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11,000 people to move into

Myola!

A public meeting on the 1st October, attended by about 60 people, voted overwhelmingly to reject urban development at Myola. Kuranda Envirocare called the meeting to alert the community to the revised plan to settle up to 11,000

people in Myola, and to gauge the community response to the proposal. Mareeba Shire planning officers were invited to this meeting. As a result of the meeting, Kuranda Envirocare has announced that it will vigorously oppose the Myola Plan. A group of local organisations and individuals has been formed, under the name "Save Myola", to do whatever is possible to have the Myola project overturned.

Representatives from Kuranda Envirocare, Friends of the Earth Kuranda, the Wilderness Society, Kuranda Conservation, emPower, and Cairns and Far North Environment Centre have joined together to make the voice of the Kuranda community heard.



Coming soon to a RAIN FOREST near YOU!

Myola's Newest Resident

Meet Myola's own Treefrog "Litoria myola".



© Conrad Hoskin

Myola's newest resident is the recently named Kuranda Treefrog (Litoria myola), a new species of frog discovered and described by Dr Conrad Hoskin. Dr Hoskin first noticed the different mating call of the new frog when he was doing research for his PhD studies in the Myola area.

The new frog resembles its close relative, the Green-eyed Treefrog, but the males are much smaller and more slender, and their call is faster. It turns out that Myola's newest discovery has been around for some time - possibly as much as 7000 years. It appears to have evolved in the Myola area which already boasts

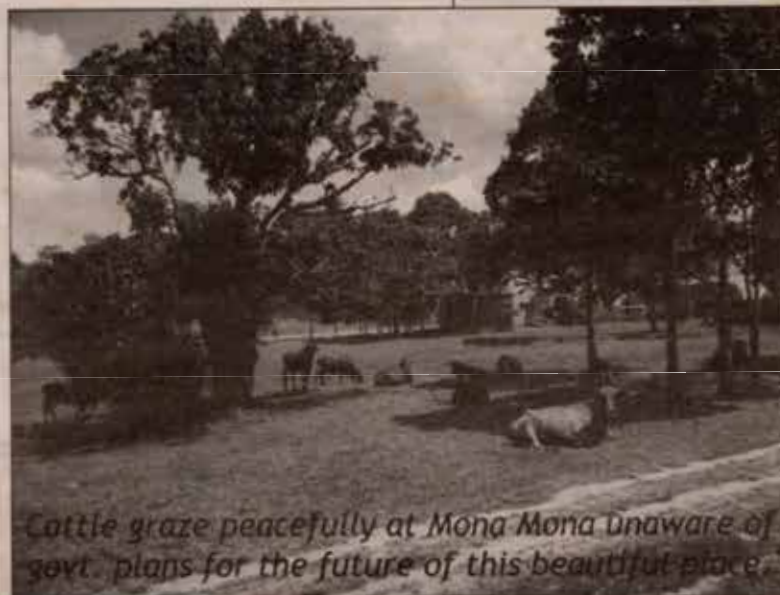
its own endemic species of palm, the Myola Palm. The two live together on Warril Creek.

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A second public meeting was arranged for the 24th October to engage with the political process and to find ways to have the Myola Plan reversed. Local Member Steve Wettenhall was invited to attend the meeting, and the Department of Planning was also invited to send a representative.

Two important opportunities for Kuranda residents to have their say on the future of Myola have emerged, both ending on October 31st. Mareeba Shire Council has put the new plan on public display, and invited submissions from the public. As a result of the submissions received, the Council can decide to proceed with the proposed changes to its planning scheme, amend these changes, or decide not to proceed.

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Cattle graze peacefully at Mona Mona unaware of govt. plans for the future of this beautiful place.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TO BE REMOVED FROM MONA MONA

At a meeting held on Monday Nov. 22 at the Kuranda C.W.A. hall, the Queensland Government revealed it's plan to divert the now \$4 million for housing and infrastructure at MONA MONA, away from that area. Residents and other community members who attended were overwhelmingly against this move, and resolved to remain on their ancestral homeland. It was not clear why the government was doing this against the wishes of the people. One speculation was that the Flaggy Creek dam would be built, flooding Mona Mona to provide water for the proposed new suburbia/city at Myola. A resolution was drafted by the community and given to the Government representatives expressing the views of the traditional community of Mona Mona residents. Will the government listen? We will wait and see...

COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4881

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Dear Kuranda paper,

I've noticed the new arrangement of the paper articles and adverts, grouped into areas of interest. It's much easier to find things when I refer back to the paper to check on articles for venue, dates etc. Well done and I hope it continues.

Cathy Retter

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I am in the process of trying to locate my brother Billy or William Dewar who emigrated to Brisbane over forty years ago before I lost contact with him and his family. The last place that was mentioned to me was Kuranda where he and his family moved to and before that he stayed in Townsville. His family consisted of two girls and three boys with ages ranging from their forties down to their thirties. Their names are Annie Marie, Sean, Robert, Gregor and I have forgotten the youngest girl's name. I would be very grateful if anyone in your town has had any contact with this family and could ask them to contact me on this email address bob.dewar@yahoo.co.uk.

Thank you in advance for any information about the Dewar Family which I hope still lives in your area. I got your email address from Kuranda Information Centre Web Page.

Thanks again. **Bob Dewar**
Perth Scotland

Dear Kuranda Paper,

MANDATE? ... WHAT MANDATE? We are now in the pre election period and being swamped with promises by both major political parties. One promises and the other ups the ante. Leaving aside the "small print" and the question of affordability, we all know who ultimately pays and it's not the government, as governments don't have any money!

After the election, one of the major parties will move into office, that's when we will hear the dreaded word "mandate".

The GST was "mandated" because the Coalition won. Did you put your hand up for a 10% goods and services tax when you voted the Coalition? Not likely.

What the major parties have to realise is that many Australians don't vote for a political party because they

like their policies. If we can believe the research, over 40% of Australians vote for the "least objectionable" party.

Makes voting for an Independent the best option!

Selwyn Johnston

Leichhardt Independent

Dear Kuranda Paper,

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIMES!!!!

In our involvement with the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre visitors, St. Saviours Church congregation and visitors along with various other aspects of the community at large, the word PANTOMIME crops up. Many of you have said how nice it would be to have one of those, to laugh at and enjoy.

For those who don't know about them every Christmas time in England you see a range of Pantos presented, from large theatres in London's West End to the local church hall in any town or village. They are based on well known children's stories like Cinderella, Aladin, Puss in Boots and many more. The principle boy is played by a girl, the Dame is a man dressed up in many various hilarious costumes, the "panto" follows the general story line, but various topical and community pieces are added. Local children's dance schools can also be encouraged for their input.

If this interests you Brenda and I will be on the back veranda at St. Saviours Church from 6.30 till 8.0p.m. Monday and Tuesday nights, the 29th & 30th October, to discuss the possibility of bringing Panto to Kuranda. We will, hopefully, answers any questions you may have and show you pictures of what Panto is all about, if you don't already know. So if YOU would like to be involved come along and we can see what can be done, or phone us on 0419488382. Age groups from 12 years through to 'getting on a bit'. Even if you don't wish to "tread the boards" come along as you can always help out in some respect.

Looking forward to your participation and support.

Brenda & Brian Reeves

Dear Kuranda Paper,

A big cheer from me - oh let's give three cheers to the Kuranda Community Nursery. A few days ago these wonderful people planted some 20 or so native plants on the corner of Coondoo and Barang Streets. I watered and mulched

watered and mulched them and we will all have the pleasure of seeing them flourish at the very entrance to the Rainforest Village. Come next Spring! Heartfelt appreciation for the valuable work of the Kuranda Community Nursery.

Rose Cairns Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

We have recently completed a "Steady Steps" exercise and information programme at the CWA Hall run by Ngoonbi Cooperative Society (Jane and Inyika) and Blue Care (Sonya). This programme aimed to assist older people to maintain an active and independent lifestyle. We had a variety of exercises which you did to your own ability, but certainly could push one out of their comfort zone if so desired. As well, a variety of guest speakers gave talks on such subjects as medications, sight & hearing, nutrition and awareness of potential hazards at home and in the community. Also we had lovely morning tea afterwards!! This was a sociable and friendly course, no-one felt self-conscious or awkward and we all hope that the girls can organize more of the same. We were a range of ages, abilities and disabilities, including people who use walkers, cerebral palsy and sight impairment. The cost was minimal and the proceeds went to Blue Care. If you are interested in doing some exercise and trying to keep the joints, muscles and mind in good nick, please keep an eye on the paper as hopefully a follow-on course is on the cards and will be advertised. There was a HAC bus available. Our group would like to thank the girls very much, Sonya, Jane & Inyika for making the class so enjoyable, we had loads of laughs and learnt a lot.

John, Rhonda, Peter, Bev, Mo, Susan, Christine, Phyllis, Sarah, Adriana

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Two more weasel words have crept into the vocabulary of the Leichhardt party candidates who now advise community groups to compile a 'business plan' so as to access taxpayer funds for public services, such as an upgraded Oncology Unit at the Cairns Base Hospital. Governments are entrusted to provide public services, such as hospital

facilities, and if we have degenerated into a society that must comply with another Government 'regulation' when seeking additional and much needed medical equipment, then why do we elect these party hacks? Far North Queenslanders have 'had a gutful' of the political 'mushroom treatment' from party politicians who do not understand that the Leichhardt electorate is far more politically sophisticated than it was three years ago. Rather than the US 'presidential-style' of electioneering, which has become evident in the 2007 federal election, Leichhardt electors will vote for a local Independent representative as against the party politician who dances to the tune of their multinational benefactors.

Selwyn Johnston

Dear Kuranda Paper,

My husband and I called into the Emerald Creek petrol station today October 9th, where we normally get fuel (usually in excess of \$100.00 each time) and a meal on a fortnightly basis. The manager was talking to one of her customers about stopping in at Kuranda for something to eat and the customer replied that he didn't want to stop in Kuranda. Her remark to him then was that she wouldn't eat in Kuranda either.

Being a long time Kuranda resident I asked her what was wrong with Kuranda. She then denied that she had said anything about Kuranda and promptly walked out the door saying that she needed a smoke.

I am wondering if she tells all her customers not to stop in Kuranda should they be going past.

My husband and I will definitely NOT be using this petrol station and roadhouse again for fuel or a meal. Running down another business community for whatever reason, is highly unprofessional.

Sincerely, Disgusted Kuranda resident, Betty Timmins

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

FOREST FORUM BY THE FOSSILS

Up to your eyeballs with political promises, scares, alarms and more promises. By next edition of the Kuranda Paper, Australians will have determined their governance for another term – so think well, consider carefully and turn out to vote.

Pleased to report that a more local alarm concerning possible cuts in wages to staff in Kuranda allegedly discussed by the Chamber of Commerce is a furphy!

For our size, we certainly pack a wallop. Congratulations to Kuranda District College in taking off the award for the innovative **Families as First Teachers** program. As well, the energy and commitment of the various working parties organising responses to the Myola Planning Scheme and the Housing Initiative being auspiced by the Neighbourhood Centre.

By the way, talk about time and energies, Marg Yandell, Co-ordinator of KNC, deserves a gold medal with her protracted and intricate negotiations with a proliferate of pubic serpents lurking in their various orifices, even necessitating them to revisit all existing Neighbourhood leases. Great going woman but not worth getting more headaches over.

Shame on the persons of dubious intelligence who broke and entered the Kuranda Visitors' Centre making off with computer, cash and even the plastic Cassowary collection box. Not content with their haul, these grubs had to then trash the place. Guess they don't have the brains to realise that their actions, while criminal, also pissed on the hard work of staff and the many volunteers working tirelessly to present Kuranda to visitors from all over the world. Thanks d****heads you've done Kuranda proud!

Kuranda Media Association Inc. AGM

The annual general meeting of the Kuranda Media Association Inc. was held on Saturday 6th October with attendance in excess of 30 people with a dozen apologies. After a brief welcome, the President Joan Dods gave her report highlighting the successful year with circulation now at 2,200 and major expenditures on new office furnishings and upgrades and additions to linked computers and software for Kuranda Paper production. Acknowledgement was made of Genevieve Denny's contribution and best wishes offered on the couple's move. Particular thanks were given to members of the Production Team and in particular to Peter Anderson helping out in emergencies. The constancy of the paper folders was also praised. It was reiterated that the Kuranda Paper, as a community paper operating only with volunteers, depended for its success and life on the community taking responsibility for contributing articles, letters, pics and other material. The ongoing support of loyal advertisers was duly appreciated.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Liane Barrett, the Auditor Sue McArthur attested to the due and proper business management of KMA Inc and presented end of financial year statement.

Zananda Foord presented the Production Team report and Seren Starlight briefly spoke on possible plans to Web the Kuranda Paper and other possible media expansions.

To bring KMA Incs, current constitution into line with changes demanded by reform to the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, it was moved that proposed changes should be tabled at a **general meeting to be held on Saturday 1st December 2007, venue to be advised.**

With the former executive retiring, Bob Madden kindly took the chair and with no other nominations being received the following positions were declared:

- Pesident Joan Dods
- Vice-President Liane Barrett
- Secretary Peter North
- Treasurer Michael Ryan

and with great grace, Sue McArthur again accepted the responsibility for Auditor 2008.

The incoming Executive was congratulated and the new Treasurer Michael Ryan invited to introduce himself. After a vote of thanks to Bob Madden, the meeting was opened to general discussion with a number of persons expressing concerns which were duly noted. In closing the meeting the President again stressed the reliance of the Kuranda paper on contributions from the community and looked forward to an increase in volunteer workers and materials submitted.



It's a sad day when a community service in the village is vandalised and robbed. The Kuranda Visitor Information centre which is manned by volunteers seven days a week, 364 days a year, offering information and support not just to tourists, but also locals, was broken into and trashed, resulting in the theft of office equipment and money. Our cassowary box which raises money for wildlife support and the Batreach box for Pam Tully and her bats were also stolen. Fortunately the thieves should be tracked down as fingerprints were found and also the laptop can be traced....SO WATCH OUT - if anyone is offered (or finds) an ACER laptop, it would be really appreciated if you could drop it back to us.

Cathy Harvey Coordinator Kuranda Visitor Information Centre

Pictured above: The Mess

Aaron James Purcell



7 December 1973 – 15 October 2007

Loving husband of Trish, much loved father of Jiah, Bryson and Dione. Beloved son of Tiri Bebe Johnston and Jack Purcell. Beloved son in law of Barbara and Hans (dec). Loved brother to Antoinette (Toni), Dallas, Keanu, Ellis, Nate, Cael and Martin. Loved brother in law to Thomas and Serena. Much loved uncle to Tairan, Kiara, Chloe and Casey. Adored grandson, nephew, cousin and friend.

*Ka ora tonu koe ki roto i nga ngakau whanau
Aroha mutunga kore
You will live in our hearts forever*

Rest in peace
*Moe Mai i Te Rangimarie
Moe lelei ma ia manuia le Malaga ile lagi*



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QSDTA students from throughout the State were privileged to take part in a Master's seminar conducted by 8th Dan SENIOR MASTER MR ROBERT LAI when he recently visited Cairns. The founder of QSDTA, Mr Graham Moulden 5th Dan also travelled from Thailand to attend, as did Instructors and students from Brisbane and Bundaberg.

FNQ Regional Instructor Mr Jeff Dieben, 4th Dan, was very pleased to host such an event, commending all who took part on their dedication to furthering their knowledge of the art of Taekwondo. Senior Master Lai was an inspiration to Instructors and students of various ranks and ages.

At the completion of the seminar, Senior Master Lai conducted a Dan Grading where Senior Branch Instructor, Marcelle Dieben, was promoted to 4th Dan International Instructor. This testing took place after 6 hours of seminar training and Mrs Dieben was examined in her ability to perform complex patterns, Self Defence, free sparring and destruction techniques. A large component of the exam was focused on Mrs Dieben's ability to recall and explain technical aspects of Taekwondo, and her ability to pass on that information to students. Instructor Marcelle has made history within the Academy as being the first female member to achieve the rank of

4th Dan blackbelt. She has been an inspiration for others to follow.

Planning is underway for the next big event for QSDTA students! A weekend training camp will be held on the Tablelands in September next year.

With holiday season fast approaching, last training dates for 2007 will be 20th December, with classes recommencing 28th January 2008. New members are invited to attend.

Phone 40938682 for details.

Students receiving correction from Master Lai



Kuranda District State College wins at prestigious Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools 2007

Kuranda District State College was named one of eight State Award winners in Education Queensland's prestigious Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools 2007.

Member for Barron River Steve Wettenhall was there to congratulate the school for its win in the awards which recognise and reward state schools for practices that significantly improve students' educational outcomes.

"Kuranda District State College was awarded the Network Ten Showcase Award for the Early Phase of Learning in recognition of its Families as First Teachers program," Mr Wettenhall said. "This school has already earned national acclaim for its remarkable leadership and positive outcomes in Indigenous education and this award further acknowledges those achievements. Families as First Teachers assists families in preparing their young children for school with teachers visiting Indigenous communities and working with parents and older community members. The teachers also work directly with children on learning activities and as a result the school has seen increased school enrolments and improved literacy and numeracy."

Kuranda District State College was presented with the award and a \$20,000 development grant at a Gala Dinner at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Education and Training Minister Rod Welford said the Showcase State Award was the highest award a school could achieve under the Showcase program.

"This award winning program is an excellent example of the type of innovative thinking and progressive work being undertaken in Queensland state schools every day," Mr Welford said. "These schools have worked hard to develop programs that respond to the needs of students and I congratulate the school staff

for their commitment to improving student learning."

The Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools 2007, introduced by the State Government in 2000, are proudly supported by Network Ten, The Commonwealth Bank of Australia, RACQ, Technology One, Media Monitors and Queensland University of Technology.

Kuranda District State College shared the limelight with fellow Showcase Award winners:

Northern Beaches State High School, Sunnybank State High School, Gladstone South State School, Primary Arts Network, Ipswich, Malanda State High School and Ferny Grove State High School.



Pictured: Steve Wettenhall beside Principal Chris Capra, staff and community members of Kuranda District State College.

Election 2007: New leadership for Australia's future

Jim Turnour welcomed the official start to the 2007 federal election campaign.

This election is about the future. And this election is about who can deliver new leadership for Australia's future.

Over the past few months I have been out and about in Leichhardt listening to the views of the community. Their message is simple. Despite a booming economy, the majority of Leichhardt's working families struggle to make ends meet as they face increasing grocery bills, higher petrol prices and huge rents and mortgages. They are worried about job security under John Howard's unfair workplace laws and the lack of affordable housing. It is clear that there is strong mood for change.

After 11 years in power Mr Howard is stale and has lost touch with working families. Kevin Rudd was born in rural Queensland and has raised his family here. As a local he understands the growing population pressures on our infrastructure. As a key member of Kevin's Queensland team I will work with Kevin to develop long term plans for the next 10 years, so we can take decisive action to improve Queensland schools, hospitals, roads and water infrastructure.

Kevin Rudd's plan for the future will deliver:

- An education Revolution by investing in our schools and skilling up the work force and delivering a national broadband network.
- A strong economy that delivers for working families
- Balance & fairness in the workplace by getting rid of the extreme Work Choices laws and abolishing Mr Howard's unfair AWA contracts.
- A national plan to fix our hospitals and provide an extra \$2 billion to take the pressure off hospital emergency departments and provide support to our doctors and nurses
- Practical action on Climate Change to protect both our economy and our children's future.

Our community wants a government that will look after the interests of Leichhardt not its own narrow agenda. Communities in Leichhardt can't afford three more years of a government that has lost touch.

Leichhardt needs new leadership. I look forward to this campaign as an opportunity to highlight a Rudd Government's plans for the future.

Quality in Kuranda's local shops

The outstanding quality that is evident in Kuranda's dining and food outlets has been recognised in The Lonely Planet's latest list of Top 10 Food & Wine Experiences in Australia.

The popular world wide tourist publication has listed Kuranda Candy Kitchen among the Top 10. "This award comes as no surprise to many visitors and locals who enjoy the variety of the wide range of confectionery made right here in Kuranda by Kuranda Candy Kitchen." The overall high standards of dining and other tourist associated outlets in and around Kuranda was well regarded by domestic and international visitors and local residents alike.

It is indeed pleasing to see that those high standards have been recognised and awarded in such a prestigious tourist magazine.

Award recognises community effort

The naming of Kuranda as regional winner of the Bush Spirit Award section of the Ergon Energy Tidy Towns 2007 awards recognises the cohesion and diversity in the community Kuranda Village Promotion Program chairman Fr Chris Wright said.

The annual awards are conducted Australia wide in connection with the Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns program and singles out section winners in a number of categories. While Kuranda's population is truly diverse, it also is true that most residents and business operators share a common focus on quality of lifestyle and environment which is unparalleled in many other centres. This is no more evident than in the way Kuranda residents share their unique environment and lifestyle with hundreds of thousands of visitors from across the globe each and every year.

While this focus and associated activities prevailed, there was little wonder why Kuranda still remained in the top three preferred visitor locations in the Far North. This magnificent community spirit was clearly evident when the town galvanised and worked through the challenges that were presented earlier this year when the regular daily tourist train operations were suspended for a number of months.

Kuranda residents and their associates can be proud of their community spirit which saw them survive those recent challenging times and the award is recognition of their efforts.

Local Transition Committee supports Decentralised Operations

The Tablelands Regional Council Local Transition Committee unanimously support in principle maintaining current service centres and depots in a decentralised model for operations for the new Council. At the meeting on Friday 5 October, the committee reviewed costs and options for Communication and Information Technology platforms, which is critical for the Tablelands Regional Council to be operational following the March 2008 elections.

Chairman Cr Ray Byrnes expressed surprise at the State Government's lack of understanding of such critical infrastructure.

"Appropriate IT infrastructure and communication platforms are essential for a seamless transition for customers dealing with the new regional council. Current funding provided by the State Government will not cover these costs and therefore we will be putting a submission to Treasury for further funds," stated Cr Byrnes.

Committee members will begin understanding the extent of assets and local infrastructure through tours of existing Councils commencing mid October.

The Interim CEO, Ian Church is progressing workplace and transition planning with regular staff meetings and creation of a Project Management Plan to guide the transition process up to and beyond the March elections.

"The workforce of the existing Councils contains a great diversity in skills and experience which will be necessary for the new Council. I'm enjoying meeting the staff across the four Councils and understanding the opportunities that can be created through integrating the workplaces," stated Mr Church.

The Local Transition Committee will meet again on Friday 2 November at 9am in the Atherton Shire Council Boardroom. Meetings are open to the public. Please confirm attendance at meetings by contacting Eacham Shire Council on 40967641.

Tablelands Regional Council Local transition Committee

Website Launched for Tablelands Regional Council Local Transition Committee

A website providing information on all Local Transition Committee activities, committee members and the reform process is now available at www.tablelandsite.qld.gov.au.

Chairman Cr Ray Byrnes emphasised the importance of keeping the community up-to-date in the lead up to the Local Government elections on 15 March 2008.

"Our committee is leading the change process required to integrate the four local Councils of Atherton, Eacham, Herberton and Mareeba Shires. Keeping residents informed about the reform process and the decisions we make is important for community understanding and transparency."

"A website provides an easy way for people to access meeting minutes, electoral boundary information and important news," stated Cr Byrnes.

Other information available on the website includes frequently asked questions, timelines, events and contact information.

Our great democracies still tend to think that a stupid man is more likely to be honest than a clever man and our politicians take advantage of this by pretending to be even more stupid than nature made them. Bertrant Russell in 'New Hopes for a Changing World' 1951.

Political Dictionary

- Absolute** - worthless, e.g. "I give you my absolute commitment."
 - Aid, foreign** - a budget outlay that shrinks each year in inverse proportion to the needs of the Third World.
 - Balanced** - a style of journalism in which your party gets more favourable treatment than the other lot.
 - Declaration** : a boring statement delivered in a loud voice
 - Economist** - someone with less charisma than an accountant
 - Election Campaign** - A frantic attempt to inspire the apathetic with the implausible.
 - Mandate** - alleged authority given by the voters at an election for a politician to do something that was barely mentioned during the campaign.
 - Misinform** - to hold a news conference, issue a press release, etc.
 - Modest** - do not consider a career in politics. See - Humility
 - Nanosecond** - the time it takes a State Premier to run 10 metres to a bucket of Commonwealth money
 - National Debt** - the legacy that will convince our kids that age does not mean wisdom
 - Party** - a club to help amateur busybodies become professionals
 - Question without notice** - a short speech disguised as a question that prompts a long speech disguised as an answer. Also Dorothy Dix, a slow ball bowled by a groveling back bencher to an over-prepared Minister.
 - Rank and file** - courted in every speech, forgotten in every policy.
 - Trade** - a process whereby we give away raw materials and then pay billions for the finished products.
 - Vote** - when the apathetic are forced to choose between the mob screwing them now and the mob who screwed them last time
- Extracts from Political Speak : Paul Lyneham*



Tablelands Regional Council

Local Transition Committee

Reform Process

Following the State Government decision to amalgamate the four Shire Councils of Atherton, Eacham, Herberton and Mareeba into the Tablelands Regional Council as part of its state-wide Local Government Reform program announced in April 2007, the Queensland parliament endorsed the amalgamation recommendation on 10 August 2007. The Tablelands Regional Council Local Transition Committee (LTC) is leading the change process required to integrate these four local Councils in the lead up to Local Government elections on 15 March 2008. The LTC will oversee all aspects of the reform process and the committee membership ensures views of all Councils are appropriately represented in decision making.

Committee Role

Members of the LTC include Councillors from the existing local Councils and Union representatives. All contact with the committee should be through the Chairperson. Key deliverables include:

- Appointment of a chair
- Appointment of the interim Chief Executive Officer
- Approval of an interim executive corporate structure
- Oversight and preparation of a Transition Action Plan - to guide the new council in prioritising decisions, actions and projects.

So far the LTC has conducted three meetings. They have established necessary protocols, appointed a chair - Cr Ray Byrnes and Interim CEO - Ian Church. The LTC is now getting down to the business of preparing and approving a Transition Action Plan to guide the amalgamation, including an interim organisational structure and work towards a common enterprise bargaining agreement.

LTC members are also becoming familiar with regional facilities and infrastructure through tours starting with Eacham Shire on 15 October.

Interim CEO

Ian Church has been appointed Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Tablelands Regional Council. Reporting to the LTC, he will lead a project team to establish the necessary processes, organisational structure and documentation to ensure that the newly elected Council has the appropriate workforce arrangements in place to operate effectively following the March 2008 election.

Open Discussion Focus

The LTC is meeting every month. Meetings alternate between the four council offices and are open to the public. Anyone interested in attending meetings should contact Marian Slyney, on 40967641 to confirm. The next LTC meeting will be held on Friday 2 November 2007 at 9am in the Atherton Shire Council Boardroom.

Funding

Funds currently available from the Department of Local Government and Planning for the operation of the LTC are \$280,000. The Tablelands Regional Council will receive \$500,000 in funding from the State Government following the March 2008 elections.

Cr Ray Byrnes and Ian Church recently attended a Transition Seminar in Brisbane where concerns about costs of implementing amalgamation was a common theme. The Minister for Local Government, Warren Pitt, indicated that he would approach Treasury for additional funding in certain cases where a strong case could be made that the money provided was not enough to meet the reasonable costs of the transition to the new Council.

The LTC will be seeking further funds from the Minister to ensure appropriate Information Technology and Communication platforms are in place for the new Council to operate seamlessly next year.

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Keeping You Informed

A website providing information on all LTC activities, committee members and the reform process is now available at www.tablelandsite.qld.gov.au. Bookmark this site and visit regularly to keep up-to-date on what progress is occurring. Meeting minutes, electoral boundaries and news can also be accessed from this site.

Regular media releases in local newspapers and sessions on talk back radio will also occur to ensure the community is kept up-to-date on LTC activities and progress.

Sponsor Council

Eacham Shire Council will act as sponsor Council on behalf of the four amalgamating Councils. This will include managing a separate cost centre and providing income and expenditure reports to the LTC. Eacham Shire Council will also provide administrative support for the LTC, Chair & Interim CEO.

Who to Contact

Chairperson: Cr Ray Byrnes
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Facts & Figures

The new council will cover 64,999 sq km. The population will be 42,155 people. There will be 26,566 people eligible to vote. Currently a total of 530 employees across the four councils (including casuals and part timers) will transfer across in March.

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KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE 10th. Birthday Bash

Our 10th Birthday Bash this month was a great success. We would like to thank all those members and friends who attended and helped make it such a great event. Our thanks also go to Dave at Kuranda Verandah for providing us with the venue, the music, fine food and drinks and the exhibition area. It also gave the Co-op the opportunity to showcase some new work and new artists in the display.

We have had our ups and downs over the past ten years certainly, however, with a deep-seated belief in our artists and the quality of art and craft work in the gallery, The Arts Co-operative is going from strength to strength. Without the support of our artists, our volunteers and the local community, it would never have been possible. We certainly thank you all.

The Co-op would like to thank Henri Husinger for his time, energy, patience and good humour to assist a number of artists through regular computer graphics workshops over the weeks. Henri is a fine example of true 'co-operation' with his fellow artists. It was greatly appreciated. Who was it that said, "a little knowledge is not a heavy load to carry round"? Thanks a million Henri.

Rauch is on show at London's Barbican Cultural Centre, where an exhibition "Seduced: Art and Sex from Antiquity to Now" a history of sex in art through the ages recently opened. The art gallery head called it "One of the most ambitious exhibitions we've ever done. It's a journey of 2,500 years of sex through the eyes of the greatest artists." The pieces are reported to include Roman and Greek objects, murals from Pompeii, Indian manuscripts and Renaissance and Baroque images, as well



as Chinese paintings, Japanese engravings and Arabic manuscripts. The exhibition is "bold but not pornographic" one of the co-curators said, "It shows how different cultures have dealt, through art, with this very basic human theme; sex." Big names include Picasso, Francis Bacon, Egon Schiele, Gustav Klimt, Rembrandt and Marcel Duchamp. Apparently some of the images are still shocking viewers, even modern 21st century sensibilities and all artworks faced censorship when they were originally produced. The exhibition is open until January 27th 2008 so those art lovers travelling to or through London during this time will have the opportunity to visit this display.

For those who are staying put in Kuranda over the festive season, we invite you to call into our gallery, meet the artists (there is a new one there every day) and browse. With Christmas fast approaching we hope that you will again remember the Arts Co-operative when it comes to choosing special gifts and cards.

Postscript: Locals will remember the much acclaimed exhibition by Kuranda artists Paul Latter and Toni Rogers "Journey from Journey to", a celebration of photography and poetry at the Claire Souter Gallery in May 2005. Many of the viewers asked "When will the book be published?" and a number of overseas visitors expressed their disappointment in their comments that the exhibition, in book form, was not available. The book, by the same name as the exhibition, has proved to be a long pregnancy for Paul and Toni, but it is currently at the printers and the proud artists say delivery is expected in 2-3 weeks. They will surely have a book launch in Kuranda - watch this space! This publication will be available at the Arts Co-op in time for Christmas.

Kuranda Arts Co-operative
Rob Veivers Drive, next to the Butterfly Sanctuary
Gallery hours 10am -4pm daily.
Look for the coloured flags on the bamboo poles.

Argentine Tango in Kuranda

Argentine Tango is a spontaneous partner dance, where the object is for the dancers to be perfectly in sync, dancing as one.

Elaina dy Electrah, recently arrived from Miami Beach Florida, where she has been living and teaching dance, has relocated to Cairns, where she has set up shop, and as Director of "Furyus Feet Dance" is teaching Salsa, Flamenco, and Argentine Tango, and plans to teach Tango workshops in Kuranda.

Electrah has toured the globe as a performer and instructor for decades, studying and teaching dance. She has toured with the internationally famous Jose Greco Spanish Dance Company. She was Director of "Salsa at the Beach" in Miami Beach, Florida, and a dance member in Jorge Nel's [Mr. Tango] dance company, before coming back here.

All classes are doing really well and expanding every week. Cairns is responding to the Argentine Tango factor and for men Tango is a great way to connect with ladies. It becomes a beautiful social and networking event when we start having dances. For more information contact 0431 907976 or furyusfeet@hotmail.com.



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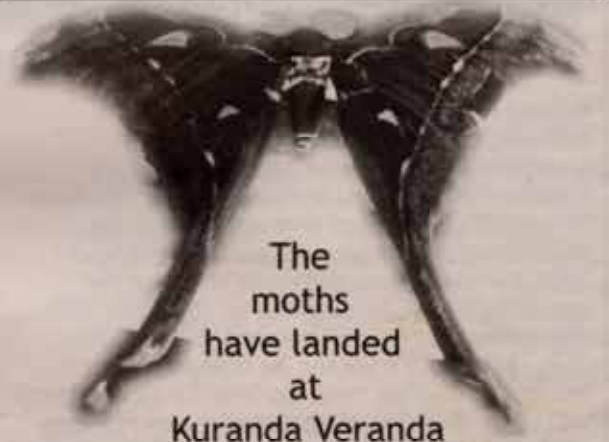


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The moths have landed at Kuranda Veranda

Buck Richardson's exhibition, *Mothology: Discover the Magic*, is the art half of the monthly Jazz Art show at Kuranda Veranda on Sunday 4 November, 2pm - 6pm.

Buck has been photographing moths for the past three years; over 250 different species in his home before discovering what he calls the magic moth light posts in lower Coondoo Street. Now, he's up there 'mothing' before the leaf-blowers get started in the main street, exchanges stories with Dave, the flour splattered baker and his assistants and chats with Peter, who keeps the police station looking spick and span. Of course his wife, Eve, often has to tut tut when Buck tells of the big one that got away. "But it was a *Milionia queenslandica Geometridae Ennominae!*" "Yeah, whatever you reckon."

The moths have become Buck's palette for his art - silk scarves, mobiles, limited edition prints and three dimensional constructions - and his passion... bordering on obsession.

So, suck on one of Louis' famous satays; soak in the sensual pleasure of jazz guitar virtuosos, John McMillan and Tony Clucas; sip on a Dave Coupe cocktail; and mingle with the magic of Kuranda's moths. A must for Kuranda's Kulture Vultures - don't miss it.

Pictured is one of Buck's limited edition prints: *Kuranda Moth Eggs*.



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Conrad Hoskin's treefrog *Litoria myola*

Litoria myola

...from page 1

The Kuranda Treefrog occurs on several creeks in the Kuranda/Myola area, and in the rainforest nearby. There are probably fewer than 1000 adult frogs in the population, and the number seems to be declining, according to Dr Hoskin. He has applied to the Federal Government to have the new frog listed as a critically endangered species.

Dr Hoskin has discovered two other endangered species of frog living in the same area, making Myola one of the most significant frog habitats in Australia. Populations of a number of frog species have declined alarmingly in recent years, and some Australian species are now thought to be extinct. Some of these, such as the gastric brooding frogs, whose young lived in their parent's stomachs, were of great interest to science and offered possi-

bilities of potential medical breakthroughs.

The new frog will need a lot of help if it too is not to disappear. It needs clean water, a relatively weed free rainforest environment, and connectivity between the creeks it inhabits. All of these are put at risk by urban development. Creeks in urban areas are usually slowly destroyed as weeds take over and water quality is diminished.

Dr Hoskin's discovery is a reminder that there is still a lot we do not know about the area we live in. There may be other new species living in our back yards, yet to be identified.

Dr Hoskin will be in Kuranda early in the new year and Kuranda Envirocare is inviting him to address a public meeting so that local residents can learn more about our newest resident.



The Waifs doing it for us at the Amp.

The Waifs, gorgeous harmonies, bluegrass, heart wrenching harmonica, funny stories, those "Western Australian Fisherman's Daughters" and band were great. They totally dug our place and their lighting specialist now lists the Amp as her favourite venue in Australia. Thankyou to the volunteers who made it happen, especially those that came in and cleaned up before 8am on Sunday morning.

Libran Kurandans and friends lived it up when Hip 2 Soul funkyed it up at The Understage recently. The cocktails and laughter flowed freely and after the second set, the dance floor became crowded and stayed that way til the bitter end. It was a fab night. We might be nearing the end of the year but there are still loads of events coming up.... And we already have pencil bookings for next year. Keep an eye out for Working Bee posters around town. It takes a lot of outside work to prep the venue for main gigs, beyond that, wet season preparations will be taking place from now on... please lend a hand wherever possible and to those reliable crew members who continue to put in hours and effort on the grounds, thankyou, we love you. A reminder, those who want to volunteer, please SMS 0449168421.

November 3 Understage Members Night, All Welcome - Ten Zen Bull, in a move away from standard understage fare, Ten Zen Bull will bring us their organic improvised electronica. If you love 'em, you can follow 'em; they are doing a sunrise gig in the region the next morning... find the bull on Myspace. \$8 members, \$15 non-members. Membership is only ten bucks now so bring friends, take up family membership and get in free.

November 17 MISSY HIGGINS For One Night Only Tour supported by You Am I front man, Tim Rogers. Since Missy last visited she has become a bonafide megastar. The gig is sure to sell out so get your tickets soon from Ticketlink or Kuranda Video. We're told she's bringing a huge sound, a spectacular stage set and some swanky lighting. Don't miss out.

December 1, local artists understage gig, featuring Ruedi Homberger and friends. For more information about Kuranda Amphitheatre events please see www.kurandaamphitheatre.org or email kuranda_amp@bigpond.com



The McMennamins



Missy Higgins



Dame Edna wins one of the many great prizes for best character (and we still don't know who he/she is).

Here we are again, another month ticked off the calendar! Focus theatre, after our fund raising Quiz night for C.O.U.C.H. has resumed rehearsals with the Janice Starck play "Too Many Years Under The Influence". A date for the performances has been set for Friday 7th and Saturday the 8th of December, The Understage, Kuranda Amphitheatre. It's a funny, satirical play, and the actors are working well on the production. Janice Starck is directing the play, and I believe the audiences are going to appreciate this locally grown drama. There is still a part for a male around 40yrs +,



as someone had to withdraw due to other commitments. We meet every Monday 7-9pm Understage, or call me 4093 9778

Our Crazy Quiz night went very well, with Focus Deva Jane takes time off from Bollywood to score at the Trivia night.

combining with Kuranda SES, Kuranda CWA and Kuranda Amphitheatre and Daniel San to provide a good night's entertainment as well as raising just on \$1000 for C.O.U.C.H. toward an oncology unit at Cairns Hospital. Not bad for one night in a small town, eh?

BIG THANKS TO: Every business and organization who assisted or donated. I have seen a lot of fund raising in Kuranda, but never has it been so generous! There were so many names on the Wednesday Adams wins clap sticks. Nevermind! I would have required a whole page in our paper to do it. On behalf of Focus Theatre, I would like one and all to accept this as the thanks that normally would be more personal. All donations were listed on paper flags on the night as well as verbal thanks on the mike. Onya Kuranda!

Yours in Theatre, Diana



Wednesday Adams wins clap sticks. Nevermind!



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Kuranda's intellectual giants look on as the answers are revealed by Lucy and Lurch (Diana and Dave)

11,000 in Myola ...from page one

"Save Myola" urges all residents of the Kuranda area to write to the Council asking that it not proceed with the Myola Plan. Council has also been asked to extend the public consultation period by another month, given the importance and complexity of the issues involved, and the fact that community input into the plan was earlier denied. It is quite unfair to put a 34 page amendment to a planning scheme on a website and suggest that the community has therefore been properly consulted.

The second opportunity for residents to have their say on the Myola Plan is through becoming



involved in the 2025 regional plan, which will control future urban development in the Cairns area. A questionnaire has been made publicly available by the 2025 planning team to gauge public feeling on a number of planning issues. Kuranda residents can have their say about Myola in responding to this questionnaire. The 2025 regional plan is supposed to come up with the future boundaries for urban development in the area. "Save Myola" encourages all residents to complete a survey form and to ask that Myola

not be part of Cairns urban expansion. (ask for a paper copy from Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre or by email to secretary@envirocare.org.au or project@cafneec.org.au)

Remember that both opportunities end on October 31st. A strong community response can still save Myola.

Key Issues Identified

"Save Myola" has prepared a list of the key issues arising from the Myola Plan.

- **High biodiversity values.** The area contains over 40 threatened species, including the Myola Palm and Kuranda Treefrog which are found nowhere else, and which risk extinction under the plan. "Without assistance the outlook for Myola Palms is not very hopeful."

- **Critical connectivity values.** Two wildlife corridors within the proposed urban node are described as "essential to the protection of the World Heritage Area's integrity".

- **Inadequate protection.** "The area has biodiversity values of at least regional significance in all categories.

Some of these values are of national significance." Placing these values under the control of a local authority which has neither the interest nor the resources to competently protect these values is a tragic error.

- **Insufficient knowledge.** Most of the information on Myola has been drawn from the available literature, which is at best patchy. No proper on-ground studies have been carried out. The fact that a new tree frog has only recently been identified in this area points to the need for

much greater scientific scrutiny before development is considered. The precautionary principle applies.

- **Staging issues.** Signing off on the plan now would allow development to proceed in advance of the proposed Kuranda Range Road construction. This appears inconsistent with the requirement in the planning scheme that "the timing of urban development is consistent with the staged upgrading of the Kuranda Range Road." Upgrading is currently unsure due to the cost implications (probably in excess of a billion dollars).

- **Inconsistency with the 2025 Plan.** The 2025 plan being formulated now includes planning assumptions at odds with the Myola development. A distant dormitory suburb totally dependant on private transport and without infrastructure other than a school would probably not be considered appropriate, even without considering the environmental issues, in the 2025 context.

- **Loss of Amenity.** No consideration appears to have been given to two groups with a very special interest in the future of Myola. Many Myola residents settled in Myola for the semi rural lifestyle, the amenity of which would be completely destroyed with the addition of up to 11,000 people to the area. The two Aboriginal communities at Mantaka and Kowrowa require extra housing, and urban development would both deny them room to expand, and seriously impact on their present lifestyle.

- **Inadequate consultation.** Local community groups were denied access to the planning process which produced the plan. Mareeba Shire Council has made the plan available on its website and in the Kuranda Library for the minimum statutory period. It plans no meetings or other forms of consultation. The public has no confidence that their voice will be heard at the end of a long and secret planning process which delivers an outcome they would not have supported.

(Quotes are from the documents accompanying the proposed planning scheme amendments for Myola.)

STEINER SCHOOL RAINBOW FAIR AND OPEN DAY



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There will be craft and treasure stalls, plants, books, games, Steiner Bookshop, children's activities, food, drinks and refreshments, talks and tours, student performances, craft demonstrations and, of course, the amazing classroom displays of the students' works.

Come along to learn about Steiner Education, see the works of the school and to have a fun filled day!

Scholarship to Develop Cut Foliage industry

Joanna Srhoj of Yuruga Nursery in Walkamin has won an Australian Government In-Market Experience Scholarship to further develop the Australian cut foliage industry, Leader of The Nationals in the Senate, Ron Boswell, announced today. The scholarship is one of only ten awarded across Australia.

Senator Boswell said Ms Srhoj applied for the scholarship to carry out in-market research on a new hybrid native plant, *Stenocarpus* 'Forest Lace', developed by Yuruga Nursery for the cut foliage industry. The foliage is lacy in appearance and once cut, has a long vase life of

over 35 days which makes the product unique and suitable, in the longer term, for export.

"Ms Srhoj has been working with Yuruga Nursery for the past five years on the commercialisation of this new plantation-grown hybrid plant and ultimately aims to target both the Australian and international cut foliage industries," Senator Boswell said. This scholarship will enable her to focus on domestic market research to ensure the product meets market needs."

Ms Srhoj will conduct in-market visits, product demonstrations and trials with retailers and wholesalers across Australia. Only ten of these \$12,500 scholarships have been awarded across Australia so clearly Ms Srhoj is already recognised as an adept agribusiness manager."

"In her travels to open up domestic and export markets for this local product, she will be a wonderful ambassador, not only for the product and industry, but also for the region."

The In-Market Experience Scholarships are part of the Government's New Industries Development Programme, which helps agribusinesses turn innovative ideas into commercial realities.

Scholarship recipients, mostly from rural and regional areas, can use the scholarship to undertake activities such as business skills training, develop supply chain partnerships and investigate market opportunities.

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Just as resting in the sun warms and stimulates the body, moon bathing calms and cools the system. Traditional texts paint romantic pictures of relaxing on tropical nights on a terrace under a full moon, sipping cool sweet milk from a silver cup while being massaged by gentle cool hands fresh with sandalwood water. For those living in cooler climates, brief exposure to the moon by an open window is said to reduce high pressure in both

body and the mind. Full moon is the best time.

TAKING FRESH AIR:

The old fashioned family doctor when visiting the house, would fling open the windows and tell the mother to bring some brown bread and honey.

Fresh air is charged with life force. Whether we are sick or not the body appreciated this precious treat. If you are unable to get into the country to find clean air, a combination air filter and negative ion generator will help give your body a similar charge.

Plants in the house also help to clean and charge the air. Indians use holy basil, commonly known as Tulsi, which is said to strongly purify the air while charging the air with negative ions and liberating ozone from the sun's rays. Be they man-made devices or plants, it is interesting to see how nature has so many solutions if we can discover where to look.

Valarie Birchall, Aesthetician.



A Blue Day

A session of acupuncture loosened and calmed me marvellously, so that time backwheeled ever so slightly just enough for me to notice, and the words and actions of others stood out like noisy extravagant gestures rather than the normal busy flutter of coffee club conviviality.

Senses heightened, I slid backwards myself into a growing myopia that began to seduce me like a blue cloud – comfy edges enclosing me and cutting me off from all surrounding stimuli.

So I left that company, and dragged my saddening demeanour along the tourist strewn street to the pub, and consumed several beers, I found physical solace in my mental malaise.

Time passed. The comfort of evenness returned and I walked outside into a misty rain.

How perfect!

Slowly I strolled all the way home, my spirits ebbing and soothing as the mist soaked in.

And as I approached the gate I marveled at how wonderful it is to have A blue day.... every now and then.

Tony Johnston

Ayurvedic Recipe

ABOUT VEGETABLES:

Vegetables are a delightful way to lighten up a meal, and balance the taste of it for your constitution and your family. Rich in vitamins and low in calories, they offer nourishment without ponderous mass. Being in general light and moist, they are some of the easiest foods to digest when properly prepared. They combine well with most foods, including proteins, grains and fats.

Vegetables have a wide range of tastes, from sweet (winter squash), bitter (dark leafy greens), astringent (asparagus), and pungent (watercress) to salty (celery). This means they can be used in a wide variety of ways to heal. Like most foods, vegetables are classified as cool or warm, light or heavy in Ayurveda. The warming vegetables tend to be most advantageous for Vata and Kapha, the cooling ones for Pitta. Heavy roots are used to balance light Vata and leafy vegetables are more often advised for substantial Kapha.

Asparagus is one of the few vegetables that can be eaten by all doshas with no alteration. Sweet, astringent, and bitter, cool, light and moist. It is ideal for Pitta. It stabilizes Vata, being easy to digest and lightens and stimulates Kapha. It can be steamed and eaten as it is here, or used in wide varieties of curries, and main dishes, it is used medicinally in Ayurveda as a mild laxative, cardiac and nerve sedative, and tonic. Calm your partner or yourself after a long day at work with this vital veggie!

SIMPLE STEAMED ASPARAGUS

1 pound fresh asparagus

1 cup water

1 tablespoon ghee or butter

Heat water on medium heat. Wash asparagus and trim any woody ends (these can be saved for use in a soup or stock). Leave asparagus stalks whole. When water has come to the boil, put asparagus in and cover. Steam till tender, 5-8 minutes. (A fork will go through them easily when they are tender). Drain and serve with ghee or butter.



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Astro - Surfing

with Rob Hart thanks to all the readers who, over the last



few months, have asked for a return of the astrology column. This feels like a good time to go back into print with two events of national significance coming up. A Federal election and the Melbourne Cup. Let's have a look and see what astrology has to say about the outcomes.

First the election: Looking at an Astro-Chart drawn up for Canberra at close of voting on the 24th we have a picture which strongly favours the Opposition and has very powerful indicators of change. The existing power structures are certainly entrenched and won't be easily "dislodged" but there is an extreme tension within these structures. The election has been called on a full moon, the completion of a cycle, which rises as voting draws to a close. John Howard's ruling Leo Sun is buried at the bottom of the chart and the transiting sun is slipping below the horizon.

Other powerful indicators of change include the Moon's nodes sitting exactly on the mid-heaven line with Uranus and Neptune straddling the mid-heaven. Jupiter is conjunct Pluto and the mutable, or changeable signs are dominant. Change, change change... A grand trine in the water signs indicate a strong tidal flow generated by compassion in action.

The Eastern Hemisphere of a Chart represents the incumbent, or a titleholder in any contest and the Western Hemisphere identifies the challenger. In this election result chart we have only three planets in the east and eight planets, including the Sun, in the West. Have the Stars been reading the polls?

So the Chart leans heavily towards success for the challengers and sweeping changes in the structures. Let's see what happens.

So much for the two-horse race, now for the one which is much trickier to pick The Melbourne Cup. At the time of writing, without knowing the horses' names, numbers, colours etc., it's still a bit vague but, come race day, it'll tighten up. Check with me then if you're interested.

The race chart is very watery; very top-heavy; speaks of the amazing, the unexpected, leading from the front; youth, speed, beauty and rhythm. Shades of Green, purple and violet and the numbers 12, 13 and 14. Bob Dylan gets a look in with "Buckets of Rain" and "A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall" exactly fitting the symbology of the chart. And one last clue. Look for a connection with "A Place of Seclusion". Let's see if we can pull a couple of horses out of that lot. Best of luck.

This astrologer doesn't happen to think that predictions are really what Astrology is about, but once a year at least it is fun to put it to the test and reality check the quality of the interpretations. Let's see how we're travelling.

Rob Hart

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KURANDA VILLAGE TAX TIP By Fay Allen BCom CPA

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The 25% Entrepreneurs Tax Offset - Small businesses in the STS which have an annual group turnover of \$50,000 or less will be eligible for a tax offset of 25% of their income tax liability in respect of their business income. The tax offset will progressively phase-out when the annual group turnover is between \$50,000 and \$75,000. I have found this a huge saving for small businesses. If your turnover is less than \$75,000 and you are not in the STS you should ask your accountant for the reason.

See, simple isn't it? See what I mean about a misnomer! If you have any questions about the Simplified Tax System please feel free to call me on 4093 8222 at Kuranda Village Accountancy or visit the ATO website www.ato.gov.au.

A Thought for November

This month we are reading from St Luke's Gospel Chapter 17.11-19. There are still many lepers in the world today, and some of them suffer terribly. But leprosy no longer evokes its ancient, universal sense of horror. When I first went to Hawaiian Island of Molokai, some years ago, there was still a part of the island reserved for lepers.

The treatment of Hanson's disease has improved and I understand that eventually the small colony will be closed, except for a few old people who had lost all track of family and for whom the leper colony was their only community.

We have other leprosy today. AIDS, perhaps, has become the disease of horror, the rampant, stalking, expanding disease that sets its victims outside of ordinary society. The first message of this month's reading is that Jesus ministered to the victims of a frightening, dis-socializing, taboo-ridden disease.

He heard their appeal and he responded.

There were ten lepers in the little colony on the road between Samaria and Galilee, and all ten were healed. Only one came back to offer a prayer of thanksgiving. He was not only a leper; he was also a Samaritan, a member of a community estranged from the main body of the Jewish people.

How much of an outsider can you be? The second message of today's Gospel is that spiritual authenticity is not limited to those who may be regarded as "the faithful"; it may, in fact, be found among the un-churched when the devout show no signs of devotion whatever. Jesus said to the outsider, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." Those words emphasize words like this, "Your faith has made you well."

I sometimes have had a deep down feeling, perhaps unfair, that the words were used so that I might summon up my reserves of faith and believe what I was taught so that God would reward me with good things. I have now come to realize that the words might be given a different emphasis, that they might be, "Your faith has made you well," that Jesus is saying, "Don't go on and on thanking me, don't make a whole religion out of it; don't treat me like a magician; get on with your life; your faith, your recognition - of your own helplessness and your openness to new and unexpected life have made the difference."

Jesus' ministry is available to those who are unacceptable and they may turn out to be the authentic believers. And the saving faith to which Jesus points them is not contained in formulas and dogmas, important as they sometimes are, but in willingness to act in hope when despair seems all that is left.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"The heart is important. If the heart is pure, white or black or any color

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GARDEN JOTTINGS

by Alectura

Things to consider this month: November, the in-between month, with bush turkeys nesting and when you see the pay-off for heavy mulching. Presently, a succession of orchids bloom with *Oncidium* "Dancing Ladies" in their long spikes of yellows and golds and the soft-cane *Dendrobium nobile* in the multitude of pastels the hybridists have wrought. Of the easiest growth and available at the markets for a few dollars, these hardy orchids only need to be tightly tied to a tree and sometimes watered and fed. With new growth following flowering, some morning sun and reduction in watering during the cooler months, you are guaranteed the easiest of displays and a great way to begin serious orchid cultivation.

Check ponds for mosquito larvae and introduce fish, preferably the native "Blue-eye" or failing that, the ubiquitous Guppy for control. Both are fairly kind to tadpoles. The greatest care should be exercised in ridding overgrown pond plants as their accidental introduction to our waterways poses considerable threat.

Plant of the month At this time of the year the exuberance of the *Hippeastrum* tempts many to try these easily grown subjects. Of minimal requirements, you can expect extremely large trumpet shaped flowers borne on thick hollow stems with usually four flowers to a stem year after year. The colours are spectacular, ranging from pure white, through all the pinks, oranges and reds. And more recently doubles have become available. A mature bulb can produce two to four flower spikes a season with each one lasting 2-3 weeks depending on climatic conditions. Good well drained soil is vital with a minimum of four hours sunlight or bulbs may be potted for flowers indoors. *Hippeastrums* would have to be one of the easiest bulbs to grow. Bulbs should be planted with necks above soil line. Liking organic matter and an annual feed of complete fertilizer when in growth, bulbs may be left to clump up only dividing in early Autumn every 3-4 years.

Native to tropical and subtropical regions of the Americas from Argentina north to Mexico and the Caribbean, *Hippeastrum* is a genus of about 70-75 species and numerous hybrids. Some species are epiphytic such as *H. calyptratum*, *aulicum*, *arboricola* and some others and need good air circulation around their roots. The lovely miniature species "Papilio" is often available and has a unique color and pattern with broad rose-burgundy center stripes and striations on pale green on the upper petals and narrow stripes on the bottom three. Many of the species have much more delicate and lighter flowers than the large trumpet hybrids and are also of the easiest cultivation.

The gasp-making Queen of them all is the so-called "Blue *Hippeastrum*" a near relation *Worsleya rayneri*. With its deep blue-mauve or blue-violet flowers, fading almost to white in the centre and often flecked red-purple and almost iridescent sheen, the flower heads are spectacular. With long false stems, some 2 to 5 feet on mature plants, made up of the tightly folded bases of the leathery evergreen leaves, scimitar shaped and pendent, which may themselves be up to 3 feet long." In its native habitat, *Worsleya* grows in exposed positions in full sun on cliff faces with the bulbs anchored to the soft, porous, granite-like rock by fleshy, thong-like roots. These penetrate deeply into crevices filled with black leafmould.

Probably not one for the faint-hearted and still relatively scarce, with seedlings around \$20+ and mature bulbs fetching \$100 and upwards but definitely one for the fanatic gardener - one to grow and flower before pushing up daisies oneself.

Native: *Syzygium wilsonii* "Wilson's Lillypilly" an endemic rainforest species characterized by tall growth, often leggy with brilliant reddish pink cascades of new growth flush and velvet soft large pom-pom flower heads in an intriguing burgundy red from branch tips. With judicious tip pruning or a regular all-over haircut after fruiting, a more shapely and dense plant can be obtained with subsequently more flowers. Flowers and fruit are bird attractant This lillypilly is unfortunately attacked by pimple psyllid. Like all lillypillies, *Syzygium wilsonii* is tolerant of some shade and while remarkably drought tolerant when established, responds well to good conditions

Dear Justin, So you have moved in where previous owners have planted various epiphytic climbers on most of the trees and now they are out of control. If not too vigorous and headed, cutting off at the base at the beginning of the Dry should see appreciable die-back. However, when well established and mass headed in tree tops, cut at base and place ends of cuts in proprietary brand weedkiller as rooting probably will have taken place in forks and places holding debris. Again, be careful with any prunings and dispose of carefully as again many of the philodendrons, syngoniums and allied relatives are remarkably hardy and will propagate from any node so proving a potential threat to the forests.

Dear Karen, Those wan tomato plants with yellowing leaves may need a push with some magnesium. Dissolve 50g of Epsom salts in 4 litres of water and spray over plants. Alternatively, dig in Epsom salts at 30g per square metre remembering that with any feed do not overdose

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



What slugs - we goofed again yes we were sent last month's Garden Group meeting but we failed to insert. Responsible volunteers have been thrashed with nettles and made to eat snail bait! It won't happen again!!

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We're saving our energy for next month's Kuranda Paper when we'll have some great announcements to make and we've booked a whole page.

In the meantime, pop by the Community Nursery in Pademelon Lane (off Fallon Road) and check out our impressive set up. The nursery is packed with all those low growing, flowering and fruiting native shrubs you want for a green screen or under power lines. It's a good time to plant as long as you can keep water up to them.

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Kuranda/ Myola area is a 'hot' spot in evolutionary terms

Many of you may have heard the phrase "evolve or die" with reference to the changing business environment.

There's been much talk recently of the distinct species of Myola palm and Kuranda Tree frog (*Litoria Myola*) and some have asked why they occur just here. Might they occur somewhere else as well? It's well known in science circles that a number of the birds, frogs, lizards, invertebrates and plants of the Wet Tropics have slightly different northern and southern genetic lineages that currently overlap in hybrid zones. These zones are mainly in the Lamb Range, Kuranda region and Black Mountain corridor. The Myola palm and recently published Kuranda tree frog are examples which have occurred in very recent times in evolutionary terms. Retaining the connectivity and integrity of the region is essential for maintaining the evolutionary potential of the Wet Tropics.

Many of our pharmaceuticals originate from plants and animals. As we evolve so the animal and plant kingdoms must also be allowed to evolve in hot spots such as here. Even if we only take a human-focussed approach, we need to preserve our access to the greatest diversity of species. This may assist in our own future survival - a kind of insurance policy if you like, for now and future generations. There could be other very special plants or animals in the Myola area which have not yet been identified. Let's be cautious and look first before we rush into urban development.

Likely Impacts of Urban development on streams

Here's the frog researcher Conrad Hoskin's view of the impact of Redlynch and other West Cairns development on streams in those areas.

"Token gestures were made to keep rainforest corridors on streams and control stream impacts but they are useless. Hence rainforest stream frogs are now absent from most streams in these developed areas and open forest/disturbed area frogs are now the ones breeding there. The problems are that the stream corridors are way too narrow and the stream itself has been completely altered due to changes in flow and heavy sedimentation. Stream frogs need wide rainforest corridors, I believe at least 100 m on either side of the stream for long-term persistence of viable populations"

Hot spot for weeds

A recent talk on declared (notifiable) weeds by Sid Clayton at the BRICMA central zone forum showed again that Kuranda area is a real hot spot for weeds with at least 50% of declared weeds to be found here. Many have been introduced from other rainforest areas like South America or been moved up from down south. What makes them a weed here and not there? Well usually they're moved here without their natural biological controls which keep them in check - predators, insects and diseases. Or the weather suits them better - we all know what that's like. What's the problem anyway? Well as with Myola when we plan that the environment should move over so we can all fit in, the new arrivals can take over places occupied by existing plants and change the microenvironment to suit their own propagation.

Reminder on Myola plan amendment:

Written submissions are required to Mareeba Shire Council by 31st October 2007.

Seeds we'd love to get

Bring in seeds for identification (some leaves as well if you can reach them). Watch out for the Buttonwoods (*Glochidion* sp.) and Native olive (*Chiananthus*) falling over the next month. We'd love to propagate more in the nursery so bring them in if you have them or we'll come and collect.

Plant of the month - Native Gardenia

Native gardenia (*Atractocarpus fitzalanii*) is just coming into flower at the moment around Kuranda. This glossy large leafed rainforest tree has strongly scented white flowers and, with space, grows into a handsome bushy shaped, 4 to 6m specimen. The seeds germinate readily but slowly. If you don't have the time then we have a number of these seedlings available at the nursery for donation or swap for seeds.

Town Talk

Community News

CONGRATULATIONS TO KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE

Wettenhall Watch

It was a great pleasure to meet the team from Kuranda District State College at the Brisbane Convention Centre on the 11th October for the annual Queensland Showcase Awards, recognising excellence in Queensland's state schools.

Even better, KDSC won the state award for their innovative and effective program *Families as First Teachers*. This program aims to assist families of preschool children to give their kids a flying start at school and we can all be proud that our community school is doing so well in meeting the needs of our students.

KURANDA RANGE ROAD

Prior to the last accident on the Range Road, I called for the Department of Main Roads to undertake a review of speed limits. Although there are a variety of opinions about how to make this stretch of road safer, overwhelmingly, lower speed limits are nominated as the best way to reduce the potential for accidents.

I have also suggested that Main Roads investigate the feasibility of introducing a mobile phone SMS alert system for road users. Under such a system, range road users could register to receive text messages updating road conditions, closures and delays.

One of the most frustrating aspects of range road incidents is the difficulty motorists encounter accessing up to date, reliable and consistent road information



HORSE AND PONY CLUB

Hi fellow horse lovers. Here's some information to all our Pony Club members. As you all know, Equine Influenza put a sudden stop to our activities so we have decided to bring forward our Break-up Party.

Theme: Melbourne Cup Hobby Horse Race

When: Saturday 3rd November, Starting at 3pm.

Lots of fun to be had. All members and family invited.

End of year trophies will be presented. Also please note our FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS will also be finishing, the last one will be 2nd November.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us throughout the year. A HUGE BIG THANK-YOU GOES TO PAT

BAUMGARTEN WHO HAS WORKED SO HARD RUNNING OUR FRIDAY NIGHTS IN THE KITCHEN. YOU ARE WONDERFUL!

To those who don't know, due to a bad fall, Pat is out of action for a while. We send our love to you Pat and take care. Also a BIG THANK-YOU goes to Mal Baumgarten. This couple has worked very hard for the club.

Updates will be put into the paper so everyone can keep up to-date and be ready for the new year. If you would like to receive more information on activities on the Pony Club, please send your details to Diane Curtis at ponylanddi@bigpond.com

THANKS AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE BREAK-UP

LIBRARY REPORT

An abundance of good reads can be found at the Kuranda Library, with the upgrade of the system, they are even easier to find from home. Simply head to the Mareeba Shire Council website and follow the links, or head straight to <<http://www.library.msc.qld.gov.au/>>. You will notice two sparkling new features – Reading Lists and Recently Available. It is worth exploring these, and the library staff members are always there to assist if you need help.

When you do have a look at the new OPAC, please remember that passwords are now case sensitive. Before the upgrade it didn't matter whether you used capital letters for you password - now it does! If you are not sure of your password, just ask and we can let you

know.

A big Thank You to Joyce Berendes, who came into the library to talk about her new book *The Fourteenth Day*. It is another example of the creativity of the Kuranda Community – artists, one and all. We look forward to your next book Joyce!

Another Thank You to Jesse, who finished up at the library after several years with us. Luckily, we still get to see her around. We wish you luck in the future Jesse. Our new staff member Eddie has joined the library and you will see him every second Saturday. Ros and I are both enjoying having him around and he can certainly run rings around us with the computers!

following a road incident or even maintenance. An SMS alert would help road users make contingency plans and keep others at home or at work up to date on their estimated travel times.

As the proposed Range Road upgrade has now received the final in a series of approvals, Main Roads will be seeking funding to undertake the survey and geo-technical work necessary before detailed design can commence.

This will take several months and cannot commence until after the forthcoming wet season.

In the meantime, I will be focussing my attention on improving safety and public transport.

MYOLA PLANNING SCHEME

Many residents have expressed opposition to the proposed Myola Planning Scheme, which is released for public comment. The scheme, which has its origins in the FNQ 2010 regional plan, allows for a residential population of up to eleven thousand people in the Myola area.

I will be urging the Minister for Planning to exercise his powers to defer approval of the scheme until the final shape of the FNQ2025 footprint of the region is settled.

FNQ2025 is the most appropriate way to plan for the future of the Myola area and approving the Myola Planning Scheme at this stage would pre-empt the outcome of FNQ2025.

FNQ 2025

I encourage residents to have their say on the FNQ2025 plan by completing the survey that has been distributed. The survey invites people to nominate the three most important issues they'd like addressed by the plan. Other questions in the survey seek feedback on housing, infrastructure and public transport options. This is a great opportunity for people in the region to shape their own destiny.

Residents have until the end of the month to put forward their ideas, ahead of the delivery of the draft Far North Queensland 2025 Regional Plan in April 2008. Submissions may be lodged four ways:

- Complete the survey and mail the prepaid form.
- Send an email to FNQ2025@dlgprs.qld.gov.au
- Fill in the survey form online at www.lgp.qld.gov.au/au and follow the links to the FNQ Statutory Regional Plan;
- Write a separate submission and post to:

Department of Infrastructure and Planning
FNQ 2025 Regional Planning Team
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KURANDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM

This month the Chamber held the social meeting at the unique Cedar Park Rainforest Resort. The evening was particularly enhanced with the wallabies joining in on the function deck. Our social meetings have become a very enjoyable and integral part of Chamber's calendar. Our members, appreciate the chance to attend the 'coal face' of their fellow members on an informal basis, as do our hosts welcome the opportunity to showcase their businesses. The guest speaker at this social meeting was Paul Jones, who made a presentation on behalf of ACCC. A number of our members had been unable to attend the scheduled forums held by ACCC for various reasons and welcomed the opportunity to hear Paul and learn more about the pitfalls and penalties of particular business practices.

The Sunbus issue of an additional bus service between Kuranda and Cairns is still on the table. Chamber eagerly awaits a response from Member for Barron River, Steve Wettenhall advising some good news.

Chamber is disappointed, however, to learn that as Chairman of the Kuranda Advisory Committee, Steve Wettenhall has refused to

contribute funds to the Le Page Report. This is considered to be a very important study for the future of Kuranda. Chambers welcomes the additional funding from Mareeba Shire Council, now contributing \$20,000 towards this study, along with the contributions from Kuranda Chamber and KVPP.

Great news about Kuranda Candy Kitchen. Chambers offers this exceptional business our heartiest congratulations on being chosen 3rd on the list of the **Top 10 Food and Wine Experiences in Australia** by Lonely Planet. Ross Breadsell and Judy Fitzgerald can deservedly feel extremely proud. This is a big feather in the cap, not only for Ross and Judy, but also for Kuranda. You have 'done us proud'. Congratulations.

The next General Meeting of the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism will be held on 6th November at the Kuranda Hotel Motel at 5pm.

The venue for the next social meeting (December) is yet to be advised.

John Collingwood
President

NEWS FROM THE POSSUM CORNER OP SHOP

Possum Corner has now been open twelve months and to celebrate; a contract has been let to double the floor space of the shop. Happy Shopping. Thank you for your patronage and participating in our Birthday celebrations.

Letters cont'd from P.2

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Through the good graces of your paper, we would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to all our dear friends at Kuranda where we recently lived for some 15 years. We are enjoying our new life close to the beautiful Lake Macquarie at Newcastle but we miss the friendship and way of life in far North Queensland. All the very best to everyone and take care.

Norma and John Woodbridge

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Having recently received a very large Rates increase, due to two valuations hikes, in 6 months, by Department of Natural Resources and Water, we have become aware of the high probability of the removal of capping on Rates charges under the new Shire amalgamation. i.e. Mareeba, Atherton, Eacham and Herberton. This process begins in earnest with council elections in March 2008.

Capping on Rates is designed to protect long term Resident Rate Payers from large or excessive increases due to valuation hikes, generally brought about by new sub-division developments and the increasing trend to short term tenancy of properties which are brought to sale with ever increasing asking prices. Capping also recognizes the notion that long term Resident Rate Payers have already financed the services and amenities that attract new developments and their purchasers.

The removal of capping doubles or more, rate charges, as can be exemplified by an illustration of the opening comment. We have had our property value recently reassessed from \$76,666 approx. to \$190,000, resulting in an increase of rates from \$1342 a year to \$3401 a year without capping, a hike of \$2069 in six months, based on 1.75 cents/\$ on the old valuation and \$1.79/\$ on the new valuation.

A similarly valued property in this case \$187,500 at \$1.79/\$ resulted in a charge of \$1619.60/year under capping. As a long term Resident Rate Payer of 36 years, one would fairly expect to receive capping protection from such a staggering increase.

With a view to the Shire amalgamation process and the choosing of new councillors, I offer this one perspective for everyone's consideration.

My and previous generations generally had the notion of buying a "HOME" for their families when buying a property, as can be exemplified by our continuous tenure of 36 years.

Due to the astronomical increases in property values, those persons who can afford to now buy an investment first and a "HOME" is the secondary consideration, as can be exemplified by ever shorter periods of tenure and resale. This exacerbates and inflates land values with consequences for long term Resident Rate Payers who want the stability and continuity of creating a "HOME" for their families and communities.

Rate capping, and may I say, other instruments of equitable management, deserve to be preserved and enhanced to protect those whose "HOME" is their only serious asset. Such deliberations should be uppermost in the thinking and planning for the amalgamation process and should be part of the platform of any standing

candidates.

Know their opinions on this and other vital community protections before you give your vote.

Fred Bullman & Pauline O'Neill Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper

I refer to the Cr. Borzi's media release printed in the letters section of the Kuranda Paper (September 2007).

The mayor has attempted to confuse the issue with facts and figures and criticises me for reflecting everyone's frustration that the aquatic centre faces further delays because of cost blowouts. Worse still, Cr. Borzi has disingenuously portrayed my comments as an attack on Council officers. Of course it wasn't.

The Mayor and his councillors must accept responsibility for this project and get on with the job of getting it built according to the original specifications without further delay.

In its application for state funding for the project, the Council allowed for cost escalation of \$63,921 (4.3%) out of a total project cost of \$1.475 million. Now we are told the best tender has come in at over \$2 million which is more than \$500,000 (35%) over budget.

Cr. Borzi knows that state funding has been committed way back in the middle of 2006 on the condition that the Council bears responsibility for covering cost escalation.

Instead of playing politics and delaying the start of the aquatic centre even longer, Cr. Borzi should lead his Council to do the right thing, pay the extra costs and let Kuranda have the aquatic centre it has been promised and that it deserves.

Steve Wettenhall MP Member for Barron River

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Well, well, well, how about that! Warren Pitt, Qld Minister for Main Roads, has finally acknowledged the State Government can't justify, let alone find the funding to meg-upgrade the Kuranda Range. Many of us have thought that all along, haven't we? What he proposes instead is major improvements to the current road to make it safer - hear, hear! Best of all though, Mr Pitt is considering reducing the speed limit to 60kms, at least in the short term. Now that's what I'd call lateral thinking. After all, the few sections of the range where you can actually reach 80kms are also where the last three heavy vehicle accidents happened. You'd have to ask would these accidents have occurred if the speed limit was 60kms - I doubt it.

Jan Fowell

Dear Kuranda Paper

On the night of the Spring Festival, I was sitting near the perimeter of Central Park, and my attention was taken by three young Caucasian lads on their way to enjoy the music.

I shortly after turned around to discover my bicycle, a white full sized mountain bike with shock absorbers front and back, had been stolen.

On a Sunday afternoon some weeks later, I saw 4 youths on bicycles coming down the hill towards the skate board ramps near the amphitheatre, one of those bicycles was instantly recognisable as my bike, although it had been freshly painted undercoat grey, as had another bike in the group.

By the time I had organised to get over to the skate ramp, three of the

boys were doing stunts etc, only they were a bit nervous, the fourth boy, on my bike, had disappeared, obviously one of the others had recognised me.

Certainly it was distressing to have my bike stolen, but more important in my opinion is the urgency of someone in authority, preferably the parents, dealing with this situation.

These four boys conspired to and committed theft, they work as a team, or should I say gang? One illegal act will invariably lead to another, if it hasn't already.

The parents will know who they are, if the boys won't listen, get the police to talk to them, a life of crime is a nowhere life.

And I wouldn't mind my bike back.

Geoff Thomas 40938899

QCWA

Here it is - November already! The year has gone very quickly - is it because we are getting older or just because our days are so busy? Apart from being involved at Branch level, several of our members hold Division positions including Division Vice President, Chairman of QCWA Cairns Holiday Units Committee, Deputy Chairman - Division Handcraft Committee, Division Public Speaking Convener and Far Northern delegate for State SIFT group. Others of our branch are also involved in local community groups such as Welcome Pocket Committee, Ambulance Committee, KNC and Meals on Wheels. Needless to say all of the abovementioned tends to keep them on the go throughout the year.

Something to smile about - at the recent Trivia Night fundraiser for C.O.U.C.H., our team of "Chicks With Attitude" won the Trivia contest. No one was more surprised than the team members - and we must add a thank you to the husbands who, as part of the team, contributed their fair share of correct answers.

Our hall was busy with bookings in October - this trend continues through November including: Kuranda QCWA branch 70th Birthday. We will be holding a Morning Tea on Wednesday, November 21, commencing at 9.30am. An invitation is extended to the local community to

join us - share a cuppa, piece of birthday cake and a chance of winning one of the 3 raffle prizes up for grabs.

On the crafty side of things - Floral Art classes are still going strong and Craft mornings are turning out a large variety of Christmas cards, gifts etc. October Lesson Days produced a handy patchwork needle-case and a very pretty Christmas Tree wall hanging. The first craft morning in October was given over to producing items for our Community Project with all hands on deck to fill the emergency toiletry bags which are then handed on to various groups for distribution where needed.

Next Handcraft Lesson Day will be on November 14 - Beaded crystal bracelet and/or beaded tape measure cover (Contact Yvonne on 4093 7016). Floral Art Class will be held on November 21 (Contact Sheila on 4093 7617). 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.

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

New Premises:

As you will no doubt have noticed, KNC has still not moved into the purpose built premises yet. While most of the defects have now been rectified, the delays are still being caused by continuing negotiations around the lease conditions and our obligation to obtain building insurance. It is proving more difficult to secure property insurance than the Dept of Communities expected. We have received support from a Civil Engineer and a Solicitor, free of charge, to try to progress our move whilst maintaining a position without financial risk. Thankyou to all of those who have been offering support and also for your patience.

Family Support Worker Position:

KNC is very happy to introduce **Sylvia McGregor** as our new Family Support Worker. Sylvia is in the Far North for at least the next two years while she completes her studies, however comes from Cherbourg (South Burnett region). Sylvia has worked for a number of years as a Family Support Worker, Service Coordinator and for Child Safety in that area. Sylvia is currently commuting from Yarrabah and is looking for a house in the Kuranda area for herself and her children. If you know of any housing vacancies, please ring the Centre.

Rummage Boutique:

Thankyou to all those who have donated goods to the Boutique and Book Shop over the month. We have had increased trade and goods are turning over rather quickly, so please drop in and have a browse.

Network Update:

KNC supports, hosts and is involved in several local and community networks including:

- Kuranda Interagency Network - meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm at KNC. This network is a forum for services both locally based or who deliver services from Cairns or the Tablelands to get together, share information and to

raise and brainstorm around issues prevalent in the Kuranda area.

- Kuranda Social Housing Action Group - meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10am at KNC. This recently formed group discusses broad housing issues in Kuranda including indigenous, public, community and rental housing issues. Departmental and agency representative regularly attend this meeting to provide up to date information on different initiatives, funding and current works.
- Kuranda Community and Environment Group **NEW** - has had two meetings so far to address the impacts of housing developments planned for the District.
- Kuranda Youth Network - was recently developed to address youth concerns and to coordinate a broad community response from an prevention perspective through scheduled activities and lobbying for increased youth funding to Kuranda, as well as other strategies. This group is currently working on a Christmas Holiday activity schedule for 12+ year olds. If you have any ideas or can provide volunteer support for supervision etc, please contact Leslie Defaveri at Kuranda District State College, or myself at the Centre.

If you would like more information on any of these networks or would like to attend, please contact the Centre.

Services:

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Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator

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Invitation to attend Kuranda Sports Club

Interested persons are invited to the unveiling of a Kuranda RSL Sub Branch memorial plaque at the Sports Club at Fallon Road at 10am on 3 November 2007, by the Patron of the Kuranda Bowls Club
Councillor Mick Borzi.

More Classifieds on page 18

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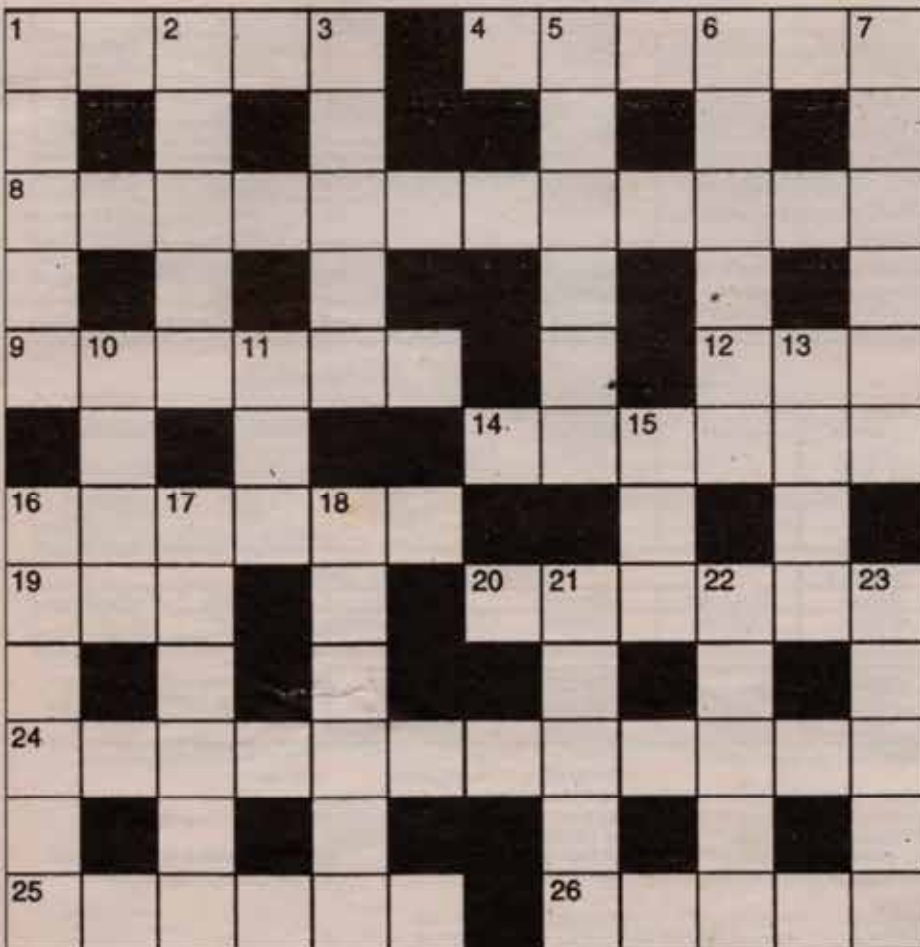
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Kuranda Kryptic Crossword

No. 93

Compiled by John Brooksbank

Across

- Wake up smelling these.?
- Hardware at Lotus Glen perhaps.
- Have Heather map it for local arena.
- Combine with nature at this local poolside eatery (6,6)
- Me, myself & 1, between id and the world.
- Longest in England sounds such a small number.
- Episode contains the same prefix.
- Top Russian camera.
- What New To You now is to us! (4,8).
- East and I'm where you find the prophets tomb.
- Stan is about to start to be unpleasant.

Down

- Pole for the workers.
- Reel in a policeman and be ostracised.
- Alpine food is full of holes (5,5).
- Start with this at 9 Across.
- What to do with the gas when in a hurry (4,2).
- Load is sound mix without a penny.
- See mine in the record label.

- True - John gets it from Kuranda Raw Materials.
- Vehicle at the front.
- Distinctive Coondoo Street compote (3,3).
- You could be so used to being this drunk at Bottom Pub.
- Otherwise one drink at the beginning.
- What this about, no green energy supplier in Queensland?.
- Jeremy is in chains!
- Shy with us but considered a lewd woman.

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Community Calendar

- 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 If interested in a game, Phone 4093 9583
- 1st Sunday** R.S.L. 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.
Kuranda Film Society Nov 4, 4.30 at 101 Kuranda Heights Rd, ph Margaret 4093 8393
- 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
- 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 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 starting from May 9th at Hall Ph 4093 7016
- Last Wed** Kuranda Pool Committee 7.00 pm Neighbourhood Centre 40939594
- Every Thurs** Rotary 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206
Kuranda Bowls Club Barefoot Night bowls, Casual 7.00 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.
Holistic Stretch Class at Kuranda Villas. 9:00 am. Ph Kellie McBride 0404 206 788
- 2nd Thurs** Ambulance 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road
- Every Sat** Kuranda Envirocare Tree Planting bee, phone 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
- 2nd Sat** Garden Group 2 pm Phone Arlene Wienert Ph 4093 7927

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
SFS 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 m Sat.
Tuesday 11am - 5pm Council cashier closes at 4pm
Wednesday 11am - 5pm on Tues, Wed. and Thurs.
Thursday 11am - 5pm
Friday 9am - 12 noon

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

"THE LOCAL BUS"

	MON	TUES	WEDtoFRI	PHOL & SAT/SUN
DEPARTS KURANDA	#0725 1330 1615	#0725 1330 1615	#0725 0930 1130 1330 1615	0830 1500
DEPARTS CAIRNS	**0825 1715	**0825 1715	0825 1015 1230 1715	**0930 **1600

****ATHERTON & MAREEBA**
LIMITED SEATS SCHOOL DAYS
JOHN. 0418 772953. A/HRS 40939278
NO SERVICE XMAS DAY & EASTER FRIDAY

(1510 from S/FLD to Koah)
(Mon to Fri School Days only)

Local Bus Timetables



WHITECAR COACHES PTY LTD

PO Box 140, ATHERTON 4883

ABN 69 465 549 048

Ph 4001 1895

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departs -	Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)				
Ravensthorpe	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
#7 45am	#6 15am	8 45am / 9 15dep	9 45am	10 20am	11 15am arr
#2 00pm	#2 30pm	2 50pm / 3 30dep	4 00pm	4 30pm	5 15pm arr

Departs -	Saturday (not Public Holidays)				
Ravensthorpe	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
#7 45am	#6 15am	8 15am	9 45am	10 20am	11 15am arr

Departs -	Sunday and Public Holidays			
Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns	
8 15am	9 45am	10 20am	11 15am arr	

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departs -	Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)				
Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Herberton	Ravensthorpe
*8 30am	*9 05am	9 40am	10 15am/11 00dep	#11 15am	#12 00m 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	Ravensthorpe
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	

* Towns above serviced to/from Atherton by Kerry's Bus Service Ph 40977167 or 0419020370

Charged to charge without notice. * Contact with Chikanga 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 Standen 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

EUCALYPTUS HOLIDAY IS ANNUAL TIMETABLE
(Cairns Show please check website for details)

ATHERTON	HEAD OFFICE	6 McCoskie St	4091 1855
ATHERTON	PHILLIPS NEWS	48c Main St	4091 1105
CAIRNS	48 Spence St	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
KURANDA	15 Therwine St	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
MAREEBA	MAREEBA NEWS	125 Rymee St	4092 1030 (Bus stop is at end Railway Station - Behind #80)