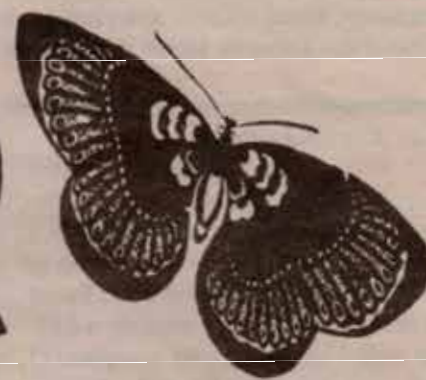


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Kuranda was well represented at the Super Kids Circus held at the Tanks on Sunday the 9th September. The theme of the 2nd annual Super Kids Circus show was Time and Boxes, the show had over 170 kids performing. The Kassowary Circus wowed the crowd with the Time Warp and had everyone clapping to the high energy Right On Time. The kids ranging from 3-12yrs showcased their amazing skills of tumbling, diablo, hula hoop, poise, balancing, staff twirling, and dancing with Kuranda attitude. Also from Kuranda were members of the Blackrobats with some amazing hula hooping skills, and members

of Smithfield High's Cycas Circus LED lights spectacular. It was a full house with over 400 spectators; the whole show included everything from stilt walking, theatre to unicycles.

A big thank you must go to the Northern Circus Alliance, organisers and trainers, but especially Justine and Rachael for their tireless efforts with the Kassowary.

THE KASSOWARYS THINK YOU BOTH ROCK!!!!



COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

I recently visited Kuranda and picked up a copy of the Kuranda Paper from the Post Office. I was very entertained by it and wish to compliment the producers who I found out are all volunteers. Certainly a little gem and I would like to compliment them and say that Kuranda is very lucky to have such creative individuals. Unfortunately I was not able to take in the Festival but judging by the graphics, humour and general "cheek" of your paper, the Festival must have been a hoot.

A. Nowell

PS: Is there a 6 missing from your Post Box number?

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I recently had the pleasure (yes I do mean pleasure) of attending the Kuranda College grade 4/5 school excursion. We travelled on Skyrail stopping at the Barron Falls and had a guided tour at Red Peak station. We then received a warm welcome at Tjapukai cultural park and were treated to Tyrone's dancing which was a highlight. The students were a credit to the school and Kuranda, they were all well mannered, polite and extremely well behaved. Thankyou to the teachers, staff and parents of Kuranda and staff of Skyrail and Tjapukai, but an especially big thankyou to the students, you did us proud.

Jenni McHugh

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Earlier this month the 'Leichhardt Candidates' Giggle Cup' was held at the 2007 Cairns Amateurs. The participating candidates were offered a complimentary pass to this event. Selwyn Johnston, the Leichhardt Independent candidate thanked the sponsors for their kind offer, however, he donated double the entry fee (\$50.00) to the Cairns Oncology Unit for Cairns Hospital (COUCH) to assist with their fundraising efforts." Selwyn Johnston came second in the event but he certainly came first in my estimation. My family, like many other local families, has been touched by cancer, and I personally thank him for his generosity and true independent spirit.

Gordon Rogers

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Many will have noticed the wholesale bulldozing of rainforest just up from the Jum-Rum walk, apparently to make another street parallel to Kullaroo close, with a whole stack more of suburban houses, many people I have spoken to are upset at this further destruction of our natural Kuranda environment, partly I guess because it is much more in your face than the far bigger developments down the southern end of Mason's Rd and other places around Kuranda.

There are also a large amount of other developments either in the planning stage or virtually approved and starting to prepare to bulldoze, - these will significantly impact the amount of bush surrounding our fair town, particularly since most of the newcomers "want to live in the rainforest" but as soon as they arrive set up large lawns, which they then have to mow for the rest of their lives, and which significantly reduce the cooling and water retention capacity of our area, plus providing virtually no support for our wildlife.

Very difficult to educate new arrivals of the importance of treading lightly in this fragile ecosystem when so many already living here blindly mow and mow, perhaps it is time for current residents to set an example, plant out their lawns with local rainforest trees, preferably food trees for native creatures so they will survive.

I am also concerned that the Jum Rum creek is being built out and polluted, not 200 metres from the centre of Kuranda, platypusses have been spotted, there are a few struggling platypus families in the lower Jum Rum and the amount of pollution needs to be lowered not increased and a secure wildlife corridor created the length of the creek.

It would appear the Shire Council does not concern itself on these matters, it has been said that those folk used to Mareeba think that there are too many trees in Kuranda, and certainly that "problem" is being rapidly addressed as Kuranda is being turned into a sterile suburbia as quickly as possible.

What do others feel about this?

Geoff Thomas

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Thank you to the Kuranda Paper editing team for their support with this year's Kuranda Spring Festival. The Kuranda Paper is the best medium we have for keeping in touch with our community.

The front page dedication to the event, along with making available the centre pages for the program lift-out are much appreciated. Particular thanks to Seren for applying his skill and art to all the advertising for the event. What a champion!

Thanks from the 2007 Kuranda Spring Festival's organising committee.
Smiley, Kylie, Jax, Geoff T, Jeff and Marcel D

Dear Kuranda Paper,

We don't want to 'harp' on it... however, the Mareeba Shire Council strikes a sour note in forbidding a talented musician from entertaining her already seated customers while they sip and sup.

At the end of our working day, in the deserted village business area, we enjoyed immensely an impromptu recital together with our coffee. This should also be savoured and enjoyed by visitors during business hours without such draconian restrictions.

It would be interesting to know if Council could supply particulars of the by-law they are invoking to prohibit such a unique experience of Kuranda village life. To label this musical artistry as 'touting' beggars belief.

Judy Fitzgerald and Toni Rogers

CRITICISM OF KURANDA POOL PROJECT IS UNFOUNDED

Mareeba Shire Mayor, Mick Borzi has labelled the critical comments made by Member for Barron River Steve Wettenhall on Council's handling of the Kuranda Swimming Pool project as being misguided and unhelpful.

"The critical comments published in the most recent edition of the Tablelands Advertiser (September 5) are unhelpful and misrepresent the situation. I would have thought that if he had a problem with our handling of the project he should have spoken to me before publicly attacking Council," he said.

Cr Borzi said that there were a number of inaccuracies in the report which needed to be corrected. He said that the original budget for the project had been \$1,341,000 not \$1,200,000 and that the State Government had never agreed to fund 50% of the total project cost.

"Mr Wettenhall seems to think that the State Government was going to provide 50% of the total cost of the original project but this is not the case. In projects like this they (the State Government) will not provide funding for a range of critical

items such as fencing, landscaping and road works and as a consequence Council was forced to find over \$150,000 to cover the cost of these ineligible items," he said.

Cr Borzi said that Mr Wettenhall's comments about the initial costings of the project had cast aspersions on the reputation of hardworking Council officers who had professionally managed the project from its inception. He said that he found this particularly offensive and that Mr Wettenhall should get his facts straight before making such ill informed statements.

"The costings for the original project were done in November 2005 by an independent Quantity Surveyor and we can only go on the advice of these professionals. Council officers were not involved in doing the costings so I do not see how they can be blamed for the cost increases that have occurred because of the very buoyant conditions in the local construction industry," Cr Borzi said.

He said that Council had been aware of the cost pressures and had monitored the costs associated with the project over the last 12 months using a Quantity Surveyor. Cr Borzi said that Council had increased the budget once to \$1,475,100 based on these estimates and yet the lowest price when the tenders were evaluated was just over \$2 million dollars.

"We were obviously very concerned about cost increases and we endeavoured to keep the Kuranda community fully informed. We have been in constant contact with the Kuranda Pool Committee and have endeavoured to make sure that they are fully aware of the situation. This has been a complicated project and it has taken a long time to sort out all of the issues such as land tenure," Cr Borzi said.

He said that it was almost two years since the original cost estimates were made and that he thought that it was mischievous and very unfair to blame Council for the increases that had occurred because the economy had been going at full throttle. He said that an allowance had been made for cost escalation in the original application but that no one could be expected to foresee the rapid increase in building costs caused by boom conditions.

"I think the Kuranda community would be better served if instead of seeking to blame Council for the increases caused by a buoyant economy Mr Wettenhall directed his energies towards helping find a way of paying for the project," Cr Borzi said.

Cr Mick Borzi AM OBE MAYOR

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At
The BP Complex
WE NEED THEM

Apologies. Last month we omitted an important notice for the Wednesday 19th meeting at the Kuranda District College to discuss the old Primary School Property and, as well, the Kuranda QCWA monthly letter. As best can tell, the stuff-up occurred with a misplaced Chip. Volunteer copy setters, as well as again being flogged, have now been banned from eating so, hopefully, no more chips go missing. Seriously, we regret the omission but you would have caught the meeting if you had read Steve Wetenhall's column

Farewell to our much valued volunteer, touch typiste extraordinaire and always willing general factotum Genevieve Denny. We wish you and Allen all the best in your move. We'll miss you!

On a Less Lugubrious Note. Great to have back for production of this edition, Peter Anderson. Sorry mate, dragging you from your forest retreat but you have saved the day.

We hope you like our new trial layout of the Kuranda Paper, Our ever CreativChik and Production Manager Zananda Foord is keen to streamline and make the Paper more user friendly when you are looking for one of our darling advertisers - hopefully your first choice as they are the best. We'd like your feed-back. Hopefully we'll see you at the AGM Saturday Oct 6th.

By the way - Do remember our new email address: kurandamedia@bigpond.com

News from Friends of Welcome Pocket

Our recent Father's Day raffle was well supported and a hearty thank you to all those who bought tickets. The 3 winners of first, second and third prizes were Ms Judy Walker, Liza Dewey and an Ian and Jenny.

Both 1st and 3rd prizes have been collected but would the second prize winner please get in touch to collect their winning items.

Donations continue to be generously donated to our little shop, Possum Corner, and we have built up a loyal following of customers on the search for that wonderful treasure or exciting bargain. We thank you both and look forward to your continued support for this worthy venture.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 1pm, in the crypt at the back of St Saviour's Anglican Church, Coondoo Street, Kuranda. Any person interested is most welcome to join us and keep in touch with the latest news of our endeavors.

Look forward to catching you at Possum Corner!

Anthony & Stephanie's

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About Us

We are a voluntary, self-funded team licensed by QPWS to Rehabilitate and care for native birds (inc. Birds of Prey). Our world changed abruptly 3 years ago, when we decided to move from Trinity Beach to Kuranda and devote our lives to the well being of birds native to Far North Queensland.

In that time we have built 8 large aviaries (including one monitored by and infra-red camera for nocturnal birds), numerous small holding facilities, an intensive care room in the house (complete with a thermostatically controlled humidity boxes for debilitated birds).

It all began in 1999 when I (Anthony) joined WIRRES, (NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service) where I completed a variety of intensive courses, including Bird rescue, Advanced Bird care and rehabilitation and Raptor rehab. I later became a member of the NSW raptor team. I am also a member of the Australasian Raptor Association and the Society of the Preservation of Raptors.

Since moving to Kuranda, we have both joined FNQWR (Far Nth Qld Wildlife Rescue) where Stephanie completed a baby bird course. And since then she has developed (among many other skills), specialised techniques in the recovery of the normally highly-strung species, which include kingfishers and bee-eaters. This combined with a wealth of knowledge passed on by Dr Andrew Easton (Kuranda Vet Clinic) has given us the experience to care for all birds from Sulphur to Wedge-tailed Eagles.

To date we have had over 500 birds (including 85 different species) come into care. 75% of which have been released back into the wild.



Stephanie with a juvenile Brahminy Kite



Anthony releasing a young Osprey

Do you want to help out?

Between the months of October and May we are at our busiest, occasionally with up to 30 birds in care at any given time. If you have an interest in caring for native birds and would like to help Stephanie with her sometimes hectic schedule of cleaning and feeding please contact us



We are also active members FNQWR
For all other Native Animals Ring their 24hr Hotline - 40534467

Forest Forum

The Fossils

A time to hope and dream! Wednesday evening 19th September saw almost 40 people gathered to discuss the future of the old Primary School site. The meeting at Kuranda District College was chaired by local State Member Steve Wetenhall and attended by officers from the Department of Natural Resources and Sport and Recreation. Mayor Mick Bozoi and his councilors were unanimously supported in their intentions to pursue the purchase of this outstanding site for community needs and use.

Several persons noted, particularly in the light of increasing population growth, the scarcity of public land for sport and recreational use in the area and this was acknowledged by the Mayor and Council.

If purchase is successful, a round of community consultations would commence to solicit prospective uses of the site. Among various ideas floated at the meeting and around the Village are the possibilities of sport and recreational facilities, a Village hall and meeting place with permanent Art display space, an art/music/drama node with possibilities for residential courses, a women's refuge, a permanent home for Envirocare Nursery, an Historical Museum. What do you think? The possibilities and potential for this site are endless.

Obvious from this meeting is the need to maximise input and minimize conflict. Yes, there are so many wonderful ideas and possibly competing plans - quite exciting and somewhat overwhelming.

The question is how to encourage synergy, co-operation and the synthesis of sometimes apparently conflicting ideas. Only with great good will, much careful listening, possibly less talking and even more listening and the forwarding of considered ideas that attempt to integrate and synthesize the many possibilities.

As one old wise politician said: "Sit on your hands and breathe through your nose." Remember we are not only planning for ourselves but future generations as Jax succinctly reminded us at the meeting when giving away seedlings of the school's Kauri pines planted by our earlier residents. Hopefully our work will grow so well!

If all goes to plan, this endeavor will be over to us within the foreseeable future. Meantime, will those thoughtless vandals consider that it is possibly their property they may be trashing!

Mona Mona Weekend

18th and 19th August 2007

There was a Community Fun Day held at Mona Mona on Sunday 19th August. The day was coordinated with members of the Mona Mona Community and the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. Julie, Deb, Rosie and Marg (and family) went out on Saturday afternoon to set up and enjoy a sing-a-long around the campfire and stories of Mona Mona history (including a powerpoint presentation). Sunday saw kids doing art activities, ball games, treasure hunting, skipping and participating in a Blackerobats workshop. There was a sausage sizzle most of the afternoon with Andy, the PadBoys, Bertie and the Yabbas entertaining everyone all afternoon with fantastic music. We are sorry if information about the day did not reach everyone—it started as a smallish event that grew in the few days beforehand. A great weekend was had by all and future community days will be collaboratively planned again. Thanks to all those who participated, cooked, cleaned and helped.



Kuranda Artists Win More Awards



Mollie



Shane



Kerry

Terry Eager and Mollie Bosworth both won awards at the recently opened Melting Pot 2007 - 8th National Ceramic exhibition at the Cairns Regional Gallery.

Terry won the glass prize for her "Oceanic Pyroclastic Strata" slumped glass work. Glass is an increasing popular ceramic medium and has been included in this bi-annual competition in recent times.

Mollie's winning work "Damask" is a group of bowls wheel thrown using two different porcelain bodies.

This exhibition, on display until the 7th October, is a great opportunity to see a range of local work alongside works from other Australian artists. Other works by the prize winning artists are available at the Kuranda Arts Cooperative Gallery.



Terry



Rob



Boz



Ruth

Happy Birthday To The Arts Co-op

Join the Kuranda Arts Co-operative members to help celebrate our 10th Birthday Bash at

Kuranda Veranda on Sunday, 7th October 2pm - 6pm

Music : John McMillan and

Pictured are current members of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative

Tony Clucas jazz guitar duo. Louis' famous satays will tempt the palate. There will be an exhibition of members' new works.

We send a special invitation to our past members.



Jana

"SPEEWAH TO SYDNEY"



Local man pursues music dream at AICM

Speewah local, Benjamin Fox has dedicated himself to mastering the art of guitar, practicing for up to eight hours a day, experimenting with varying styles in several bands and even teaching guitar at Kuranda high school.

It was only a matter of time before the hard work paid off and this year Ben received an incredible opportunity to study at The Australian International Conservatorium of Music (AICM) in Sydney, where

he has re-located to further his craft and pursue a professional career in the music industry.

In only a short period of time, Ben's talents have been recognized and he has achieved a significant amount including being one of a handful of students selected to play alongside the internationally acclaimed maestro, Victor Martinez last month in "Guitarra", an exclusive showcase held in Western Sydney, as part of the Conservatorium's "Momentum" concert series, as well as performing to an incalculable amount of spectators just last week during "Fashion Week" - Westfield's major national event.

Phillip Bohun, Head of Performance at AICM, says that "Ben displayed a unique and extraordinary talent when he first auditioned for AICM having already developed considerable technical and performing ability. AICM was the perfect choice for him to further polish these skills. Ben's work ethic and commitment is a credit to him and should allow him to achieve any goal that he sets his mind to".

AICM provides many opportunities for its students to progress from student to industry professional. A new program currently being developed for next year will provide invaluable professional experience, helping launch the likes of Ben into the commercial music industry.

Ben is currently writing a progressive rock album and plans on recording mid-next year with Jonathan Barbagallo and fellow AICM student Kurt East, both also formally from the Kuranda area.

Ben is working toward becoming a session musician, based in Sydney and tour internationally.

For updates on Ben's progress and further information on AICM, please visit www.aicm.edu.au or email admin@aicm.edu.au.

Chapter Five -

One Sunny Afternoon by the River

It was another glorious, sunshiny day; cobalt blue skies with just a few wispy clouds. Jake jumped off the school bus where Sasha waited by the red letterbox and together they gambolled home along the long, winding driveway.

Lying on the kitchen table was a platter of food piled high with golden dried jak fruit, crusty homemade bread topped with creamy goat's cheese.

The jak fruit was sticky and buttery-sweet, the cheese sharp and salty; freshly made from the farm down the road. Sasha adored goat's cheese - bright eyed with pleasure, she wagged her tail as she chomped it down.

It was delicious, but they ate quickly with sense of happy expectation. For these days, on sunny afternoons, Alfie and Isabel were often found basking on their favourite beach by the river. And today, Jake and Sasha especially wanted to see them - they had some terribly, bewildering news to share ...

Just the night before, Jake's mother had sat on their bed for a serious talk. She told them Jake's father was in a very, very deep sleep and there was no point visiting him in hospital until he woke up.

Jake and Sasha had listened in a confused silence. They didn't know what being in a very, very deep sleep meant, but they knew it must be bad - Jake's mother was so sad.

They had many questions, but they didn't dare ask even one; questions only ever seemed to make Jake's mother sadder. Besides, it was easier to ask Isabel instead. And when they wanted to go to the hospital, they would drop down on the Crocodile Express - at least, that way, Sasha got see Jake's father as well.

They raced down the green grassy slope to the river where, to their delight, they found both Isabel and Alfie snoozing under the hot, hot sun; Isabel draped over a rock, Alfie snoring on a partly submerged log by the bank.

Jake and Sasha exchanged a mischievous look and took a running jump, dive-bombing the unsuspecting crocodile. Alfie awoke with a startled grunt, his baking hide shockingly drenched in cool river water.

With a bellowing roar, he toppled a wall of water over them with a single swipe of his tail. Sasha yelped, and ran back up to the beach. Shaking her fur, she carelessly splattered Isabel with chilly drops.

Isabel lunged and hissed, "DON'T ever shake yourself near me again!" Sasha cowered in fright, settling herself a good distance away from the irritated snake. Meanwhile Jake climbed onto Alfie's back, bouncing up and down, drumming his heels into the thick, leathery flanks.

"C'mon, Alfie - shake me off - if you can ..."

Alfie snorted. "Again? Don't humans ever learn?" and sank down under water, rolling rapidly over and over again; the river's surface churning with turgid, brown bubbles. In no time at all, Jake rose to the top, a cough and a splutter.

"Do you give up?" taunted Alfie with a cheeky chuckle.

"No!" squealed Jake, crawling back on, clinging tightly with his arms and legs. Alfie bucked and thrashed about, rearing right up out of the water, balancing on the surface with the tip of his tail. Jake promptly fell off with a tremendous splash.

When he resurfaced, Alfie was nowhere to be seen. He looked all around, and up and down. "Alfieeee! Alfieeee! Come out, come out, wherever you are ..." Isabel chuckled, Sasha stood transfixed with ears pricked.

All was quiet - the river's surface was still and tranquil. The huge crocodile had disappeared ...

Suddenly, Alfie erupted from the water with a clanging crash of his jaws, bouncing Jake high into the air - and again and again and again with just the smallest flick of his tail.

Now, Sasha wasn't a yappy dog, not like some Kuranda dogs, but for the moment, she just couldn't help herself. Yapping and yipping, she frantically darted up and down the river bank.

Finally, Jake bobbed about in the turbulence,

dizzy and dazed, barely able to stay afloat. Alfie grabbed the seat of his school shorts with his pointed teeth, clambered up the bank and dumped him on the beach. There Jake lay face down in the sand, trying to catch his breath. Sasha collapsed beside him, madly panting, red wet tongue dangling sideways.

With a deep satisfied groan, Alfie stretched himself out on the sand, blissfully closing his eyes.

All too soon, Jake sat up with a grin and gleefully crowed, "that was fun, Alfie! Bet you can't shake me off again!" Alfie growled in disgusted disbelief.

Isabel slipped off her rock to coil beside Jake and Sasha. "How's your father?" she asked. Jake repeated what his mother had said the night before ...

"Ha, sounds like he's hibernating", said Alfie, opening one eye. "He's waiting for a good time to wake up. Sometimes when it's too dry or too cold, or there's not enough food; it's wiser to take a very long nap."

"You silly old croc", scolded Isabel. "Humans don't hibernate; at least, not the way crocodiles and snakes do. Humans only go into a very deep sleep when they're sick; when there's something wrong with their *body*, not with the rest of the world."

Isabel's long body glittered coppery gold in the glow of the setting sun. Sasha and Jake gazed almost hypnotised as she swayed and explained how Jake's father's body had chosen to heal itself

by sleeping. No one knew when he would wake up again; not Jake's mother, not even Jake's father. There was nothing Sasha and Jake could do to help him get better. All they could do was wait patiently - and be understanding and kind to Jake's mother ...

By the time Isabel finished talking, it was dark. "Oh, before I forget! exclaimed Alfie. "Morag's lonely - she'd like to see you. She's badly in need of untangling again too. Can you make another visit to Lake Barrine soon?"

Jake and Sasha enthusiastically agreed. Yippee! Another flying visit in the spider silk hammock!

"Thanks, Jake and Sasha. I'll ask the pelicans to pick you up", said Alfie.

Isabel scoffed, "those clatter-beaks! They've more beak than brains. I hear they dropped you into the lake, Jake - you could have been killed! How would we explain that to your poor mother?"

"Umm, yes - Isabel, you may be right. I'll have to think of another way." Jake and Sasha were disappointed and intrigued.

"How?" begged Jake.

"No idea, but no matter what - it will be lots of fun", he promised as he slid into the dark river and Isabel slithered off into the damp forest to hunt. Jake and Sasha pelted up the slope to the brightly lit house, warmly succulent with the rich aroma of dinner roasting in the oven.

Senior's Week Event 28th August 2007



This year's Senior's Week Event was held at the Ngoonbi Farm again. There were approximately 90 people who attended over the day with presentations and performances from Mervyn Riley, Jane (Falls Prevention/Bone Density—Ngoonbi Sports and Rec), Community Health, HACC and CWA Craft Displays, Sue Jones, June Graham, HALS Yoga Group, Cassowary Kids Circus, Barry Walker and Crew, spontaneous singing and other relevant information sharing. The theme was "hanging together" which is exactly what we did. The food and catering by Eddie and staff was impressive and delicious. KNC wishes to thank the Kuranda Food Store and Butcher Shop, Kuranda Home Made Ice-cream and the Venom Zoo for their generous donations for lucky door prizes. Senior's Week Events are funded by the Department of Communities.

My "Satori Story" Continues

by Col

As God became all that there is, it radiates from all that we see visibly or invisibly at frequencies from low density to the ultra high of spiritual white light.

God probably gained its highest power at the point of or during the first supernova.

All opinions are valid until one chooses to change his or her own and it does not really matter about our past, as we cannot change any of it. The reason for God to create was for it to experience more of itself through all of its many forms of creation and we now co-create with God and experience some of our own creations, but ultimately for the benefit of the one all mighty power which we cannot cease to be part of.

Since we were created by God, we have evolved along with the rest of God, and made ourselves through inspiration and intuition from God into the beings we now are.

God created mankind last and appointed us to be guardians for all other creatures on Earth.

The greatest gift God could give mankind is free will and it is this free will that determines our level of spiritual growth, and sometimes feeling of separation from God (which is not possible).

More next time, Love y'all, Col



JJ McCasker overall prize winner Spring Festival Art Competition



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I know that there are thousands of people in the Far North who can't afford to get their teeth fixed and are stuck on dental waiting lists. Federal Labor's commitment will enable these people to become productive members of society again.

The Howard Government over the past 11 years has withdrawn \$1.1 billion in dental services. John Howard's response to the dental crisis is to blame the State Government.

Kevin Rudd and I are committed to stopping the blame game when it comes to health services. People just want the health system fixed and this dental plan builds on Labor's \$2 billion National Health and Hospital Reform plan.

Jim Turnour

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A Thought for October

This month we read a passage from St Marks gospel Chapter 9 verses 2-9

Many people today see visions; many more dream dreams. The difference between a vision and a dream is whether you're awake or asleep, and if they're caused by God the difference isn't important. If it's caused by someone wanting to appear to you, it's a vision. Hardly surprisingly, every visionary describes what they've seen in terms of their own culture. Peter, James, and John went up a mountain with Jesus and saw a vision which they knew to be of God. Only no Jew would ever say that they'd actually seen God. So they used one of the symbols from the Old Testament. They said a cloud had come down on the mountain and surrounded them. Imagine you're on a mountaintop when the mist comes down, so that you can't see your hand in front of your face. It's said to be a very frightening experience, but quite beautiful, too awesome, in fact. So Peter, James and John were terrified when they entered the cloud; but they had an additional reason to be in awe, derived from the symbolism that was ingrained in their upbringing. The cloud was the sign of the presence of God.

As the Israelites travelled through the wilderness they were led by God in a pillar of cloud by day, which turned into a pillar of fire by night. The glory of God was in the cloud, symbolized by a bright light. The cloud came down on Mount Sinai when God gave the Ten Commandments, and God spoke to Moses from the cloud. The cloud covered the tent of meeting, for this was where Moses met with God as a friend. Later, the cloud filled the Temple in Jerusalem when it was dedicated, to show that this was where God's presence was now to be found. In the book of Daniel the Son of Man came to God on the clouds. God spoke to the disciples from the cloud on the mountain of transfiguration. Finally, Jesus returned to the presence of his Father at the ascension, when a cloud received him from their sight.

The Jews had a special word, the 'shekinah', for the bright cloud that symbolized the presence of God. When the cloud came and overshadowed them on the Mount of Transfiguration, no wonder the disciples were afraid! Of course, God's present everywhere, but we usually don't recognize him. When he wants to make his presence known, he uses the symbol of the cloud. When the disciples heard a voice speaking to them from the cloud, they knew it was God speaking.

What did God tell them from the cloud on the mountain? He spoke about Jesus. 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' These are titles given to the Messiah in the Old Testament. The disciples were to understand that Jesus was the long-expected king who would rule justly over his people. In the second Psalm, God says to the king of Israel, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you.' First, if Jesus is the Son of God, we must obey him, do what he tells us, listen to his teaching and believe it because it comes with the authority of God behind it. Second, if Jesus is the Son of God, then the love that we see in his character must be the character of God. Jesus is like God the Father, and God the Father is like Jesus. When Jesus tells us God loves us, we must believe him, because he shows that love in his own life. Jesus wants us to be his friends, and speak to him in prayer as one friend speaks to another. If Jesus is the Son of God that means that like Moses we can speak to God as a friend. We don't need a cloud on a mountain to remind us of the presence of God. God is present every time we talk to Jesus, and his love surrounds us whenever we pray. Prayer is a very awesome experience, but it's also a very beautiful one. That's what the words that Peter, James and John heard on the Mount of Transfiguration should teach us - that God is near us when we pray, and that God the Creator loves us as much as Jesus does.

NEWS FROM ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

St Saviour's is gearing up for the Blessing of the Pets Service on Sunday 7th of October

To celebrate the birthday of the patron saint of animals, St Francis of Assisi, a special Blessing of the Pets service will be held this Sunday, October 7 at St Saviour's Church.

In the 1206 Francis, the wealthy son of a cloth merchant, decided to forsake all his worldly possessions and founded the order of Franciscan monks. He claimed he found his affinity with God

through animals, and would often call birds, animals and even flowers his brothers and sisters.

Blessing of the Pets coordinator, Fr Chris Wright, said people can bring pets of all shapes, sizes and species - as long as they are on a leash or in a box or cage. "You don't have to belong to any church to come and join in the fun. Events like this connect people in the community who don't normally see each other or have things in common, and that's fantastic. The event gives the community an opportunity to meet together, share their common love of animals and make new friendships. It's really about shared humanity."

The Blessing of the Pets service starts at 9.30am in the area at the back of the Church.

NEWS FROM THE POSSUM CORNER OP SHOP

Possum Corner will celebrate its first birthday in October with bargains and other festivities; visit the Shop for details. Moves are also under way to increase the floor area and size of the shop to accommodate new gear and new lines.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"Create in me a pure heart. O my God, and renew a tranquil conscience within me. O my Hope! Through the spirit of power confirm Thou me in Thy Cause, O my Best-Beloved, and by the light of Thy glory reveal unto me Thy path, O Thou the Goal of my desire."

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

Study circles by arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

Primary School classes each week during school terms

Baha'i Holy Day commemoration - Birth of the Bab, Saturday 20 October 2007 - please enquire if you would like to attend in Kuranda or Cairns.

United Nations Day Wednesday 24 October 2007 - commemoration at 7 pm

All enquiries welcome. Telephone 4093 7120 / 8499

From the Baha'i Community of Kuranda

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& Krishna Buhler 4093 7348

St Christopher's Catholic
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1st Wednesday of each month
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Kuranda
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Divine Service - 11 am

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"We are One!"

The Festival has come, the
Festival gone,
Reflecting colour, sight and song.
Bubbling forth from out dark
green,
Mixing and melding a Kuranda
scene.

Gaily do the cultures slot,
into a great big melting pot.
Flashing and probing through
division,
Rejecting exclusion and derision.

Fading away is all bigotry,
That so invades another civility.
Rejecting the frenzied
catatonical,
That so characterizes Oz
historical.

Are we destined to remain
asunder,
Black and white, yellow and
amber?
Or do we perceive a future
synchronous,

Different notes blending
harmonious.

And is the spirit forever hostage,
To a prejudice in large dosage?
Hindu, Christian, Muslim, Jew,
At their throats for all to rue.

Does Great Spirit provide a
lesson,
For this agitated human messing.
If it does, it must be,
One God, one religion, one
humanity.

Graham

GARDEN JOTTINGS

by Alectura

Things to consider this month:

With the weather warming up, look to watering. Despite what seemed like forever rains, soils are remarkably dry. Mulching is the order of the day not only to conserve moisture but also for adding body to the soil and preventing weed growth and wash out. Soils with a high clay content may benefit from applications of Multicrop® GroundBreaker which contains an ionic resin that changes the electronic charges (ions) on the clay particles so that they can aggregate. This makes more pore space available so that water and dissolved nutrients can penetrate through the soil more easily and allow more oxygen to reach root zones. Get in bulbs of caladium, cannas, gloxinia, tuberose and zephyranthes, remembering to mesh or net to prevent bulbs being taken. Last sowings of beans, beetroot, capsicum, cucumber, melons, pumpkin, rosella, silverbeet and Asian greens.

Plant of the month *Michelia* is a genus of about 50 species of evergreen trees and shrubs, native to tropical and subtropical south and southeast Asia including southern China, belonging to the Magnoliaceae family (*Magnoliaceae*). The Magnoliaceae are an ancient family, with fossil plants back to 95 million years. A primitive aspect of the Magnolia family is that their large, cup-shaped flowers lack distinct petals or sepals. The large non-specialized flower parts, resembling petals, are called tepals. Unlike the magnolias which flower singly on branch ends, *Michelia*s flower clustered among the leaves.

Readily obtainable are ***M. champaca*** "The Champak". A native to India, Java, and the Philippines. Grown as a tree or shrub from 3 to 6 meters high and wide with bright green leaves to 16 cm., producing fragrant orange, yellow, or creamy white flowers in the spring. The flowers of this plant produce an essential oil that is used in perfume.

M. doltsopa (syn. *M. manipurensis*). A large shrub or tree varying in form from bushy to narrow and upright which may grow to 30 meters. Native to the eastern Himalayas and Meghalaya subtropical forests, it has leathery dark-green leaves, 6 to 17 cm in length. Clusters of creamy white flowers in winter.

M. figo (syn. *Michelia fuscata*). **Banana Shrub**. A slow growing shrub or small tree that can grow up to 5 meters high and nearly as wide. Densely covered with small glossy green leaves. Bears clusters of large, white, sometimes purple-streaked, flowers with a potent, sweet banana scent. **Port Wine Magnolia** is a variety that bears rose to maroon flowers.

Native: DRYNARIA is a fern genus of the family Polypodiaceae. *Drynaria* have highly differentiated normal and basal fronds (foliage and nest-leaves). The basal fronds are sterile and much smaller than the others. Three occur in Australia and looking up into the Fig Trees in Coondoo Street one can see great specimens of these "Basket Fern". ***Drynaria rigidula*** This species is very adaptable, with several growth habits. It grows on trees in rainforest and tall open forest, where it can form huge colonies high in the canopy. In the forms that grow on trees and rocks, the basal fronds tightly overlap to create a basket or plant-pot in which the fern produces humus from the breakdown of its own matter. This attracts worms and

various other soil fauna which bring in other nutrients. The leaves are pinnate and about 1 metre long, with ground-dwelling forms having leaves up to 2 metres long. The sori (spore-bearing spots on the undersides of the fronds) are arranged in single rows on either side of the midrib of the frond segments. It is widespread throughout eastern Queensland and north-eastern New South Wales, and extends north into Malaysia. ***Drynaria quercifolia***, Oak-leaf Basket Fern.

This is a widely distributed and common fern found on trees or rocks in northern Australia. It usually occurs in fairly sunny, humid situations. In dry areas, the plants become deciduous during the drier part of the year and grow new fronds during the wet season. The nest leaves are up to 40 cm long, very broad, lobed, and narrowed at the base, similar to the leaves of an Oak Tree, hence the common name. The normal, fertile leaves are very large, to about 100 cm long, and deeply lobed almost to the central vein. The sori are in a regular row on each side of a main secondary vein. This is a very easy fern to grow in tropical and subtropical areas. It can be grown as a garden plant amongst rocks, or in a pot or basket of coarse mixture, or may be attached to trees. It is very frost tender. These ferns create havens for various invertebrates such as frogs and skinks, as well as various other epiphytic plants with some almost restricted to this niche, such as the Strap Fern (*Ophioglossum pendulum*), which is an epiphyte on an epiphyte.

Q. & A. Dear Cindi, The plant your English visitors were so taken with is ***Mimosa pudica*** "Sensitive Weed" with the Latin *pudica* meaning bashful or shrinking for the plant's habit of its compound leaves folding inward and drooping when touched and re-opening within minutes. Native to Brazil and now a pantropical weed, this creeping perennial with its prickly stems and pinkish powder-puff flowers is common in open grass verges around Kuranda. With its clustering seed pods that adhere to clothing, the plant is easily spread. In the UK, the plant is classed as tender and is usually grown in conservatories as an annual pot plant.

The plant's motion has been termed nyctinastic or seismonastic movement with leaves closing up under various other stimuli, such as warming, or shaking with the stimulus transmitted to neighbouring leaves. The movement is caused by a rapid loss of turgor pressure in strategically situated cells that cause the immediate drooping.

Your friends' children may be interested in two other plants characterized by movements visible to the eye. ***Desmodium motorium***, syn. ***Desmodium gyrans***, "The Telegraph or Semaphore Plant". Of shrubby growth, it is known for its slow movement of the small lateral leaflets which rotate on their axes and jerk up and down with sunshine, warmth, sound and touch and ***Dionaea muscipula*** "The Venus Flytrap" a small rosette forming plant of four to seven leaves with longer leaves developing robust insect traps. Again both would need conservatory conditions in the UK.

Dear Robert, An interesting coffee shop discussion. Seed importation to Australia is allowed under certain strict conditions. Importation should be made only

with reputable vendors with you, prior to ordering, checking ICON which is AQIS's import conditions database. This lists end use, allowed importations and entry conditions. Essentially, seed cannot be sent as mixture, it must be clean and free from any foreign matter and correctly botanically identified. Seed of short viability cannot be sent in any organic material such as peat or sphagnum and the vendor should be advised of this and package marked seed.

<http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/homecontent.asp>

The risks to our rainforests are extremely high from imported plants that escape and all gardeners must remain vigilant and extremely careful to dispose of all plant material thoughtfully - this means no dumping. I have met the descendant of the early Scot immigrant to North Queensland who was given seeds from a laird's greenhouse as a going away gift of the still beautiful but now invasive purple "Morning Glory". Likewise the still sold forms of *Syngonium* are now threatening forest in Butler Drive and Black Mountain Road areas and poses a great threat to natural habitats.

Dear Allen, Apologies you were right. There is a tree giving fuel: ***Copaifera langsdorffii*** produces a biofuel that can be tapped, filtered and used to power machinery such as tractors. It is estimated that a one hectare plantation could produce up to 12,000 litres of fuel a year, - making a small farm fuel self-sufficient. Of South American origin, a large mature tree yields about 40 litres per year, producing fuel for 70 years. The fuel can only be stored for a few months after tapping, then thickening into aiba oil, presently fetching around \$100 a litre in the United States. The tree seems relatively hardy and of easy cultivation but before rushing out and metaphorically putting all your trees into one paddock so to say, more investigation should be made. One has only to remember the dashed "get rich quick" schemes of Aloe Vera and Jojoba (*Simmondsia chinensis*) plantations.

A request has been made by a reader for purchase/trade for plants or spore of any non-endemic *Platyterium* "Staghorn/Elkhorn" species.

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

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EXERCISE:

Regular exercise is essential to health and vibrant beauty because it helps clear the channels of the body so that all the tissues can be thoroughly cleansed via sweat and other eliminatory channels and be well supplied with nutrients. Exercise is especially helpful for the skin because in order for the skin to renew itself and be fresh and clear, it needs to be cleared of waste

Valarie Birchall, Aesthetician.



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ABOUT SOY MILK:

Liquid soy milk can be a good alternative to cow's milk, if you are sensitive to the latter. Lighter than cow's milk, in its effect on the body, it easily cooks up easily in recipes. Like most high protein foods it promotes building, not cleansing. It is best used in restorative and maintenance programs. It can be warmed with cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg or ginger and black pepper.

Dried soy milk powder and soy protein powder are much more difficult to digest than the whole liquid soy milks.

HOT SOY MILK:

1 cup Soy Milk
Dash of cinnamon
½ teaspoon barley malt, brown rice syrup or maple syrup.

Bring soy milk to the boil. Immediately remove from heat and pour into a mug to serve.

Stir in sweetener or drink plain, garnish with cinnamon on top.

Good before bedtime or when you are hungry and need a little extra protein.

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BELLYDANCE IN KURANDA

Bellydance, or Raqs Sharqi as it is known in the middle east, is a dance that dates back thousands of years.

The name bellydance is thought to have originated from the French term *danse du ventre*, which translates into 'dance of the stomach'. Indeed many of the movements performed in bellydance come from the ability to control the movement of the muscles around the stomach, or belly, region.

The dance has elements that stem from ancient birthing rituals and exercises that were used to prepare women for the birthing process. It also has roots in sacred temple rituals and rituals that were used for celebration, healing, trance and exorcism.

Bellydance is a grounding dance that connects you to your body. It allows and encourages you to get in touch with the feminine aspect within. By promoting self-esteem and confidence in your body appearance it can free you to experience and express your inner beauty and sensuality, not only in the dance itself but in all aspects of your life.

Bellydancing, when done several times a week is also an excellent way to develop fitness. It tones and strengthens your entire body as well as improving posture, flexibility and co-ordination and as it is mostly low impact aerobic exercise it can be done by women of all ages.

Aside from the physical benefits of bellydancing there are also social and emotional benefits. It is a great way to meet other women and take a bit of time out to nurture yourself whilst having fun relaxing and dancing your cares away.

Bellydancing classes are now being offered in Kuranda every Tuesday from 5-6.30 at Kuranda Resort and Spa. The cost is \$10 per session and all you need is loose comfortable clothing, a scarf or coin belt to tie around your hips, a bottle of water and your sense of humour.

To find out more call 0429070393 or alternatively just turn up.



Art by Seren

Busting BAD Habits



"Thanks for the course it really saved my life" said Jo (not her real name) after doing Busting Bad Habits in 2006.

Gambling Help Cairns Region has been running the 6-week Busting Bad Habits Course on problem gambling for the last 4 years. This course is for gamblers who feel that their gambling is getting or is out of control. Their gambling might be causing them money worries, problems for their families, friends or at work. Gamblers often feel their life is heading in the wrong direction and that they aren't getting anywhere and even going backwards.

The Busting Bad Habits course looks at why people gamble, what is problem gambling and develops individual strategies for people to control or stop their problem gambling behaviours. This supportive group environment allows the participants to be with people who have similar problems and issues in their lives

Matt Looker of Gambling Help said the previous course participants found the course really valuable in helping them get back on track with their lives (not real names). Members such as Corinne noted that the course enabled her 'to have more understanding about how I think and why I gambled' John noted that "It gave me a clear picture of why I gamble and strategies on how to stop."

Stephen who also did the course comments that what he liked about the Busting Bad Habits Course was the chance to meeting others "who felt the same way I do." Jo simply comments "Thanks for the course it really has saved my life"

The Busting Bad Habits Course starts Tuesday 2nd October at 6PM. The course is held at the Lifeline Centre at 188 Aumuller St, Cairns.

To enquire please phone Lifeline on 4050 4955 during normal office hours. Registrations close 5pm 27 September 2007.

FREE 6 week COURSE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE GAMBLING TROUBLES BUSTING BAD HABITS!

Commences 2nd October

6pm -8pm @ Lifeline

188 Aumuller St Cairns

Registrations close 27/09/07

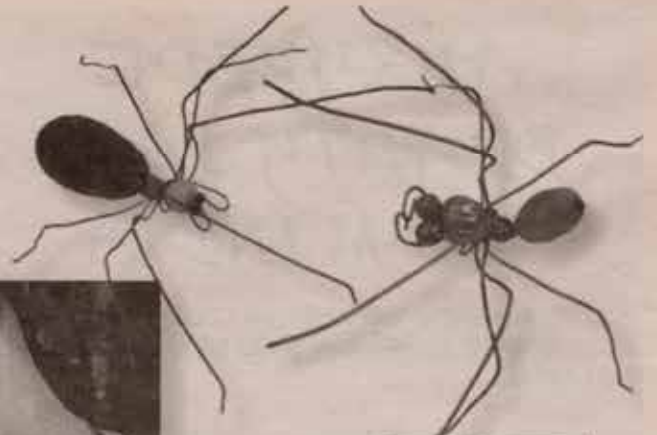
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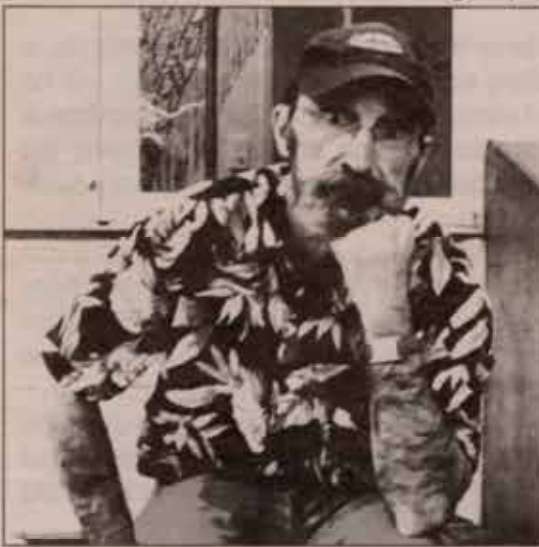
the Arts page



This month's artist profile is that of the "Bent & Twisted" wire wizard of SPIRAL STUDIO, the enigmatic Peter Jaensch.

Kicking off this year's Spring Festival with an exhibition to celebrate the opening of his new studio, Pete amazed and delighted old and young alike with his 3D optical illusions, mad mobiles, and weirdly wearable wire art jewellery.

Pete has made Kuranda his home for some years now, and many will be familiar with his previous studio at the Original Kuranda Markets (2 doors down from his current location). Originally from W.A. Pete has bent and twisted his way across Australia via Adelaide, Darwin, and most other places you could think of. He has won awards for his wearable art, jewellery and weird wire creations. When he is not bending wire, Pete devotes much of his time to our Focus Theatre group.



("Plato, where is the emptiness that precedes this empty cup?" ..Diogenes)

You had to be there! What more can I say? Not much, so here are some words from the man himself...

Spiral Studio is the place to be a place of bent creating unique creations made of wire to find an item of your heart's desire.

Is it a shop or is it a home? where dreams of art or the unknown find there way through mingled shadow to twist and fold to become hollowed.

Things of life and love and movement that capture light with curious intent. Things that glitter, things that glow wait and watch the treasure grow.

It happens right before your eyes those magic movements of the wires an innovation of design and colour for all around to stare in rapture.

So for meditation your body now to mend take a twist into your life with wire that I bend.

Peter Jaensch



Some of Pete's creations. Each piece is unique. These and many more can be seen at Spiral Studio, Therwine St, opposite the Ice-cream van.



Kuranda Arts Co-operative

KAC Artist in Sydney Major Exhibition

The vibrant annual exhibition 'Artisans in the Gardens' commenced 8 years ago. This exhibition, showcasing craft of the very highest quality by thirty of Australia's top artisans around the country, will be viewed by many international visitors as they walk through the gardens.

Kuranda Arts Co-operative metal artist Darryl Ely has been invited this year to be part of this very prestigious exhibition. 3rd -11th November

10am -4pm

If you are visiting Sydney during this period, take time out to visit this exhibition located in Lion Gate Lodge, the former head gardener's house, and enjoy the surrounds of the Royal Sydney Botanic Gardens.



Rest in Peace Tony Johnstone

It is with much sadness that our members learned of the recent passing of Tony Johnstone after a long battle with cancer. Tony generously gave his time as a volunteer at the Co-op's gallery during the past two years and he was greatly appreciated and respected. The management committee and members of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative express their heartfelt condolences to his sister Virginia and to other members of Tony's family and friends.

Ho child of the street do you have a place to sleep or are you like the cows and sheep sleeping in fields of green and brown under discarded flotsam to keep warm until the light of dawn for the sun to warm your bones another day to endure the mood of life to secure life has dealt a foul hand to the child of the land

Peter Jaensch



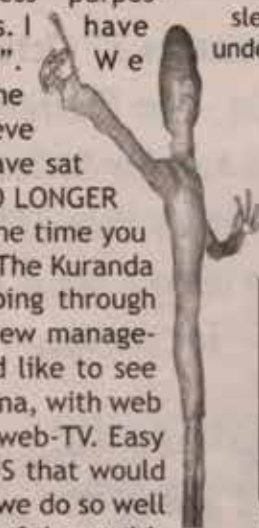
all IS art

The Martians are coming! - Orson Wells said that on the radio in the name of art and people evacuated cities in droves, committed suicide, and chaos reigned until he told them "No. The Martians are not coming". Do you still believe what the Media tells you? If so, you are probably experiencing your own "War of the Worlds". Today it is more serious. The "mass" media says what it likes for it's own political and business purposes, and we take sides and go to war on each other, on many levels. I have a revelation for those that do not know: there is no "US and THEM". We are all US, so we had better stop warring, and get on with the dance, and watch out for that iceberg, captain. Now if you believe all that, you're not listening to what I'm saying. Some of US have sat back and made war on those of US that put this rag together. NO LONGER do you have to wallow in your misery and helplessness! NOW is the time you can actually do something positive and empowering about it all. The Kuranda Paper, or more correctly, The Kuranda Media Association, is going through some changes. New premises, new opportunities, new media, new management? Who knows? It's up to YOU from here. I personally would like to see the K.M.A. expand into the multi-media arena, with web pages, community or web-radio, and even web-TV. Easy to do if we have the support of those of US that would like to have our SAY, and do the dance that we do so well here in Kuranda, hand in hand with the rest of the world.



"Mass" media? Who needs it? If you are interested in participating in this medium, please get in touch with me, Seren Starlight, via this Paper. (address & email on page 2). And please DON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING! Instead find out the truth for yourself.

PEACE and LOVE to US ALL, seren**



The Kuranda Spring Festival is yours (ours). It's an opportunity to showcase our community's school, service clubs and enterprises. How would you have done it? What changes would you make for the 2008 festival? More Fun in the Park for children? Bigger and better Grand Parade? More street stalls? More local bands on stage? While it's fresh in your mind, email us your ideas or give us a call. Pop around to Pademelon Lane (top of the hill) or to Kylie at the Queen Bee Café (next to Honey House, Therwine St.) for a chat. Phone: 4093 8834. Email: envirojax@optusnet.com.au

Better still, join our growing ranks of volunteers by registering your interest at volunteers@kurandaamphitheatre.org. Or SMS to 0449168421, or leave a voicemail on 40937633. Enough options? Failing that, just chase Brian down the street, he loves that!

Damian Moffitt, our own personal COMPUTER SUPERHERO, has completely re-vamped our website! Come and have a look! kurandaamphitheatre.org. It's still a work in progress, but any suggestions you have, or maybe old material that you think would be great for inclusion upon it, pass it onto us!

Last but by no means least, we have a very entertaining night being promised by our friends at Focus Theatre. It's going to be a quiz/trivia night, 30th September, (yep, that's a Sunday so do try to preserve a brain cell or two. Might come in handy). We're planning a bar, nibbles and many confused looks, I'm sure. Come along... Guaranteed hilarity!!

P.S- Don't forget Missy Higgins 17th November... How could you??

Kuranda Spring Festival

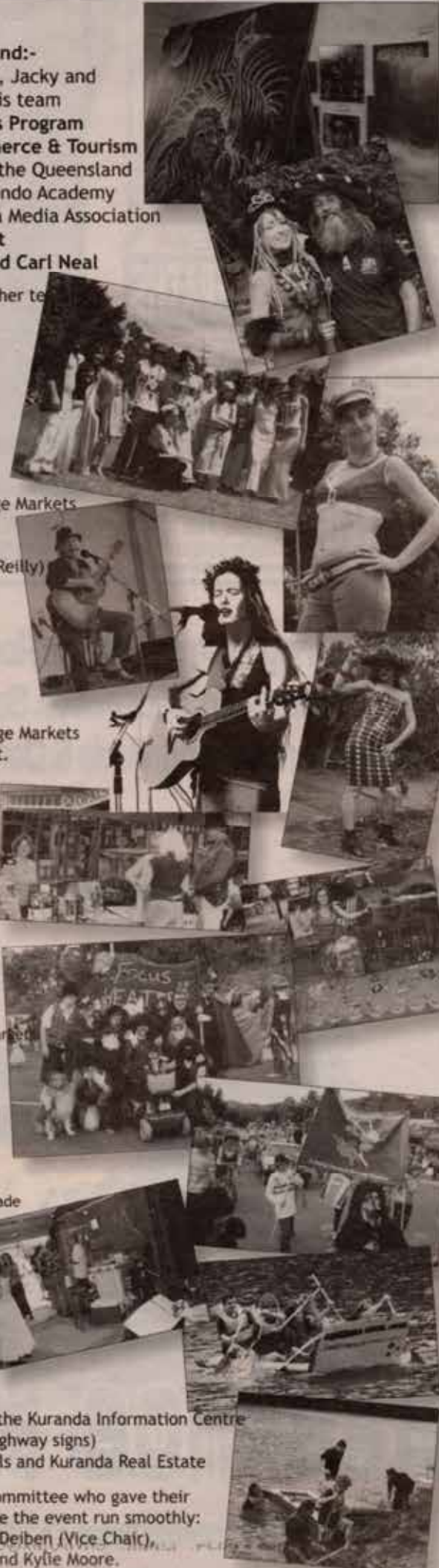
The festival may be over, but the fun never ends in Kuranda!
Thanks to all who enjoyed the festival. It would mean nothing without you. Love to all!
...and a special thanks to all the following people and organisations whose generosity of spirit, time, energy, goods and \$\$\$'s made it all possible.

Stanwell Corporation
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and their team on the ground:-
Tony Alston, Gary Barnes, Jacky and Ross, Bevan Butler and his team
Kuranda Village Promotions Program
Kuranda Chamber of Commerce & Tourism
Jeff & Marcel Deiben from the Queensland Self Defence and Taekwondo Academy
Seren Starlight and Kuranda Media Association
Sound and Stage: Dave Hart
Stage MCs: Melina Clark and Carl Neal

Just Gorgeous (Jill Melody and her team)
Zdenec Studios
Billy's Bar & Grill (Top Pub)
Opals from the Earth
The Bath Shop
Kuranda Foodworks
Cairns Safari Park
Queen Bee Café (Kylie Moore)
Clare Souter Gallery
The Kuranda Arts Co-op
Henri Hunsinger (Teval) Heritage Markets
Koala Gardens
Original Markets Management
Smiley's Riding School (Paul O'Reilly)
St Saviour's Anglican Church
Banjo's Cafe
Emu Ridge Gems
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Baha'i
Norman Guy Croc Belts, Heritage Markets
Gifts from Kuranda, Cooodoo St.
Coffee Kitchen, Cooodoo St.
Kuranda Hotel Motel
Sam's Take-away
Bent & Twisted Peter Jaensch
Bush Essentials, Heritage Markets
Australis Gallery
Peter Jarver Gallery
Cuscus Boutique
Serendiva
The Windmill Cafe
The Honey House
Kuranda Village Coffee Shop
Diva Promotions
Jill & Graham Harrold, Heritage Markets
Dennis at Original Markets
Silver Moon at Heritage Markets
Tropical Pulse
Ezyryder
Farmer Pete's
Agate Candles, Heritage Markets
Christiane
Bill Anderson, Original Markets
Lan's Vietnamese café, Market arcade
Hair & Body
Lisa Dewey Massage
Kaizi's
Wine from Pacific Blue
Hill Tribe
Bizarre Arts
Coffee Republic
Annette at Original Markets
Nevermind Cafe
Rainbow Reef Souvenir Shop

Cathy Harvey and her team at the Kuranda Information Centre
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And thanks to the organising committee who gave their hearts, minds and souls to make the event run smoothly:
Paul O'Reilly (President), Jeff Deiben (Vice Chair), Jax Bergersen, Geoff Thomas and Kylie Moore.



I heard a conversation in the street the other day. Someone was describing our little village as "A Place Where Time Stand Still". I think they've been hanging out in Centrelink too much. They certainly haven't been anywhere near the amphitheatre! Our beautiful little rainforest haven has been a veritable hive of activity!

Those of you who attended the Moodswing gig on Saturday night would've enjoyed an aural extravaganza, courtesy of the mellifluous tones of Jini, Debs and Leia, all seamlessly held together by Zdenek. The next understage gig will be the Hipful, Soulful Hip 2 Soul on 13th October. A perennial favourite and we're expecting a huge turnout! These guys have got some great new tracks that they can't wait to share with the friendliest crowd in FNQ. So come along! As if you needed any added incentive, membership for the year has dropped to \$10 family, \$8 single. So no excuses!!

Now on to The Waifs, who are bringing their Sun Dirt Water tour to our superlative venue. The album and the



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~ COMING EVENTS ~
30th. Sep. - Crazy Quiz
13th. Oct. - Hip 2 Soul
20th. Oct. - The Waifs
17th. Nov. - Missy Higgins



The Waifs

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But... although this is a serious topic, the Crazy Quiz Night will not be serious at all! The theme is characters, so coming dressed as a character is not compulsory, but you may win something extra!

Focus Theatre, Kuranda Amphitheatre, Queensland. C.W.A. and Kuranda S.E.S. are combining their talents to put on a night that will suit almost everyone. It has been astounding to see the generosity of our community in the giving of prizes and time for this event. Many thanks to all the giving people. So, come along and be prepared for a great night out. But book please, call Megan 40939778, tables of 4-6.

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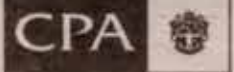
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When the Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) was asked to approve the Kuranda Range Road upgrade, it asked the Queensland Government for a commitment to identify any impacts the development of Myola might have on World Heritage values in the area, which adjoins World Heritage listed rainforest north of Kuranda, and to implement development controls to protect those values. This Myola Planning Study is the result.

The Study Aims

The primary aim of the Myola Planning Study is to prepare planning scheme amendments, in the form of detailed planning provisions and controls, to be incorporated into the Mareeba Shire Planning Scheme for the Myola area in order to deliver co-ordinated and sustainable:

- Land use planning outcomes;
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Who was involved?

The study was carried out by the Department of Local Government and Planning, in consultation with the Wet Tropics Management Authority, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Mareeba Shire Council. Environment North prepared the crucial environmental assessment. Local organisations were not allowed access to the planning process.

What happens now?

The study has received Ministerial approval. It now is open for public comment until 31st October. The documents can be viewed on the Mareeba Shire Council's

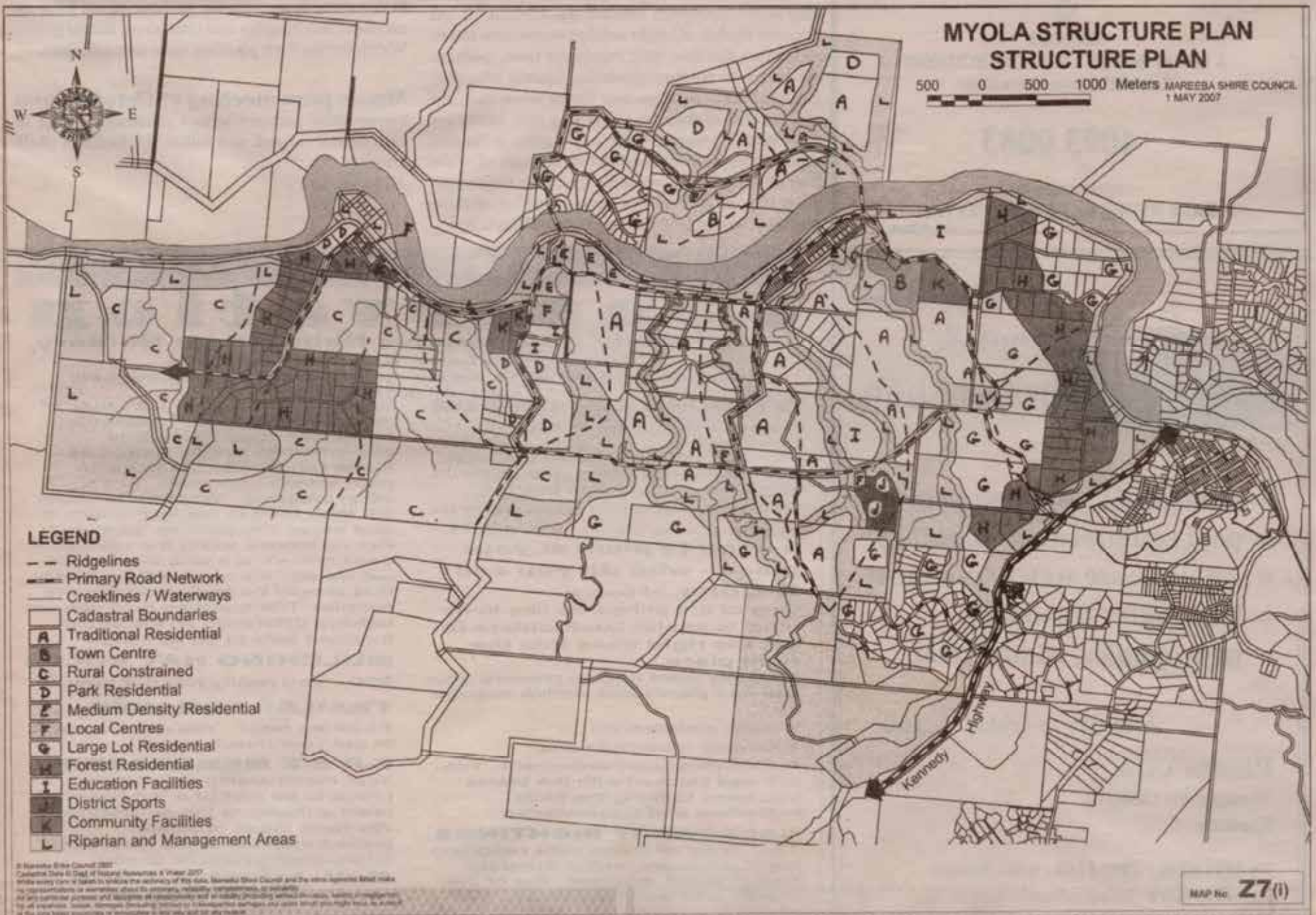
website. Go to www.msc.qld.gov.au, click on Services and Information, then Town Planning. The Plan will also be on display in the Library. The Shire has no plan to call any public meetings, but will accept submissions from the public by the due date. These are required to be considered before the Planning Scheme can be amended and made binding.

Myola Meeting

Kuranda Envirocare is organising a community meeting to respond to the new Study. It will be held at the Kuranda District State College, on Monday 1st October, at 7.00pm, in the new Primary School area. Mareeba Shire's planning officer has been invited, along with the planner from Brisbane who did much of the work, to be available to answer questions. This may be the only opportunity for Kuranda and Myola residents to have their queries answered, and to have a say on the future of our area. Do come along.

Some Issues

- **The Myola Palm.** Only between 80 and 150 mature Myola Palms remain, most in a small area on Warril Creek, close to the planned town centre. The environmental assessment includes the warning "Without assistance the outlook for Myola Palms is not very hopeful. The viability of the one remaining stand could easily be lost as a result of the weediness of creeks that accompanies development."
- **The Kuranda Treefrog.** Only recently described, this new species (*Litoria myola*) is found in rainforest along creeks mostly near Myola. The researcher who discovered this frog has recently written to Kuranda Envirocare expressing concern that this frog, and two other rare frogs in the area, are likely to be very vulnerable to the proposed urban development at Myola.
- **Cats and Dogs.** While the study proposes banning the keeping of cats and dogs as pets in the Myola area, to prevent predation of wildlife, this depends upon Mareeba Shire Council changing its bylaws.
- **Cassowary habitat.** The study recognises the importance of the Envirolink wildlife corridor and the Fairyland Link corridor in providing connectivity for certain animals and birds, such as the endangered Southern Cassowary, between the Wet Tropics rainforest north of Kuranda, and the Wet Tropics southeast of Kuranda. While a number of recommendations have been made to preserve and strengthen these corridors, they all depend on Council's willingness to fully implement its own planning scheme, which has not always been the case in the past.
- **Protection of Ridgelines.** While the plan suggests the importance of preserving vegetated ridgelines within the proposed development area, there is little detail on how this might be done.



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Seeds we'd love to get

More trees are flowering and lots more seeds are beginning to ripen. It must be spring! Any seeds you have from natives will be fine to increase the biodiversity in our revegetation areas. We're especially keen on some of the hardy species like Kuranda quandong, Davidson plum, Ylang ylang, Buttonwood, Native olive, Candlenuts, Cassowary plums, Kuranda satinash and Burdekin plums.

Plant of the month - Powder Puff Lillypilly

Just coming into flower at the moment around Kuranda gardens is the very attractive dark crimson flowered native shrub known as the powder puff lilly pilly - *Syzygium wilsonii* ssp *wilsonii*. It has frequent flushes of bright reddish brown new leaves as is often the case with rainforest trees, perhaps the better to confuse predatory insects who may not be able to see these new leaves when red (one of a number of theories about why new leaves are red). With a weeping habit it will grow in partial shade to 2-3m and its attractive clusters of white fruit after flowering make it a desirable understory plant in your garden. We have a number of these seedlings available at the nursery for donation.

Myola plan

The Myola development plan which will be shortly be incorporated into the Mareeba Shire Council District Scheme is open for public submission. It is on display at the local library and can be viewed at the council website www.msc.qld.gov.au Kuranda Envirocare has organised a public meeting and invited the Mareeba Shire planners and also the Brisbane planner responsible for most of the draft plan. They will be available to answer questions after a presentation of the plan and any issues has been made. Written submissions are required to Mareeba Shire Council by 31st October 2007.

MOU signed with Green Corridor


On the 22nd we celebrated the signing of an MOU (memorandum of understanding) with the Green Corridor project at the new nursery, temporarily established at 19 Kullaroo Close. This MOU is to provide 5000 trees this coming season and equivalent in-kind contributions to maintenance and monitoring. Socialising over a pot luck dinner around a bonfire rounded off the evening. The quality and quantity of seedlings being produced is testament to the advice of experienced nurserymen/re-vegetators and the effort put in by volunteers who enjoy seeing a job well done.

Landcare Tree Planting bees- 6th & 20th Oct

As the dry weather continues we have reduced our plantings and are moving on to watering, mulching and preparation of sites for the coming wet season. Come along from 8am for an hour or so, have an excellent morning tea and chat about things green. Watch for the Tree planting signs as reminders.

Myola plan meeting 1st October 7pm

Venue: New primary school classroom. Come to high school carpark and follow the footpath chalk arrows. All welcome



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STORMS ON ORDER

It's not a good time to plant right now, but we've put in an order for October storms to settle the dust, put out the bush fires and allow us to get on with our tree planting. However, if you can keep water up to your young plants, and **want a hand to plant at your place - who do you call? K-Cons**, of course.

One of the things we like to do most is **assist landholders to get the right trees into the right place**. You may want help to prepare your site and plant local, native species for

- ▶ bank stabilisation
- ▶ privacy protection and
- ▶ biodiversity enhancement. We are well stocked with the plants you need to bring the birds, butterflies and Cassowaries.

CASSOWARY SIGHTINGS

Thanks for all those calls reporting the Cassowary on the Kuranda Range Road, between Top of the Range and Rainforestation. We believe it is a female (because of its size). Every call is recorded so we can keep track of its movements. Unfortunately, its home range appears to be on both sides of the road, so it's often crossing. What to do about it? Wait for it to get hit? Catch it and move it to another location? Put up fences along the road so it can't cross? If it was that simple, we would. It's not the Cassowary that should be restrained, it's the people! The question how can we behave differently so the bird is free and safe to do its thing.

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Town Talk

Community News

Wettenhall Watch

Thank you to everyone who turned up to the public meeting I convened to consider the future of the old Kuranda Primary school site. We had a constructive discussion and I am very pleased that strong support was shown for the site to be acquired by the Mareeba Shire for community purposes. The Department of Natural Resources is managing the disposal of the property on behalf of Education Queensland, and will require the Shire to lodge a submission to demonstrate the need for the site to be used for community purposes. The community will have a further opportunity to provide input when the Shire releases its preferred options for the site.

I am also relieved that no support was shown for proposals to cut down the magnificent stand of Kauri Pines on the old site. These trees will have little harvest value but if preserved will be a permanent and majestic memorial to the vision of those that planted them all those decades ago.

I am sure that the stand of Kauris can become a shady and peaceful place for locals and visitors to rest, pause and reflect on the proud history of public education in Kuranda and the shared community aspiration of a sustainable environment.

Walkers, joggers, and mountain bikers will benefit from future biking activity plans by the Cairns Mountain Bike Club at Smithfield Conservation Park. Following an agreement with the Queensland Government in September, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) gave the club approval under the Nature Conservation Act to continue its sustainable mountain biking activities at Smithfield.

Smithfield Conservation Park's bike trails cater to a wide range of bike users of varying ages and abilities, with trails including gentle cross-country, serious fast-paced down hill trails; and a mountain cross area.

Smithfield, with its six kilometres of varied mountain bike trails, two unsealed vehicle access tracks, and club head-quarters, has become a major centre for Cairns bikers since the world championship event was held there in 1996. A significant mountain bike trail network was well-established at the site before Smithfield was gazetted as a Conservation Park in 2000.

Under this agreement, the Cairns Mountain Bike Club will maintain the existing track network by minimising erosion and sediment runoff and controlling weeds and pests. The Cairns Mountain Bike Club can also operate their club base, and take steps towards resolving access issues and rehabilitating old tracks on neighbouring land owned by James Cook University.

Competitive mountain biking activities and group activities are recognised in the agreement and can occur under separate permitting arrangements.

Steve Wettenhall MP Member for Barron River



QCWA KURANDA NEWSLETTER

Things are beginning to slow down finally for the Kuranda Branch – now that all the annual branch and committee meetings are over – we have time to sit back a little. Following the Kuranda Annual Meeting in July, our new executive committee are:

President: Mrs Marion Hubbard

Vice Presidents: Mesdames Emily Matsen, Shane McAuliffe and Sheila Wilhelm

Treasurer: Mrs Sandra McCorry

Secretary: Mrs Yvonne Dighton

We also welcome our newest member – Mrs Kerry Angel – who joined our merry band in June.

The first **Floral Art class** held in July was so popular we have altered the Wednesday morning programs.

1st and 2nd Wednesday in month: Handcraft and Social Mornings 9am – 12 noon

3rd Wednesday in month: Handcraft Lesson Day 9am – 2.30pm

4th Wednesday in month: Floral Art Class 10am – 2pm

Next **Handcraft Lesson Day** will be on **October 17** – Patchwork Octagons - for needle cases or bags (Contact Yvonne on 40937016). Floral Art Class will be held on the 24th October (Contact Sheila on 40937617).

Our members are not done with the travelling yet – several of our ladies travelled to Cooktown this weekend to attend the Far Northern Division Annual Meeting and to also visit with the Cooktown Branch members while the handcraft ladies headed down to Innisfail. The State Conference will be held in Maryborough at the end of October – so more travel ahead for those who will be representing our branch and Division.

Kuranda Branch has become popular with several Pensioner Associations and to this end, we have catered for several bus groups this year – Atherton Pensioners group in September – Morning Tea for 54 hungry people who enjoyed the home cooked biscuits, cakes and savoury treats before heading off again on a mystery day tour.

Why not come along and join our friendly group – learn a craft, teach a craft or just come along for a bit of social time – have a cuppa – we would like to see you. For further information phone: 4093 7016 or 40937393.

The QCWA hall is available for hire both on a regular basis and for those "one off" occasions please contact our **Hall Convener**, Sarah MacPherson on 4093 7599.

(Catering is available at a reasonable rate for meetings, seminars etc.)



Neighbourhood Centre News

Wales. The position applications closed on 14th September and we are currently conducting interviews. Hopefully I will be able to introduce and welcome our new Family Support Worker in the next edition.

Rummage Boutique: We have had many valuable donations over the month and it is great to witness the amazing generosity of local Kuranda community members. Thanks for support and we always appreciate how locals support us. We all can't wait until we can set up at the new premises. Debbie will no doubt coordinate the set up and fit-out with her usual flair for creativity. Make sure you come in and take a look.

Services: The centre delivers a range of services including family support, service information and referral, advocacy, counseling, community education, network development and coordination, crisis intervention and support, groups and courses, book and rummage shop, drop in centre and more. Great to see the sun shining – see you next month.

New Premises: There continues to be delays to our move to number 6 Rob Veivers Drive. The main delay is due to negotiations with the Dept of Communities regarding the lease conditions KNC would need to agree to, before signing and moving in. Unfortunately these negotiations are required as KNC is not receiving any additional operating funding to cover additional costs associated with maintenance, repairs, insurance and rates of occupying the new building. KNC Management needs to be sure that in the eventuality of an unknown maintenance or repair cost that meeting this additional cost, would not place the Centre in a risky financial position. The other primary delay has been due to building defects. The building has still yet to be formally handed over from the builder to the Dept of Communities (owner) and rectification of identified building defects is yet to be complete. Hopefully we will be able to finalise these delays soon and move in.

Family Support Worker Position: KNC was very sorry to see Julie Baker leave us this month when she returned to family in New South

Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator

Farewell Julie



Julie Baker, our wonderful Family Support Worker at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre left us on the 31st August 2007 to return to family in New South Wales. Julie became a valuable member of the KNC team and we will miss her experience, skills and sense of humour. Goodbye and hope to see you again soon!



Kuranda Author, Joyce Berendes Celebrates the Publication of her First Book.

Saturday, September 15th, saw the book launch of Joyce Berendes novel, THE FOURTEENTH DAY held at Kuranda Verandah. Around 100 friends, art industry colleagues and related supporters joined Joyce in celebrating the successful publication of her first psychological thriller/romance which represented thousands of hours of hard slog, numerous rejections, many re-writes until the hard won thrill of acceptance came through the mail, followed by the long wait for final publication.

Former ballerina, consummate actress and dogged writer, Joyce deserved the accolades pressed on her by her guests. General Manager of the Cairns Civic Theatre and long time colleague Mr Phil Finkelstein, spoke on Joyce's artistic endeavours, and the zenith with the success of her book, The Fourteenth Day. Joyce then reciprocated with witty, funny and insightful dialogue that went into the birth of her novel.

The Fourteenth Day, is fast paced, told from the personal involvements of three of the main characters. It is punchy, with wit, charm, pathos and pure psychological drama to keep you on your toes right through to the very end.

This book is available from your local Kuranda Newsagent and selected bookshops in Smithfield and Cairns.

A Meet The Author, is to be held at the Kuranda Library on Wednesday 17th October at 10am. Due to limited places, bookings are essential. Please ring 4093 9185.

Strongyloides - What is it?

At the Medical Centre over the last year we have become aware of a problem in our community with infection by the parasite 'Strongyloides'. It is a member of the nematode family. This tends to be a problem that is often underestimated in medical circles as it does not occur in urban communities. It is mainly found in warm tropical areas in Africa and Sth America, eastern India and Australia. In Australia it is regarded as hyperendemic in only tropical indigenous communities. In Kuranda it has mainly been found in the indigenous community but it has also been detected in non-indigenous locals (up to 70 cases overall so far).

Why is it a problem?

Well, for most people infected the symptoms are kept at bay by our immune system and may only be experienced as intermittent mild diarrhoea, itchy rashes or lung problems - many people can have it for years without knowing. However in people with compromised immune systems as in severe acute illness, chronic disease or on oral corticosteroid therapy, it can get out of hand and may even cause death.

How do we get it?

It is passed on much as hookworm is - carried in faeces and penetrates intact skin (such as bare feet). It does not survive long outside the body (only up to 3 weeks) so poor housing & hygiene are major issues.

How do we know if we have it?

A short while after contracting the parasite our bodies build up antibodies and these can be easily measured in a simple blood test. In some cases a faeces test is needed as well (this is mainly useful in recent infections or in the severe state).

How can it be treated?

The usual course is two doses of Ivermectin 2 weeks apart, with followup blood tests at 6 & 12 month intervals - at which stage retreatment may be necessary.

Life in the Tropics is great for destressing and getting away from pollution - but occasionally there are drawbacks! for more information - check out these sites:

- http://www.ards.com.au/health_strong.htm
- <http://www.jcu.edu.au/school/phtm/PHTM/ss/>
- <http://www.regional.org.au/au/rrh/2003/adams.htm>

KURANDA VILLAGE TAX TIP

By Fay Allen BCom CPA

CAPITAL GAIN - TAX ON SALE OF SHARES

The sale of shares in a company will generally trigger a capital gains event if the shares were acquired on or after the 20th September 1985. This means that you may be required to pay tax on any gain.

A gain is made if the amount of money you received from the sale of the shares was more than the cost base of the shares. The cost base is generally the purchase price of the shares plus brokerage fees on sale and purchase. If a loss is made then this is carried forward indefinitely to future years until it can be written off against a gain.

I find that when people have sold shares they usually estimate the tax liability to be far greater than it actually is. This is because, in most cases, a discount of 50% applies to the gain if you acquired the shares at least 12 months before you sold them. Sounds a bit complicated doesn't it? Below is an example which I hope is more understandable.

Example

- Miles sold shares in June 2007 for \$7500. He had acquired the shares in June 2005 for \$5000. The brokerage fees on purchase and sale amounted to \$50. The Capital Gain is therefore \$2450 (7500 - 5000 - 50).
- Miles had acquired the shares 2 years before he sold them and is therefore eligible for the 50% discount. The discount is \$1225 (2450 x 50%). The discount is applied to the gain bringing the gain down to \$1225 (2450 - 1225).
- The gain of \$1225 is added to Mile's taxable income. His marginal tax rate is 30% therefore the tax he pays on the sale of the shares is \$367.50 (1225 x 30%).

If you require any further information about Capital Gains please feel free to call me on 4093 8222 at Kuranda Village Accountancy or visit the ATO website www.ato.gov.au.

The table below gives the relative change in petrol pricing compared with what it should be if it followed inflationary figures e.g. approx.4%/yr. This is the only way it can be assessed as there are variable oil pricing and \$A exchange rate. Although the overpricing has gone down (and so it should) if one takes the average over the last 5 months that this article has been inserted it will be seen that the average overpricing works out at 11% above the inflation rate and that is pretty crook. It's better now but needs to be consistent

PETROL PRICE COMPARISON (Unleaded)

Summary		Submitted by "The Bowser Browser"					
End Mth	Sept'07	Price Barometer		A better scene	-3%	above Inflat.	
See below for details		Action:		Keep at them	Correct Price	125.3cents	
April'06 costings are used as the base for comparison							
April'06	64.0	0.72	46.78cents	117.9cents	2.52	100	
WEEK	Barrel \$US	Rate Exch.	\$A/Ltre	Avrge Pump Price	Mark Up	Index	
Aug'07 4	69.49	0.8041	45.48cents	121.9cents	2.68	106.35	
Sept.'07 1	71.79	0.8172	46.24cents	120.6cents	2.61	103.47	
2	75.07	0.8272	47.76cents	120.6cents	2.52	100.16	
3	81.51	0.8557	50.13cents	122.9cents	2.45	97.27	
This comparison is based on the assumptions below e.g.							
1. A US barrel is approx. 190 litres thus \$US/litre is known							
2. Rate of exchange gives cost/litre in \$A							
3. Mark Up is cost \$A/litre divided into pump price (Note: This figure is of no importance it is the index that shows the relative mark up increase compared with the base)							
Inflation from Apr'06 less than		4%*	1%added	*Inflation will be	Price above inflation is		
Index	April'06	100	Increased 1% every 3 months		Sept'07	-3%	
Index Avge	Sept'07	102	Should be	105**	** Index 100+4%+added		
SOURCES (Cairns Post Thursday edition)							
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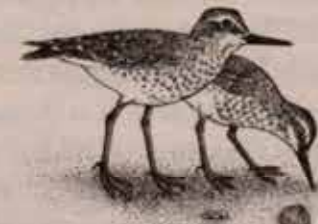
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KURANDA WINDMILL TOILETS, (1/2007) AND GARDENS, (2/2007).

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TOILETS, (1/2007).
- Scope.** It is estimated that the task required will take about 25 to 30 minutes each day. The service needs to be performed outside of business hours, (8.30AM - 4.30PM), and at the same time each day. The duties required are:
 - Brushing and cleaning all toilets and urinals.
 - Wiping down benches.
 - Mopping the floors.
 - Removing any rubbish from within the toilet area, and
 - Wiping over mirrors if necessary.**GARDENS & CARPARK, (2/2007).**
- Scope.** It is estimated that the task required will take about 2 hours per week, and also needs to be performed outside business hours. The duties required are:
 - Maintaining and trimming existing plants. The Body Corporate will pay for any new plants required.
 - Maintaining the sprinkler system.
 - Cleaning the carpark with a leaf blower once a week
 - Removing any hard rubbish from the bin area.
 For both tasks you will need to supply all the equipment necessary to perform the duties. For toilets this includes mop, bucket, brushes, cloths, detergent, disinfectant, and toilet paper of a reasonable quality. Toilet paper usage is estimated to be about 10 rolls per week. For gardens this includes shovel, pruner, leaf blower.
- The successful tenderer will need to have an ABN, or will need to apply for an ABN. All quotations for supply will be without GST, but you need to indicate whether you are in the GST system or not. You will need to have your own public liability insurance to indemnify the Body Corporate. As an example, an acceptable policy is available from Suncorp for \$ 500 per year.
- Request For Quote forms can be collected from Ian Stephens Gallery, Shop 6 at the Windmill Complex, where you can inspect the task required, or if you are already familiar with the complex, please phone 4093 7223 to have the form faxed or posted to you.



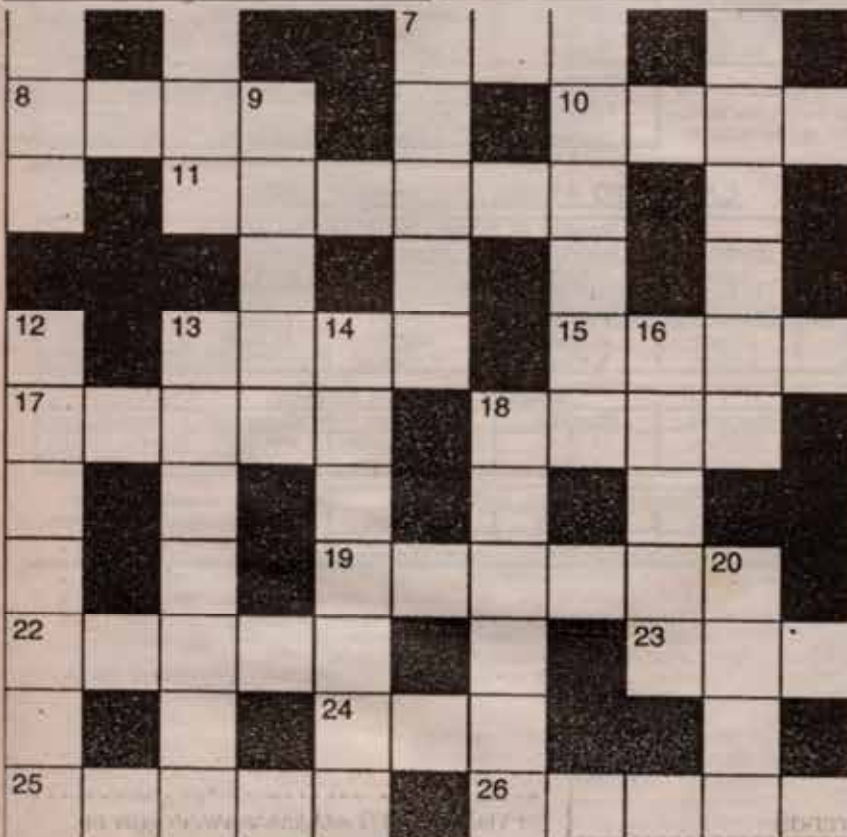
Kuranda Kryptic Crossword

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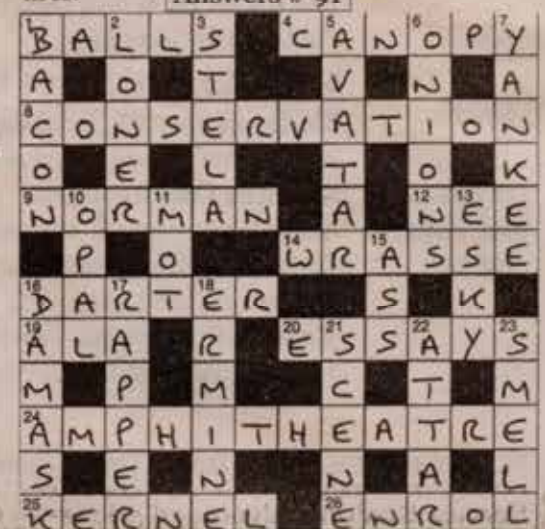
- Local tree feller with real bite.
- Fights in the rigging of the Ark?
- English is strong, Australian cousin is silky.
- Hell no !
- Shortened army oxymoron?
- Hairless after religious instruction - could be rude.
- Yes, yes and yes.
- Charged after you drop in with officer in charge.
- Bruised and beside yourself.
- Possum loving dame.
- So I had potatoes from here.
- Hot as this in the shade sometimes.
- Islamic prophet cared about couples and left his mark in the village.
- She came before.
- Grass blown to make music.
- Sinfully desired saint in lude embraces.

Down

- His brothers are flat out at the Kuranda Butchery.
- Declare within the Kuranda Veranda.
- Service organization that leads the way around the village.

- Disliked no European head protection (4,3)
- Laurence Capocchi is just this sort of guy.
- In the 1960's it was definitely golden !
- She'll blow dry your pooch.
- Garden tool from Mr. Reid?
- Hear that eggs ready, actually late.
- Counsels to bring Eva and Sid together.
- I am in on and about this bulb.
- Around mane and the French coating.
- Deposit from the start of some other fires.

Answers # 91





Every Mon Junior Rugby League 3:30pm Bartley Park Oval adjacent Primary School. ph. 4093 7177

Every Sun A.A. CWA Hall 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599
Kuranda Bowls Club every Sunday social games 2 pm (reg 1:30pm)

1st Sunday R.S.L. 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.

2nd Sunday Kuranda Film Society. Oct 7 **Himalayan Herders** and another film to be notified. 4:30 to 8 :30 19 Kullaroo Close.

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Life Span exercise QCWA Hall 9.30 am.
Al-Anon Family Groups 8 pm Phone Diane 4093 0462
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm – 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
8 Ball 7.00 pm at Speewah Tavern, Fitzies Tavern, S.&S.Club & RSL

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

3rd Monday **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933

1st Tuesday **The KCCT** meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel.

2nd Tuesday **The KVPP** meets behind St. Saviour's Church.

Every Tues **Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults**
 7.00 pm CWA hall Ph 4093 8682
Tai Chi Sports and Social Club 6 pm Phone 4093 8276
Belly Dance at Kuranda Resort and Spa.
 Have fun and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393

Every Wed **Craft Classes** at QCWA hall 9 am
Kuranda Playgroup - Kuranda Community Kindergarten, 10am, Contact Lida on 4093 9882, or Anna 4093 8537
Baha'i "Spirit of the Forest" 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St.
Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm – 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Yoga at CWA

First Wed **Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** at 2.00 pm @ KNC

2nd Wed **QCWA meeting** 12.30 pm at Hall
 Ph 4093 7016

Last Wed **Kuranda Pool Committee** 7.00 pm Neighbourhood Centre
 4093 9594

Every Thurs **Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206
Kuranda Bowls Club Night Bowls - Casual 7.00 pm [reg. 6.30 pm]
Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence 7.00 pm
 CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682
8 Ball S & S Club 7.15 pm & RSL
Biodanza Sports & Social Club 6-8pm.
 Welcome or phone Catherine 4093 8626.

1st Thurs **Kuranda Charity Bowls** 7 pm (reg. 6.30 pm)

2nd Thurs **Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road

2nd Sat **Garden Group** 2 pm Phone Graham or David 4093 9492
Kuranda EnviroCare Tree planting bee, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website at www.envirocare.org.au

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

Emergency Contacts

In case of fire or other emergency please phone 000
 Kuranda SES phone Bob on 4093 9143 or 0408 939 143
 SES Storm emergency 132 500
 Rural Fire Brigade/Fire Permits
 Davies Creek 4093 3181 - Lloyd
 Koah 4093 7006 - Peter
 Kuranda/Myola 4093 7190 or 0408 151 199 - Duncan
 Speewah 4093 0211 - John

Kuranda Transfer Station Opening Times

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



Kuranda Branch Library and Council Office

4 - 12 Thoree Street Phone 4093 9185

Monday	Closed	No council services are available on Sat. Council cashier closes at 4pm on Tues, Wed, and Thurs.
Tuesday	11am - 5pm	
Wednesday	11am - 5pm	
Thursday	11am - 5pm	
Friday	9am - 12 noon	

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

"THE LOCAL BUS"

	MON	TUES	WEDtoFRI	P/HOL & SAT/SUN
DEPARTS	#0725	#0725	#0725	0830
KURANDA	1330	1330	0930	1500
	1615	1615	1130	
			1330	
			1615	
DEPARTS	**0825	**0825	0825	**0930
CAIRNS	1715	1715	1015	**1600
			1230	
			1715	(1510 from S/FLD to Koah)
**ATHERTON & MAREEBA				(Mon to Fri School Days only)
# LIMITED SEATS SCHOOL DAYS				
JOHN. 0418 772953. A/HRS 40939278				
NO SERVICE XMAS DAY & EASTER FRIDAY				01/06

Local Bus Timetables



WHITECAR
COACHES PTY LTD

PO Box 140, ATHERTON 4882

ABN 69 465 540 048

Ph 4091 1855

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departs -	Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)				
Ravenshoe	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
#7 45am	#8 15am	6.30am / 8.45am / 9.15dep	7.00am / 9.45am	7.30am / 10.20am	8.15am arr / 11.15am arr
#2 00pm	#2 30pm	2.50arr / 3.30dep	4.00pm	2.10pm / 4.30pm	2.50pm arr / 5.15pm arr

Departs -	Saturday (not Public Holidays)				
Ravenshoe	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
#7 45am	#8 15am	6.30am / 9.15am	7.00am / 9.45am	7.30am / 10.20am	8.15am arr / 11.15am arr

Departs -	Sunday and Public Holidays			
Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns	
9.15am	9.45am	10.20am	11.15am	arr

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departs -	Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)				
Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Herberton	Ravenshoe
#8 30am	#9 05am	9.40am	10.15arr/11.00dep	#11.15am	#12.00n arr
10.00am	10.55am		3.00pm	#3.30pm	#4.00pm arr
3.15pm	3.55pm	4.30pm	5.00pm	#5.30pm	#6.00pm arr
5.30pm	6.05pm	6.40pm	7.15pm arr		

Departs -	Saturday (not Public Holidays)				
Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Herberton	Ravenshoe
9.30am	10.05am	10.40am	11.15arr/11.45dep	#12.05pm	#12.45pm
1.00pm	1.40pm	2.15pm	2.45pm arr		

Departs -	Sunday and Public Holidays			
Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	
1.00pm	1.40pm	2.15pm	2.45pm arr	

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 (This timetable does not show all routes and/or times)
 - AIRPORT/TRINITY WHARF DROP-OFF AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST (Surcharge Applies)
 - HOSPITAL & DOCTORS SURGERIES DROP-OFF (Eastern Side of Sheridan St only) (Surcharge Applies)
 - INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CARDS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR CONCESSION
 - NO SERVICES OPERATING CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY
 - PASSAGE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF SEATS
LOCAL SNOW HOLIDAY IS NORMAL TIMETABLE
 (Cairns State please check with official)

ATHERTON	HEAD OFFICE	8 McConaghie St	4091 1855
ATHERTON	PHILLIPS NEWS	48c Main St	4091 1105
CAIRNS	45 Spence St	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
KURANDA	15 Therwine St	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
MAREEBA	MAREEBA NEWS	135 Bymes St	4092 1030 (Ph. 4091 26 000 Highway/Motorist - toll-free 49 00)