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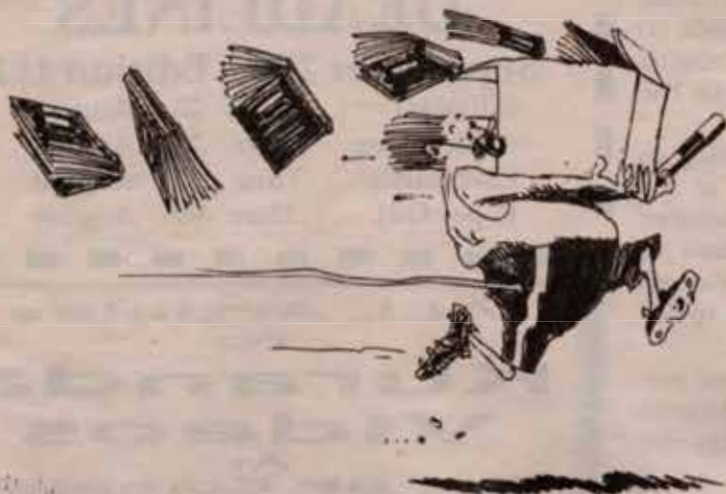
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But to...

the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre

See you there



or there!



COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4881

Please keep your letter to the point and under 250 words. All letters are subject to editing. Anonymous letters or those of doubtful origin are not published. Correct name, street address and phone contact are to be submitted with your letter which should be headed "Dear Kuranda Paper". Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Kuranda Media Association Incorporated, Publishers of the Kuranda Paper.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I'm writing to say thank you to the staff at the Mareeba Hospital Maternity Ward. I gave a water birth to our daughter in May 2007 and wish to express my deepest gratitude to the hospital staff for the outstanding level of service provided by the Maternity Ward. I was impressed by the wide spectrum of services offered by the Ward and by the professionalism and dedication of the Mareeba Hospital midwives. Firstly, I had one-on-one care by my own midwife from early pregnancy to six weeks after birth. Secondly, my midwife visited me at home on a regular basis and these home visits allowed us to form friendship and trust played an essential role in me feeling safe and conformable during the birthing process. Thirdly, I was encouraged to stay at the hospital until I felt comfortable to go home and was reassured I could always come back and stay overnight at the Maternity Ward if I had problems with my baby or with breastfeeding.

Finally, I'd like to say a sincere thank you to my midwife Gabrielle Williams, also Kuranda local resident, for her personal warmth, great sense of humour, and for her passionate dedication to the community maternity care. I look back at my birthing experience as one of the most important and wonderful moments of my life and would suggest other women to consider the Mareeba Hospital for a safe, healthy and comfortable birth.

Yuliya Brandt Kuranda Springs

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I'm sure that we would all agree that we are very lucky to be surrounded by such a beautiful environment full of native critters of all shapes and sizes.

Unfortunately in the past couple of weeks Batreach has been the recipient of a number of sugar gliders from Kuranda and Speewah that have been attacked by cats. In all cases the mothers were mutilated and died a slow painful death. It is also unfortunate that the young that survived the attack were either

euthanased because they were too young to survive even with care or they died not long after being taken into care.

I also own a cat but feel that I have a responsibility to ensure that she is not outside hunting at night. Night-time is when many small native mammals are active and at risk from cat attacks, particularly the gliders and possums. Cats do adjust quickly to a change in lifestyle. If the meowing becomes annoying (wanting to go outside at night), try temporarily relocating the cat into another part of the house like the laundry until they learn and accept the new pattern of behaviour.

Domestic cats that aren't allowed to roam are also more likely to be healthier and live longer, because they don't get into fights or get injured by vehicles

If it's not possible to keep your cat indoors at all times, you may be able to build or buy an outdoor enclosure. There are a growing number of commercially available products that keep cats confined to a particular part of the house, such as the verandah or garden.

Protect our unique wildlife. If it is not possible to keep your cat indoors at all times then PLEASE KEEP YOUR CAT IN AT NIGHT.

Donna Browning. Cat Owner & Batreach Volunteer

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Two weekly circus sessions are happening at the Amphitheatre - a COMMUNITY CIRCUS training session for all people 11 years and older, on Monday afternoons from 3.30 - 5.30pm, - and a JUGGLE JAM, for all who love a good juggle, on Thursday afternoons, from 3.30 - 5.30pm. Please join us!

Piers Freeman, 0438368117, clown@triskele.com.au

Dear Kuranda Paper,

CAFNEC (Cairns and Far North Environment Centre) is hosting a community forum for Kurandarites on Wednesday evening the 29th of August at the Amphitheatre Under stage (provisional) around the FNQ 2025 Regional Plan.

This Plan will have statutory powers to direct urban growth and development in FNQ, until the year 2025. HAVE YOUR SAY! Which areas do you think should be urbanised and which

do you think should be protected in the Kuranda area? How do you think development in our region could be improved?

The forum will involve some presentations and a facilitated group discussion. Come at 5.45 for a 6pm start. Supper provided. All welcome.
Sarah Rizvi, CAFNEC, 0400493964, HYPERLINK "mailto:project@cafnecc.org.au"project@cafnecc.org.au

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Shame on the thief that took off with the takings from Batreach. This individual would have to be lower than a snake with fallen arches to steal the daily pittance this organisation brings through its doors while it struggles to support the demands of it's ever hungry recuperating wildlife. The work of Pam and her team of dedicated volunteers is demanding enough without having to fork out their own monies to keep their efforts afloat. What a low life stealing from wildlife!

Peter North. Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

In Austria they have been successful in using animal reflectors to prevent injury to deer that cross the road. In Brisbane they are used in the same manner for Australian Wildlife. There reflectors can be obtained from Mr. John Shears at Pine River Shire Council on (07) 3480 6666.

J. M. Byrnes. Kuranda



IMPORTANT NEW DEADLINES THURSDAYS

August 23. September 20
October 18. November 22



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DEADLINES

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Editorial	Thur 23	August
Advertising	Thur 23	August
Classifieds	Thur 23	August
Paper Out	Thur 30	August

ALL Articles TO Kuranda Videos At The BP Complex WE NEED THEM



Kuranda Police Beat

Break & enters (year to date)	22
Stealing offences	24
Wilful damage (including graffiti)	15

These figures are for offences attended by Kuranda police, in & around the Kuranda area which includes Speewah & Koah.

Also bear in mind that 'wilful damage' is a term covering all similar offences (for instance, kicking in a shop window in order to break in to the shop next door is a wilful damage offence, the B&E next door being a separate offence).

I've had a bit of difficulty in compiling my figures this month, due to the roll-out of the Police Service's new computer system, called Q-Prime. Commonly known as (expletive) Q-Prime, because it's new & we like it so much. We can now check out figures or statistics on almost anything. For instance, do you know how many people actually gained entry to houses by climbing (or falling) down chimneys this year? Well, neither do I, but as soon as I sort out (expletive) Q-Prime, I'll be sure to let you know.

Meanwhile, there appear to have been a number of assaults in the village recently. Very basically, an assault is when one person applies or threatens to apply force to another in some way (pushing, punching, raising your fist). But, when someone says "I'm going to smash you, you Q-Prime", then that's a threat, not an assault.

Tricky, eh? That's apparently why we need lawyers. Allegedly. However, if you're in trouble & you want to save yourself a few bucks on the lawyers fee, come in & see us & we'll tell you whether you're guilty or not. Does that help?

So, how do you prevent yourself being involved in such an incident? Well, avoidance is obviously the best option. Why do you think we sit in the police station all day? It's not the fascinating conversation, I can tell you.

Then, there's a strategy called "keeping one's trap shut." If you've got a problem, sunshine, try not to retaliate, but call the police. We prefer you to telephone us, because then we can roll our eyes at the 'phone & sigh without you seeing us do it, whilst saying very quietly, "get a life" or something similar.

Also, we like being physically assaulted, verbally abused & generally disliked. Why do you think so many of us are married? Sorry dear.

Tim THURLOW - Kuranda Police



Wettenhall Watch

I am proud to be a part of a pro-active government that has developed a strategy to address the causes and impacts of Climate Change. This is so important because our tropical region is particularly vulnerable to the impact of climate change. In June, the Premier released a plan for the future entitled Climate Smart 2050 setting out how the government will engage in national and international efforts to establish emissions trading; reduce greenhouse gas emissions by investing in

technological innovation in clean coal and renewable energy sources as well as supporting Queenslanders to lower their emissions and conserve water. Limited copies of the report are available at my office (4038 2800) - which includes history, projections and initiatives while explaining how both government and individuals can become part of the solution.

On June 29, the Dutch replica vessel "Duyfken" arrived at Trinity Wharf in Cairns and Desley Boyle and I enjoyed the opportunity to inspect the cramped quarters on board. The ship will be based in Cairns for the next three years (sheltering in Brisbane during the Cyclone season) following a partnership between the Queensland Government, Cairns City Council and the Cairns Port Authority. I strongly encourage groups and individuals to consider making tour and function bookings to experience the authentic replica which was the first recorded European ship to make landfall in Australia on the Cape York Peninsula in 1606. For tour information or to volunteer on deck, contact 0400 273 897. For more details on the Duyfken, see the website at www.duyfken.com.

Another successful week of events culminated in the annual Cairns NAIDOC Week rally. This year is the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC and the theme "Looking Forward Looking Back" helped us reflect on the struggle for justice and equality by Aboriginal and Islander people; particularly the significant role that so many activists from the north have played. That struggle continues and is fortified with ideas from a committed group of younger leaders in our community.

During July I also unveiled the headstone of the late Billy Jager (1870-1930). The King of the Barron's Billy was known, lived in the Barron River -Freshwater area during the very early days of white settlement and, as was the custom at that time, was recognised for his status and leadership by being given a crescent shaped brass breast plate by the Queensland Government in 1898.

Lost for decades, the breast plate was returned to Yirriganydji elder Jeanette Singleton by two American sisters whose father had won the plate during a World War II poker match. The plate has special significance for Jeanette as Billy was her great grandfather. The breast plate is on show at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park.

Steve Wettenhall MP Member for Barron River

P.S - I am also looking forward to speaking at the Kuranda Envirocare Forum on Climate Change in August.

LIBRARY NEWS



Closer, closer we get to the upgrade of our Library system! Thank you to everyone who was so patient when we closed for a Tuesday this month. The training went well and we are almost feeling ready for the new system to go live... almost! This means some pretty spiffy new features are coming to the Mareeba Shire Library Service.

These features will mean a change in both the OPAC and the way in which we do searches for you. It is expected to be a learning time for staff

and borrowers, and we are happy to spend time to help you explore the OPAC or set up searches. As there are a few features that are quite different to the last system, we do ask you to be a little patient with us in return!

While we're on the topic of new features, a few of you may have noticed the new magazine procedures. All of the magazines we receive through the week now go out on the shelf (above the computers) at 10:00am on Saturday morning. They will stay in the Library with a 'Not for Loan' notice on them for one week. This is your chance to read all of the up-to-date articles before they disappear from the library on a 4 week loan. Throughout this week we would like you to place your reservations so that they can be allocated in order on the following Friday. We can no longer place reservations on titles automatically, and are relying on you to let us know each week which magazines you would like. As always, we are happy to place reservations for you over the phone or when you come in, or you can do it yourself on the Internet from the Mareeba Shire Council Website - <http://www.library.msc.qld.gov.au>

We receive some fantastic magazines and are getting some new titles. If you ask at the desk we have a complete list of the magazines we receive at all of the branches. Remember; you can reserve from the other branches and they come over with a courier. If they are checked in at Mareeba they are usually here the next day!

A quick list of some good reads to sink your teeth into -

Adult Fiction -

- *So He Takes the Dog* by Jonathan Buckley - On a beach in southern England, a dog returns to its owner with a human hand in its mouth: so begins this unforgettable new novel from the author of *Ghost MacIndoe* and *Invisible*.

- *Dark Hearts of Chicago* - by William Horwood and Helen Rappaport - A dark and exciting historical thriller.

- *The Secret of Lost Things* (Sheridan Hay) - Captivating, quirky and based on the letters of Herman Melville. A young woman arrives in Tasmania from New York and is given a job in a vast and rambling emporium of used books.

Young Adult Fiction

- *The Pinhoe Egg* by Diana Wynne Jones - A book about magical misuse and a strange and valuable Pinhoe Egg.

- We also have lots of new Graphic Novels!

Junior Fiction

- *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick - A book to encourage the imagination of young readers. A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key and a mechanical man form the backbone of this intricate, tender and spellbinding mystery.

Whether you borrow these or come in to explore, and find some reads of your own, the library is full of unexpected treasures. The old adage is true; you can sail to other countries, travel through time or save the world... all in a good book.

Till next time, Ros and Maddie

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The following vacancy is currently available with the

Mareeba Shire Council.

CASUAL JUNIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANT

(KURANDA BRANCH)

A junior position exists for a confident and eager person to work at the Kuranda Branch Library. The successful applicant will have the ability to communicate with customers and computer skills are essential. This position works every second Saturday with some after school/holiday work and junior wages will apply.

Further information can be obtained from

Ms Frances Utzinger on 4030 3996.

TO APPLY: A Position Description for the above vacancy can be obtained through the Council website at www.msc.qld.gov.au or by contacting the Human Resources Coordinator on (07) 4030 3921.

Written applications need to address the Position Requirements included in the Position Description and also state experience and qualifications together with referees. Applications should reach the Human Resources Coordinator, by 5.00pm on Tuesday 7 August 2007.

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Informal Praise (August 26th)

WEDNESDAY

9.30am Holy Communion

**ST SAVIOUR'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL
OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**

Saturday 4th August

6.00pm Sung Eucharist
and Dinner

Sunday 5th August

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Family Eucharist
5.00pm Holy Communion

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Saturday 11th August - 8.30am to 12.30pm

ACTIVITIES

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9.00am until after 12.00pm

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**A Thought for
August**

This month we read from St Luke's Gospel Chapter 11 verse 1 to 13. We are present at the giving of a priceless gift. The disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray, and his reply becomes the prayer for all Christians.

"Father." All through his ministry Jesus pleaded for an intimacy between humanity and God. He was determined to instil in us that genuine faith is far more than worship, far more than upholding a historic tradition, and far more than belief in a set of propositions about the nature of the universe and the meaning of human life. It encompasses all these things but it is more. For Jesus it is above all else having a personal relationship with God. Jesus felt that this relationship was so intimate that he encouraged those around him to

use an extraordinarily familiar word for God. That word is, in Jesus' language, Abba. We can get some idea how startling this was to his listeners when we realize that the English equivalents are terms such as Pop and Dad!

"Hallowed be your name." Jesus saw that such familiarity deepened God's majesty for us, not diminished it. To believe in God is to become aware of the quality we call holiness or "hallowedness." To believe in God as holy is to believe that life is holy. To experience life as holy is to escape the temptation to reduce life to "just" this or "just" that.

"Give us each day our daily bread." With seven simple words Jesus has us express our essential dependence. However great our human achievement may be, the simple truth is that we are dependent on the whole interlocked fabric of

creation.

"Forgive us our sins." This is the only petition in the prayer that is conditional. Being able to forgive goes hand in hand with being able to receive forgiveness. One cannot happen without the other.

"Do not bring us to the time of trial." Another version of this petition says "Do not bring us to the test." Each is a very natural and human prayer which we should never feel guilty about saying. It because was Jesus' prayer in the garden of Gethsemane.

Having given us the gift of this prayer, a pattern for all prayer, Jesus continues in the rest of this passage to emphasize God's generosity.

At his disciples' request Jesus shared a prayer which would become the pattern for all our prayer.

POSSUM CORNER OP SHOP NEWS

First off the Volunteers of Possum Corner extend their most sincere appreciation to all near and far who have kept the Shop going with their wonderful donations of various items since opening day. The Volunteers are so thankful that they are helping the Community out with various items they need at very good prices. Should anyone have any items - small or large - which they have no need for we would welcome them. The cold weather has seen our winter stock get very depleted.

On another note our many wonderful customers know how small our shop is and as we would love to expand with another shed beside the current one we need your help to enable us to apply for a Grant. All this means is a letter from you stating how

we are assisting the Community and more space is urgently needed to allow us to carry more stock in Kuranda at our Shop instead of travelling 20kms to a storage shed which has been very kindly lent to us for our use by Mr. Neville Henderson. Should you wish to assist us in applying for this Grant please Email your letter of support to wright@iig.com.au or post a letter to Possum Corner Op Shop, Box 581, Kuranda. 4881. If we do not have in stock what you require we will endeavour to help you out by taking your name and contact number for when it may be available.

Once again many thanks and please feel free to call in and have a look around and a chat and laugh with our friendly Volunteers who man the shop on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday with the opening time of 9.00am.

racess and beliefs.

Those attending had a fun time, but they also learnt about the virtues of cooperation, mutual respect for each other irrespective of race or background, assistance to one another, courtesy, self-respect and the value of unity and harmony. A concert was held at the end of the camp.

**Gundoye Djinju Camp
Held**

Every 6 months the Baha'i community hosts the Gundoye Djinju Camp for indigenous and other youth. The latest camp was one of the most successful. It was held this time at Tinaroo in late June. Some 125 people attended, including a number of youth from the Kuranda region, assisted by Suzie and Paul Wright. The camp accepts young people of all



THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"Do not allow differences of opinion, or diversity of thought to separate you from your fellow men, or to be the cause of dispute, hatred and strife in your hearts."
"Let your thoughts dwell on your own spiritual development, and close your eyes to the deficiencies of other souls."

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.
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Church**

Wirramoo St.
Sabbath School (all ages) - 9.30 am
Divine Service - 11 am

Services held every Saturday.
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**St Christopher's Catholic
Church
Barang St**

Our Sunday Mass will be held at 6 pm

1st Wednesday of each month
Mass 7.00 pm

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Informal style of
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1st Sunday of the month,
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NEXT SERVICE: 11 am 1st Sunday

Enquiries to Pr. Russell Clark
Phone 4092 1175
& Krishna Buhler 4093 7348



Tax Help: We are starting to get some enquiries regarding our Tax Help program, funded by the Australian Tax Office. KNC will have two trained tax help volunteers available to assist low income earners complete their tax returns. To get more information or check your eligibility, please call or drop into the centre.

Annual General Meeting: Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre will be having an early AGM this year on the 3rd of September 2007. This will precede the Strategic Planning Process in late September, early October. There will be some members of the Management Committee who will not be standing for re-election, including the Treasurer position. As the Centre is entering a time of transition, change and growth, it is extremely important that the Management Committee has members with the necessary skills, experience

and attributes to lead us into this next phase of development. Please contact me for information regarding specific criteria for Management Committee membership.

Rummage Boutique: Donations have been very much appreciated this month. It is a good time of year, heading into the spring season, to off load those things that are cluttering up homes. Donations will continue to be most welcome.

New Premises: We have heard from the Department of Communities that the new building will be ready for us to move into in the week following the 27th July. There were some delays due to rain, however work has progressed well. We are still sourcing information about the history of the building and at this stage, we know most of the residents of the building, just not who built it. The Open Day date is still to be set, however we are anticipating it being in the first week of September. We will need to have a reception and point of sale desk purpose built and are looking for someone to donate timber and/or build it. If you know of someone or are interested, we have a small budget for the project.

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.

Have a warmer month

Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator

Queensland Self Defence & Taekwondo Academy Sports Report



by: Regional Instructor Jeff Dieben IV Dan

Eleven students and blackbelts from Kuranda and surrounding Clubs recently traveled to Currumbundi on the Sunshine Coast to participate in the annual QSDTA Taekwondo training camp. In total, approximately 50 students were present. The camp was named 'Camp Jip Joong' which means 'Concentration'.

The camp was conducted over the full weekend and tuition was delivered by the Founder of the Academy, Sabum Graham Moulden. Friday night was registration night and a trivia quiz was held after the evening meal. This was a great ice-breaker and allowed for the students from FNQ to meet and socialize with students from Brisbane and the Bundaberg areas. Team leaders were responsible for their students being allocated dorms and it was lights out at 9.30 pm.

5 am Saturday morning saw all students up and at it, for a pre-dawn training session on the beach with Regional Instructor Jeff Dieben. A variety of warm-up and stretching activities were conducted on the sand as the sun rose over the ocean. After breakfast it was down to business with Chief Instructor Graham. The first official event was the testing of Brisbane students. Included in the testing were Ben Gilmore (Mareeba) and Greg Santos (B'berg) Both Ben and Greg performed their material to a very high standard and on completion of their examination were awarded their 2nd Dan black belts. Throughout the day students practiced a range of self defence scenarios, participated in hand-eye coordination games and learnt new material. After the evening meal, students were once more brought together in the gym to practice group self defence routines.

Sunday morning, you guessed it, up again at 5 am and Instructor George Findlay (Gin Gin) took the main

group of students to the beach for wake-up exercises. Chief Instructor Graham took the IV Dan instructors Anthony, Kris, Jackson, and Jeff on a rigorous conditioning and forging session prior to breakfast. This included weight training using concrete blocks, balance beam activities, knuckle conditioning on the footpath and to finalize the session, icy cold showers outdoors.

The teams all practiced their own individual self defence scenarios in between structured activities throughout the day and after lunch, it was competition time. Here each team presented a demonstration of practical self defence involving multiple attacks. Each scenario was judged on realism, practicality and flow. Mr Moulden reminded all that he was not interested in seeing movie stunts, just realistic situations that demonstrated simple, yet effective self defence techniques.

After the presentation of prizes and awards, it was time to pack up and say our goodbyes. Next years camp has been scheduled for September and QSDTA North Qld will host the event. We look forward to having our own students attending as well as inviting students from throughout the State.

People interested in learning Taekwondo and Self Defence are invited to attend class at the Kuranda CWA hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm. For enquiries phone Jeff Dieben on 40938 682 or check out the web site;

www.queensland-selfdefence.com.au



Ben spars with Nathan for his 2nd Dan Test



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Garden Jottings

by Alectura

Things to consider this month:

August 2007. The recent cold snap reminds us that every so often, things can get a bit chilly here. In the early 1900s, frosts destroyed the thriving coffee plantations in the Kuranda area, so damage to your plants gives a clear indication of their hailing from generally more tropical climates. Established trees, both fruiting and flowering should come back from dormant buds. And it is best probably not to trim as forced new growth may again be burnt if colder weather returns.

Some of the softer tissueed ornamentals, without underground storage organs may be lost. If however there is still some stem, maybe cover with loose mulch or pot up in a sheltered spot, removing any soft mushy tissue in the hope that the plant will come back. Some heliconias and gingers have suffered but these should return with warmer and longer days.

Plant of the month: Aglaonema (Araceae)- "Chinese Evergreen" is a large family of over 60 ornamental species hailing from SE Asia, from southern China through to New Guinea and the Phillipines. With their durable foliage in different shapes and colours through various greens, golds, silvers and pewter, dazzling arrays of stripes, chevrons, spots and stipplings, these plants make essential plantings for the understorey of any tropical garden

Generally growing to less than 1m and clumping readily, aglaonemas are of the easiest cultivation and while enjoying good conditions they are fairly drought tolerant. Dappled to shaded situations suit them fine. Propagation is from stem cutting taken in the warmer months and cuts of hardier species may be planted directly.

Often confused with the Diffenbachias which come from South America and on quick examination are similar in leaf and growth habit, aglaonemas are less leggy and clump more readily, generally proving a hardier garden plant.

Given the wide variety of species and the ongoing introduction of new hybrid plants, aglaonemas are definitely worth collecting. An exciting range of brightly coloured hybrids from Thailand is slowly entering the market. However while highly desirable, the jury is still out on their colour fastness. While cold conditions may see some damage to foliage, most aglaonemas will come back, however with the Thai hybrids, as their parentage contains one or more tender species, their general hardiness is more questionable.

Native: Asplenium nidus (Polypodiaceae) - "The bird's nest fern". Hard to credit this giant is a fern but the spores apparent on fertile fronds gives this away. Found in an arc southwards from Japan through to northern Australia, these magnificent large growing plants are generally of easy cultivation either in well drained positions or grown in tree forks. Jumrum Walk sees any number of small plants from spore growing on trees by the track while below the Weir several old plants shows the size to which their "nests" can grow. With several different forms available, Asplenium nidus make elegant punctuation in shaded positions. Note that removal of plants from State Forests and protected areas is an offence.

Q. & A. *Dear Jo,* Welcome to gardening in Kuranda. Those "bomb craters" are probably visits from the orange footed scrub fowl (*Megapodius reinwardt* - Latin for Reinwardt's BIG foot) as bandicoots are much more restrained in their excavations. With the bush turkeys starting their annual ritual of territorial posturing prior to nest building, you ain't seen nothing yet as the bush turkey (*Alectura lathami*) will take your whole garden and even you if you stand still for its mound. I would definitely recommend discreet fencing before you purchase plants and mulch. Not recommended are chanting, burning turkey feathers in sacred fires or other dubious esoteric practices - this way madness lies!. Banned also is shooting so get wise! Fence or give up gardening.

Dear Allan, Orchids generally do well in the area either potted or mounted and a fine display can be achieved with a little effort and relatively small outlay. The secret is to carefully study their origin and needs and seek to duplicate their natural growing conditions. Attention to watering - some require a definite dry period to set flower - is vital as probably more die from over-watering and poor drainage than any other factor. Remember that most are epiphytic and grow with exposed roots so attention to potting mix is vital.

Bulbophyllums, Oncidiums (Dancing ladies) and many of their vast hybridized family as well as some of the Phalaenopsis group, Vandas and the Cattaleya alliance will all yield suitable subjects for cultivation. I find that I have very little success with any Dendrobium carrying D. Superbum (Cooktown orchid) parentage while many of the Asian dendrobe family do well.

A good reference is *Orchid Growing in the Tropics* by the Orchid Society of South East Asia, held at the Kuranda Library.

Dear Greg, The Agave family hailing from tropical and subtropical area of the Americas provides a plethora of architectural and structural plants. With their large heavy dramatic rosettes in greens, greys and bi-colours, they certainly can create a statement and most are very tough only requiring sun and good drainage. Taking time to achieve flowering, their often tall dramatic flower spikes arising from the centre of the plant are crowned with flowers. On the down side is their often dagger sharp spines with many carrying a ferocious terminal spike.

Careful placement to avoid impaling the kids, pets and unwary visitors is important and thought needs to be given to future weeding demands to avoid eye loss and other injuries. Most species die after flowering with the central rosette suckering and some also produce plantlets on the flowering trunk. Given their fierce armature and, in some species, a propensity to multiply, they are plants to carefully consider before placing and definitely ones not to dump carelessly.

A slow growing and smaller beauty in this family is Agave victoria reginae to 1.5m with only a small tip spine. Interestingly, this agave does not sucker and can only be reproduced by seed hence its relative scarcity and high purchase cost.

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

Interested in gardening?

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This month we meet at 2 pm on Saturday 11th August at

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Kuranda Garden Group

On Saturday 14 July the Kuranda Garden Group enjoyed an afternoon stroll around Heather Dyer's garden in Myola. Heather was delighted that over 20 enthusiastic gardeners wanted to see her garden. We saw her spectacular display of Anthuriums with their white, almost green and brilliant red flowers. Heather is lucky to have a large collection of unusual fruit trees, but she explained that with increasing age she has had to simplify the garden. One of the joys of seeing other people's gardens is how they are all different, whether large or small, grand or simple it is always possible to pick up ideas, which is the reason why the group exists. Many of us were impressed with the way she has grown her bromeliads on the trunk of a large mature bottle palm, where they looked stunning in the afternoon sunlight.

The August meeting will be at Peter North's garden at 5 Weir Road, Kuranda on Saturday 11th. As usual we will start at 2 PM. Again Peter's garden is completely different - he describes his garden as a plant collector's garden with a primary focus on Aroids, one unusual plant tumbling over another.

If you have yet to come to a Garden Group meeting why not give it a try? You will be given a warm welcome, and you just might get an idea for your garden.

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Look for the Schedules/Entry Forms at these locations:

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Co-ord/Sec Carolyn Albanis Phone 4092 1652



Vision FNQ 2025

What do we want FNQ to look like in 20 years time? What is our vision of this area's future?

These are the questions which were addressed in a public forum on 11th July at the TANKS as part of the 2007 emPower Energy Fest. About forty people participated in a lively brainstorming session and together we came up with a wonderful vision of what we would like FNQ to look like by 2025, which was supplied to the FNQ 2025 planners.

We recognised that our local area is highly susceptible to climate change. We risk losing much of our Great barrier reef, much of our World Heritage rainforest, our cloud forests and unique endemic species, and Cairns is likely to turn into the Venice of the tropics unless humanity as a whole can change



fast enough from our presently CO2 intensive and destructive way of life to true sustainability.

It was exciting to realise that we can achieve a less stressful and even higher standard of living by using renewable energies, quiet and non-polluting electric cars and organic farming - and we have all the required knowledge and technologies already. We developed a vision of sustainability and of an FNQ that becomes a model for sustainable living and showcases local and global solutions to the many tourists that come here, so future generations can still enjoy the reef and the rainforest!

If you like this idea, please check out 'Vision FNQ 2025' at www.take-steps.org/empower and add your name as a signatory. Together we can make our politicians take notice and our vision come true!

PS: a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the 2007 emPower Energy Fest a success!

Your emPower team...

NOTE: We will be exhibiting at this year's ENVIROFIESTA, on Saturday 4th. Aug. (See "Envirofiesta" article elsewhere in this Paper)



Geoff (on ladder) & Svargo setting up a water-powered pump at the emPower Fest.

Forest Forum by The Fossils

When one stops and considers, living in Kuranda has much going for it: natural beauty, abundant wildlife, an excellent climate and many amenities, such as its sports club, swimming pool on the drawing board, new neighbourhood centre, great library, excellent school complex, open air theatre, churches and a diversity of clubs and organizations.

Often however the general impression is that Kuranda is somehow hardly done by in regards to its resourcing and service provisions.

Possibly this feeling may be engendered by a seeming lack of consultation and input to change proposals and decisions that affect residents. It is well to remember that most of what we have today was gained by vigorous campaigning and public action.

Behind the scenes, many of the things we take for granted are slowly dying for lack of interest and support. Yes we may be living in a more complex and faster moving society where free time from work and family demands is a shrinking and precious commodity but how do we save what we have?

Let's list the some of the resources that are either moribund or faltering:

- The Sports Complex – tennis club and bowls
- The Amphitheatre and Focus Theatre
- The Arts Co-operative
- The Neighbourhood Centre
- The Kuranda Paper - and no doubt more are struggling.

The major factor in these slow declines is the lack of participation and involvement. Each relies on support of volunteers to keep their doors open and its organisation ticking over. As well, many new comers may see Cairns as their first choice in terms of sporting, social and volunteer commitments. However, unless concerted efforts are made to welcome and encourage newcomers, many of our taken-for granted amenities will slowly wither and fade away.

A quick survey will quickly show that most volunteer ranks are ageing and thinning, often with these volunteers giving commitment to a number of organisations. And yes there is a certain weariness and burnout present.

The recent question of setting up a Resident/rate payers organisation had less than ten persons indicating interest and its establishment is still being considered. Again another organisation that will rely on voluntary commitment of time and energy and probably see the same old faces putting up their hands to carry the load.

Come-on folks!. There is a lot of talent and skills out there – the BIG factors seem to be time and interest. Not much use moaning when things go pear-shape and once vibrant organisations fade away. Get involved now.

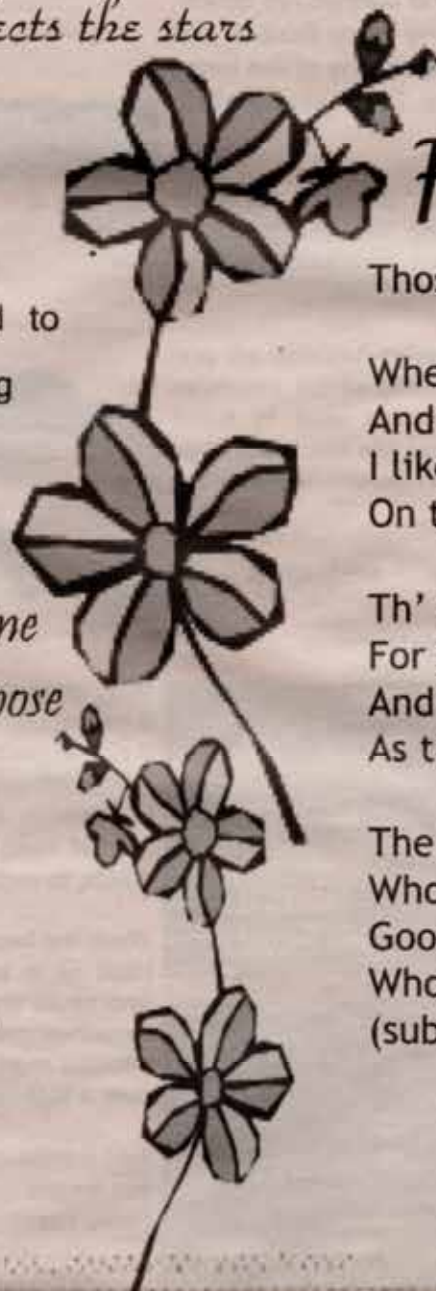
And organisations – go out of your way to make your volunteers welcomed and valued, particularly the newcomer who is possibly testing the water. Kuranda unfortunately can sometimes be a rather cold place and that's not just the weather!

Only a still pool reflects the stars
-Chinese Proverb

A friend to everyone and to nobody is the same thing
-Origin Unknown

Do not choose for anyone what you would not choose for itself.
-Persian proverb

When the mouse laughs at the cat there is no hole around.
-Nigerian Proverb



IT'S NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Those Good Folks by Phil Perkins

When th' evening shadows lengthen
And th' night time settles down,
I like to sit and ponder
On the good folks in our town-

Th' folks who have a moment
For th' children at their play,
And wave a cheery greeting
As they pass along th' way.

The kind of worthy people
Who would always be your friend,
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(submitted by Joanie.)



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Experience of Satori

By Colin Jeanes



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meditation with light headaches which I knew would only last 3 days. They disappeared on the 3rd day. My mind was full of thoughts I had never heard or read about and after 15 years they are now starting to unravel. Revelations of many things about how and why we are here. The importance of what we are to do, and by our learning and earnings where our potential and ultimate goal can take us in the future.

I will reveal the sights in the following issues. Love all.

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Several of these oils are now imported. For those interested in making their own herbal oil combinations, what follows are descriptions on how to make oils using traditional methods.

Methods of preparation-Sesame oil and ghee are most commonly used where extensive healing is needed as they are slow to break down. Coconut and sunflower oils are used when one is wanting to prepare an oil with less heating qualities.

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6 tomatoes, skinned, seeded and chopped
1 small fresh hot red pepper, finely chopped (remove seeds, to reduce heat)

Wash the beans and drain carefully. Reserve. Heat oil in large frying pan. Add garlic and onion, and sauté until vegetables are transparent. Add the tomatoes and pepper and continue to sauté for 1-2 minutes more. Finally add the green beans, and stir over a high heat for 3 minutes.

Add 8 tablespoons water and simmer until beans are just tender. Serve hot.

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It devoured her completely,
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She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Google
My searches to refine,
The reply from him was negative,
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So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me.

This is a tribute to all the Grandmas who have been fearless and learned to use the Computer. They are the greatest!!!

Rainforest Shakespeare

I'll give thee fairies to attend on thee,
Kuranda's livery of the burnish'd sun,
When thou art all the better part of me,
No more be grieved at that which thou hast done.

In that same place thou hast appointed me,
To shallow rivers, to whose falls,
Melodious birds sing madrigals,
Seem'd Kuranda as a paradise to me,

Merrily, merrily shall I live now,
When the sun shines let foolish gnats make sport,
Under the blossom that hangs on the bough,
And so to study, three years is but short.

Upon thyself thy beauty's legacy,
The air breathes upon us here most sweetly,
White-handed mistress, one sweet word with thee,
Ay, madam, so you stumble not unheedfully.

Through bush, through briar,
Away before me to sweet beds of flowers,
I do wander everywhere,
Love-thoughts lie rich when canopied with bowers.

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day,
Without this, folly, age and cold decay,
Thou art more lovely and more temperate,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.

To those fresh morning drops upon the rose,
The night of dew that on my cheeks down flows,
And thou shalt live in this fair world behind,
Honour'd, beloved; and happily one as kind,
I am a gentleman of Kuranda Sir.
I take my leave of you, good Sir,
But parting is such sweet sorrow,
That I shall say "see ya" till it be the morrow."

Graham

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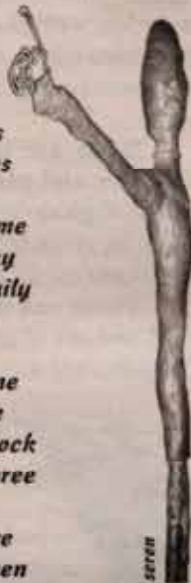


*We're a weird mob
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but shun the urban cultures*

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and our rail is in the sky
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*The people who live here
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A **symbol** is clearly linked in function to a sign and the two words are often used interchangeably but the symbol is something that through its nature or appearance reflects or represents something more profound than itself. A fire, for instance, may symbolise the flames of the sun. But the subjects which have preoccupied mankind from the earliest times have remained relatively constant: fertility, both the soil and the human race, birth, life and death.

Many of the ancient gods live on in our imagination, our music, poetry and art.

Today artists still pay tribute to Venus, the universal symbol of feminine beauty, and to Cupid's arrow piercing a lover's heart.

In every part of the world, at some time or other, there has been a belief that everything in nature possesses a soul or spirit. The spirits of the trees, mountains, crops, rivers and rocks are honoured so that man and nature can exist in harmony. Ancestral spirits, too, are central to the beliefs of many people. They may appear on the prow of a boat, or a shield, a spear or helmet. The natural world provides a vast and rich store of potential symbols. The sun, moon and stars are widely seen as symbolic, affecting every aspect of our lives. Plants and flowers have diverse meanings from 'flowers of love' to 'fruits of fertility' and animals too have particular associations linked to their characteristics and cultural importance.

Flower motifs adorn pottery and paintings and are used to decorate everything from fabric to furniture. The lotus, the most ancient symbol to appear in Asian art, known as 'the flower of perfection' symbolises both creation and purity. Shells share water's symbolic associations.

The snake or serpent is probably the most widely revered of all creatures. The serpent symbol is widespread in agricultural societies where it is used to represent the fertility of the soil. A serpent coiled around a rod is both the emblem and symbol of Aesculapius, the Roman god of medicine. The association of healing comes from the snake's shedding of the skin, making it a symbol of renewal and regeneration. Snakes feature prominently in much Aboriginal art. Australian aboriginals feel at

FOCUS Theatre News

This Winter has had its toll with our small group, like the rest of the town, 'flu and other winter ills have been prominent. We have been reading plays, trying to find a suitable one to start rehearsing. "The Summer of the Seventeenth Doll" has emerged as one to consider. By the time this has gone to print we will have discussed and read another play, 'An Act of Reason', a four-hander that has some twists and turns.

If you are reading this and you are a Focus member, or if you would like to join

and are already an Amphitheatre member, please call Diana on 40939778, as our membership information is sketchy. A General Meeting will be held on Monday 6th August, at the Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage, 7pm. This will be the first of monthly GM's, the first Monday in every month, hoping that this will improve membership and make it easier for those who can't attend every Monday night as is our usual practice.

Yours in theatre Diana

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The John Butler Trio are

coming back to their favourite venue with another show that is sure to sell out. All tickets are \$50 and selling fast online www.ticketlink.com and locally at Kuranda Videos. Be sure to buy your tickets ASAP to avoid disappointment. Volunteer numbers are strictly limited for this gig. Register your interest at kuranda_amp@bigpond.com but please be advised that those individuals who failed to appear for shifts at recent events will be refused a job. **GREEN TICKETS INFO-** JBT has engaged Climate Friendly™ to give you the option of purchasing a Green Ticket for the OZ Grand National tour. For an extra fee of just 50 cents you can neutralise 0.0227 tonnes (22.7kg) of carbon emissions and make your concert experience carbon neutral. In support of the carbon neutral tour Di Russo has sourced biodegradable packaging for use in the kitchen and bar... thank you Di. Further, please look out for the recycling bags on site at the gig, we aim to reduce waste as much as possible. Please look out for upcoming working bees to prepare the venue for the gig.

Post Script, Nick Mills of 'The House of Falcon' who recently brought us the **Kuranda Roots** festival asked if we could pass on a big thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to the great success of the event. Nick thanked the artists, committee and stall holders for their commitment to the venue and grass roots events of this kind. From our side, the event was a wonderful use of our beautiful venue. Dressed up in her 'dry season best', the Amphitheatre looked beautiful, the weather was perfect, the punters were happy and our financial rewards made the (many) volunteer hours well worth while. Thank you to our workers. We realise that day-long events require an enormous effort and carry some degree of risk, but, we did it! We supported local artists, promoters and small business and got to show off our gorgeous venue to visitors from all over. Thank you everyone.

We wish to welcome the **local circus trainers and performers** who now call the amphitheatre home. We're sure it helps to have a secure place to store heavy equipment. We hope the venue can support your efforts in providing arts opportunities for Kuranda's young people.

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one with nature, and ritual music and art are a visual expression of the spiritual essences of Dreamtime.

Traditionally jewellery is bought as a gift. Its symbolism lies not so much in its form as in what the item represents. Much of our jewellery has ancient origins, a bracelet is essentially a modern version of amuletic jewellery - the charms protect the wearer from harm.

Many symbols and signs are present in the work of the Kuranda Co-operative artists and shown in pottery, glassware, metalwork, embroidery, paintings, burned wood, jewellery and even photography, to name a few. Our artists express their interpretation of ancient symbols and symbols in a modern design.

The Kuranda Arts Co-operative recently had a most enjoyable late Sunday afternoon visit from a bus load of 'Friends of the Cairns Regional Gallery'. It was a pleasure for some of the Co-op's artists to host this visiting group, albeit for such a short time, and have the opportunity to showcase our gallery. There were many 'new friends' who had not visited our gallery before, in fact they had not visited Kuranda before. All our visitors really appreciated the time our artists took to talk about the work and the artists and the 'friends' climbed back on the bus with a greater understanding of the quality and quantity of work the Kuranda Arts Co-operative offers. We thank the organisers for including the Co-op on its arts tour program and we would welcome them back at another time, as a group, or if they are visiting Kuranda individually.

Kuranda Arts Co-operative
Rob Vievers Drive, Kuranda
(look for the flags)

ARE YOU INTO HEALTH? TRY IT



Rotavirus for babies

This is a new immunisation to be given at 2, 4 and 6 months at the same time as other vaccinations. Mums will be happy to know it is not another injection but is given orally much like the old polio vaccine (which is now in combination with the triple antigen) Dose 1 must be given by the end of 12 weeks of age and 3rd dose completed by 32 weeks of age.

Rotavirus is a highly infectious disease which occurs frequently in children under 5yrs old and causes a severe form of gastroenteritis. Approx 10,000 children are hospitalised a year in Australia, of which 2,000 are in Qld. deaths are rare but it can cause severe diarrhoea, vomiting and fever leading to severe dehydration.

What are the risks? you may find reference to the vaccine causing intussusception (a dangerous

bowel condition) - this was suspected in early trials in the USA, but there since has been an extensive trial and monitoring of over 70,000 infants and no increased risk was seen. Of course as always immunisations cannot be given to any child with a fever over 38.5 - wait till they are better and it should be tolerated very well. Having seen a few children with Rotavirus it is very distressing for mum and baby. Further information can be found on the website www.health.qld.gov.au

HPV vaccination for teenage girls

Girls in grade 10, 11 and 12 should have already had their first dose at high school. We are very shortly getting funded supplies for girls 26 and under who have left school to be vaccinated at their GP. Many would have received a letter from us in the last week or so. We are also able to offer this to girls who missed their vaccination day at school. This is the much publicised vaccine developed by Australian scientists to protect against the HPV virus that causes

cervical cancer. HPV is a sexually transmitted virus that may have no symptoms. The idea is to vaccinate girls ideally before they become sexually active. This does not rule out the need for pap smears once sexually active as it cannot guarantee 100% protection from cervical cancer and I trust all women get their 2 yearly paps. This will become a regular vaccine given at 13 together with the hepatitis B vaccine. This is a very expensive vaccine and it is expected the catchup for older women will not be funded for more than a few years.

What are the risks? A slight increase in local re-action and pain at the injection site has been seen and a slighter incidence in fever. (about 1%) It should not be given to anyone with a yeast allergy and if pregnant put off till after delivery.

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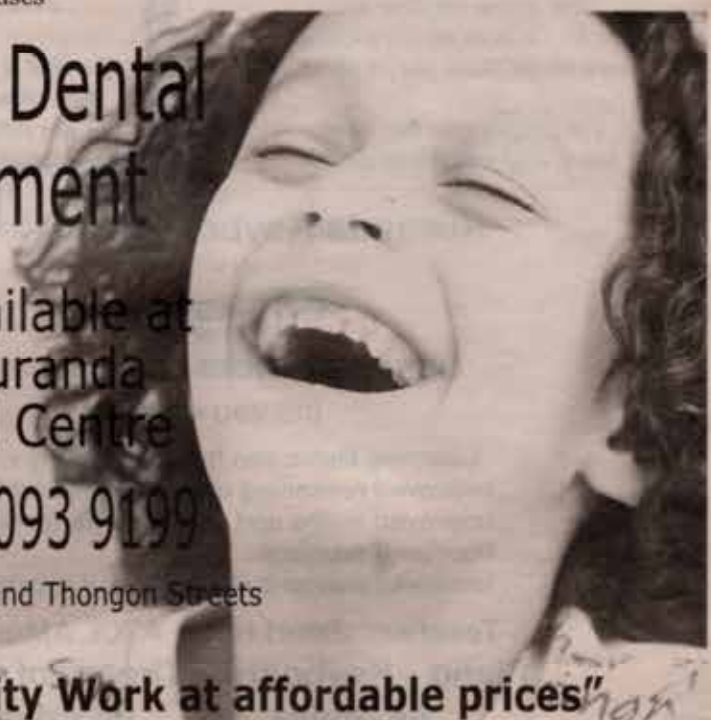
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What's My Whinge?

Being a pom in the FNQ (that's Far North Queensland, not being in the effin' queue, such as at Qld.Transport).

And why is the queue at Qld.Transport so slow?

Maybe they need a pool-car lane. for any people carrying more than one request.

I wonder if the queues in Brisbane - sorry SEQ - are so slow?

Anyway, being a pom, I'm told it is my duty to do some of your whinging for you.

Why can you tell another planeload of Poms have landed at Cairns?

Because the whining sound goes on long after the engines have stopped.

Why do I appear to have come from a notoriously wet England & landed up in just about the wettest place on earth?

Does the rainy season actually have a start & a finish, like the footy season?

And another thing. Rugby is a game played by men with odd shaped balls whereas football is a gentleman's game played with a round ball (but generally played by a bunch of thugs with another bunch of thugs shouting at them from the stands).

And another thing. If a Yorkshire terrier is from Yorkshire & a Staffordshire terrier is from Staffordshire, where is a Shitzu from ? Brisbane? The Gold Coast? Dare I say Innisfail?

And another thing. How can you be so casual all the time? And I don't mean wearing shorts to dinner.

If someone is your best mate, you can apparently describe him as "an absolute bastard."

But if he really is an absolute bastard (like Ivan Milat, say), then you only refer to him as "a bit of a bastard." No wonder the tourists looked stunned all the time.

Mind you, the ones from Melbourne are probably wondering what that big orange shiny thing in the sky is.

And another thing. Exactly what are the parameters for "down the road?" Are we talking Dimbulah, or Darwin? Maybe you could start using "yonder."

"How far is the nearest public house please, my good man?"

"Yonder."

"Thank you. And how far is Darwin, my very good fellow?"

"Yonder."

We shall see.

Senior del Monte

Envirofiesta

- Celebrating Sustainability

Attention: Environment and Entertainment Writers Over 100 emerging local musicians, songwriters, poets, dancers, circus performers, visual artists, fashion designers and models will work together with the Cairns and Far North Environment Centre (CAFNEC) to celebrate living sustainability. Envirofiesta is back again in 2007!

Held this year on **Saturday 4th August** in the gorgeous shady park behind offices of CAFNEC, on the corner of Little St. and Greenslopes St, Edge Hill. The day will be filled with entertainment and inspiration for all ages with 3 music stages, art exhibitions, cottage markets, inspirational films and displays, roving characters, workshops, speakers, and a whole area devoted to the little people, filled with circus, craft and more to ensure a fun day out.

Envirofiesta is a favorite event in the Cairns year bringing many sections of this multi cultural community together to champion the cause of being aware of our environment.

Dozens of locals volunteer their time and many skills to make Envirofiesta the great day it is. Through sharing their creativity or by taking time to help in the multitude of tasks required to produce a festival this size, these volunteers produce an event valued by an ever growing community of the environmentally conscious.

Envirofiesta is also seeking businesses that wish to become involved in this event and show their wares to the growing market of green-minded consumers. There are many opportunities for local businesses to become involved in Envirofiesta including stalls sponsorship, or even take part in our eco-business expo.

Many of us out there are wondering how we can be part of the solution to our environmental problems and Envirofiesta provides a great place to start. Envirofiesta will provide you with access to information that will help you make your own informed decisions and inspire you with the experience of being immersed in a world of creativity that is celebrating a mutual love for the natural environment.

For information on how to get involved in this year's event please contact the Envirofiesta crew via The Cairns and Far north Environment Centre via the website or email.

Email: envirofiesta@cafneq.org.au

Website: www.envirofiesta.cafneq.org.au

Photos: www.envirofiesta.cafneq.org.au/media_info.html

For further Comment contact:

Festival Coordinator:

Steve Ryan

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Artistic Director:

Paul Christie

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Seniors' Day Event in KURANDA!

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When: Tuesday August 28th 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Where: Ngoonbi Farm, Kuranda Highway (opp Kuranda Resort & Spa)

Cost: **Free!** Morning tea & Lunch provided.

Event Details:

- ◆ Theme: Hanging together!
- ◆ Cultural, Artistic and Craft contributions from Kuranda HACC Group; CWA; Women's Group
- ◆ Cassowary Kids Circus
- ◆ Blackrobats
- ◆ Short talks and presentations re health, exercise, fall prevention
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Day 2 - Saturday Sept 1

- Photography & Art Exhibition and Competition
- Entries to Art Co-op by 12 noon Fri 31 Aug
- Call Terry Eager 4093 7492, 0493 844482
- Poets' Breakfast
- 9:00am Queen Bee Cafe (formerly Honey House)
- Call David Jones 4093 8882 or Di Russo 4093 8761
- Songwriters' Competition
- 11:00am Billy's Garden Bar
- Call Debra Woods 0416 398893
- Kuranda Idol - sponsored by Foodworks
- Winners selected from Party in the Park stage.
- Call Colinda 4093 7260
- Spring Hat Competition - sponsored by Just Gorgeous
- 2 categories: Simply Gorgeous & Wonderfully Weird
- Two \$50 prize vouchers. Call Jill Melody 4093 7508
- Street Stalls & Buskers - 10am to 3pm
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Day 3 - Sunday Sept 2

- Battle of the Barron - sponsors: Rotary & Stanwell Corp.
- 10am Barron River Esplanade, Lions Barbeque
- Races: raft, tyre tube, canoe, anything (no motors)
- Treasure Hunt (Rogaine)
- 10:30am start, collect clues around Kuranda
- start & finish at the "Battle of the Barron"
- call Jeff Dieben 4093 8682

Road closures on Saturday 1st. September 2007

Coondoo St between Therwine and Thongon Sts. closed 9am-5pm.
All Coondoo St, Rob Veivers Drv between BP and Thoree St.
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The Kuranda Spring Festival

is a project of the Kuranda Festivals Association Inc. 2007 organising committee:
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HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CRISIS TO BE TACKLED AT LABOR ROUND TABLE IN CAIRNS

Wayne Swan, Federal Labor Shadow Treasurer, is visiting Cairns to meet with housing industry representatives to discuss the crisis in housing affordability in the lead-up to a National Summit on Housing Affordability being convened by Kevin Rudd later this month.

"Many families are struggling to make the great Australian dream a reality," said Jim Turnour. "Home ownership has now slipped beyond the reach of many far northern families with housing less affordable now than at any time in Australia's history," Mr Turnour said. "A decade ago, the average home cost about four times the average annual wage. Today, the average home costs seven years of average annual wages." New Census data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows interest rate hikes under John Howard are taking their toll on families with mortgages, in Leichhardt. "Recent census data has found that the number of households in mortgage stress – that is, paying more than 30 per cent of their gross income in mortgage repayments – has exploded in Leichhardt.

3481 households with a mortgage were struggling with their monthly repayment in 2006 up from 2176 in 2001. This represents a whopping 25.8 % of households with a mortgage all suffering mortgage stress. The round table will canvass a number of initiatives to help families in the Far North reduce their mortgage burden and help those not in the property market to save for their first home.

Those initiatives are released in Kevin Rudd's *New Directions Paper on Housing Affordability*.

Mr Turnour said one of the greatest challenges facing potential first home buyers in Cairns was saving a deposit. "One of the new initiatives which will be discussed at the round table are options for new home deposit savings accounts," Mr Turnour said. "Contributions could be made from pre-tax dollars and earnings could be taxed at a low nominal rate, just like superannuation nest eggs." "It's time there was some real national leadership on housing affordability - that's exactly what you are getting from Kevin Rudd," Mr Turnour said.

Jim and Tonia Evans from The Hub in Chillagoe is pictured with the latest asset topromotional efforts that highlight Chillagoe and The Hub to visitors.




Putting Chillagoe on the Tourist Map

When people think of Chillagoe, they usually conjure images of historical sites, limestone outcrops, world class caves, age old reefs, true blue country hospitality and Jim and Tonia Evans at The Hub.

For over five years, this hard working proud Chillagoe couple have been operating The Hub Visitors Centre right in the historic mining town's main street and have met literally thousands of Australian and International visitors and catered for their needs in accommodation, tour bookings and general information. Jim first moved to Chillagoe 35 years ago while Tonia has been a proud Chillagoe resident for 18 years. Their enthusiasm for their home town and its unique surrounds knows no bounds. . . particularly when they travel to Southern capitals to promote Chillagoe and the Far North as a preferred tourist destination at various tourist and camping shows, year in, year out.

Visitors to The Hub can also see a totally unique display of how Chillagoe and the surrounding region was formed, tracking progress from millions of years ago to the present day, through a dioramic display that utilises the latest in technology. This is a welcome further step towards creating accent on Chillagoe and we would welcome any enquiries. I guess you could really say that we are putting Chillagoe well and truly on the map as a tourism destination and a welcome retreat for locals and other Far Northerners.



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From April'06 to Sept'06 the average index went from 100 to 103 which was reasonable but then reached 110 by April'07 which made it 6% above Inflation & it is still approx.double that this month

PETROL PRICE COMPARISON (Unleaded)

Summary		Submitted by "The Bowser Browser"				
End Mth	July'07	Price Barometer	"Still too high"	10%	above Inflat.	
See below for details		Action:	Send to MP	Correct Price	115.4cents	
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/Litre	Avrge Pump Price	Mark Up	Index
June'07 4	67.78	0.8482	42.06cents	126.6cents	3.01	119.41
July'07 1	71.11	0.8579	43.63cents	126.9cents	2.91	115.43
2	72.8	0.8643	44.33cents	126.6cents	2.85	113.29
3	74.03	0.876	44.49cents	127.2cents	2.86	113.48
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	July'07	10%	
Index Avge	July'07	115	Should be	105**	** Index 100+4%+added	
SOURCES (Cairns Post Thursday edition)						
OIL----- "Commodities" London price						
RATE EXCHANGE---- Exchange Rates "Buy"						
Service Stations advertised prices---- Caltex Smithfield, Shell Smithfield, Shell Kuranda						

News from the Friends of Welcome Pocket.

A warm welcome to all those who have supported the efforts of the Friends of Welcome Pocket in their endeavours to raise funds to enable the building of an aged and welfare facility for the residents of Kuranda and the wider community.

At this point I would like to dispel some myths, and stress that these projected facilities, although desperately needed by Kuranda folk and inspired by these same people, are intended for the wider community at large. So, to all those other Mareeba Shire residents; you are indeed, not forgotten.

Now, no doubt you would like to know how we are going. Our little opportunity shop (Possum Corner) at the rear of St Saviour's church in Kuranda, is coming along splendidly. We are getting wonderful support from the locals both with their purchases and the welcome gifts of saleable items. Many 'thank you's' to you all. Currently we are finding that we do not have enough room so hope to apply for a grant in order to increase our storage space.

Our dedicated group of volunteers and the ongoing support of Father Chris, keep the shop running on four days each week. We have a lot of laughs and enjoy the friendly banter with each other and our customers, all in the spirit of joy, giving and sharing. So far, since our inception last year we have raised approximately \$15,000. From small beginning, big things grow! To add to this we will be having a Father's Day raffle. Please buy tickets for our choice of donated gifts. Even better if you can offer an extra prize suitable for a male, we would more than gratefully accept.

Also look out for us on the St Saviour stall at the Kuranda Spring Fair.....coming soon. Until next month.

A Friend of Welcome Pocket

Djurri Dadagal Art Enterprises Reclaims Local Indigenous Art and Cultural Products!

Djurri Dadagal Art Enterprises opening times are Sunday to Friday.

As many have watched with interest, the old 'New to You' shop has undergone a transformation! After an extensive period of renovation the doors have opened with an official opening on July 19th of a truly local Indigenous art gallery. This is a landmark for Kuranda and especially the Indigenous community as Glenis Grogan and Coralie Wason have established the first privately owned Indigenous business in the main street of Kuranda.

Glenis and Coralie believe passionately in building the economic viability of the local community through art and have invested strongly in buying artwork outright from their 30 strong and growing number of local Kuranda artists. This number does not include the fabric and textile artists of Ngoonbi Home and Community Care program whose clients have designed and handcrafted material work that is now on display in the gallery. The overall aim is to raise the level of cultural pride and identity in the local community and to create increased Indigenous employment and further training opportunities.

So what does Djurri Dadagal mean? It means 'sharp bone' and represents the spur of the platypus or Ngunbay which is the name of Kuranda, home to the platypus. This is where the name Ngoonbi came from. The platypus spur is used for mating, defence and aggression. The platypus became nearly extinct in the Barron River after the introduction of crocodiles. Thus the platypus spur becomes a symbol that represents the quest to reclaim our local Djabugay and other Aboriginal cultural products in the highly commercialised present day reality of Kuranda. Ngunbay Djurri Dadagal products are now available for the discerning visitor or buyer in Kuranda.

To be continued September paper...

Glenis Grogan



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ROTARY NEWS



Chris Adams exchanging club flags

The 12th July was an important night as we had a Rotarian visit from Chris Adams from the Rotary Club of Cooma, New South Wales. Chris exchanged his club flag with us, and impressed with his talk regarding his club's involvement with Rotary International, and the Youth Exchange programme. His daughter is at present on an exchange in France, and enjoying every minute. This programme is invaluable to Australian youth as it opens their eyes to other cultures and expands their language skills.

Valarie J. Birchall

Induction of new member Chris Capra



We now have a new President in Lynn Starkey-Neate and Diarmuid Houston as Treasurer.

We were very honoured and pleased to add another new member to our club. Chris Capra the Principal of Kuranda and District State College was inducted on the 12th July. Chris is no stranger to Rotary and we look forward to a long and enjoyable association with him.

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MAXIMISING YOUR DEDUCTIONS

I am sure we are all aware that when preparing our tax returns we need to maximise our deductions in order to maximise our refund. This week I will concentrate on a few deductions that I find people are not always aware of.

*SUN PROTECTION FOR OUTDOOR WORKERS

You may be able to claim the cost of sunglasses, sunhats and sunscreen lotions - if the nature of your work requires you to work in the sun for all or part of the day and you use these items to protect yourself from the sun at work.

*INSURANCE PREMIUMS

You can claim the cost of premiums you paid for insurance against the loss of your income. This includes income protection, sickness and accident insurance premiums.

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There are four methods you can use to claim work-related car expenses. The cents per kilometre method is the most common. Generally, you cannot claim trips between home and work unless you had to carry bulky tools or equipment that you used for work and could not leave at work. The most common trips you can claim are to:

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- travel from your normal workplace to an alternative workplace.
- directly travel between two separate places of employment.

You can claim up to a maximum of 5000km per car. The amount claimed ranges from 58 cents to 70 cents per kilometre depending on the size of your car's engine. You do not need written evidence but you may need to be able to show how you worked out your work-related kilometres.

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Climate change forum a chance to question our aspiring Federal candidates

John Rainbird, CAFNEC co-ordinator will give a short Climate change presentation on Wed 1 August. Our aspiring local Federal candidates will be invited to explain their party's climate change and energy policies, followed by an opportunity for you to ask questions. To be sure your questions will be answered, please email them in advance to secretary@envirocare.org.au

Time and venue: 1 August, 7pm, Sports and Social Club, Fallon Road

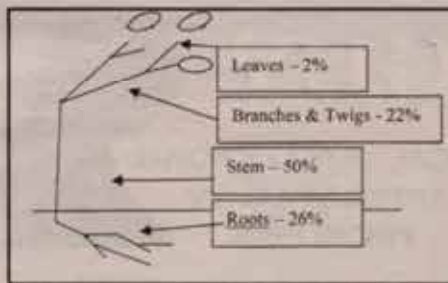
Roots Corner

There is currently much talk about carbon trading so this is a good time to look at carbon content and distribution in trees. As a general rule of thumb, carbon constitutes about 50% of the dry biomass of a tree. The attached tree diagram shows the distribution of biomass in a tree.

Because roots are unseen, their importance is often underestimated. By 375 million years ago, root-like structures were penetrating a metre into the ground. This greatly increased the weathering of the soil and this made a major contribution to the reduction of atmospheric CO₂ by chemical reactions of CO₂ with soil minerals. (10 fold reduction)

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"There are two lasting bequests we can give to our children: one is roots, the other is wings."



Identifying rainforest plants – plant id. walk

The walkway between Kuranda lights and Kuranda resort, which was planted over 12 years ago by the original Kuranda landcare group, has more than 50 specimens of common and hardy rainforest species.

Trees have been numbered and a self teach brochure will be available from the Kuranda Resort, the Kuranda Information centre, Kuranda library and Kuranda Envirocare from 6 August.

10,000 seedlings

Many thanks to those who have returned or offered pots and wire baskets and provided seeds. We've been running short of pots as we build up our stock of seedlings for the next wet – some 10,000 have been potted on since January. We have a few species suitable for suburban gardens to attract butterfly and birds and of course serious revegetation seedlings we have plenty of. Come and browse around.

Cassowaries on the move

It has been a lean time for seed and fruit over several months but cassowaries are on the move again as fruit and seed begin to fall. For those of you who missed Peter Latch's excellent talk on cassowary studies and his scat DNA project, there's still an opportunity to become informed and involved in a project proposal including a community survey, cassowary tracks logging and scat collection project. Please contact 40 93 9926 for more details or to register your interest in being involved.

Landcare Tree Planting bees 28th July, 11th & 25th August

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"Hi, Jake and Sasha. I'm Felix. A bunch of us are on our way to Lake Barrine to do a spot of fishing. Wanna come along - Alfie said you might?"

"Yes" cried Jake. "We'd love to come. Thank you, Felix!"

Jake and Sasha hurriedly gulped down the last of their cheesy jaffles and ran outside to find a gaggle of pelicans waiting for them, rattling their beaks in welcome.

One pelican waddled over to Sasha holding its beak wide in open invitation. In one leap, Sasha was curled inside the soft, lower pouch. The rest of the pelicans ran towards Jake, clumsily flapping their wings. As they lifted up into the air, one beak collected Jake's shoelaces, and another the back of his shirt.

The pelicans flew high and ever higher up into the blue, blue sky. Jake and Sasha watched as their house shrunk into a tiny, red blob, the river into a skinny, silver ribbon. Far below, Kuranda village was just a small patch of colours glinting in the bright sunshine, nestled among dark green hills.

On and on the pelicans flew until Lake Barrine became visible far beneath them - a sparkling blue, almost perfect circle. The pelicans descended in a slow spiral and swooped low over the water.

Suddenly, a great, black hairy head lunged up at them from under the lake's surface. With a frantic flapping of wings, the pelicans hastily backed up into the air; Jake was momentarily forgotten and dropped. There was a triumphant shriek, then the head split open into a gaping maw, vilely reeking of rotten fish.

Screaming in horror, Jake hurtled helplessly downwards into the glistening, red abyss. It was almost too late when the beast gave a startled squeak, the maw slammed shut with a thunderous crash - Jake harmlessly skidded off soft hair and splashed into the lake.

Two pelicans dived down and seized him up to hover high above the lake with the others. Looking down from their high vantage point, they could now see that the great head had six, glittery eyes. The head alone was as big as *Possum Corner* cottage. Whatever this beast was, it was absolutely huge!

Then the beast screeched, "I am Morag, the very last of the great, hairy spiders. Little man, my spinnerets are terribly tangled. Can you untangle them, please; with your, oh, so clever fingers? I do promise not to eat you."

Jake yelled back, "we'd like to help you, but how can we be sure you won't eat any of us?"

Morag replied with cool, spidery logic, "I need untangling now, and in the future. When my spinnerets are tangled, I can't fish and I go hungry. If I was to eat you today, I would only be hungry again tomorrow."

Jake suspected that if he hadn't been lucky enough to possess fingers, Morag would have

already gleefully eaten him. While he hesitated and pondered, Morag cunningly offered to help the pelicans catch fish afterwards.

The pelicans instantly forgot their fear and landed in a flurry on the grass at the lake's edge. With a delighted squawk, Morag scuttled towards them across the very top of the water. Upon reaching the edge, she spun around, propping her bottom up on to the bank.

Jake could now see all six spinnerets in a sticky, knotted clump. She muttered an embarrassed apology. "I would keep them nice, but I have arthritis in all eight of my legs. On these cold mornings, my legs can't move fast enough to spin before the silk dries into knots - I'm too stiff to untangle myself."

With a deep sigh, Jake sat down and started untangling. As he worked, long, silver threads kept sticking to his hands, further complicating his task. Beside him, Sasha stood stiffly, growling - her tail wedged firmly between her legs. About them, the pelicans clustered and hustled, clattering their beaks in impatience. At long last, all six spinnerets were untangled and the silk rolled freely without catching.

Morag jumped up, screeching, "let's fish - I am so VERY hungry!" She deftly wove a net out of silk, which she then held suspended between her eight, long legs in the shallows. The pelicans chased fish into the net, then scooped them up with their baggy beaks, tossing most into Morag's voracious maw.

And so they fished, gorged and guzzled, and guzzled and gorged until their bellies were round and bulging. Even then, there was still plenty of fish left trapped in the net for Morag to tightly wrap in silk and put aside for another day. Once they had finished fishing, Morag and the pelicans lay contentedly on the grass alongside Jake and Sasha soaking up the very last of the sunshine.

Morag crooned happily "what a simply lovely day this has turned out to be. My spinnerets so nicely untangled and so many, new friends too. It's such a good thing I didn't eat you all... Umm, I mean, it's such a good thing I got to meet you all."

All too soon, the sun was low in the sky - it was time to go home. Jake promised Morag he would return soon to untangle her again, the pelicans hooting in raucous agreement. Jake and Sasha rode home in a hammock Morag had especially weaved for them out of non-stick silk. As they gently swung high in the sky, they gazed up at the thin sliver of moon amidst glowing pink clouds. The air was cool and they snuggled together to stay cosily warm.

On the descent back down to Kuranda, they could see Jake's mother's little yellow car winding home along Myola Road. The pelicans quietly dropped Jake and Sasha off at the bedroom window just as Jake's mother entered the front door and called out to them, "Jake and Sasha - hot pizza for dinner!"

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This is to minimise traffic congestion before and after the John Butler Trio concert

We apologise for any inconvenience to residents.

**IMPORTANT
 NEW DEADLINES
 THURSDAYS**

August 23.
 September 20
 October 18.
 November 22

Across

1. Game is pain in the neck, English team first concludes.
4. Market in reverse?
7. Consistent dress at Kuranda State College.
9. Vehicle associated with runners.
10. Ovens roasts found in - not usually.
11. Police making their rounds in Nissans?.
14. Saint McArthur could shortly make one stiff.
16. Ghost served in the Bottom Pub.
18. First letter?.
22. Make up for a sound.
23. Small beer at local club.
24. Two children from outer space in conservative dress.
25. Religious lady sounds negative.
26. No point when you consume few.

Answers to No.89

A	T	T	E	S	T	F	I	G	H	T
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A	M	U	R	A	A	E	D	D	Y	
L	R	G	A	Y	A					
D	I	N	G	O	S	O	M	M	E	R

Down

1. Dolt at Kuranda Butchery.
2. Identify one to back foolish fellow.
3. Swashbuckling & flying Flynn.
5. Slippery customers at the deli.
6. Salad ingredient right with a kind of food.
8. Heavy words at St.Cristophers.
9. Most direct way between islands.
12. Snake in a handshake, or one's bosom?
13. Unusual to try & find air in .
15. Charge in for tea at the Windmill.
16. Pot ends American uncle's Asian vessel.
17. Light colour in Isle of Man race.
19. Stew Northern salamanders.
20. Kuranda Paper offspring monthly now.
21. Learn pick-ups with old instruments.
22. Shortly a nameless old noun?.

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Kuranda Kryptic Crossword

No. 90

Compiled by John Brooksbank

Community Calendar

Bowls Club AGM Sunday the 11th February 2007 at 2pm at the Sports Club on Fallon Road.

Mondays **Junior Rugby League** 3:30pm Bartley Park Oval adjacent Primary School. 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.
Kuranda Film Society "The White Balloon"/"Wake in Fright" 4.30pm/6.30pm. Contact Cathy 4093 9926 for screening address.

3rd Sunday **Bowls Club Meeting** 1.00pm **Every Mon**
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
Silent sitting/Meditation at the Kuranda Retreat 7.30-8.45 ph. 0428 930 365 no charge

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
Dive Deeper Long Meditation (2hrs) 7-9pm Kuranda Retreat 0428 930 365

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

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 Forrest" 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
Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting at 2.00 pm @ KNC QCWA meeting 12.30 pm starting from May 9th at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda Pool Committee 7.00 pm Neighbourhood Centre 40939594
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
Yoga at the Kuranda Retreat phone Eva on 0427 798 769/ 4093 0413
Biodanza Sports & Social Club 6-8pm. Welcome or phone Catherine 4093 8626.
Kuranda Charity Bowls 7 pm (reg. 6.30 pm)
Ambulance 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road
Garden Group 2 pm Phone Graham or David 4093 9492
Every Sat **Kuranda EnviroCare** 8-9 am. Tree planting bees Ph 4093 9926

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

Kuranda Branch Library Council Office

4-12 Thoree Street
 Phone 4093 9185

OPENING HOURS

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

No Council Services available Saturday
 Council Cashier Closes at 4 pm
 Tuesday,
 Wednesday and Thursday.

Your Rural Fire Brigade Contacts

For Fire Permits etc.

Davies Creek - Lloyd 4093 3181
 Koah - Peter 4093 7006
 Kuranda/Myola - Duncan 4093 7190
 Speewah - John 4093 0211

KURANDA S.E.S. 40939143

In Case of Fire or Other Emergency Please Phone 000

KURANDA TRANSFER STATION OPENING TIMES

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



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Ph 4091 1855

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departs -	Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)				
Ravenshoe	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
6.30am	7.00am	7.30am	7.30am	8.15am	arr
#7.45am	#8.15am	8.45arr / 9.15dep	*9.45am	10.20am	11.15am arr
				2.10pm	2.50pm arr
#2.00pm	#2.30pm	2.50arr / 3.30dep	4.00pm	4.30pm	5.15pm arr

Departs -	Saturday (not Public Holidays)				
Ravenshoe	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
6.30am	7.00am	7.30am	7.30am	8.15am	arr
#7.45am	#8.15am	9.15am	9.45am	10.20am	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	10.15am/11.00dep	#11.15am	#12.00n arr
10.00am	10.35am				
			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	11.15am/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

(Subject to change without notice) * Connect with Chillagoe Bus Service (Mon/Wed/Fri) Ph 40947155 (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 Show please check with drivers/office)

ATHERTON	HEAD OFFICE	6 McConaghie St	4091 1855
ATHERTON	PHILLIPS NEWS	48c Main St	4091 1105
CAIRNS	46 Spence St	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
KURANDA	15 Therwine St	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
MAREEBA	MAREEBA NEWS	125 Byrnes St	4092 1030 (Bus stop is at old Railway Station - behind KFC)

KURANDA - CAIRNS BUS SERVICE



KURANDA SHUTTLE

Ph 0402032085 0417821491

FARE SPECIALS MAY APPLY

LOCALS, VISITORS & BACKPACKERS

Day	Departs	9.00am	#10.00am	11.00am	1.00pm	3.00pm
Mon - Fri	CAIRNS					
Saturday	CAIRNS	9.00am	-	11.00am	1.00pm	-
Sunday	CAIRNS	9.00am	-	11.00am	1.00pm	3.00pm
Public Holidays	CAIRNS	-	-	-	-	-

SMITHFIELD: 10 minutes following Cairns departure

Day	Departs	10.00am	12.15pm	2.00pm	3.45pm	
Sun - Fri	KURANDA	-	10.00am	12.15pm	2.00pm	3.45pm
Saturday	KURANDA	-	10.00am	12.15pm	2.00pm	-
Public Holidays	KURANDA	-	-	-	-	-

BUS STOPS: KURANDA - 15 THERWINE ST
 CAIRNS - STOP "D" CITY MALL
 ALSO HALT at BUS STOPS ALONG SHERIDAN ST
 (# Conducted by Whitecar Coaches) PASSAGE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF SEATS
 KST10_HALF_18-11-05 PLEASE PAY ON BOARD

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

"THE LOCAL BUS"

	MON	TUES	WEDtoFRI	P/HOI. & 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	
**ATHERTON & MAREEBA			1715	(1510 from S/FLD to Koah)
# LIMITED SEATS SCHOOL DAYS				(Mon to Fri School Days only)
JOHN. 0418 772953. A/HRS 40939278				
NO SERVICE XMAS DAY & EASTER FRIDAY				