTRY MUSIC

### FESTIVAL SATURDAY 25TH-26TH OCTOBER

The Country Music Festival is a project conceived & conducted by the combined Rotary Clubs of Atherton, Mareeba & Kuranda as a fund-raising venture for the Tablelands community. Top Billing this year goes to some real stars of country music fame namely, Graeme Connors, Gina Jeffreys, Troy Cassar-Daley, Tania Kernaghan & Tania Self. These are all award winning National Artists who we believe have never before performed together at the same venue in FNQ. Once again the event is being held at the Lotus Glen Rotary Field Days site which has undergone even more improvements since last year thanks to a tireless and dedicated group of Rotarians. The camping area has been extended almost doubling its capacity whilst even more water points have been established. This is a great setting for families to set up camp for the weekend beside the creek in a lovely grassed & shady area handy to all amenities. Other improvements include a new Ladies Toilet & Shower Block with both Hot & Cold water, whilst the main Food Pavilion has been extended & upgraded to accommodate an enlarged & more efficient venue. The weekend kicks off at 10.00am Saturday 25th October & once again proudly incorporates the FNQ Line Dancing Championships with clubs as far away as Gladstone competing for increased prize money of \$2000. Saturday's packed programme which includes both local Intra & Interstate talent will conclude at 2.00am on Sunday morning with a kick start "BREAKFAST WITH JIMMY LITTLE" at 8.00am, with Sunday's programme winding after lunch. The Rotary Members and their Partners run the entire weekend. So come along and help the Kuranda Rotary Club Achieve another major community fund raising project. Tickets are available locally from Neville at the Great Australian Ice Creamery in Coondoo Street Kuranda. \$30.00 for Adults & \$10.00 for Children 5-17 & Pensioners to cover the entire weekend. There is also a family pass available for \$70.00 which cover Mum, Dad & 2 school age children, whilst camping sites are charged out at \$10.00 Per vehicle.



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## SIZZLING SUCCESS AT THE SPRING FAIR

A big thank you from Kuranda Community Kindy/Preschool for your support on that day. Especially to the Kuranda Butchery, Foodstore, BP Roadhouse & Country Bake for your help in bringing it all together. Our sausages were a popular favourite, thus making it a great fundraiser for the centre. Our Father's Day Raffle was also a big hit thanks to all the fantastic prizes that were generously donated. CONGRATULATIONS to all our lucky winners!  
Bill Kershaw- round of golf at Paradise Palms  
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G. Labron- gym membership at Beaches Fitness Centre  
Ruth Malloch- \$100 ProDive gift voucher  
B. Lux- champagne (Smithfield Tavern)  
And... we won the prize for Best Community Group in the Grand Parade! It was a great day for everyone, thanks to all the wonderful community spirit!

Our HALLOWEEN NIGHT is coming soon! Join us for a movie & BBQ on Friday 31st October. Prize for the best Jack o' Lantern (carved pumpkin) & a lucky door prize! A great family night out! Keep a watch out for details. In the meantime enjoy a safe & happy vacation!

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# CLUB NEWS



Kuranda Sports and Social Bowling Club Presentation at the Kuranda Spring Fair



At the Spring Fair Tennis Players Wendy and Jacki making the raffle for the Kuranda Sports & Social Club. A success !!

## 8-Ball Competition.

There has to be somebody out there who can wrest the title from Ken Alderdice. He has now won 5 times! The Top Pub team entered the teams competition with a strong win and are facing a grudge challenge from the F-Troop team. Should they fail - the Sports Club will have their revenge on the 17<sup>th</sup> October. Spectators are always welcome and light meals available. Singles competition this month on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. See Mark at the Post Office to register for the game.

## 50 YEARS AGO

NEWS OF OCT., 1947

1. US: Rita Hayworth files for divorce from Orson Wells.
1. UK: Austin unveils the "A40" to replace the "8" and "10" models.
3. Amsterdam: Queen Wilhelmina says she will abdicate in favour of her daughter Juliana.
5. Washington: Truman appeals for a meatless Tuesday to aid Europe.
8. New Zealand: Randolph Churchill on a visit says the "prize for slowness" goes to NZ waterside workers.
9. London: The Government cuts the bacon ration to one ounce a week.
9. Canberra: The Opposition calls for a Royal Commission on the activities of Communists.
15. Canberra: A bill to nationalise the banks is introduced in Parliament.
17. Rangoon: Britain grants Burma independence from January next year.
20. Washington: An investigation begins into Communism in Hollywood.
23. London: 12-year-old Julie Andrews steals the show in the revue "Starlight Roof".
24. Adelaide: Don Bradman scores his 98th first-class century, playing for South Australia against India.
25. Australia: Census reveals that the population is 7,580,820.
27. France: De Gaulle calls for a general election and a new constitution.

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## CIRCUS RETURNS TO THE AMPHITHEATRE

Circus workshops have returned to the Amphitheatre, this time with separate classes for adults and children. The workshop leader is Glen Ryman M.A. (Drama) who has worked in theatre, street theatre and circus for more than ten years. He has trained with Australia's leading contemporary circuses, including Circus Oz, The Flying Fruit Fly Circus and Rock'n' Roll Circus. "Circus isn't just for kids and the super fit," says Ryman. "Because circus incorporates so many different disciplines there's always something that you can become proficient in." "Circus is a great metaphor for life, a way of challenging yourself mentally and physically, of achieving things you never dreamt possible, of perceiving yourself and your body in a new way." Tuition will be offered in tumbling, group balances, juggling, rola bola, slackrope, twirling, unicycle, stilts and hoola hoop. All equipment, first aid and safety will be provided. Workshops start at 4.30pm on Mondays and Thursdays for under 16s (parents are invited to attend free of charge). Adults (16 and over) classes are at 4.30pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Workshops last two hours and cost \$5.00. Wear loose comfortable clothes and runners.

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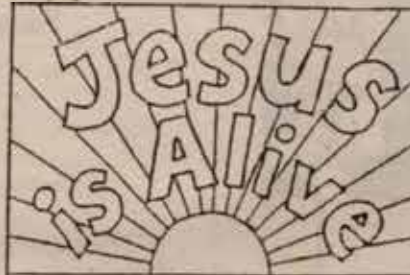
### ALCOHOL AND DRUG BULLETIN

**DEPRESSION - PART 2** There are different types and degrees of depression. Although many different labels have been used over the years, the more well-known ones include \*postnatal Depression - experienced by 1 in 8 new mothers \* Major Depressions - most common in the 50's to 60's age group but can occur at any age, even children, usually as a reaction to stressful events (of which sufferer may be unaware) \* Dysthymia, or reactive depression chronic low-grade ".forgetting what its like to feel good" present for at least 2 years \*Manic depression, or bipolar mood disorder - experienced by 1 in 50 people (men and women equally) as swings between depression and elation which may involve total lack of inhibition, overactivity, rapid speech, extreme passivity and illusions of grandeur. \*SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder - lasting from autumn to Spring, and assisted by daily doses of lightbox therapy. \*Premenstrual Depression-can last from 2 - 14 days for those affected, 85% of which reported feeling better when they took vitamin B6 and Evening Primrose Oil in the fortnight before their periods. The common false (often hurtful) beliefs about depression include \*The sufferer can "pull him/her self together". \*If diagnosed as depressed, the person is weak and mentally incompetent. \* The problem is not visible, so there isn't really a problem. \* Someone else has "caused" the depression, someone else gets the blame. \*The sufferer has "sinned" and is being punished by God.

## How to be Healthy though Elderly.

By Marjorie Spear

The warmer weather has given plants a boost and made me feel happier. It is a joy to enjoy the lovely flowers and the many birds and butterflies. I am using Chili powder or chopped chili in every meal except my fruit breakfast. Chilies have a very beneficial effect, especially for the elderly. I wish I had started eating chilies ten or twenty years ago. Chilies can burn your tongue, if using powder place a very little in some liquid and then mix well into your soup or mashed vegies. If using fresh chilies chop very very small and again mix well. Some folk can eat more chilies than others, I can give you chili seeds (not BirdsEye) that look pretty in the garden and grow easily and quickly and last a few years. Plants grow to 4 ft. Ph me 937205. Midges have started, I must get some eucalyptus or tee tree oil to rub on my knuckles.



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Look at the trees, look at the birds, look at the clouds, look at the stars...and if you have eyes you will be able to see that the whole existence is joyful. Everything is simply happy. Trees are happy for no reason; they are not going to become prime ministers or presidents and they are not going to become rich and they will never have any bank balance. Look at the flowers -- for no reason. It is simply unbelievable how happy flowers are.

The whole existence is made of the stuff called joy. Hindus call it satchitanand, ananda, joy. That's why no reason, no cause is needed. If you can just be with yourself, not doing anything, just enjoying yourself, just being with yourself, just being happy that you are, just being happy that you are breathing, just being happy that you are listening to these cuckoos -- for no reason then you are in meditation. Meditation is being here now.

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U12	1st	Fred Duffin	Fred Duffin	
	2nd	Ben Jones	Rick Manning	
	3rd	Steven Mac	Adrian Brim	
U18	1st	Dennis Hunter	Astro	[Results were not recorded for didgeridoo comp. sorry!]
	2nd	Astro	Damian Hunter	
	3rd	Zami	Zami	
Open	1st	Steven Green	Jackson Deshong	
	2nd	Gary Creek	Wilbur Brim	
	3rd	Dennis Hunter	Gary Creek	

Business and Community Group - Gary Creek (Rainforestation)  
Best Traditional Dress - Gary Creek



A Band from the "Little Day Out" play in the park



Jax Bergersen heading off in the right direction



(above left)  
Soccer Club stall at the Fair

(above right)  
Kindy sausage sizzle



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**3rd BATTALION ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT**



The Battle of Maryang San was fought in Korea between the 2nd and 8th of October, 1952, some five months after the epic Battle of Kapyong. In late September 1951, General James Van Fleet, Commander of the 8th Army, gave orders for a general offensive by three of the four divisions at the front. The operation was called "Operation Commando" and was designed to capture a steep line of hills heavily fortified and strongly defended by the Chinese. It was to be a land grab prior to a cease-fire being declared and the commencement of armistice negotiations. The 28th Brigade was required to drive the Chinese from Kowang San (Hill 355m - Little Gibraltar), and Maryang San ( Hill 317m - Old Baldy), and adjacent key positions. Opposing the 28th Brigade was the Chinese 571st Regiment. The 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, the 1st Battalion Kings Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB's) and the 1st Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry (KSLI's) formed the 28th Commonwealth Brigade, 1st Commonwealth Division. The 16th Field Regiment, Royal New Zealand Artillery, provided the Brigade Fire Support. The attack was to be carried out in two phases. Phase one was to be the capture of Hill 355 by the K.O.S.B.'s with some assistance from the 3Bn R.A.R. The K.S.L.I.'s were to capture Hill 208 and Hill 227 to secure the southern flank. Phase two was the capture of Hill 317 by the 3 R.A.R., which would route the Communists from this section of the front. On the night of 2nd October, 1951, 3BN R.A.R., moved into position ready for the attack. On the 3rd October, at 0800 hours, B Coy moved forward and captured point 199 and proceeded to provide support fire to neutralise the 220 features on Kowang San in support of KOSBI's attack on 355. By 4pm the KOSBI's ceased their attack having suffered heavy casualties. At 5.00am on the 4th., Charlie Coy lead by Major Jack Gerke attacked the 220 features on Hill 355 while the KOSBI's renewed their assault on 355 from the South-east. Charlie Coy captured the first 220 feature, moved on to take the second feature and following orders from Lieut. Colonel Frank Hassett, Bn Co. quickly attacked up the steep slope and drove the Chinese from the top of Little Gibraltar and by 1400 hrs had consolidated themselves on the summit handing over to the KOSBI's soon after. Meanwhile, on the morning of the 3rd, A Coy moved up onto Hill 199 with B Coy and Basil Hardiman took his D Coy onto Hill 238 to join Hassett with his Tac H.Q. ON the 4th, after lunch, Hassett moved Hardiman's D Coy forward onto Hill 199 as soon as he knew that Gerke had taken Hill 355, moved himself and H. Q. onto Hill 199.

On the morning of the 5th, D Coy attacked in thick fog, moved onto feature X-ray then attacked Feature Victor and on to the assault of Feature Uniform. Meanwhile B Coy moved around and took Feature Whiskey and was able to provide support fire for D Coy. Capt. Jim Shelton's A Coy attacked the Chinese outposts on the southern slopes and relieved some of the pressure on D Coy. The Royal Northumberland Fusillers attacked Hill 217 but were repulsed by the Chinese. Hassett moved C Coy into a reserve position behind D Coy and ordered Gerke to be ready for a final assault on Maryang San. Late afternoon on the 5th, C Coy moved through D Coy and attacked Feature Tango (Maryang San) and by 5pm Gerke's men had captured Maryang San. At first light on the 6th, "Bushy" Pembroke's 9 Platoon attacked and captured Feature Sierra. All that day the Chinese mounted continual counter attacks. The Fusillers again attacked Hill 217 but massive Chinese resistance again forced them to abandon the attack. On the morning of the 7th October, after artillery and mortar support, B Coy attacked and captured the Hinge Feature. At 8pm the Chinese bombarded the Hinge and Maryang San and the a Chinese Regiment counter-attacked 45 mins later under heavy defensive fire from artillery and mortars. The Chinese attacked another three times before they withdrew in the early hours of the 8th Oct., having suffered calamitous casualties. The Chinese abandoned Hill 217 after the Hinge was lost and B Coy of the K.O.S.B.'s occupied the Hill after the South African Squadron "The Flying Cheetah's" Mustangs gave the Chinese stragglers a fiery farewell.

Brigadier George Taylor's statement following the Battle:- "I had the greatest possible admiration for the Battalion's valour and skill in those October days of 1952. Its outstanding commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Hassett, showed very great tactical skill in keeping up the momentum of the attack on 317 and expertly fitting in the supporting fire of the artillery and tanks. I doubt if there is in recent times a commanding officer who deserves better the DSO (Distinguished Service Order). All of the Battalion backed him up whole heartedly. You could not have found better company commanders in the Commonwealth than Gerke, Hardiman, Nichols and Shelton. The bravery and skill of the junior leaders was remarkably backed up by the men in the platoons and sections. It was a very emotional moment for me when I went to see the Battalion just after they occupied their new positions, to thank all ranks from the bottom of my heart for the great part they had played in ensuring victory in a very tough battle".

**Casualties for the Operation**

The 28th Brigade suffered 58 killed in action and 257 wounded.  
 3rd Battalion lost 20 killed and 89 wounded.  
**TOTAL AUSTRALIAN KOREAN WAR CASUALTIES**  
 Total Deaths. 339  
 Total Wounded 1216  
 Prisoners of War 29  
 The mortal remains of 281 rest in the U.N.Cemetery at Pusan.  
 The names of 44 are inscribed on the Memorial for the Missing.  
 The names of 3 RAN personnel are listed on the British Forces Memorial.

**Korean War Veterans Reunion.**  
**Maryang San Commemoration.**  
 Kuranda - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**Public events - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

9.00am - 10.00am	Registration and assembly near Post Office.
10.00am - 10.15am	March along Thongon, Coondoo and Therwine Streets to Anzac Park memorial.
10.15am - 10.45am	Memorial Service to Korean Veterans.
10.45am - 11.15am	Roll Call and fall out.
	Departure for lunch at Kuranda RSL.
2.00pm	Free concert in Centenary Park by the Royal Australian Naval Band.

The Korean War is often called the "forgotten war". Others said that it was the "wrong war at the wrong time against the wrong enemy." It was the war that featured the Australian serviceman in close combat against an experienced communist enemy and it occurred between the more publicised and major conflicts of World War II and the Vietnam War.

This year the Korean War veterans are meeting in Kuranda and, whilst there have been reunions before in various parts of Australia; we are keen to establish a first recognition of the duty that these Australian servicemen put in whilst Australia was basking in our most prosperous period. The "War" had ended with the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan only five years before. With wool prices at their highest ever levels, Australia had one of the highest standards of living in the world. Totally different to the Vietnam War, the Korean War was relegated coverage in the press somewhere between page 10 and the sporting pages. Television coverage did not exist!

In the general advance at the start of the war, the Australians were the "tip of the spear" and fought in many of the initial battles against the North Koreans. They were always the first to be given the hard duty and were the first to reach objectives. On the retreat after the entry of the very experienced communist Chinese forces (they had been fighting the Japanese and Chinese nationalists for 20 years) - the Australians were given the job of being the rear guard. They never "bugged out" as some of the other UN forces were noted for but rather fought a slow withdrawal to protect the retreating troops behind them.

We are hopeful that some 80 Korean veterans will be attending the reunion in Kuranda and the public events and memorial service will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

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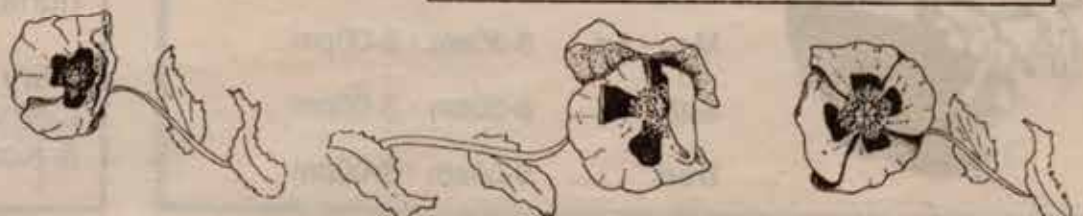
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*We have been overwhelmed by your support, and knowing that your thoughts and prayers are with us is helping us to cope at this very difficult time.*

*Natasha was a very special person and touched the lives of many people in her short life.*

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HINCHINBROOK INFORMATION SLIDE SHOW  
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

29 Monday Hinchinbrook Slide show 7pm Cominos House  
Greenslopes Street Cairns

## OCTOBER

1 Wednesday Coondoo St Upgrade meeting 5pm CWA Hall  
4 Saturday Royal Australian Naval Band 2pm Park  
4 - 8 Korean Veterans Reunion see page 17  
11 Saturday Garden Goup at Greens Lot 5, Monaro Close.  
24 Friday Deadline for Kuranda's New Logo design ring  
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### REGULAR MEETINGS IN KURANDA

1st Sunday R.S.L. 4 pm Sports & Social Club.  
1st Sunday Family Service, Uniting Church, St. Christophers  
Every Sunday A.A. 10.30 am. Youth Hostel.  
1st Monday 1.30 pm, PENSIONERS, CWA hall Ph 937170  
1st Monday 7.30 p.m. Rangers Soccer Club. Ph.938055  
2nd Monday. 1.30 pm. CWA Meeting, CWA Hall.  
2nd and 4th Mon Kuranda Lions 7.30 pm RSL Sports &  
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Every Monday Life Span exercise CWA Hall 9.30am  
Every Monday Venturers 5 pm 937288  
1st Monday Chamber of Commerce, 7pm. K.S & S. Club  
2nd Monday KISC 7.30 pm, 17 Thongon St. Ph.938933  
Every Tuesday Kuranda Koffi Klub. Parenting group. Ph.938990  
Every Tuesday Cubs 7 pm. Ph.937288  
1st Tuesday Pony Club 7.30 pm Mantaka  
3rd Tuesday K. State School P & C 7.30 pm Ph.937201  
Every Wednesday Bahai meeting 7.30 pm Ph. 930311  
1st Wednesday Q.C.W.A meeting 1 pm  
1st Wednesday Kuranda Environment Assoc. R.Resort 7 pm  
Last Wednesday Sports & Social Club meet. 7.30 pm.  
3rd Wednesday Ass. for Regional Kuranda S & S Club, 7 pm.  
Every Thursday Respite Care, CWA Hall, 9 am-3pm  
Every Thursday Rotary, 6 pm for 6.30 Rainforest Res. Ph.937428  
2nd Thursday Ambulance, 7.30 pm. Ambulance Centre, Fallon Rd.  
Every Friday Scouts. Ph.937288  
Every Saturday Bingo C.W.A Hall 1.30

### Groups !! please check

days and dates in this calendar.

Correct information is YOUR responsibility.

Please advise any changes in writing

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### Mould causes "Sick Building Syndrome" in Kuranda.

Extensive studies have revealed that in wet and humid areas such as Kuranda and greater Cairns regions, airborne mould, mildew, dust mites and fungi spores are causing serious cases of headaches, itchy eyes, rash & respiratory problems.

Charlene Bayer principal research scientist from Georgia State University has reported that "sick building syndrome" can affect nearly all homes and must be treated with specific methods to control the offending metabolic gases emitted from mould and other fungi growing inside homes.

"As moulds and fungi grow, they give off metabolic gases that contain *volatile organic compounds*" (VOC) said Bayer. Moisture, humidity, dirt and dust are the ingredients needed for mould to grow. Remove one or more, and you will have a healthier cleaner home. If these colonies of mould are allowed to grow and take hold, unsightly stains will result along with low levels of toxic chemicals called *mycotoxins* which are released in the air we breathe, causing respiratory problems for sufferers of asthma, viruses and allergies, of which, later may become serious and sometimes fatal to the sufferer.

A healthy indoor environment is important to you and your family. This includes keeping the air free of biological contaminants and keeping to a stringent cleanup plan.

#### Bayer's advice for "sick homes"

- Stick to a regular 3 month cleanup of moulded & mildewed surfaces.
- Install dehumidifiers and ionisers to aid in reducing humidity to 50% and to clean the air particles.
- Keep all air ducting and filters regularly cleaned.
- Vent steamy bathrooms and clothes dryers to the outside of home.
- Cleanup the effected areas around your premises using a specialist cleaning service familiar with techniques of mould and spore control.

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