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IT'S WET SEASON IN THE FAR NORTH!

Yes. The rains have come again and our mighty Barron River is raging. The falls are spectacular at the moment, and well worth a look, as you can see by these photos. But you really should get along down Barron Falls Road and see them for yourself. And don't forget your camera and wet weather gear.

(Photos by Seren)

Bloody Hell Seren You've Done It Again!

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Many thanks to our resident artistic and computer genius Seren Starlight!

Now instead of posting out your paper to friends and rellies, they can keep up with the mirth and mango madness of the Village on-line at ***kurandapaper.com***.

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Dear Grim Reaper,

So far this year you have taken away my favourite actress Farah Fawcett, my favourite actor Patrick Swayze, my favourite singer Stephen Gately and my favourite dancer Michael Jackson.

Just so you know, my favourite politicians are Kevin Rudd & Anna Bligh.

Regards,

Selwyn Johnston

Dear Kuranda Paper,

A Telstra rip-off – tell all your family/friends/ business acquaintances – in fact tell everybody about this! Telstra Phone book.

For anyone contemplating using the Sensis directory service number, 1234, DON'T! Sensis, as you may or may not know, is a subsidiary of Telstra. The 1234 number is replacing the Telstra 12456 directory assistance number, but this time with outrageous costs attached: 40c to call the number, then 4c A SECOND!

By law, Telstra must provide a FREE directory assistance number. They choose however not to pass this number on to the public. The free number is 1223.

Thumbs down to Telstra for finding a way to 'charge', for a service that is supposed to be provided for free. Of course, feel free to forward this on.

Brian Reeves, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

My husband and I recently revisited Kuranda where we had spent our honeymoon ten years ago. While enjoying many memories and sights, we were both distressed to see that the big trees in the main street were looking so poorly.

This lack of care seems such a tragedy when I am sure, like us, so many visitors have left Kuranda with memories of that wonderful treed avenue attracting so many bird species into the heart of your Village.

Mrs R. E. Dangerfield,
Staffordshire, UK

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

Recently I read on ***http://www.news-medical.net/news*** the following disturbing words:

"As part of a Queensland Government initiative, plans are afoot to introduce fluoride into the water supplies of a number of towns on the Tablelands, in the state's far north by 2011."

This includes towns such as Kuranda, Malanda and Yungaburra with populations of 1,000 people which will be required to provide fluoridated water under new regulations.

Tom Gilmore the Tablelands Regional Council Mayor says that while some people have environmental concerns, the council has no choice but to implement the policy.

The aim is for 95% of Queensland drinking water to be fluoridated by the year 2012.

Water fluoridation means controlled amounts of fluoride are added to the public water supply in order to reduce tooth decay and was first used in the U.S. in the 1940s, after researchers discovered that moderate fluoridation prevents cavities.

The process got off to a start with the fluoridation of south-east Queensland water supplies on Monday at a water treatment plant in Molendinar, north of the Gold Coast, but it may not reach the taps for another two weeks.

It is hoped that the introduction of fluoridated water will improve the state's poor dental health record, that shows Queensland children have 30-40% more tooth decay than children from other states.

Claims that the fluoride used came from China and is contaminated, have been denied by the Queensland Health Minister Stephen Robertson who says the top-quality product was from Belgium and Queenslanders need not be concerned as the water would be tested daily.

Experts say fluoridation of the water does not provide an instant fix for decaying teeth and good oral hygiene is still essential and for Queensland children the benefits may not be evident for another five years.

Parents in areas affected are advised to stop giving their children fluoride supplements as excess fluoride could cause dental fluorosis, which mottles or stains teeth.

While water fluoridation remains for many a contentious issue it is carried out in many developed countries such as the U.S. and Britain.

Dutch authorities had no legal basis adding chemicals to drinking water if they will not improve the safety as such. This implicates that addition of medicines to drinking water such as fluoride are not allowed. The simple reason is that consumers cannot choose for a different tap water.

Drinking water has not been fluoridated in any part of Holland since 1973.

Does this mean our drinking water can be tampered with? I feel that we, as citizens of the Tablelands, our beautiful paradise, should not allow such a thing to happen.

Fluoride is a poison. Perhaps we should all be very aware/wary of this.

Hannah Wattel

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Further to our Lions Club letter in your December paper regarding increasing our Lions Club membership. We wish to advise that we have already had an overwhelming response. I now have a list of over thirty people as prospective members for our club to come along next month. Our zone and district chairman from the Tablelands and Cairns Lions have offered to come and help us also, with our membership drive. There are a lot of people who have not yet been asked and we look forward to having an even greater response, as there is no limit to the number of members we could have. If you have not been asked and would like to offer some small time or effort for our community, please come and see me down town or ring and leave a contact name and number after hours on ph. 4093 7187.

Our motto is "we serve" and across the world Lions save lives and help fund many of the worthy causes that they support such as "sight first" and many more. We also support our own community wherever we can. Thanks to our charter members Doug, Ken and Bruce, also with help from past and present members Bob, Phil, Col and Carol for the 34 years of Lions in Kuranda. So, here's to a great fellowship and new friends in our Kuranda Club.

Yours in Lionism,

Col Jeanes

Editorial Comment

The Kuranda Paper has received a number of complaints concerning large dogs roaming loose and attacking other dogs being walked on lead, killing of penned poultry and the taking of wildlife. A recent attack in Gregory Terrace, allegedly one of several by the same dogs which incident was covered by Cairns Post and Win News, a savaging of a small dog on a lead across from the Medical Centre and dogs roaming in Kullaroo Close are among reports received.

Unfortunately, most persons suffering losses in these forays feel that present punitive action and forced restraints are not curbing these wandering menaces. TRC and local police may need to take more seriously these incidents before more serious attacks occur.

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Chinese New Year

February 14th 2010

Happy 虎(Hu) Year 2010!
Gong Xi Fa Cai
(May You be Happy, May You be Wealthy)!

The development of Chinese characters can be dated back over 4,500 years. The Chinese have been calculating the New Year for a long time, and 2010 will be lunar year 4708 in the Chinese calendar system. Some of the traditions associated with the Chinese New year:-

1. Exploding firecrackers on Chinese New Year's Eve is the Chinese way of sending out the old year and welcoming in the new.
2. On the stroke of midnight, every door and window in the house has to be opened to allow the old year to go out is one superstition.
3. Many people also abstain from eating meat on the first day of Chinese New Year festival because it is believed that this will ensure a long and happy life.
4. Some may eat a whole fish which represents togetherness and abundance, or a chicken with its head and feet intact, which symbolizes prosperity.
5. Any noodles in your bowl should be left uncut, as a sign of long life.
6. Plants and flowers also play a significant role in symbolizing rebirth and new growth. A home is thought to be lucky if a plant blooms on New Year's Day, as this foretells the start of a prosperous year.
7. Another Chinese superstition is that the entire house should be cleaned before New Year's Day.
8. On New Year's Eve, all brooms, brushes, dusters, dust pans and other cleaning equipment are put away. Sweeping or dusting should not be done on New Year's Day for fear that good fortune will be swept away.
9. After New Year's Day, the floors may be swept. Beginning at the door, the dust and rubbish are swept to the middle of the room, then placed in the corners and not taken or thrown out until the fifth day. At no time should the rubbish in the corners be trampled upon.
10. In sweeping, there is a superstition that if you sweep the dirt out over the threshold, you will sweep one of the family members away. Also, to sweep the dust and dirt out of your house by the front entrance is to sweep away the good fortune of the family; it must always be swept inwards and then carried out, then no harm will follow. All dirt and rubbish must be taken out the back door.
11. All debts had to be paid by this time. Nothing should be lent on this day, as anyone who does so will be lending all the year.
12. Everyone should refrain from using foul language and bad or unlucky words. Negative terms and the number 4, sounding like the word for death, are not to be uttered. Death and dying are never mentioned and ghost stories are totally taboo.
13. References to the past year are also avoided as everything should be turned toward the New Year and a new beginning.
14. If you cry on New Year's Day, you will cry all through the year. Therefore, children are tolerated and are not chastised lest they cry.
15. On New Year's Day, one should not wash hair because it would mean that good luck for the New Year could be washed away.
16. Red clothing is preferred during this festive occasion. Red is considered a bright, happy colour, sure to bring the wearer a sunny and bright future. It is believed that appearance and attitude during New Year's sets the tone for the rest of the year.
17. Children and unmarried friends, as well as close relatives, are given little red envelopes with crisp one dollar bills inserted, for good fortune.
18. The first person one meets and the first words heard are significant as to what the fortunes would be for the entire year. It is a lucky sign to see or hear songbirds or red-coloured birds or swallows.
19. It is considered unlucky to greet anyone in their bedroom so that is why everyone, even the sick, should get dressed and sit in the living room.
20. Do not use knives or scissors on New Year's Day as this may cut off fortune.

Just Gorgeous Wild Animals celebrate Christmas at Wildlife Safari Zoo

Kuranda
Village in the Rainforest

New Face in the Village

MARC SLEEMAN has joined Tourism Kuranda in the role of Executive Officer, working with key stakeholders on destination development and marketing. Mr Sleeman takes up this new appointment after nearly two years as General Manager for Blazing Saddles Adventures and, being a local resident, has an intimate knowledge of the region.

After transferring to Cairns in 1993 with Australian Pacific Tours as Regional Sales Executive, Mr Sleeman went on to hold the position as Director of Sales and Marketing for Raging Thunder Adventures & Fitzroy Island for almost ten years.

Mr Sleeman has also owned his own Tourism Marketing Company and represented products such as The Adventure Company, Down Under Cruise & Dive, Best Western Cairns, Tamar Valley Resort and Respax Reservations Systems to name but a few.

"I'm delighted to be working in Kuranda which is certainly one of North Queensland's Iconic Destinations. There is a wonderfully positive vibe in the Village and I am looking forward to building strong relationships with Stakeholders and Tourism Industry Partners. We have a very bright future and with a new image just about to be launched, it is exciting times ahead," he said.

Mr Sleeman has been a proactive player in the tourism industry for almost 20 years and has held positions on Tourism Queensland's New Zealand & Asian Advisory Panels and was also a member of TTNQ's Eastern Hemisphere TAG panel.

On a personal level he grew up in country Victoria surrounded by dairy farms, and moved to Kuranda three years ago to continue his love for a country lifestyle away from the hustle and bustle. On weekends you will find him working on his property in Speewah, riding his horses and spending time with his daughter Sarah, 12, and partner Georgina Breeuwer.

You can contact Marc via email ***tk@kuranda.org*** or ph **0427 592 203.**

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Neighbourhood Centre News February 2010

Back on Track – Safe Freedom:
KNC will be running a program for 15-19 yo young women for 6 weeks (3 hours each Monday) from 15th Feb 10. The program promotes independence, resilience building, safety planning and goal setting. For more info please contact Marg – 40938933.

Book Sale:
KNC will be having a one day book sale on Thursday the 11th February at the Centre. This will be a fundraiser for the Centre, but also turn over some of the books we have. We do not have room for all the books that have recently been generously donated and need to make room for more books. We appreciate all the recent donations. Book prices will be $1 per book with boxes of give-a-ways as well. Please drop by and pick yourself up a bargain!

Family Support Items Needed:
Thank you to those who have generously donated items recently. We have an informal way of linking up families and individuals with different items of furniture and household goods etc that they need. Right now we know families who need: washing machines, fridges, a dining table, chairs, beds of any size. If you have any of those items that you no longer need, please give us a call.

Broadband for Seniors:
Broadband for Seniors Kiosk providing two computers for broadband internet and email access for people aged 55 and over. It is a free service funded by the Queensland Government.

Free Lifeline Counselling in Kuranda:
A Lifeline Counselor is coming to KNC each Thursday to see Kuranda people. There are up to 6 free sessions available with no obligation to have ongoing counseling. If you think this may meet your need or you want to know more, you can ring either Ceri or myself or you can contact Lifeline directly on 40504955. All contact with KNC or Lifeline staff is strictly confidential.

Staff Training and Development Update:
Ceri and Marg both undertook tertiary studies through James Cook University last semester. Both achieved very good results and further demonstrates KNC's commitment to professional development and ongoing training for staff. This enables KNC to continue to deliver high quality services from a contemporary theoretical framework. Marg will continue studies this year (which is why you will not see her on Tuesdays during study/semester periods).

Housing:
We have been able to negotiate to keep a Dept of Housing worker coming to KNC every second Thursday (next ones 4/2/10 and 18/2/10) between 1.30 – 3.30, no appointment necessary. Assistance and support to fill in or update Housing applications is provided.

Kuranda Interagency Network:
Is on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator

NEED A NEW WASHING MACHINE, FRIDGE OR OTHER ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD GOODS?

NILS

The **N**o **I**nterest **L**oan **S**cheme provides interest-free loans for individuals or families on low income.

How much can you borrow?
It varies, but usually up to $1,000.00 and the repayment period is up to 2 years.

Who is eligible?
Anyone holding a health care card or pension card.

See Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre for more details.

Holiday Program Big Success For Kuranda Youth

Over the last six weeks young people have had fun and enjoyed a broad range of educational experiences.

Highlights of the Christmas Holiday program included Mona Mona youth camp, disco, basketball training with the Taipans, footy skills with the Cowboys, music video and photography workshops, beauty and day spa program, BMX and Pool Party.

We would like to thank all of the participants, volunteers and organisations that helped make the program a big success. Special thanks to Thea from Ngoonbi Community Programs, Gary and Linda from the pool, DJ Paris, Arch from Fallon Road Recreation Centre, Joel and Trev from Cairns Taipans, Cowboys Football Clinic, Kuranda Justice Group and all the people behind the scenes.

The Kuranda Christmas holiday program was a brought to you by Ngoonbi Sport and Rec, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre and The Rare Earth Foundation as part of a Youth Development Initiative. We would love to know what sort of activities you would like to see in the future.

For more information contact S&R officers Rahm, Bert or Dameon, Ngoonbi Sport and Rec, Phone: 07 4093 8048 sro.ng@bigpond.com

"Garu" Sport and Recreation Coordinator Leaving

Dear friends and colleagues

I wish to thank you for your support over the past 6+ years that I have been in the role of Sport & Recreation Officer in Kuranda.

As some of you are aware, I am moving to Townsville for 12 months to support my husband's decision to take up a Post Graduate opportunity at JCU.

My final day at work is January 15th 2010.

Replacing my position is Rahm Adamedes. Rahm has already commenced working at Ngoonbi Cooperative Society. He has extensive experience in community development, working with Indigenous communities, developing, co-ordinating and providing youth services including sport & recreation.

Kuranda Sport & Recreation Program has a very big and bright future ahead with Rahm, Dameon Hunter and Bert Riley at the helm.

Contact details for Rahm:

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Once again thanking you and wishing you all the best.

Blessings
Jane Campbell

Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother

I am not 80 something. I am $69.95 plus shipping and handling.

If you put your toe in the water you have to be prepared to swim in it.

Garden Gossip

Wet Season Tips

With the wet season in full swing, vegetable gardening becomes a lot more challenging. Planting in pots is often the best method to keep some fresh greens on the table – even if it is only limited to herbs like parsley, chives and salad rocket. This way if it gets too hot and wet out in the open, they can be moved undercover and away from the hot afternoon sun. Make sure your potting mix is free draining and worms aren't clogging up the soil.

Italian flat leaf parsley handles the hot, humid weather better than the curly variety, but ensure you don't bury the crown of the plant or it easily rots. Parsley plants usually only last for about two years and need regular fertilising for the best results.

On the other hand we've had our clump of garlic chives for more than 10 years – and it is still going strong with very little attention. After a few years the base of the garlic chives will start to rise above the ground. This is when you can divide and repot them or put fresh soil around them to cover the lower stalks.

With the wet weather you also need to ensure compost heaps and worm farms are not getting too wet. Compost needs to be well covered to stop it turning into a putrid sludge or leaching out nutrients. Worms are at risk of drowning if their container becomes water logged.

Look out for the large orange Fruit Piercing Moth on citrus – these are best controlled with a net over the tree or a night-time patrol with a torch and two blocks of wood in the first few hours after sundown. The main species active on citrus are Eudocima (Othreis) fullonia, E. materna and E. salaminia. They have 7-10 cm wingspans, with forewings of mottled brown, grey or green and silvery white. The forewings of males and females differ in the first two species. The hind wings are characterised by the orange-yellow colour, bordered by a black and hatched area and a central black mark (kidney shaped or round). These are often exposed when the moth is feeding. An individual moth can spend several hours feeding from the one fruit but would generally attack a number on a single night. They pierce the ripening fruit to drink the juice, causing early fruit drop and fruit rot. Look for their large red eyes reflected in the torchlight.

To help control fruit fly you can make a trap out of plastic drink bottles (300-600ml size). Poke about four smallish holes in the bottles halfway up (about pen size). Then put some fruit juice or a tablespoon of Vegemite and water in the bottom 5cm of the bottle and hang the bottles in the problem area. The fruit flies are attracted by the juice or the yeast in Vegemite and should get trapped inside and drown when they can't find their way out again (that's why you make the holes relatively small). Remember to empty them when the fly level builds up or the mix loses potency. Commercial pheromone attractants are also available.

Until next time, happy gardening.

By Sheree Scott, www.moongardeningcalendar.com
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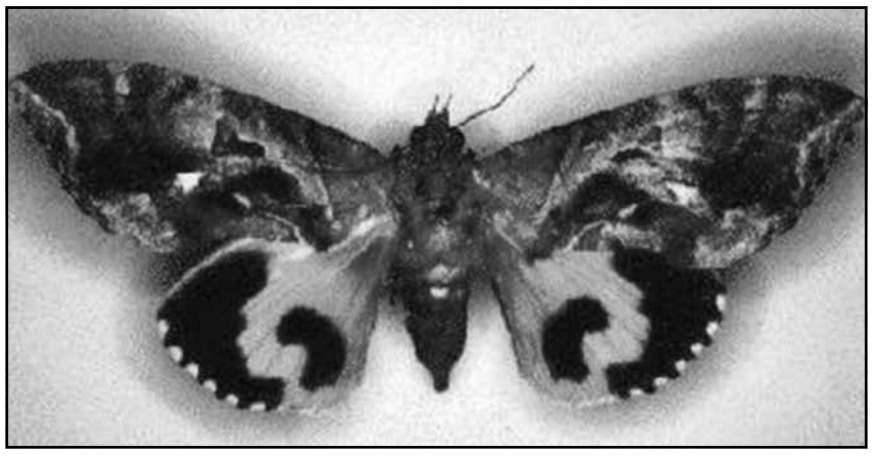


Wildlife volunteers needed

Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare for the next month or two? BatReach Kuranda currently has too many orphaned/injured animals in care and not enough volunteers.

Preferred hours are from 4.00pm to 6.00pm any day of the week to assist with fruit chopping.

Every bit of assistance is welcome, even if you can only spare one afternoon per week for a few weeks. Pam would appreciate your help – call 4093 8858.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF FRUIT ALSO WELCOME

Tulkas

A Tulku is a young reincarnated Lama, too young yet to be actually called a Lama. He would have started his life in his home in Tibet with his mother and father and, maybe, with his brothers and sisters, only to have his life changed when a group of wise men arrived at his home and announced to his parents that the spirit of a Great Tibetan Buddhist Lama recently deceased had entered the boy and that the boy is now the reincarnation of that Lama. The boy grew up with his parents until he was about six or seven when the wise men returned, the boy said goodbye to his family and was taken off and placed in a Lamasery.

In 1962, I lived in a Vihara or monastery in Old Delhi with fourteen Tulkus aged 11 to 16. For an hour a day I taught them English, a job I found fascinating. I simply had to get them to talk and I listened. They told me of their horrific escape from Tibet to India, a journey taking several months mostly on horseback; but long periods on foot carrying their food and everything on their backs. And they talked of reincarnation. Serjhay Tulkus told me he was the twenty second reincarnation of some Lama. (The Dali Lama can only boast thirteen reincarnations.)

I got to know the eldest of the Tulkus very well. I ate with them, and sometimes they threw off their serious, young Lama image and became young boys again. They would drag me outside to explore the river that flowed behind the Vihara and skip stones on the river, and we would explore Old Delhi and its beautiful public gardens.

Of the fourteen Tulkus, there was an eleven year old Tulku that I never got to meet. He had a largish room all to himself, except the room was always packed with people sitting on cushions on the floor, with the Tulku sitting on a chair in the middle of them facing out the doorway. He had the look of a wise old man so much so that I thought of him as Mister Wisdom. But if he caught sight of me passing his door, his face would break into the most beautiful smile and he'd put his palms together and his elbows way way out, greeting me. I would stop long enough to return his greeting.

I asked Nyare Tulku about him, to be told that he was, in our language, an archbishop, already with an enormous following who poured in enough donations that our Vihara was able to support seven Tibetan families from the money.

In the Vihara, there were a number of Lamas, including six Great Lamas who had a room all to themselves: a comfortable sitting room. They invited me into this room and we talked and I got to know them quite well. On the day I finally decided to leave the Vihara and India, I said goodbye to all the Tulkus except Mr. Wisdom and then went into the Lamas' room and said goodbye to them. They all shook my hand, the High Lama draped a ceremonial scarf around my neck and I departed.

Robin Dods

Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

The Executive Committee hope you all had a really great and relaxing festive season and wish you all a very Happy and prosperous 2010.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 2nd March 2010, and at that time a new executive committee will be elected. We are therefore seeking nominations for all of the executive positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Barry and John have both indicated that they will not seek re-election on the executive for the coming year and I will be prepared to stand for V-P if nominated.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the website and these need to be completed and returned to me, or handed in at next month's general meeting and certainly no later than February 2nd 2010. The nominations will be displayed in a prominent location in the village for the statutory period as defined in the constitution. The executive positions are open to all current paid up members of the Chamber, so let's have your nominations ASAP so that we will be able to vote in a new committee to ensure that the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism can move forward in 2010 / 2011.

Finally, don't forget it's your Chamber and therefore your decision as to who you would like to have elected on to the Executive Committee . Time is of the essence and there is no room for apathy, we need urgent action now from those of you in the community who are prepared to volunteer your time so we have a viable working Executive Committee thereby enabling the Chamber to fulfil it's charter to support the community of "The Village in the Rainforest".

The next General Meeting will be held at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel on Tuesday 2nd February 2010 commencing at 5-30pm. Minutes of the November meeting are available on the website.

Mike Took Vice President / Secretary

the Arts page

KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE

Dear Members and friends, wishing everyone well for 2010. Thank you for the great response to our Trash 'n Treasure and Boot Sale. A wonderful turnout with 30 stalls on the day, and many requests for more regular community market days to be held at the Amphitheatre. Much appreciation to Mandy Dewey, and Di Grogan for their untiring support in making the day such a success.

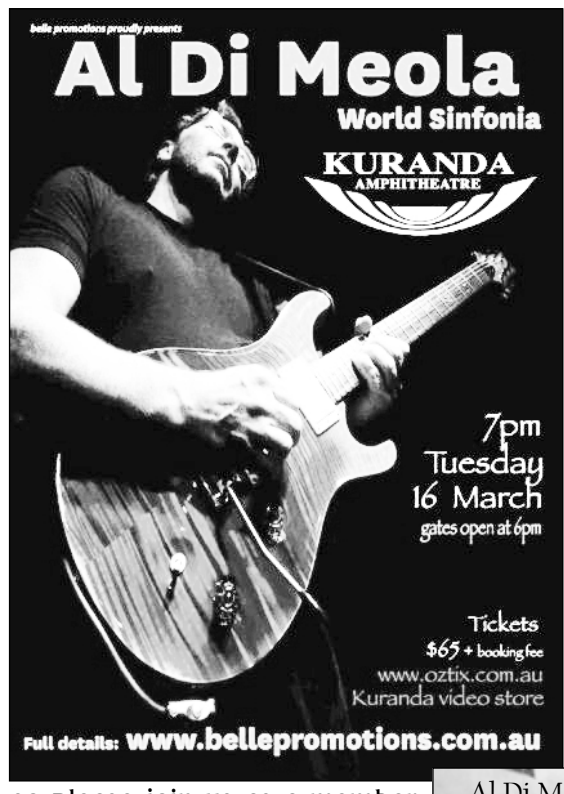
This year is going to be an exciting and busy year for the Amphitheatre. Already we have two mainstage events confirmed ~ *Al Di Meola World Sinfonia Concert* on Tuesday 16th March. An awesome opportunity to experience world class musicians at our beloved Amphitheatre. Then, on Sunday 25th April we have the *Lee Kernaghan Planet Country Oz Tour Concert* with Jasmine Rae and Mike Meiers. Tickets are already on sale at Kuranda Videos. For more info on concerts, check out our websites www.kurandaamphitheatre.org (click onto the events tab) and from there link onto Kuranda Amphitheatre myspace page *(or go via the all new "kurandapaper.com", ed.)*, for info on past and future events. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact the Amphitheatre, ph 4093 7633 or email kuranda_amp@bigpond.com.au

For our next Members' Night, on Sat 6th February, at the Understage, we welcome *Paris Texas* with Gabrielle, Mic, and David Breeze, and then the evening swings into a funky, hip-hop, most enjoyable dance mode with Aziva. *Aziva*, having recently perfomed at Frogs, with Gabrielle O'Shannessy - guitars & vocals, Mic Porter - guitars, MC Stormboy - vocals, Damien Hills - sax, and Guiseppe Vizzone - drums, are all very talented musicians and guarantee a good night out!!

We invite more community involvement with the Amphitheatre, so please join us as a member. We will be starting the new membership drive after the AGM with a great night of entertainment at the Understage with *Vikarious*. More details soon.

Remember, the Amphitheatre is available to the community for bookings for parties, weddings, workshops etc. Contact Zdenek on 0408 712 433. See you at the Amphitheatre,

Kitty



Al Di Meola World Sinfonia in Morocco

Presidents Report

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 27 February 2010
4:00 pm

Dear Members and Friends,

It's that time of year again, rounding things off and preparing for the Annual General Meeting. There are seven positions on the Management Committee; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bookings, Media and Bar Manager. All positions are voluntary, and rewarding in many ways. If you are interested in any of the above positions, please feel free to contact us and have a chat to gain a clear understanding of the role and time commitment required, 4093 7633 or kuranda_amp@bigpond.com

We ask that all nominations for committee positions be submitted to "the Secretary, P.O. Box 500, Kuranda" by Sat 13th Feb.

If you can't be there on the day, Proxy Forms are available through the Secretary. A completed Proxy Form must be presented to the Secretary before the meeting opens.

KAS has had a busy, eventful year and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the committee and members alike for their hard work, patience and determination throughout the year. On that note, after many years of dedicated volunteering at the Amphitheatre, Jon Williams is resigning from his role as Chief Sign Writer. We sincerely thank you Jon, not only for keeping the road signage up-to-date, but also the signage within the venue. Street signage is a crucial element of KAS advertising and Jon's absence will leave a big gap, and we thank Kai Hagberg for volunteering to take on that role.

Focus Theatre, the theatre arm of KAS, is having a small break from weekly meets, although they are very busy behind the scenes applying for funding, writing plays etc. Unfortunately Focus membership is not very high in numbers, costing only $5 on top of the KAS annual fee. Focus is mainly self-sufficient, relying on membership, shows, fundraising etc to get by. It would be fantastic to see more KAS members supporting our own community arts by adding $5 to the KAS annual fee. This would ensure our own theatre group stays alive, and assist with the continual rises in ongoing and production costs.

The electrical upgrade of the venue has begun! Thanks to Tablelands Regional Council and Qld State Govt (RLIP) for assisting with funding for this much needed project. The main stage area is completed, new switchboards & venue lighting has begun, and we're now waiting for Ergon to begin the upgrade to 250kva coming in to the venue. This will ensure the Amphitheatre, and the Kuranda community, continue to enjoy larger events.

2010 is promising to be an interesting year with some exciting events planned. **The first Members' Night of the year** is scheduled for February, (please check event calendar for details), with a special Members' Night to be held in March, when you can renew or become a member, and gain free entry to the event.

Al di Meoli is our next outdoor event on Tuesday 16th March, and Lee Kernaghan on Sunday 25th April.

As always volunteers are welcomed in areas such as Bar, Kitchen, Grounds, Chai/Merchandise/Soft drink stalls, Set-up and Clean-up, and the Working Bees prior to event.

Hope to see you at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 27 February.

Mandy Dewey
President 2009

ALL IS ART

Welcome to 2010, year of the tiger, and it's shaping up to be a good one. The wet season is here at last and the rainforest is buzzing with delight. If you go walking there you are sure to be rewarded with the songs of frogs, cicadas, and a myriad of other creatures great and small, all happy to be alive. What a pity it is that many of our human critters can't find such happiness. If they could there would be no need for wars, no point in enslaving others in overproduction only to burdon ourselves with trinkets that cost the Earth. No wonder the greedy are so unhappy, stressed and sick. It's not supprising that they get angry when confronted with those of us who are free from such illusions. What went wrong? Can they not hear the birds? Is fear the reason they still listen to the spin of the corrupt souls who seek to enslave them? Why do they still pay tribute to the great beast called The Economy? Have the crooked spin doctors muddled their brains with the idea that a strong economy is a good thing? At who's expense? Do they not feel the stings of those that suffer to create this farce? Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa. Brutality and oppression will not fix these problems. Just go for a walk in the rainforest. Learn from the creatures there. Listen to the simple truths of the Earth. She will teach you how to let go of the lies that bind you. May we all walk free and in peace, and proud of ourselves, like the Tiger. Let this be our Art in 2010. Remember, the gates of paradise are open, but you can't take your s.u.v. in. After all, we are only human, but we do have art, music, song, dance, and a deep down understanding of what's really going on. Listen to the Earth, and glorify her with your creations, love your fellow humans, and paradise is yours,

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Saturday 6th Feb: Paris Texas & Aziva – The Understage, Members & Friends Night. Doors & Bar open 6:30pm, entertainment 7:30pm, nibblies available.
Entry $10 members, $15 visitors

Saturday 13th Feb: Nominations for Committee members – The Secretary P.O. Box 500, Kuranda 4881, or email: kuranda_amp@bigpond.com.au

Saturday 27th Feb: Kuranda Amphitheatre Annual General Meeting at the Understage, 4:00pm.

Every Monday & Thursday: Circus workouts with Piers & friends - For more information contact Piers ph. 0438 368 117

Kuranda Folk Night

Friday 5th Feb
CWA Hall
Barang St.

FEATURE ARTIST:
JEREMIAH JOHNSON
SUPPORTING ARTISTS:
ROSE EDEN
"QUORUM" (TWIGGY & LUNA)

Doors open 6:45pm
Show starts 7:00pm
Entry: $7.50, under 12 FREE
Tea, coffee and cakes available!
"Kuranda Folk Night" is an alcohol free event.

Quorum at Nevermind Cafe

Hello Folknight friends, The Folknight is on again. We have 3 wonderful acts this month.

"Rose Eden", a very special folk-singer song-writer from Innisfail is very excited about performing for us in Feb. Rose is very quickly making a name for herself in the FNQ music arena.

Local Kuranda duo "Quarom" aka Twiggy and Lunar will be performing for one of their first times as a duo at the Folknight.

The feature artist "Jeremiah Johnson" has been performing for many years, which can be easily perceived when attending one of his shows. Jeremiah connects with the audience very well and creates a shared space for all in the room. Not just a performance.

Those who want to stick around a little longer at the end of the night are encouraged to bring along their instruments and get involved. We will be having a jam after the performances. All are welcome at any level of ability!!!!!!

see you there, Michael

***Kuranda Folk Night** is held first Friday of every month.*
Interested musicians email: kurandafolk@gmail.com
Web: www.myspace.com/kurandafolknight

the Arts page

Kuranda's Zennith Boyz new single and national tour

Zennith are pleased to announce they are about to release their new single and video clip **Simplified** very soon! Currently in pre-production for their up-coming debut album and national tour supported by Arts Qld, it's looking like 2010 is the year The Zennith Boyz will explode, taking them to the heights of success.

On Australia Day Zennith performed in Sydney at The Rocks Festival and then headlined the Yabun Festival, celebrating Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander cultures. Renowned as one of the most important Indigenous music events in the country, Yabun showcases a huge wealth of creative talent and the resilience of the Indigenous people and traditions. Yabun is broadcast around Australia on the National Indigenous Radio Service (NIRS) and streams via the Gadigal website, home of Koori Radio 93.7FM.

Zennith had the honour of performing New Year's Eve at Peats Ridge Festival in NSW where they finished the year off in true Zennith style. "This band blew me away with their dynamic approach, well crafted set, and their never dull for a moment repertoire...their love for music and very tight musicianship pours onto the stage with ease and humility. This is a band that really has what it takes to bring it home to the finish, leading a well crafted charge from their opening and familiar reggae styles all

the way through to their explosive finale, a number that made me believe in rock 'n roll again!" Zvonko Jovicic , Manager, Lyrebird Stage, Peats Ridge Festival 2009.

Zennith are extremely passionate when it comes to cultural heritage, their passion then becomes their lyrics. They take great pride in performing music in culturally diverse places. The way Zennith slot in to communities is icebreaking and this ultimately opens doors for more indigenous bands to come on through.

November 2009 saw Zennith enter international waters for the first time, taking their music and messages to Fest 'Napuan in Port Vila, Vanuatu. The Zennith boyz were well received and supported by the Australia High Commission, The Vanuatu Government and the people of Port Vila, creating an instant fan base and media hype, Ralph Regenvanu, Director of Fest 'Napuan expressed "Zennith were one of the highlights of Fest 'Napuan2009. Their connection with the ni-Vanuatu people was live and direct, both on and off the stage. Zennith's special brand of roots reggae, their amazing stage presence and energy, and the great songs all made for a performance that will be remembered in Vanuatu for years to come". The local community fell in love with Zennith's rocking reggae beats and strong cultural heritage. The band also participated in cultural workshops at the Port Vila Central Hospital and Won Smol Bag Youth Centre by sharing their Aboriginal culture where they performed traditional dance and music for them. Zennith carved their way back across the South Pacific with success.

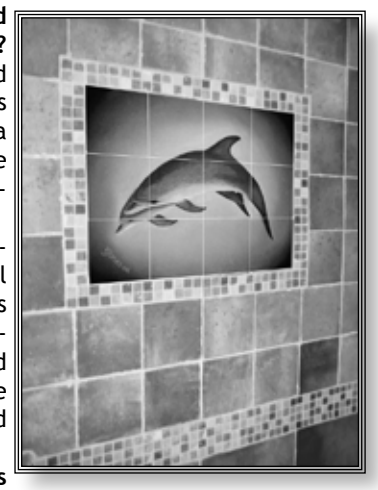
THE BOOGIE BROTHERS MUSIC REVIEW

Sorry, no review this month. Those fabulous Boogie Brothers have given us such a comprehensive review that we had no space for it at all on the Art Pages. However, from next month on, look out for the Boogie Brothers on the all new Kuranda Paper MUSIC PAGE! Yes a whole page dedicated to music. All the buzz on our great local music scene, as well as news and reviews on the national and international scene. I know those Boogie boys won't let us, nor their Y-fronts, down.

Functional Art is here!

Like most art lovers, you have probably run out of wall space, however many artists these days are providing practical solutions to this dilema. Art that can be both beautiful AND useful. The first example of this to be featured here is from Kuranda wildlife artist Daniella Jones. Daniella and hubby Michael are putting their art on ceramic tiles. What a great idea. Below are some examples, and Daniella's story of how she and Michael got into this art form...

Wild Art Tiles:

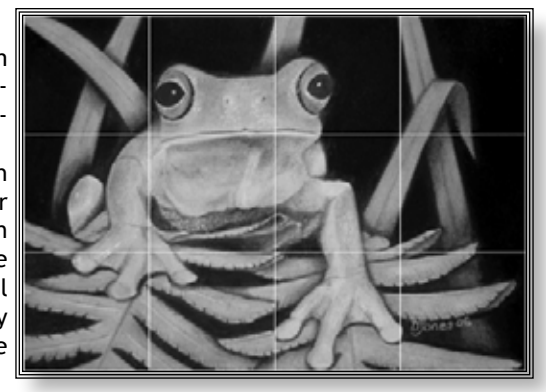


Are you after something original and unique to uplift the look in your home? Well look no further than right here in your own backyard, Wild Art Tiles is a Kuranda company who print high quality ceramic tiles with original wildlife designs by Daniella Jones. In fact it is Daniella and her husband Micheal who have expanded on her local wildlife art business and who are now focusing on the tiles after they realised there was a lack of unique and original designs available.

"We realised after being approached by a customer wanting ceramic tiles featuring original tree frog art that there was a real lack of quality ceramic tiles featuring Australian wildlife designs available, the customer had practically given up before she approached us as she couldn't find anything anywhere. When we told her we could do it she nearly fell over" said Daniella.

So **Wild Art Tiles** was created three months ago and since then they have barely been able to keep up with demand even sending tiles as far as the UK and Japan. Their website boasts over 130 wildlife designs and they have recently added classical artworks to their range.

"We have something for everyone's taste, so if you're not into wildlife we have plenty of designs to choose from and we can even print your own photo's or artwork onto our tiles" says Micheal.



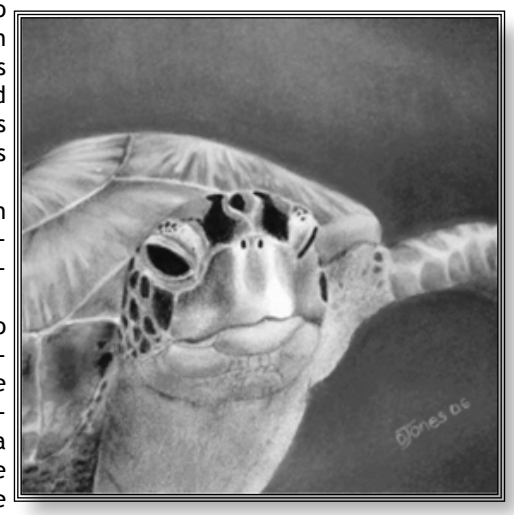
The applications of the tiles are endless - from kitchen splashback's to bathrooms and water features, they can even be used for commercial signage, counter and bar tops.

"Your imagination is really the only limit with these tiles, we have customers who want tiles for the bottom of their pool, barbeque area's and even letterboxes. Our tile murals would have to be the most popular of our range as they can be as small or as large as you require them, you could actually tile an entire wall with a mural if that's what the customer wanted" says Daniella.

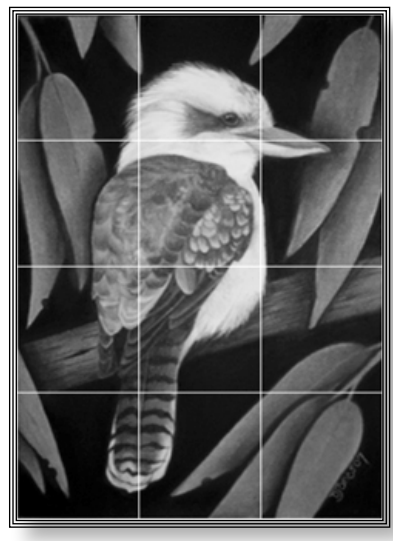
For those who are not familiar with tile murals this is where the entire picture or design is made up with many tiles, the application of tiles in this style is really popular in the US but they are only just gaining attention here in Australia. In fact Wild Art Tiles has the largest range of ceramic tiles featuring Australian wildlife art in the country and the only company printing tiles with this unique process in FNQ.

Although Micheal and Daniella may soon need to think of relocating their shop due to their expanding business they really want to stay in Kuranda.

"We have thought of perhaps moving the business down into Cairns but we have decided that we want to stay in Kuranda and perhaps open a second shop in Cairns in the future. Our boys go to the school nearby and I like the feeling of having a bit of a diverse business in Kuranda instead of just focusing on tourism." says Daniella.



They are in the process of re-modelling the shop in the Market Mall on Therwine Street to not only showcase their beautiful tiles but also have Daniella's artworks on sale too.



"We hope to have the shop remodelled by the first week of February and have a large range of tile murals and feature tiles on display as well as Daniella's artworks and prints. Customers can come into the shop and have a chat to us about their requirements and place an order or they can do it all online through our website" says Micheal.

You can visit the online shop at *www.wildarttiles.com*

Wild Art Tiles also has a small range of tiles on display at present in the shop located in the Rainforest Market Mall on Therwine St. They also offer the service of printing customers' photos onto coffee mugs, stubbie coolers and canvas.

Micheal and Daniella would also like to offer a free 6 x 15cm tile mural to Kuranda Paper readers so if you'd love to own one of these stunning murals please email in 25 words or less why you would like a tile mural in your home, to *kurandamedia@bigpond.com* . The most original email will be chosen as the winner and will be announced in next month's Kuranda Paper. The winner can choose any tile mural design on the website.

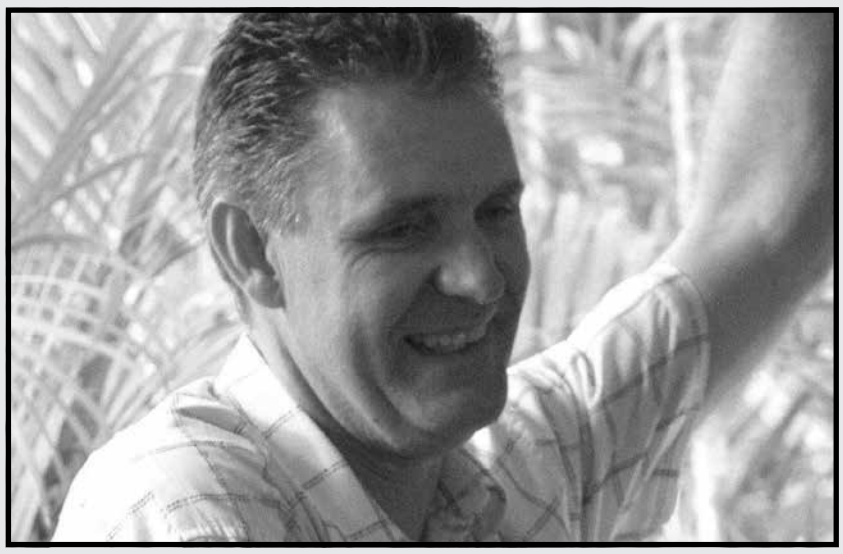
Steve Court Has Moved to Charters Towers

by Marié Boswarva

(a Kuranda Information Centre volunteer)

STEVE COURT started working for the benefit of Kuranda Village in 2001 – he was employed as the Coordinator of the Information Centre. With his background in hospitality, he had already honed his skills in comfortably relating to the public in a calm and unhurried way, whilst still managing to accomplish many tasks at the same time.

Relationships with people in Kuranda were important to Steve, but highest on his list of priorities was the personal interaction he had with his volunteers in the Centre, as he continually shared with us 'without people in the community being willing to give up their time to be volunteers in the Information Centre, it could not exist.'



Later in his employment whilst still Coordinator of the Centre, Steve added the time-consuming task of Kuranda Village Promotion Program (KVPP) to his already busy schedule. It soon became apparent that it was impossible to accomplish both jobs effectively in his working hours and like many of the dedicated employees before and since he continually put in many hours before and after his designated employment hours to get the work he wanted to achieve completed.

In 2005 when the Council finally recognised the impossibility of Steve's work load, another Information Centre Coordinator was employed and Steve moved into the post of KVPP full time. His tall, clean looks and friendly manner became a familiar sight in the streets of Kuranda, talking and listening to the owners and employees of our businesses. Now there was time to accomplish more of the exciting and practical projects that would help keep Kuranda on the travel schedule of tourists nationally and worldwide.

We have had a few Coordinators since the Centre opened in 2000 ,with Sue Marshall as KVPP and Mary Beth Gundrum as Coordinator, but Steve is the first one that some of the 'older' volunteers wanted to adopt as their own to replace absent sons.

In December of 2009 Steve moved to Charters Towers to become the head of their Information Centre – we who worked with him at our Information Centre will miss him.

For those in the Kuranda community who did not realise what a competent, successful representative for Kuranda Steve has been these past four years – they will now finally understand when they try to replace him.

We wish you Good Luck Steve, but it is Charters Towers who has all the luck by employing you to represent their remarkable town.

QLD SELF DEFENCE & TAEKWONDO ACADEMY
Q.S.D.T.A

KURANDA TAEKWONDO CLUB KICKS INTO 2010

Students from Queensland Self Defence and Taekwondo Academy recently returned to training at the Kuranda CWA hall.

Branch Instructor Patricia Goldfinch commended those students returning and proceeded to teach the new material required in preparation for the March quarterly grading. In addition, Patricia is introducing the concept of tournament training. Later in the year students may have the opportunity to compete at local and/or state level. All FNQ instructors recently attended an umpire's seminar and now hold the relevant certification to officiate at State and National level.

QSDTA is now in its 31st year of providing quality Taekwondo and self defence instruction to students of all ages and backgrounds throughout the State.

Popularity for the club is based on its commitment to the teaching of traditional Taekwondo, accompanied by the inclusion of straight forward practical self defence training.

The objectives of Taekwon-do are to

- Cultivate Character
- Trim and slim the body
- Bring out one's strengths
- Display graceful techniques
- Cultivate one's mind

FNQ will be hosting the annual Taekwondo Camp this year at Lake Tinaroo. Kuranda students will spend two full days honing their skills with students and instructors from throughout the state. These seminars have proved very popular in the past. Kuranda students are reminded of the changed class times – starting at 6.30 pm through to 8 pm. Those interested in trying Taekwondo should come along on Tuesdays or Thursdays for a free introductory lesson, or research our club at:

www.queensland-selfdefence.com.au

Branch Instructor Patricia Goldfinch
2nd Degree ITF Black Belt

Kuranda – A BIG Thank You!

Kuranda Festivities "Carols in the Park" was held on 5th December 2009 with a crowd of around 200. With weather threatening, thanks to our local SES members who helped put up tarps and marquees for the night. Also thanks to the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre for the use of their marquee. A big thank-you to all those people who joined in our parade of lights, to which an extra big thank you goes to the Fire Brigade and Rural Volunteer Firefighters of Myola and Speewah who successfully put out the fire at Clohesy Creek to make it back in time for the parade.

Warren and Trish Green from Kuranda Landscapers had a beautiful display of plants in their tip truck, while Michelle Shambler was looking good on her horse "Storm". Billabong brought in their horse all "dressed up" which looked fantastic, especially coming along the highway all in Christmas cheer.

A big display of our locals on motor bikes was a great sight to see and we had a few local cars gussied up and Judy Pope and the Pony Club joined in as well and this turned out to be a great parade.

The parade then picked up Santa with his pony and cart from the Post Office, along with the children from Kuranda District State College who did a fantastic job of singing their way down the main street, with the pony clubbers bringing the rear belting out songs of Christmas cheer.

Jenny Jensen then opened the night, then handed over to our M.C. Bronwyn Harris (also a marriage celebrant) who did a fantastic job keeping the night running smoothly and everyone involved in song and dance.

Birds of Paradise Choir joined us with a lovely performance of Christmas songs.

We had a few problems, one of which being our lighting (which was zilch, zero, nil and nought) but in true Kuranda spirit, this was overcome. A big thank you to the Lutheran Church for sticking it out, without lights, to sell candles on the night. Also to all the stall holders – we can only improve this coming year and hope to see you all back again this Christmas.

Thanks has to go to many people: Kuranda Festives Committee for without their help, the night would not have gone ahead, Tablelands Regional Council for their donation and seating. Thanks to Ken for the help with the posters. Also to Kuranda Landscaping, Mareeba Toastmasters, Kuranda Home Made Tropical Ice Cream, Kuranda Butchers, Busters Raw Materials, Kuranda Tyre and Mechanical for advertising in our brochures and also a big thank you to Sharon Love who put all the brochures together.

Also to Candy Kitchen, Sweet and Sour, Still Waters, Kuranda Fudge Factory for donations of sweets – a big thank you. Thanks also go to Kuranda District State College and Mr Mandana for supplying the PA system and having the children sing so beautifully on the night. A big thanks has to go to Smiley, Kylie and their band of helpers that made it possible for Santa to visit Kuranda. I hope you can convince Santa to come back again this year.

To any-one I have missed, please accept this thank-you.

Hopefully this year we will be able to have food stalls (another technical hitch I'm afraid) but would like to thank Banjo's for staying open. And last but not least – a BIG humungus thank-you to all the people of Kuranda and Districts who came along to support us and enjoyed the night!

Astrology
Stars in February

Rob Hart

An interesting month! Lucky it's not a leap year I'm thinking, 28 days is quite long enough. The stars portend massive endings, beginnings, feats of endurance, sacrifice and just letting go. Honestly, you could use the astrological aspects for this month as the basis for a movie script and it would be huge!

First of February kicks off with Saturn square Pluto in the cardinal signs. The battle lines are drawn; the established, rigid and controlling forces are confronted and challenged by the involving, inevitable forces of destruction and change. On a global and personal level. Which side are you on?

Then on the 4th of February, Pluto sits on the midpoint of Moon and Jupiter. Let me quote from the midpoint text-book; "The desire to start great enterprises: extraordinary and unusual striving for possessions and wealth". An old text, but if we apply it to these times, the meaning would go a little deeper. What is our real wealth? Worth thinking about...

From the 10th to 15th of February there is an awesome array of line-ups causing an energy buildup. They speak of massively destructive energy; exposing weaknesses, death and a total concentration of resources into a single focus. And an extreme susceptibility of the feminine: Gaia under siege. Flowing waves of transforming, destructive energy which seems to spread around the planet washing away much in their path.

We know what February can be like in our part of the world- no surprises here but, without indulging in any paranoid predictions, maybe we should be extra prepared this year for the annual deluge.

The month ends on a full Moon opposite a Sun, Neptune conjunction in Pisces... Wet, Wet, Wet. A wonderful time to sacrifice and let go all the old stuff and let it wash away in the flood. Cast your fate onto the cosmic flood tide and be cleansed; renewed and re-energised.

Compassion rules and only love survives. We do, indeed, live in interesting times.

Business Opportunity

Kuranda District State College Parents and Citizens Association currently operates the tuckshop service at the college. The P&C and College have agreed to seek interest from external providers to take over tuckshop operations from 2nd Term, 2010. Expressions of interest are now being invited from individual(s) or business to provide a lunch service to college students and staff. Proposals are due 12 February 2010.

This business could be operated in several different ways, including:

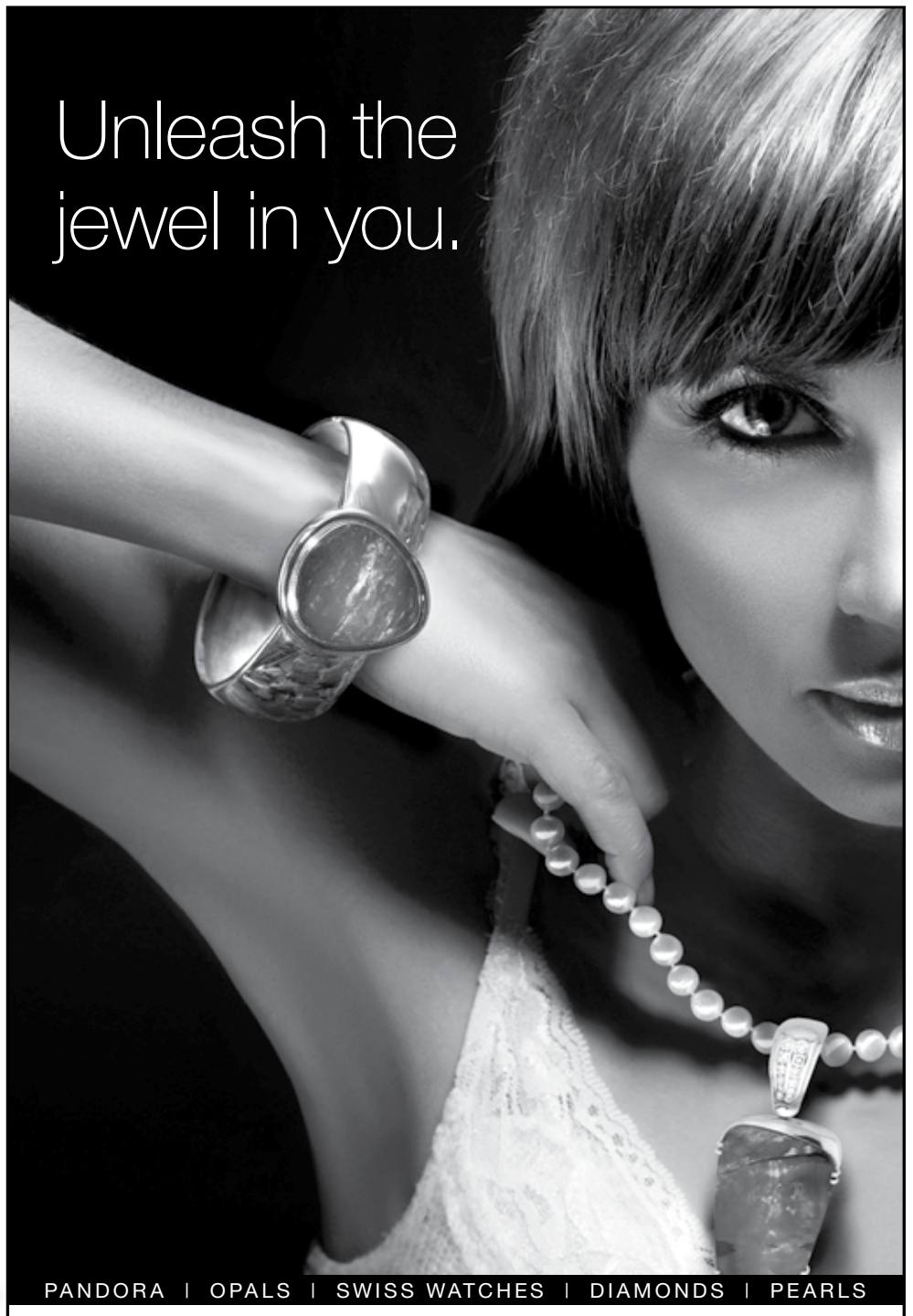
1. **Person/s lease existing tuckshop facility to cook and sell lunches**.
   - No upfront costs
   - Minimal lease fee
   - Equipment already in place
   - Short days & 12 weeks holiday p.a.
2. **Existing restaurant or café provide a menu, take orders then prepare food on own premises and deliver to school.**
   - Excellent extension for existing business
   - Early morning trade (delivery by 11.00am)
   - Constant demand throughout school year.

All menu items will be required to comply with Education Queensland's "Healthy Choice" policy and any individuals working at the college will need to obtain a Working With Children Blue Card.

If you would like to receive an information pack please provide your name and contact details to Lyn Carr (Email lgcarr@aapt.net .au or phone 40939049).

CAN YOU SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS A WEEK FOR A FEW WEEKS?

Help care for our local orphaned and injured wildlife by volunteering at BATREACH over this particularly busy period.
See page 5 for details.



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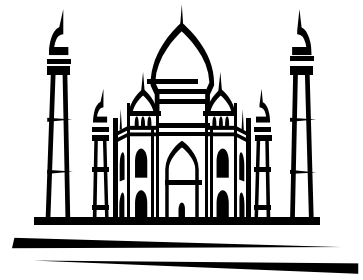

CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS:

Climate is a major factor in influencing the body's balance. Many of us cannot choose exactly where we live for any number of reasons. We can, however, choose wisely where we go for vacations or periods of rest and rejuvenation.

Vata types feel best in warm, moist climates, preferably near the ocean, a swimming pool, lake or river so the heat can be enjoyed without becoming too intense. Most Vata people love the sun. They are better off sunbathing with a cool drink then hiking in the sun all day. Lovers of intensity, they should make the focus of their vacations and breaks rest as well as play. Climates such as those found in Queensland, Australia, Florida, Hawaii, the South Sea Islands, the Mediterranean coastline and all tropics are preferable.

Pitta types hate to be overheated, so cool, breezy, drier climates are best. Being near water – rivers, lakes, oceans – and places that are lush and green are most nourishing, Ireland, Sweden, Norway, the Pacific Northwest, the Snowy Mountains of Australia spring to mind. They should choose places with plenty to do; places of interest to visit in the daytime, quality restaurants, elegant nightlife, and gentle physical challenges.

Kapha types are most comfortable with dry, warm, even fairly hot climates – as long as they can take siestas. They enjoy the slow pace of southern or Mediterranean life. Turkey, the Greek Islands, or New Zealand and Tasmania are ideal. A cuisine that offers just enough garlic and chilli and not too much cheese is great. Some organised activity is helpful as Kaphas are too happy to just sit around. They suffer most in heavy, humid weather.

Become aware of the climate that suits you best.

Next month we will investigate Massage.

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CABBAGE ROLLS

THE HUNGARIAN ORIGINAL READS LIKE A NOVEL...THIS ONE IS ONLY AN ESSAY!

You will need...A leg of mutton...MINCED. (Your house trained butcher will do this for you).

A big fat cabbage. Some garlic, onion, rice, tomato puree and a chunk of smoked bacon or a hock.

THE FIRST STEP:

Prepare the cabbage. Cut off the stem and holding the head downwards in the palm of your hand, under a running tap, ease away the large leaves one at a time, as they fill with water.

Blanche for a few minutes in briskly boiling water drain and cool. While the leaves cool, advance towards...

STEP TWO:

Brown an onion, add the garlic.

Season with salt and pepper and tumble the minced mutton into the same pan. Brown, stirring as she goes.

When the meat is looking interesting, add 450g of raw rice. Stir to mix the rice well through the meat.

Allow to simmer gently so the rice can absorb all the juices the meat has created.

Let it all cool so you can handle it.

Now back to the leaves...

Lay each one back down on a cutting board and making a triangular incision, trim out the heaviest part of each stem.

Spoon in a firm ball of meat and rice mix and pack the leaf neatly round. Set into a deep casserole. Proceed packing rolls into the casserole until the leaves run out or you have lost interest in the whole thing.

Pour over the puree using a spatula to ease the juice around all the rolls.

Drop the smoked bacon on top. Another devilish dash of salt won't do any harm. Simmer in the oven just long enough to blend all the tastes together. Everything's pre-cooked so you're not starting from scratch.

Small consolation I suppose when you consider how long it's taken to get this far.

(Be reassured, the dish is very welcome. There are a thousand variations on the theme. You'll create many more yourselves...especially if your local butcher won't mince the mutton. If he won't, ask for equal quantities of minced beef, veal and pork. Wait till the shop is really over crowded...look very little and unprotected...then hit him with it!!!)

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Repolish and Buff	$10	Half Leg	$16		
		Full Leg	$35	**Massage**	
Face & Body Treatment		Full Leg & Bikini	$38	Half Hour	$35
Deep Cleansing Facial		Half Leg & Bikini	$25	One Hour	$55
(including Eyebrow Wax)	$50 (1 hour)	Basic Bikini Wax	$25		
Half Hour C.A.R.E. Facial	$35	G-String	$15–$20		
Back Facial	$35	Brazilian Wax	$25–$35		
		Underarms	$10		
		Full Arm Wax	$25		
		Half Arm Wax	$15		

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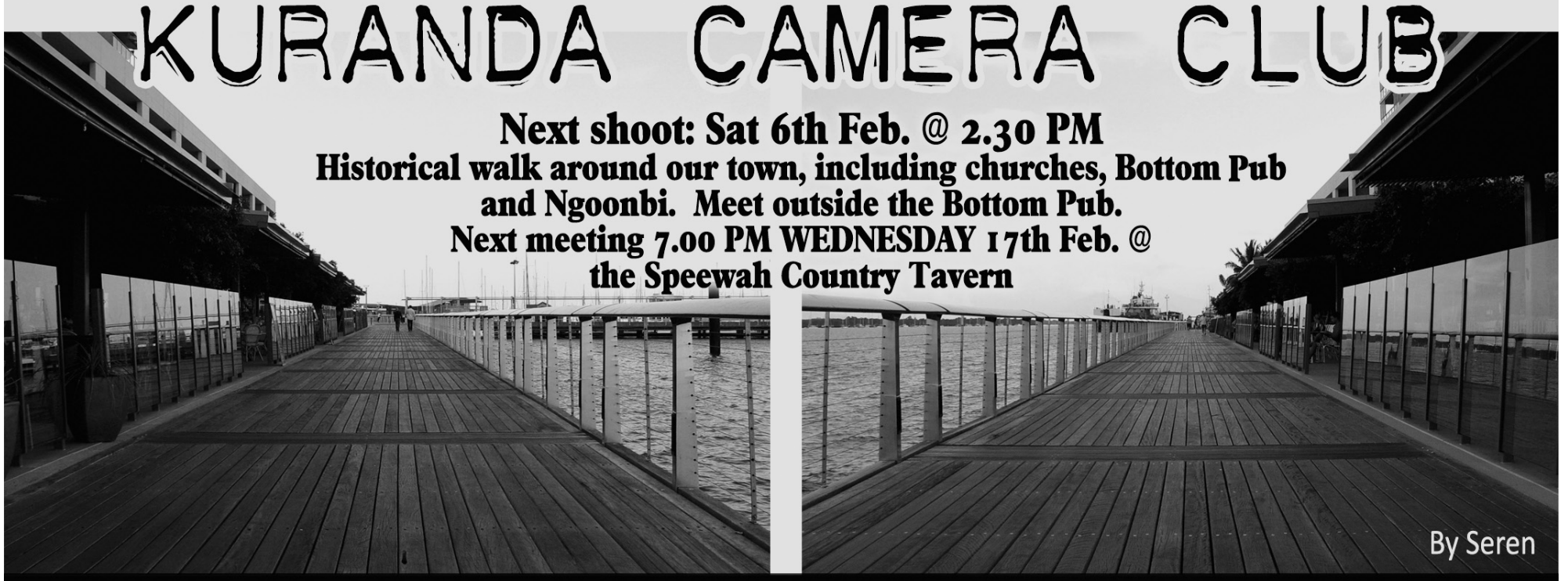

Next shoot: Sat 6th Feb. @ 2.30 PM
Historical walk around our town, including churches, Bottom Pub and Ngoonbi. Meet outside the Bottom Pub.
Next meeting 7.00 PM WEDNESDAY 17th Feb. @ the Speewah Country Tavern

By Seren

A very diverse year in the way of shoots and events, which included shoots at the Cairns Marina, Wrights Lookout, the Weir and Davies Creek. Highlights of the year for most were the events we covered throughout Kuranda and at The Amphitheatre. We had lenses out at the Roots Festival, The Bike Expo and The Hemp Festival hosted by the Kuranda Original Markets. But I think the biggest highlight of the year would have been our visit to Batreach, what a lovely lady doing wonderful things. :)

By Bob

We would like to send a special thank you to some local businesses for their support in 2009; Bird World, the Original Kuranda Markets, Earth Connections and a extra big thank you to Jeff and Stella and the wonderful staff at the Speewah Country Tavern for their continued support. We also put on our first annual Spring Festival Exhibition which received great feed back from the community.

Peace, Zananda

By Bob

By Zananda

If you would like to become a member or to find out more call Zananda on 4093 0365 or Seren on 0409 499 168

By Ross

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THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA, ST SAVIOUR'S KURANDA

Invites you to Worship

SUNDAY
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Sung Eucharist
9.30am Sunday school
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Holy Communion February 7th
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SPECIAL SERVICES
The Presentation of Christ in The Temple (Candlemas)
Tuesday February 2nd 7.30pm
Sung Eucharist by Candlelight
Ash Wednesday
Wednesday February 17th
Services 9.30am and 7.30pm

ACTIVITIES
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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Enq Chris Wright Tel 4093 8735 • Email wrightc@iig.com.au

A Thought for February

EPIPHANY AND MURDER

St. Matthew's story of the "Wise Men of the East" who visited Jesus (Matthew 2), is one of the best known and loved stories in the Bible. On Epiphany, (the revealing)January 6, the Church specially remembers these "Wise Men of Magi " who were drawn to the manger and there found the Christ Child.

However, in our images of gold, frankincense, myrrh and camels, we sometimes forget the rest of the Epiphany story - Herod's murder of the Hebrew children and its relationship to the Epiphany of Christ.

Warned in dreams of Herod's evil intentions, the Magi leave the country without telling Herod where Jesus is. Likewise, Joseph is warned and the family flees from the stable to Egypt as the slaughter begins. All of the male Hebrew children under two are murdered, and the Nation weeps for her dead.

In this story, the two-fold message of Epiphany is clear: Jesus is the light of the world, but He cannot forever remain in the manger. The Christ must go forth, but when he does, innocents will die in His name.

The same is true today. Jesus is not the property of a few. His love and name must be proclaimed by all Christians wherever they are. Yet, in many places today, that proclamation means persecution or death.

It happened years ago in Uganda. It is happening right now, today, in Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, the Sudan, Yemen. And it even happens to us, here in the Australia, when we are called upon to put our Christian values and convictions before the demands of an increasingly secular world.

Jesus is the Light of the World, and we, like other Christians, are called to proclaim Him so, wherever we are. from our safe and lucky country Australia, let us pray that our Epiphany proclamation of Christ will be a bright beacon to the persecuted world; let us pray for those martyrs still being killed for the name of Christ; and let us pray that we will have the strength and courage to die whatever death is required, proclaiming Jesus as Lord and the Light of the World.

News from St Saviour's

St Saviour's has been very active over the Christmas New Year period with wonderful Christmas and Epiphany services.

On Tuesday February 2nd The Eucharist of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) will be celebrated in St Saviour's commencing at 7.30pm. Again this year the service will be held by candlelight.

Like to know more about the Christian faith; is it irrelevant, boring, without foundation, come along then to an Alpha course and find out. Alpha is a basic introduction to the Christian faith; a course will be starting at St Saviour's soon.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHA'I FAITH

"*My purpose and intention is to remove from the hearts of men the religious enmity and hatred which have fettered them and to bring all religions into agreement and unity. Inasmuch as this hatred and enmity, this bigotry and intolerance are outcomes of misunderstandings, the reality of religious unity will appear when these misunderstandings are dispelled. For the foundation of the divine religions is one foundation. This is the oneness of revelation or teaching; but alas! we have turned away from that foundation, holding tenaciously to various dogmatic forms and blind imitation of ancestral beliefs.*" – (Abdu'l-Baha, Foundations of World Unity, p. 96)

Spiritual Meditations/Reflections on writings from the great religions, every Wednesday 7 pm Baha'i Info Centre, bottom Therwine St. Kuranda (Note: In a few months the Centre will be ceasing, and the Hidden Words Bookshop selling non-fiction will be opening in its place)

World Religion Day interfaith service 24 January 3 pm at a Tolga home.

Morning Prayers each Tuesday 8.30 am, park in centre of Kuranda Village.

Intercalary Days from 27 February for hospitality, gift giving, visiting sick, etc.

Study Circles and Devotional Meetings by arrangement

Other events at Cairns, Malanda and Atherton, please enquire.

BAHA'IS WELCOME CONTACT WITH THE FOLLOWERS OF ALL RELIGIONS AND BELIEFS
Telephone 4093 7120 or 4093 9571

From the Baha'is of the Tablelands

Irish Alzheimers

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost fainted when he saw him. Murphy had never been seen in Church in his life. After Mass, the priest caught up with Murphy and said, 'Murphy, I am so glad ya decided to come to Mass, what made ya come?"

Murphy said, "I got to be honest with you Father, a while back, I misplaced me hat and I really, really love that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like me hat, and I knew that McGlynn comes to Church every Sunday. I also knew that McGlynn had to take off his hat during Mass and figured he would leave it in the back of Church. So, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that ya didn't steal McGlynn's hat. What changed your mind?"

Murphy said, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments, I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all."

The priest gave Murphy a big smile and said, "After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' ya decided you would rather do without the hat than burn in Hell, right?"

Murphy slowly shook his head and said, "No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery', I remembered where I left me hat."

... Not by bread alone ...

Don't let your worries get the best of you: remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

SOME PEOPLE ARE KIND, POLITE AND SWEET-SPIRITED UNTIL YOU TRY TO SIT IN THEIR PEWS.

Many people want to serve God, but only as advisers.

St Cristopher's Catholic Church
Barang St

Our Sunday Mass will be held at 6 pm

1st Wednesday of each month
Mass 7.00 pm

Kuranda
Seventh-day Adventist
Church

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

Services held every Saturday.
ALL WELCOME !!!

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Kuranda Faith Community
Meets Second Sunday
of the month
4.30 – 5.30pm

KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE
Fallon Road • Ph: 4093 8730

Conversation as Prayer

EXHIBITION MARKS 10th ANNIVERSARY OF BRINGING THEM HOME REPORT

The State Library of Queensland's traveling exhibition, Broken Links: the Stolen Generations in Queensland marks the 10th anniversary of the Bringing them home Report into Indigenous child separation and will soon be on show at Atherton Library.

State Librarian Lea Giles-Peters said Broken Links explores the history of the Stolen Generations in Queensland, and the effects this had on many Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders over generations.

"This moving exhibition portrays the history of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander child removal through records and documents held at the State Library and other institutions, and through five very personal stories of Aboriginal children who were removed from their families between 1930 and 1973," she said.

Lance Riley, Ruth Hegarty and Doreen Cockatoo were taken from their parents and sent to live in dormitories on missions and reserves during the 1930s and 1940s.

After years of being put under duress by officials, Pamela Croft's mother finally agreed to allow her child to be adopted in 1960.

In 1973, Sharon Kinchela and her siblings were removed from their mother and after being in institutional care for some years, were told their mother had died. It was not until 1977, when Sharon's mother was finally permitted to collect her children that they realised she was alive.

"These people and their families have agreed to share their stories in the exhibition in the hope that this history will never be repeated," said Ms Giles-Peters.

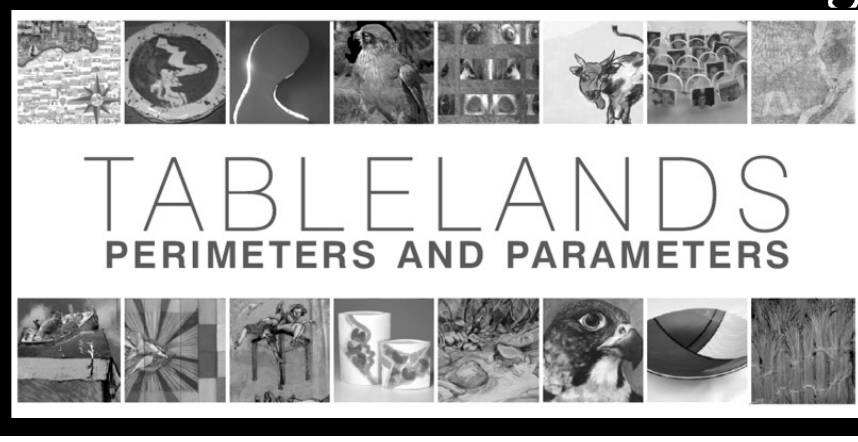
"In this exhibition you hear the personal accounts of children who were removed and read the documents that allowed this to happen."

Broken Links is a free travelling exhibition from the State Library of Queensland. For more information visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on.

Dates: Saturday 30 January to Friday 19 February 2010
Venue: Atherton Library
16 Robert St
Atherton Qld 4883

Kuranda Arts Co-operative

Major exhibition in Atherton February 5–28



15 **Kuranda Arts Co-operative artists** celebrate the Tableland region in an exhibition, **Tablelands: Perimeters and Parameters**, opening at the **Tableland Regional Gallery**, 16 Robert Street, Atherton on Friday 5 February 2010. The exhibition will be opened at 6.00 pm by **Pat Morrish**, former Far North Queensland ABC Radio presenter, and will continue to February 28.

Inspired by the extraordinary place in which they live and work, the artists, **Shona Ballantyne**, **Mollie Bosworth**, **Judith Corrighan**, **Terry Eager**, **Darryl Ely**, **Margaret Genever**, **Helen Gormley**, **Gerhard Hillmann**, **Henri Hunsinger**, **Jana Iriyadi**, **Claire Jones**, **Kerryn Madsen-Pietsch**, **Shane Morris**, **Cathie Phoeda** and **Toni Rogers**, present a new perspective on the Tableland. Through the innovative vision of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative artists, we are compelled to look anew at this vibrant region – a place like no other.

In their deliberations on the qualities which mark this area's distinct character, the artists reveal insights and viewpoints of the Tableland beyond those presented in the tourist publications. Working in a range of styles and media – from ceramics, glass and found objects to painting, printmaking and mixed media – these artists highlight the differences existing in the region and also present fresh viewpoints on the unifying features of this remarkable place.

The exhibition's Curator, **Barbara Dover**, said "The Tableland Regional Gallery has recognised the importance of the Kuranda Art Co-operative's work and has supported it, as have the Tableland Regional Council through the Regional Arts Development Fund; the Kuranda Paper as a regional partner; and the Kuranda Resort. These organisations have given the artists the opportunity to bring together this rich, diverse and poignant collection."

Have you got an idea for an arts project but don't have the funds to make it happen?

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a joint initiative between the Tablelands Regional Council and Arts Queensland to support local arts, culture and heritage development activities. Funds can be used to support a range of activities, including: workshops; innovative arts, culture or heritage projects; concept development; and cultural tourism initiatives. Recent examples of successful projects include a series of circus aerial training workshops; a marketing and promotion campaign for a local photographer, funds to help bring together local artists and indigenous people at the Yungaburra Folk festival, and the curated exhibition of 15 Kuranda Arts Co-operative artists at the Tablelands Regional Gallery.

If you think you have an idea that might qualify for support contact Council's Arts and Funding Officer on 4043 4000 or email artsofficer@trc.qld.gov.au.

The Kuranda Arts Co-operative currently continues to operate as a support network for both fine and craft artists and respond to both artist needs and market opportunities.

Results of Survey Reveal Kuranda Residents' Views

A survey recently conducted by Tablelands Regional Council about the current and future facilities in the Kuranda River Precinct has shown the majority of residents want the transport interchange area in Coondoo Street to remain open and favour the development of walking tracks on the esplanade along the Barron River.

The survey was open to the public for a period of three weeks during October to November 2009 with over 200 respondents contributing to the results.

"We are very happy with the participation and outcomes of the survey and believe that it will provide Tablelands Regional Council with a more informed idea of residents' concerns and expectations for the Kuranda River Precinct," Division 8 Cr Jenny Jensen said.

"The survey was very much aimed at gauging residents' views on these areas and will add to the information Council and the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee are gathering that will help us to better plan and provide more relevant facilities for the locals and businesses in the Kuranda area."

The results have been passed on to the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee to consider. The committee has already sought approval from the Minister for Local Government to proceed with minor changes to the parking area and provision of the river walk.

The committee already has approval for a covered walkway however due to the mixed community response, the committee will consider this matter further and ascertain if further clarification of the concept is required.

The survey results were as follows:

In relation to the question about the use of the transport Interchange area at bottom of Coondoo Street:

- 45% area best used as combination of parking and pedestrian
- 63% area best as shared community and tourism use
- 75 % disfavoured closing the area
- 40 % strongly favoured placing seating and further plantings
- 53% strongly disfavoured allowing only cars to park there
- 43% strongly disfavoured allowing only buses to park there
- 34 % strongly disfavoured allowing anyone to park there
- 67 % strongly disfavoured making users pay to park there
- 28% strongly disfavoured time limited parking while 25% strongly favoured time limited parking
- 71% strongly disfavoured using the area for buildings

In relation to River Walk – from Train Station up the Barron River to the highway bridge and back along Thongon Street:

- 63% strongly favoured the area as being important to them
- 57% strongly favoured the development of walking tracks
- 52% strongly favoured a safer railway crossing
- 34% strongly favoured that safety is an issue in the area

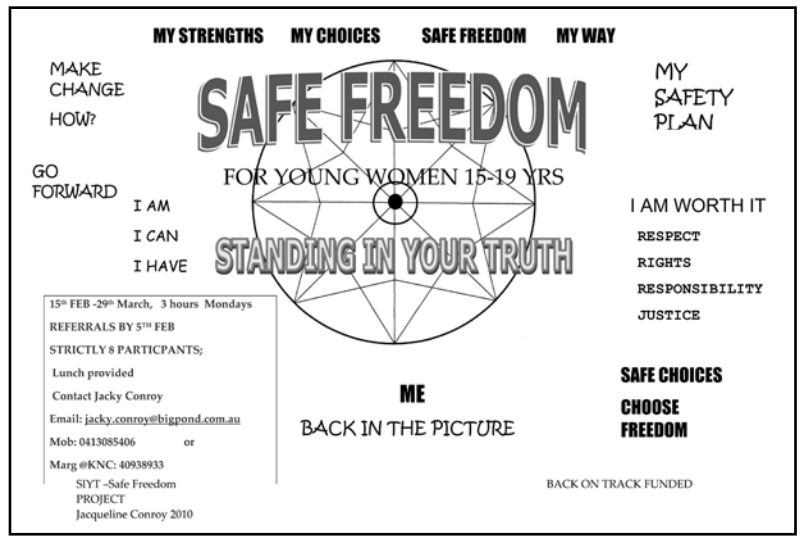
In relation to the Covered Walkway – from the Transport Interchange area up Coondoo Street to the Police Station:

- 41% strongly disfavoured building a covered walkway
- 47% strongly disfavoured building a continuous structure
- 35% strongly disfavoured building the covered area in pods while 23 % indicated that they strongly favoured building the covered area in pods
- 34% strongly favoured the covered area being the same theme as the village while 28% strongly disfavoured the covered area being the same theme as the village
- 41% disfavoured information and advertisement sites along the covered area

In relation to the Information Centre at the bottom end of Coondoo Street near the Transport Interchange:

- 36% strongly favoured and information centre however it should be noted that 75% did not respond to this question
- 31 % strongly favoured the info centre being a stand alone structure wile 28% strongly disfavoured the info centre being a stand alone structure
- 35 % strongly disfavoured the staffing of the information centre while 29% strongly favoured the staffing of the information centre
- 33% strongly disfavoured the information centre being a self service centre with brochures and maps

For the full results of the survey, please go to the website, **www.trc.qld.gov.au**.



Kuranda Visitor Information Christmas Party

By Marié Boswarva , Volunteer

AT the beginning of December was the Christmas party for the volunteers from the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre — the best party ever.

Cedar Park was the venue, where we enjoyed the warm weather outside on their covered-in verandah. The food rivalled a Roman banquet with trays of food that kept coming and coming. If you eat there you will notice that nothing is too much trouble for the cook and staff and once I told them that I could only eat vegetables, a plate of special, unusual, delicious recipes were made just for me.

Unlike others years where just getting together with the other volunteers for a chat was enough (different shifts meant that we rarely saw everyone from one years end to the other), this year Cathy had gone all out for entertainment, and we were all delighted — until we found out that we, the volunteers, were to be the entertainment — singing karaoke.

At first it looked as though no one was going to 'volunteer' for the Kuranda Idle (notice the spelling), but eventually a few brave persons signed up. There were solo artists, duo and groups performing (to protect their identities I'm not going to give their names–but you know who you are!). The 'Spice Girls' spiced up their act with green hair and Christmas decorations on their head and red earring that flittered brightly red on and off during their performance. It was plain they were singing their hearts out, and it would have been nice to hear 'their best song' — but no one had turned on the sound system!

A duo sang a particularly sad Elvis Presley song and one of the audience was so deeply affected that she suddenly joined the singers and pantomimed her sorrow on stage, then to the delight of the audience, she wrapped herself around the closest singer and sobbed out her heartbreak on her shoulder (yes, you know who you are, and everyone who was there knows too!).

Bravest of them all were the solo artists who sang not only without the support of others, but also without of the original performer singing in the background, just with the music.

'The judges' retired to vote on the best artist, and a portly Santa Claus arrived. Poor Santa it seems that he was having trouble with his face fuzz, as his beard and moustache threatened to fall off completely, but he just barely managed to balance the moustache on the edge of his chin. Cathy convinced this saintly man as he came to each individual person that yes, they had indeed been good that year and deserved the presents that he had in his overflowing sacks, and resembling the kids that I like to think we are at these occasions, after we open our own treasure, it was the sounds of 'what did you get, show me yours' all around the room, as we displayed our prizes and shared our delight with the presents that had been brought by the volunteers to be retrieved in turn from the lucky dip in Santa's sack. One person was so interested that she circled the whole room checking on everyone's gifts (maybe not everyone knows who that is –but I do!).

Finally the 'judges' came back with their result. Only one of the judges gave their observations and his clever and comical comments as well as his inability to keep track of his written critique but keep turning the pages topsy turvy trying to find them, keep us continually laughing. He commented on all the acts, missing no detail from the singing to their costume, there was a special accolade for the unexpected participation from the member of the audience who added to the intensity and humour and the duo's sad Presley song. And although all competitors resulted in high (but amazingly, equal scores), the winner was the one who dressed in costume, not only sang in tune, but also convincingly 'sold' the song without the restriction of reading the prompter (and we all know who that is — congratulations).

One of our volunteers had diligently set up the list of 'oldies but goodie' songs, and those in the audience who weren't brave enough to get up and sing in front of the group enjoyed themselves singing along.

It was 11:45 pm and reluctantly everyone started to disperse. Although a long and tiring evening it has been a wonderful night, what with singing along, laughing and applauding the entertainers and scooting from table to table, we were still accelerated but exhausted and as some of us had to turn up and reluctantly to work at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre the next morning, it was definitely time to leave.

As we all thought, with the announcement from the President of the Olympic Federation at the Sydney Olympics, that it was 'the best ever' we Aussies all challenged — "now see if you can top that!"

Well can ya?

Miri – Winner of the Karaoke Contest

Santa greets Visitor Centre vollies

Sunday February 6 at 4 pm at the Sports & Social Club Fallon Road
Kuranda Film Society at the Sports & Social Club

Bring a plate to share at "interval".
Subscriptions for 2010 are:
$10 per year, or $5 for a 1 day membership.
For more information ring Hans at 4093 8393

The first two films in the New Year

Synopsis: **L'Idole**

Australian director Samantha Lang has made a movie in Paris, in French, with an American actress playing an Australian actress, and a Chinese-American actor playing a Chinese-French retired chef. Intriguing? For a while. Leelee Sobieski's French is surprisingly good, much better than her acting. James Hong is a fine actor, but clearly an American guy struggling with his French lines. The story (two characters, each alientated in his/her own way, thrown together in a Parisian apartment building) is ultimately trite and uninteresting. Jean-Paul Roussillon does a nice job as the nosy downstairs neighbor, and child actress Marie Loboda could be Emanuelle Beart's little sister, much as Sobieski could be Helen Hunt's little sister. 113 min. M. Recommend for mature audiences.

The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith is a 1978 Australian film directed by Fred Schepisi and based on the Booker Prize-nominated novel of the same name by Thomas Keneally. The novel is based on the life of bushranger Jimmy Governor.

The story is written through the eyes of an exploited Aborigine who explodes with rage. It is based on an actual incident. Keneally has said he would not now presume to write in the voice of an Aborigine, but would have written the story as seen by a white character. For Schepisi the film's reception was a disillusioning experience and he left Australia soon after to work in Hollywood, returning to Australia ten years later to make *Evil Angels*.
117 min. M. Recommended for mature audiences.

KURANDA 8 BALL & DARTS

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KURANDA POOL NEWS

Welcome to the New Year 2010 and already it's shaping up to be a very busy but positive year here at the Centre. Since Mid December through the vacation we have been conducting " intensive " swim instruction for some of our 4 to 7 year olds. Some really big gains in ability and confidence were made by the students in the week long 5 day programs. Some of the students did 3 weeks and congratulations to Orion Hunter, Jake Cameron and William Arthur. The benefits gained will be for life and it has been a pleasure to help make you safer and stronger in the water.

Drowning statistics for the last year in Australia continued to rise and being water safe is so important for children. Dreadful statistics are already showing up again this Summer. Our classes teach swimming strokes and also water survival skills and rescues.

For babies and little ones we have 3 mornings on offer: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays. Slots for mornings:- 9.30am, 10.15am, 11.00am

For School age and any other lessons generally 5 afternoons a week, Monday to Friday. Slots for afternoons:- 3.30pm, 4.15pm, 5.00pm

For special arrangements, small groups, adults:- generally Saturday.

We provide extensive levels of Stroke Development, generally in the 4.15pm slot each day

We provide Mini Squad and Squad levels of Swimming/ Training, generally in the 5.00pm slot each day

The Learn to Swim slots at 3.30pm and 4.15pm are filling fast and continue to most popular with our 5,6,7 year olds.

We do adults swimming together in training and drills on Thursday evenings at 6.00pm and Saturday afternoons 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Planning is underway to gather Adult momentum to get some simple "meets" going to race and time for the fun of it. This is hoped to form the catalyst for including children from squads to join them and bring up the critical mass to the point where it is viable to form a Club. It's up to parents first to establish the pathways initially. So if you want some adult stroke correction or tips on training come along. Entry fee will get you in.

We are currently in positive negotiations with Council about getting some more family friendly facilities and finishing off aspects of the pool and its surroundings so stay tuned for the next installation of things like seating, signage, and even some shade, bike racks etc. With these issues addressed we will all be better off in the community.

With Gratitude and Cheers for now,

Gary and Linda Davis

To Kuranda Residents

Happy New Year from Vellcom Electrical Services

WITH the dawn of 2010, Vellcom Pty Ltd Electrical Services turns six-years-old and wishes everyone a safe and prosperous year.

Although still a relatively young company, Vellcom has grown to service not only the good people of Kuranda, but also parts of Cairns and even areas in the Tableland region.

"We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and will continue to prosper in the upcoming year"

Vellcom director, Steve Vella, shifted to the Far North along with his family from Melbourne, nearly eight years ago.

Although the mismatched Melbourne climate is certainly different to the humid hideaway of Kuranda, the professional attitude Vellcom adopted in the busy Melbourne business-life has been effectively maintained.

Their reason for this: "the people of Kuranda deserve nothing less".

With such an amazing perspective on the essence of what it means to work in a community, Steve loves meeting the colourful and wonderful people of Kuranda; From sharing stories where one has come from, to the never-ending knowledge of our beautiful rainforests' flora and fauna.

"The people of Kuranda deserve nothing less"

Meeting and dealing with different people every day is very rarely difficult, but an adventure.

Vellcom services all data and communications, industrial and commercial electrical needs, while simultaneously accommodating your every-day domestic electrical requirements.

"To all of our wonderful clients, and all residents of Kuranda (as I'm sure we will meet one day) we wish you all a wonderful, safe and blessed New Year".

Thanks to everyone for a great year last year and we look forward to catching up with everyone in 2010.

Please ring the office during business hours on 4093 8006 or to speak to Steve on 0439875433.

ENVIROCARE (Continued from Page 26)

Plant of the month

BROWN PINE – Podocarpus grayii
(our local)

These latin names can be confusing and / or hard to pronounce. Sometimes they're easier to remember if you know what the name means. So this month:
"*Podocarpus* is derived from two Greek words *pous*= foot, and *karpos*= fruit, referring to the fleshy fruit stems"
Well I did say sometimes.

Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia

Podocarpus macrophyllus Podocarpus genus and the Podocarpaceae family were endemic to the ancient supercontinent of Gondwana which broke up between 105 and 45 million years ago. Podocarpus is a characteristic tree of the Antarctic flora, which originated in the cool, moist climate of southern Gondwana. Elements now survive in pockets in the humid temperate regions such as Australia's Wet Tropics region (where we live) As Australia drifted north toward Asia, the collision pushed up the Indonesia archipelago and the mountains of New Guinea, which allowed Podocarp species to hop across the narrow straits into humid Asia, with *P. macrophyllus* reaching north to southern China and Japan.

So we have an ancient relic in our midst! A quiet unassuming, slow growing but very elegant plant, with strappy dark green leaves, happy to grow in the shade of taller rainforest trees. If you have room for an "old timer" placed on the edge of your forest so you can glimpse their growth, we have a few available in the nursery.

Focus on the environment around us

This year our general meetings are being replaced with movies, speakers and discussions with influential community members connected with environment.

Our general (boring) process of running the organisation has moved to the 3rd Thursday of the month or as required. All members welcome.

Contact secretary@envirocare.org.au for dates.

Next Speaker Meeting: 3rd Feb, 7pm

Recreation Centre, Fallon Road

Watch out for the signs entering the village, advertising the event.

All welcome, light supper provided.

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Kuranda District State College P&C News

Yes it is the holidays but the KDSC P&C is still active!! During the holidays we have taken delivery of the fabulous new playground for Grades 4,5 and 6 which we obtained with funding from the Community Benefit Fund. It will be all hands on deck for the installation of this exciting new play equipment over the next month.

The P&C is also working closely with College administration to secure the future of the tuckshop operation for the school community.

The tuckshops have been operating at a loss for several years, since the introduction of the "Healthy Choices" policy and the increased costs of food items. During 2009 the P&C implemented changes to improve the tuckshops' financial situation. While these changes were (almost) successful in breaking even, they were not sufficient to satisfy the P&C and College Administration that the tuckshops were financially viable in the longer term without further changes, posing additional burden on P&C volunteers.

A tuckshop survey undertaken also indicated a desire for greater variety of healthy foods with more emphasis on freshly prepared rather than packaged items.

In light of the finances and survey results, the P&C assessed future options for the tuckshop operation and it was agreed at the December 2009 meeting that an external provider be sought to operate the food service for the college in 2010.

The P&C and KDSC are now seeking expressions of interest from individuals/ businesses for the operation of the tuckshops, commencing from 2nd Term 2010.

Proposals are due 12 February 2010. Contact P&C rep Lyn Carr (40939049) or the Principal, Gary Toshach (4085 5344) for a pack containing details of requirements for proposals.

The P&C would like to acknowledge the support and perseverance shown by the tuckshop staff throughout a difficult year in 2009 when many changes had to be implemented.

The current financial situation of the tuckshop results from external factors being experienced by all tuckshops in Queensland and in no way is a reflection on our staff. They have shown admirable dedication to their work and to our students and college over many years.

The committee thanks them for their efforts to date and for their ongoing cooperation with the P&C at this time.

Local Titillations and Teasings from Hot Tropic Nights

Sleeping with Goannas

After retiring to my bed, the temperature dropped. It was a dark and drizzly night and I thought the best place to be was in bed tucked up tight. As I was drifting off to sleep, I thought how cosy I was in my little house. Half asleep, I reached down to the bottom of the bed and just as I grabbed hold of the Doona I felt a strange thing with sharp claws in my hand.

It was a very dark night, I couldn't see a thing. I dropped the Doona with creature intact to the floor. Soon after I heard a desperate scuffle of claws and fast movement heading towards the security door. As I reached for the torch, I wondered what it could be. There was a terrible racket going on and as I shone the light over the floor I spotted a Goanna desperately trying to escape through the door.

Poor Goanna, he got such a fright. In his hurry, he wriggled and rattled the door, bells rang, chimes chimed as he tried to free himself. The Goanna had his head through the hole in the door, pushing frantically forward not realizing that he was getting stuck – he could not fit through the door.

I jumped up and pushed the door open with a loud crash and a bang, grabbed the Goanna from the other end and pulled him towards me. OOPS! The Goanna, the torch and myself landed on the floor in a heap. It was dark again, no light, the torch had gone out. I thought "where is the torch?" I felt around on the floor, but before I could get to my feet, the Goanna sprang up and scuttled out the open door.

It was an eventful night. I went back to bed. Needless to say, I am very glad my night visitor was set free. Has anyone else had a good experience?

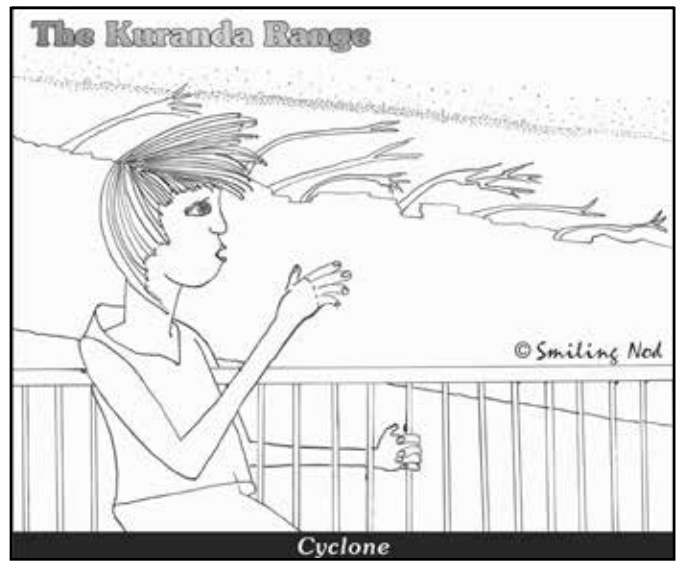
Joanie

The Bag Lady with the Shaved Pussy

Hot and humid and Peace, the large Persian, that never leaves the house was wilting in the heat. Not having air conditioning and reluctant to leave doors and windows open for my frequent visitors, two very large, beautiful Amethystine pythons, with their eyes on tasty cat-burger, I took Peace to the beastie beauty parlour and had it clipped. Such sulking from one shaved pussy lurking for a week under the lounge, not venturing out except in brief foray under cover of darkness!

Do you notice bags never come in ones? Over Christmas, one came from my "adopted" family in Cambodia and another from my good friend Wayne – an exquisite handmade one from the Woodford Festival and here I had just bought a replacement on special to replace my old faithful bag of some twenty years.

Sandy



Sly Grogging In The Kuranda District

Peter Ryle

FOR THOSE WHO THINK things have gone to the dogs, and deplore the lack of respect for the law these days, please don't delve into the newspapers of the past – you will get a shock to find things have changed little. The old newspapers are riddled with accounts of prostitution, murder, rape and robbery. In fact, if the date was not on the paper it would be easy to believe you were reading today's paper. In the 1880s gangs of youths in Cooktown were stringing wire across the footpath to ambush pedestrians. In the 1930s people wrote letters to The Cairns Post asking "Where are the police? We are not safe in our own homes!" (Cairns was so unruly in the1930s it was called "Little Chicago". And (horror of horrors) in Welcome Pocket in 1891 people were being charged with selling sly grog!

In September 1891 The Cairns Post reported on the trial of several people charged with selling liquor without a license. This was a serious offence at the time. Prior to Federation the Colony of Queensland collected all excise duty, which comprised a significant portion of its income. After Federation the imposition of excise duty became a Commonwealth prerogative and the States had to resort to other means to finance the budget.

P. Tierney pleaded not guilty to the charge of selling liquor without a license but he was convicted and fined £20 with costs of £2/18/6. Although this would seem a paltry sum now, in 1891 a labourer was lucky to earn £1 per week. The fine and costs would be equivalent now to at least $12,000.

Mr. Carrol faced the same charge but the case was dismissed on a technicality. Mrs. Gardner pleaded guilty to a similar charge and was fined £10 with £2/18/4 costs. When her solicitor, Mr. Graham, asked the court to be lenient the Prosecutor, Mr. Morris, said he regretted very much that he had to prosecute her at all. However, she had broken the law.

Minnie Fitzgerald, who appears from the evidence to have been very young, was also charged with providing liquor without a license. She pleaded guilty, but her solicitor asked the court to be lenient on account of her youth. She was not a servant of the establishment, but a visitor who had inadvertently given a stranger a drink. The Prosecutor argued that she should receive a severe penalty to act as a deterrent to the owners of the establishment, who would have to pay the fine. She was also fined £10 with costs.

Two other people, Mrs. Parsons and M. Burn also pleaded guilty to the charges and were fined £10 and £5 with costs respectively.

Mrs. Keating, the wife of the owner, was charged similarly. Thomas Scheedy, a Government Excise Officer, gave evidence that he had visited the defendant's house at Welcome Pocket where he was given a glass of brandy after paying for it. His evidence was corroborated by another excise officer, Thomas Foley. Mrs. Keating admitted that neither she nor her husband had a license to sell liquor. However, the prosecution admitted that her husband had applied for a license the previous July, but had not paid the fee. Mrs. Keating denied ever serving liquor in her house. She gave evidence that the two excise men had come to her house and asked to buy brandy. When she refused Sheedy said that he owed Mr. Keating one shilling. He gave her a half-crown and she gave him 1s 6d change. After this they left the house. Her solicitor called several people who gave evidence that Mrs. Keating never sold liquor and had none in the house.

The solicitor for the defense introduced evidence that the two excise men were promised half the fines if the cases were successfully prosecuted. "It therefore depended on their, "hard swearing" whether they got anything at all, and would not that give them a certain need to get penalties inflicted? This case was simply a put up dodge by the informers to fill their own pockets."

The Bench remarked that it was peculiar four of Mr. Graham's clients had pleaded guilty to the charges, thus accepting the evidence of Scheedy and Foley, but regarded their evidence as false in the charges against Mrs. Keating. However, the case was dismissed because the evidence on either side was equal and contradictory.

The claim that Scheedy and Foley were "bent" Excise Officers was also used when they were also the prime witnesses in a case of illegal grog selling against M. Carroll of Myola. The two informants swore that Carroll had sold them beer and whiskey at noon on September 6 in his house at Myola. The defense counsel, Mr. Graham said the defense was a bona fide one on its merits, and at the conclusion of the case the Bench would see that it was a deliberate attempt on behalf of the informers to make a rise at the expense of the defendant. It would show the value of the Excise Constables.

Carroll swore that on the day he was accused of selling alcohol he was in fact visiting Jack Walsh at Kuranda. He said on the day in question he left home at 8 o'clock and was at Walsh's house from 9 o'clock until after lunch. His brother joined him at Kuranda and they did not return home to Myola until late at night. John Walsh, a publican of Kuranda, gave evidence that Carroll had been at his hotel from early in the day until after 1 o'clock. Carroll's brother corroborated his evidence and swore that he had been with his brother at Kuranda at the alleged time of the offence.

The Bench concluded that the evidence for the prosecution and the defense was completely contradictory, and there was no corroborating evidence on either side. It was clear that one side or the other had committed willful perjury, but it was not possible to determine which side was lying. The case was dismissed without costs.

The fact that the Excise Officers were paid according to their success in prosecuting offenders would obviously encourage them to stretch the evidence. Such evidence would not be accepted in a court now. However, sly grogging was prevalent in that period and was generally accepted as a way of life by the general public. It is not difficult to believe that anyone operating a sly grog establishment could get people to perjure themselves by giving false evidence for the defense.

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Question: What is her motive for killing her sister?

[Give this some thought before you answer.]

Answer: She was hoping the guy would appear at the funeral again. If you answered this correctly, you think like a psychopath.

This was a test by a famous American Psychologist used to test if one has the same mentality as a killer. Many arrested serial killers took part in the test and answered the question correctly.

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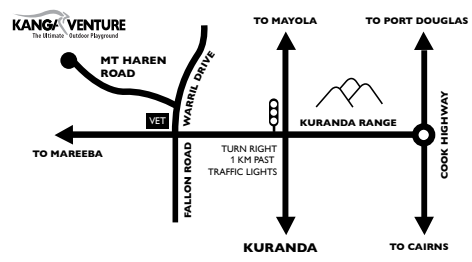

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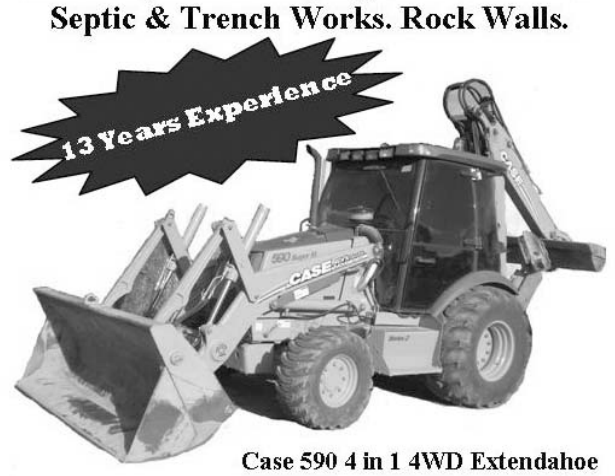

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Grandmas

Grandmas hold our tiny hands for just a little while, but our hearts forever – *Author Unknown*

If becoming a grandmother was only a matter of choice, I should advise every one of you straight away to become one. There is no fun for old people like it! – Hannah Whithall Smith

Grandmother - a wonderful mother with lots of practice – *Author Unknown*

It's such a grand thing to be a mother of a mother - that's why the world calls her grandmother – *Author Unknown*

You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother – *Proverb*

If your baby is "beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses, sleeps on schedule and burps on demand, an angel all the time," you're the grandma – *Teresa Bloomingdale*

Grandmother-grandchild relationships are simple. Grandmas are short on criticism and long on love. – *Author Unknown*

It's amazing how grandparents seem so young once you become one – *Author Unknown*

What a bargain grandchildren are! I give them my loose change, and they give me a million dollars' worth of pleasure – *Gene Perret*

Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children – *Alex Haley*

Perfect love sometimes does not come until the first grandchild. --Welsh Proverb

Never have children, only grandchildren – *Gore Vidal*

When grandparents enter the door, discipline flies out the window – *Ogden Nash*

If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first – *Lois Wyse*

My grandkids believe I'm the oldest thing in the world. And after two or three hours with them, I believe it, too – *Gene Perret*

Grandchildren are God's way of compensating us for growing old – *Mary H. Waldrip*

Kuranda Sport & Recreation News

Kuranda Recycled Bike Program

We want your old bikes to recycle! Kuranda Sport & Rec is creating a Bike program for the community. We are seeking bike parts, tools and helmets etc. We would like to hear what your biking needs and interests are for the future of Kuranda. We will be running free pushbike maintenance lessons every Thursday, so if you have a bike that needs fixing bring it along. We would like you to get involved. Our 1st meeting will be held at 4.00pm 11th Feb. For more information call us on: 4093 8048 or sport.ng@bigpond.com

Kuranda Junior Rugby League

Kuranda District Rugby League would like to notify everyone to be on the look out for the Rainforest Raiders. Next meeting 28th Jan 2010 at 5:30pm, held at Ngoonbi Office. Committee, volunteers, and interested persons invited to attend. Sign on day for players from 6 - 16 yrs on Saturday 13th February at Bartley Park (old school ground) from 9am to 1pm.
Any enquiries call Rick Brown on: 0417 077 812

Kuranda Touch

URGENT! Calling for interest in Kuranda Touch Football Competition.
We need help in the following areas:
• Organising Committee 2010 • Players • Volunteers
Community support is being sought to keep this sport alive in Kuranda.
Persons interested in being a part of the Kuranda Touch season 2010 should contact Community Sport & Recreation Officers on 4093 8048 e-mail us ***sport.ng@bigpond.net.au***

Kuranda Basketball

After a hugely successful basketball program held over the school holidays in partnership with Cairns Basketball Inc and Kuranda Sport & Rec, there is overwhelming interest for the continuation of the Kuranda Basketball program. We are now seeking interested people to be involved in keeping Kuranda Basketball up and running, we will be holding our 1st meeting on 4th Feb at 5:30pm

Sport Meeting timetable:

What	When	Where
Rugby League	28th Jan @ 5:30pm	Ngoonbi 36 Coondoo St Kuranda
Recycled Bike Program	11th Feb@ 4:00pm	Sport & Rec office 40 Coondoo St Kuranda
Kuranda Touch	3rd Feb @ 5:30pm	Sport & Rec office 40 Coondoo St Kuranda
Kuranda Basketball	4th Feb @ 5:30pm	Sport & Rec office 40 Coondoo St Kuranda

For more information contact S&R officers Rahm, Bert or Dameon Ngoonbi Sport and Rec
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Caring for Our Country:

LOCAL KURANDA GROUP BENEFITS FROM FEDERAL FUNDING

Kuranda Envirocare is set to benefit this year from nearly $12,000 in natural resource management funding from the Rudd Government.

Member for Leichhardt Jim Turnour said the local group had won funding through the 2009-10 Caring for our Country Community Action Grants program.

He said, "This funding will help Kuranda Envirocare to continue their efforts to protect our incredibly rich and unique natural environment in Tropical North Queensland. The money will be invested in their 'Saving our Species' project which aims to improve biodiversity & reduce critical threats to native habitat in Far North Queensland."

The project area is an identified biodiversity hotspot and site of speciation with the Southern Cassowary, Common Mist Frog, Myola Palm and Myola Frog all endangered and endemic. The project area has the only stand of wild Myola Palms in existence, one of few sites of both species of frogs, and is an important corridor for cassowaries linking the north and south Wet Tropics.

The project aims to revegetate and widen riparian zones, revegetate and link biodiversity corridors, create a buffer zone around a nature reserve, reduce weed threats, and improve the skills and knowledge of land managers.

Mr Turnour said, "Caring for our Country provides directly to farmers, natural resource management groups and other land managers. The Community Action Grants play an important part locally in ensuring the community is well-placed to meet major environmental challenges such as climate change by providing practical, on-the-ground support."

Seven other community groups in the Tropical North have also been successful under the program, including Cape York Peninsula Landcare, Cairns Urban Landcare and Treeforce Association. Environment Minister Peter Garrett and Agriculture Minister Tony Burke recently announced 299 projects approved under the $5 million Community Action Grants program.

The Ministers said the groups that had been awarded grants had demonstrated that their project had a strong element of community involvement and a strong commitment to the Caring for our Country priority areas of protecting biodiversity and natural icons, coastal environments and aquatic habitats, or using sustainable farm practices.

Mr Turnour said many local community groups could not operate without the incredible support of volunteers so it was pleasing to see the Federal Government provide on the ground support to these groups to carry out their natural resource management efforts.

Mr Burke said he will announce more successful Community Action Grants for Landcare projects in the near future.

Applications for the 2010-11 Community Action Grants are expected to open mid year.

Further information about Caring for our Country and the Community Action Grants program, including a complete list of funded projects, is available at www.nrm.gov.au or by calling 1800 552 008.

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From Peter the Brickie to Peter the Doctor

OUR PROFILE for this month is **Peter Ryle**, or I should say Dr Peter Ryle. He is that well known local identity who writes those great historical articles for this Paper, our resident professional historian. But as the title to this profile suggests, he has not always been a writer and historian. He started his working life at a young age working in the meatworks, but soon became a brickie by trade. He is also a product of this area, having been born, brought up and married in Cairns. Since 2000 he and his wife Lorraine have lived in Kuranda where they are both well known and respected. In fact his connection with this region goes back several generations.

His great grandfather Christian Ryle, of German descent, worked as a baker in London, but was convicted and transported for seven years as a convict to Moreton Bay in 1848 for stealing 100 pounds of flour worth 16 shillings (Peter has the court record), in the last batch of convicts to be sent there. He was quickly given a ticket-of-leave for good conduct and appears to have been a very good citizen of the new colony. His grandfather married in Townsville and trekked overland to Cooktown, later moving to Herberton. On Peter's mother's side he is descended from Cornish free settlers to the Australian colonies in 1838.

Peter's limited school education has been more than remedied by his activities as an excellent mature-age student at JCU. After working as a brickie for some years in various places, including at Bowen and Cooktown, and raising three bright young girls, he and Lorraine opened and ran the readymix plant in Cooktown for 17 years. There he contracted a bad case of Ross River virus, which put him out of full time work for quite some time. It was then that he discovered his talent for academic studies and writing. An arts degree with first class honours was followed by a PhD in 2001 supervised by Dr Jan Wagner. His thesis "Decline and Recovery of a Coastal Rural Town, Cooktown 1873-1999" was bound for library use. At university he was general secretary of the Cairns Campus Student Association for some time.

Then has followed a prolific outburst of historical writing that is still continuing. He has had six more major published works, dealing with the history of the Cairns Port Authority, of Forsayth, of Sugar Lighters in Cairns, working on the Meatworks Chain Gang, of volunteering in Cairns and of the Cairns Penny Bank. He is currently working on the history of the Cairns Historical Society, of which he is a member and for which he was the editor of its newsletter for eight years, and of the Cairns Bowls Club. His list for the future includes the history of Kuranda. He has written numerous stories, bush poems and articles, including three stories in the "Prickle Farm". He has also given seminars and talks. He received one grant for writing the Sugar Lighters and has been awarded numerous prizes and awards.

In his private life, he enjoys reading, fishing, gardening, bush walking and his five grandchildren. He knows quite a bit about plant grafting. They have renovated their own Kuranda home which was virtually derelict when they bought it and have established their own garden with veges. He and Lorraine love travelling and have their own motorhome. They have also made four overseas trips.

Asked for a philosophy of life, Peter said: "Enjoy the bastard because you don't know for how long you will be here."

Graham Nicholson

BUTCH THE ROOSTER

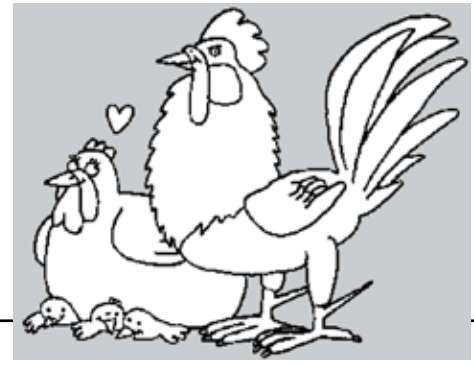
John the farmer was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young layers (hens), called pullets and eight or ten roosters, whose job was to fertilize the eggs. The farmer kept records and any rooster that didn't perform went into the soup pot and was replaced.

That took an awful lot of his time so he bought a set of tiny bells and attached them to his roosters. Each bell had a different tone so John could tell from a distance, which rooster was performing.

The farmer's favorite rooster was old Butch, a very fine specimen he was, too. But on this particular morning John noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all! John went to investigate. The other roosters were chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing. The pullets, hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover. But to Farmer John's amazement, Butch had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one.

John was so proud of Butch, he entered him in the county fair and Butch became an overnight sensation among the judges.

The result…the judges not only awarded Butch the "No Bell Piece Prize" but they also awarded him the "Pulletsurprise" as well.



QFRS Urges Safety in Flood Waters

With moderate to heavy rain predicted in the Far North in coming days the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) has issued a warning to residents to stay out of swollen creeks and flooded drains and roads.

Cairns Station officer and Far Northern Swift Water Rescue Team technician Bradley Fleming said they are called to about a dozen rescues in flood waters each year, many of which could have been avoided if people heeded simple warnings.

Mr Fleming warned that even shallow, quick-flowing water is strong enough to sweep a vehicle into flood waters. "It's also important not to swim, walk or ride through floodwaters. Being a good swimmer isn't enough to survive fast flowing flood water currents, and debris submerged under the water has the potential to cause injury," Mr Fleming said. "There are also hidden nasties such as crocodiles and snakes which can be in the water."

Mr Fleming said it was important tourists, often unaware of the dangers posed during these events, stayed out of the water.

Mr Fleming urged parents to stop their children from playing in floodwaters. "It might seem like a bit of fun, but it is highly dangerous,"

Nine lives were lost in floodwaters across Queensland last cyclone/storm season.

The QFRS Swift Water Rescue teams are a highly trained group of firefighters with specialist equipment to assist when people do become stranded or are washed away in fast moving water.

While people might associate flood and cyclone issues with the State Emergency Services, in a life threatening situation, please call triple zero (000).

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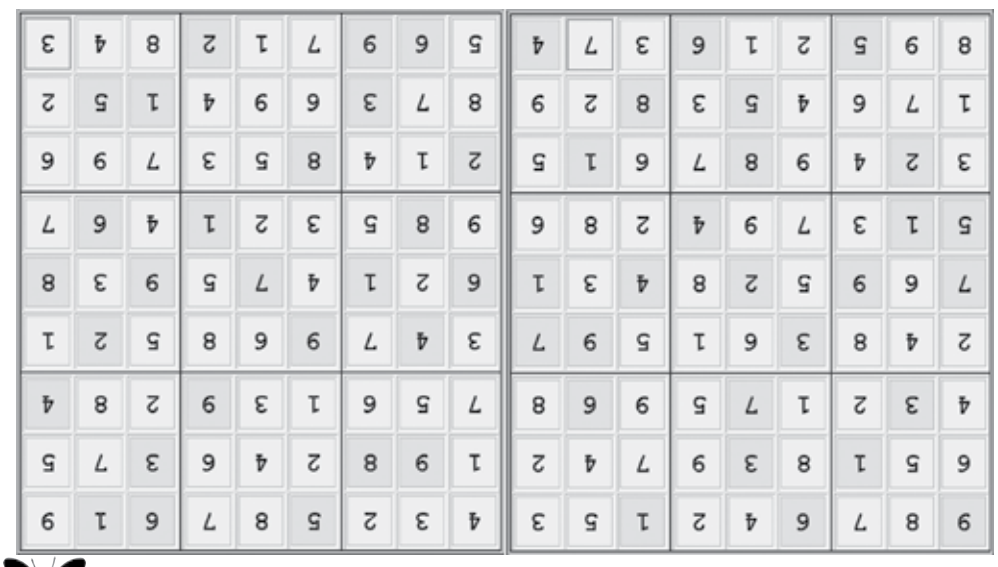

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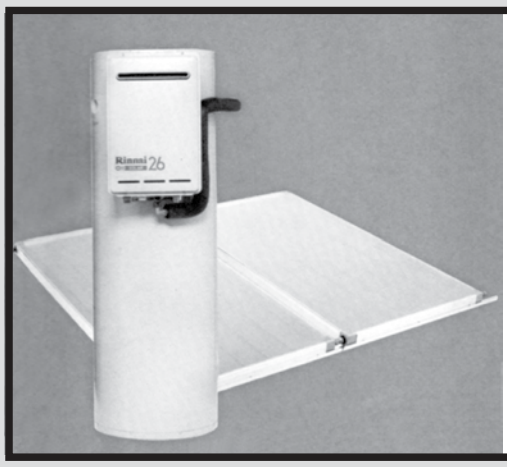

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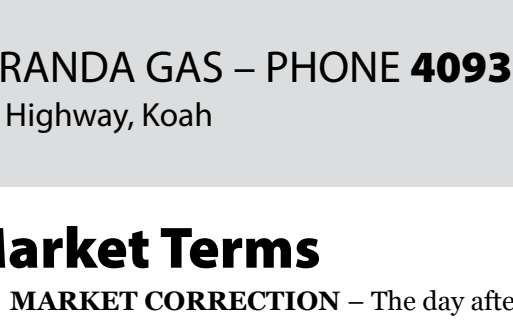

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Inside My Studio

This is a new concept column to appear each month. Toni Rogers, publicity officer for the Kuranda Arts Co-operative, will be interviewing local artists and sharing their stories with you.

MARGARET GENEVER is the 'first cab off the rank'. Margaret is a professional artist who has lived in the North for a number of years. Her main focus is printmaking although she occasionally works in clay and also paints. Margaret co-ordinates Life Drawing Open Workshops at James Cook University.

Where is your studio?

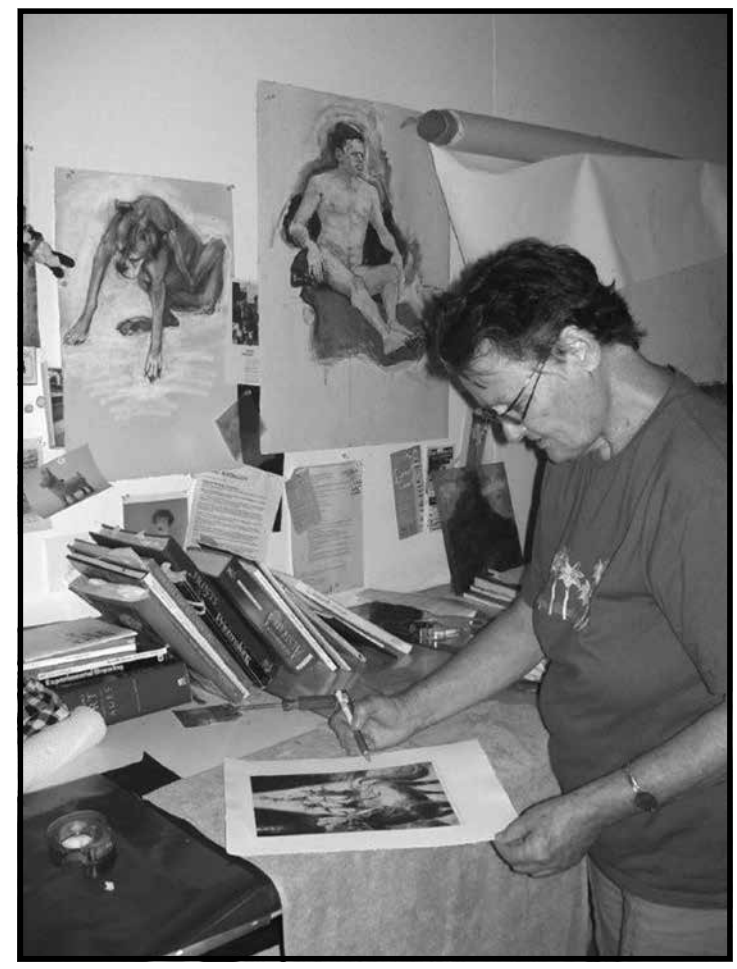
At home.

Do you work alone or with others?

I work alone in the main, but very much appreciate discussion and critique from other artists during the process. This is especially so when working towards a group show with a common theme, where there is a need to collaborate to create a cohesive whole. It really helps to spark ideas for developing your own imagery.

How long have you been working in your current studio?

Since 2007.



What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Most of the things it doesn't have! Good light, lots of space and cupboards for locking the surprisingly edible away from the white-tailed rats and other art lovers. I do have a small printing press (A3 max), a UV exposure unit, sink, and a paper cupboard which is essential as are the camphor blocks which seem to retard mould. I have quite good bench space. The lidded plastic containers for paints et al have not attracted any attention from the rats as yet.

If you could change one thing about your studio what would that be?

Space - then I could have more benches and cupboards and wall space for contemplating work in progress.

Describe your work pattern – hours/ days/weeks.

Very irregular at the moment, but normally I try to get all my other jobs done and be in the studio by 10am each week day to finish at 4pm. When a deadline threatens I may work at night to finish something.

Describe the work you do in your studio.

Drawing and printmaking mainly.

Why is printmaking your chosen medium?

I am a drawer so printmaking is a natural medium for me – the texture and tones of prints, particularly etchings. They have been an abiding love even when as a child I had only seen black and white reproductions in an art books, and years before I saw my first actual etching on beautiful archival paper. The variety and beauty of printing papers is also what attracts me to printmaking. Of late I have combined my drawings with manipulated photographic images in Photoshop and made digital prints. This means I am working more in colour and leaving behind, for the while, precious black and white imagery. There is just as much excitement watching a digital print emerge onto the paper as a handmade etching or relief from the metal plate or block. The printed image is never the same as its source whether a block/plate or monitor. Like most artists, I do not restrict myself to one medium and clay and paint sometimes get a look in.

What is your work about?

I am mainly interested in expressing ideas about contemporary issues I consider important. These have included black/white relations in Australia and the relations between animals and people. I often use the domestic dog as a vehicle for the latter subject. While these are very serious themes which are close to my heart, I do try to use a light touch, sometimes with humour. My work is always figurative, and might be described as Surrealist in style.

List three things you listen to while working.

Silence is good. If I listen to anything it is ABC FM Classics, but when I am engrossed in work I do not hear it anyway. Can't listen to what I regard as horrible music or the barking dogs over the road. When they get going I turn up the radio and curse their owners.

Your favourite tool?

Hard to say, it depends on what I am doing. Sometimes changing a tool or medium will make all the difference to what I am attempting.

How do you identify your work?

With my signature.

How do you sell your work?

Through exhibitions, galleries and website.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

No.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

I continue to organize the weekly Life Drawing Open Workshops at James Cook Uni which I did for 13 years while lecturer there. I also collaborate with another artist to organize visiting lecturers from interstate for workshops, which have also been held at the art studio at JCU.

If you were not working with art what would you be doing?

Naturalist is not a fashionable word these days, it sounds amateurish because is too non specific, but that is what I would like to be doing. I have always been passionately interested in animals, insects and plants.

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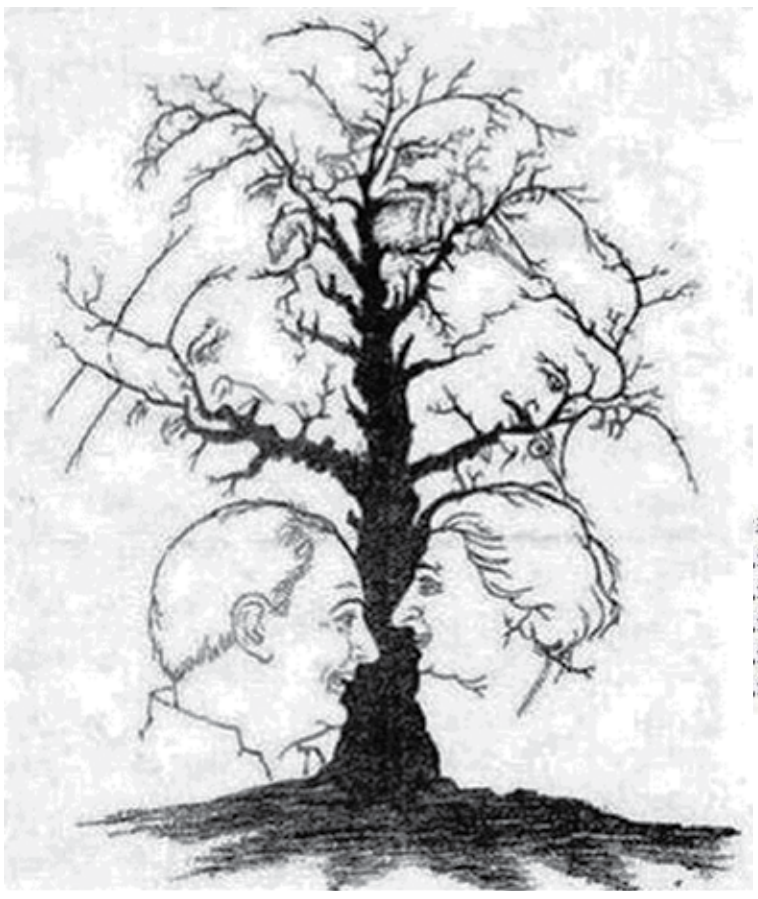
Rat Ox Tiger Rabbit Dragon Snake Horse Sheep Monkey Rooster Dog Pig
2009 2010 **2011** 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 (2007)

Pete, aged 9 years: Is it true? Dad, I heard that in China, a man doesn't know his wife until he marries.
Roger, his father: That happens everywhere, son, everywhere!

How Many Faces Are There in this Chinese Tree?



How many faces can you find?
If you can find 0 – 5 faces – Lazy
If you can find 6 – 7 faces – Normal
If you can find 8 – 9 faces – Very Normal
If you can find 10 – 11 faces – Smart
If you can find 12 – 13 faces – Genius

The secret of success is to relax your eyes, cultivate that far-away look.

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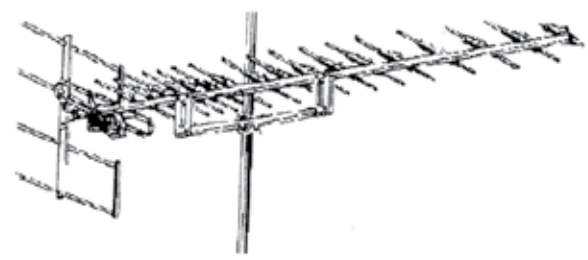
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Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?
A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable products.
Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?
A: No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine, that means they take the water out of the fruity bit so you get even more of the goodness that way. Beer is also made out of grain. Bottoms up!
Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?
A: Well, if you have a body and you have fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.
Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?
A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain – Good!
Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?
A: YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!!! Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?
Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?
A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.
Q: Is chocolate bad for me?
A: Are you crazy? HELLO! Cocoa beans! Another vegetable!!! It's the best feel-good food around!
Q: Is swimming good for your figure?
A: If swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets.
And remember:
'Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways – Chardonnay in one hand – chocolate in the other – body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming 'WOO HOO, What a Ride'
AND... For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health:
(It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting nutritional studies)
1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Australians.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Australians.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Australians.
4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Australians.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beers and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Australians.

CONCLUSION
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Soil erosion and sediment controls during wet season works

Just a reminder that at this time of the year, with heavy rainfall we get some of our worst erosion. All that sediment flows direct to our magnificent Great Barrier Reef. It's outstanding natural beauty attracts people and supports our tourist industry and associated businesses. What you do on your block can directly affect people's jobs! So, please don't trash the reef by needlessly clearing down to bare soil, especially around this time of the year.

Local councils are now responsible for monitoring and control of soil erosion and sediment flows.

If you have concerns about how to contain sediment and avoid soil erosion on your own property, TRC council Environmental Health can give guidance. If you're concerned about what you see happening on properties around you, request that TRC council Environmental Health staff investigate and provide direction.

Cleared road with erosion scars, Speewah

Even our Mayor moved mulch

Our Plant Smart / Tropical tree planting day under powerlines mid December went off well with materials support from Ergon Energy, Greening Australia, Yuruga nursery and TRC council. Even the weather co-operated in the following days to gently water the plants in!

Despite the festive season being so close, over 20 community members planted and heavily mulched almost 200 plants. Even our Mayor rolled up his t-shirt sleeves and got stuck in.

Mayor Gilmore with KEC members and down and dirty

Our intention this wet season is to finish off with mass planting the spaces between low growing plants with mat rush, the local river grass (Lomandra). We'll blanket mulch the site to suppress weeds until the Lomandra fills the spaces.

Seeds are raining down

After so many months of little or no rain last year the gentle rains of the last 3 months have brought on massive fruiting of many species and quite phenomenal growth in our planted trees, not to mention the grasses!

If you have seeds you want identified, bring in a few leaves along with the fruit, even a photo of the tree shape, the more info the better. We'd be happy to exchange seeds we target for our seedling. We still have quite a few low growing lilly pillies and other native berry plants for your front or back yard available and we'd like them to move to your place instead of our new nursery site!

WHAT'S COMING UP

Calling all landowners sharing Warril Creek stream bed

Envirocare has received funding from Caring for Our Country landcare grants program, for our focus on Warril Creek. The funding is specifically to strengthen the creek corridor and margins and the creek's significance to species conservation has been recognised by provision of this funding.

Funding will allow us to assist land owners with any environmental problems they have such as soil erosion problems, weed control, rainforest stands enhancement, creek shading and ultimately is designed to maintain the high level of water quality in this important stream.

Two species of endangered frogs breed in the lower reaches of this creek (Myola frog and Common mist frog) and they require high water quality for survival. They also require good stands of rainforest around the creeks in which to live. They've been found calling more than 100m from their resident waterways.

With the support of land owners and frog researchers we hope to begin a long term study of frog numbers in this creek.

If you have a boundary with Warril Creek or the creek runs through your property we'd invite you to contact either Cathy on 4093 9926 or Margaret on 4093 8393 to find out more and talk about your interest in being assisted by this project.

Saturday morning plantings – 8am

This month we'll do some infill plantings up Dismal Creek and at Myola behind the school farm site. Watch for signs on Myola Road/ Oakforest Road or ring Cathy 4093 9926 to confirm location.

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Pam Tully – Our Hero!

A gross omission in our last column was to congratulate Pam on her WTMA Cassowary Award. We are in awe of the tremendous work she does at Batreach. Certainly a long overdue and worthy award.

Artists from KCons are working towards the Kuranda Arts Co-Op group exhibition TABLELANDS: PERIMETERS AND PARAMETERS at the Tableland Regional Gallery, 16 Robert St Atherton, 5-28 Feb. They are Mollie Bosworth, Terry Eager, Margaret Genever and Gerhard Hillman. Barbara Dover is the curator. 11 other artists, fellow members of the Co-Op, complete the group. The artists are focussing on fresh ways that the community might appreciate and value the connections as well as some of the differences which exist in this unique region. You may even spot a cassowary or two with other wild life. The Kuranda Paper and the Kuranda Resort are both sponsors, together with Arts Queensland (RADF). The gallery is open Tue-Sat 10-4pm, Sun 10-2pm. Entry is free and the artists would appreciate your views on their ideas and ways of expressing them.

What are these monster fruit of the forest? Answer: Bunya cones.
So far 18 of these huge cones have fallen from the one tree at the KCons nursery. There may be only one fertile seed in all the 100s of seeds in each 3 kg cone. Mature nuts are good to eat. We have seedlings if you have space for this 50m tree.

Thanks to the constant stream of information you provide re the movements of FERAL PIGS in your area and thanks to ourTablelands Regional Council partners for supplying hardware resources, we now have a good supply of traps to set up where the pigs are active.

There's been a lull over the long dry spell, but they're on the move again. The ones we didn't net last season have become trap smart so we're having to be smarter than they are – a bit of a challenge sometimes!

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We also receive regular calls advising of sightings of the **Kuranda Range Road CASSOWARY**. He saunters along the side of the road with the cars and trucks thundering past, waiting for the chance to cross to those figs on the other side. This is the same bird whose chick was hit in the same vicinity a couple of months ago. Whenever possible, the traffic is slowed or stopped (a dangerous manoeuvre for all concerned) and the big bird can cross. We erect signs regularly but we lose many to souvenir-seekers and the occasional selfish grump who doesn't want to cooperate. The Dept of Transport assists by raking fallen fruit from the sides of the road into the gully where the Cassowary can get them without danger.

Kuranda Conservation is hosting hundreds of Amercian university students throughout January and February. They are experiencing nursery work and are fascinated by the large worm farm. Feeding worms with koala poo is a bit foreign to them. They are also planting trees for the benefit of the Kuranda community. Last week we enjoyed the company of the first 150 of the total 700 young people due to come here.

Next time we'll use loud speakers when making announcements to the assembled crowd so they can hear what is being said over the background din of the "bugs" (cicadas, frogs and a multitude of insects).

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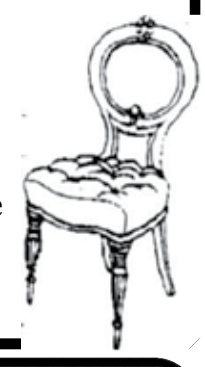

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Happy New Year to all!

Congratulations: to the Kuranda Arts Co-op. This group of local artists has gained RADF funding to set up an Exhibition of 15 Kuranda Arts Co-op member artists at the Tablelands Regional Gallery throughout the month of February. The Exhibition Opening is on Friday 5th February at 6pm at the Regional Gallery in Atherton. Well worth the trip to Atherton to see this excellent exhibition!

Road Works: Residents will have noticed some recent bitumen resealing on some roads in the Myola and Speewah areas. The Owens Creek bridge is almost finished and Council is continuing work on the approaches. Council has worked closely with Kuranda Envirocare to monitor the works in the creek bed to ensure species and environment protection. Council Technical staff are currently working on proposals for improvements to the intersection of Morton Street and Rob Veivers Drive. Council is also considering roadworks priorities for the region for the next three years. As nearly every resident in this district uses one of the main "collector roads" (Myola Rd, Speewah Rd, Rob Veivers Dr, Koah Rd, Fallon Rd, Saddle Mt Rd) to reach the highway, I am still pushing that these "collector roads" are the priority for residents in this district.

Gardens and Coondoo St Figs: Following two recent meetings with the Kuranda Garden Group, we are working on plans for appropriate plantings, the long term health of the fig trees, appropriate irrigation systems and increasing capacity for maintenance of the gardens. These are important "icons" of Kuranda Village and the challenge is finding cost effective solutions. Your ideas are welcome.

Old Primary School: The works on the Block C, undercover Shelter area and toilet/ shower block and Sports Store shed have recently been completed and will soon be available for community use. These areas of the old school will be officially opened to the community very soon and an Official Opening will be held soon. The Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly and is working on Guidelines for use of these areas as well as long term planning for how the whole site will be used. Please contact any member of this committee (Eve Stafford, Anne Clarke, Ken Harley, Gerald Hobbler, Jax Bergersen) or me to discuss your ideas/ opinions on the long term planning. There is currently a vacancy on the Committee. If interested please contact me. Meetings are 2nd Thursday of each month at 4pm.

Kuranda Library and TRC Service Centre: The review of Library Opening across the region hours is currently being finalised. I believe that it is important that the Kuranda Library receives an increase in opening hours (hopefully Monday opening) due to the high level of use and the location of some Council services at the Kuranda Library. If you have opinions on this, please let me know.

Additional Commonwealth Funding: As mentioned in my last column, Council has recently been allocated an additional $550,000 from the Commonwealth Government for community infrastructure projects. A list of projects for the Tablelands region will be submitted and advice on approval is expected by January. The TRC proposal includes two projects in the Kuranda area: an additional $50,000 for the further upgrading of Block C at the Old Primary School and approximately $90,000 for recreation facilities at the Ros Common Park at Speewah.

Australia Day Awards: Good to see quite a few Kuranda nominations for these regional awards. At the time of writing, winners not yet announced. If you didn't get around to nominating someone this year, think about doing so for next year as there are lots of deserving people in our community.

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Council Meetings: Council Meetings in February will be held on Wednesday February 3rd in Herberton and Wednesday February 17th in Mareeba. Residents are welcome to attend any Council meetings. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office.

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Kowrowa Family Fun Day

I was delighted to provide Christmas gifts for the children at the Kuranda Community Health Family Health Fun Day in Kowrowa. Congratulations to organiser Tanya Davis, staff, volunteers and the public who made it such a successful day.

Barron Gorge Toilets

Contrary to bets placed that there would never be a toilet block built at the spectacular Barron Falls lookout, I am pleased to announce the $250,000 project is due for completion late January. The project is a joint initiative of the Queensland Government's Department of the Environment and Resource Management and the Tablelands Regional Council.

Top Kowrowa Housing

Top Kowrowa community will benefit from the completion of a capital works program that includes construction of five new four-bedroom houses and the upgrade of one existing duplex. Construction commenced mid December 2009.

The estimated project cost for the five new houses including an allowance for the upgrade of one existing duplex is $3,814,683. An additional $1,167,648 was spent (taking the total to $4,982,331) for the original three, four-bedroom houses built in 2004.

The Top Kowrowa building program will run parallel with the construction of a new rising sewer main to service the community. Negotiations were undertaken with the Tablelands Regional Council for the construction of approximately eight kilometres of rising sewer main to the treatment plant in Kuranda to service Top Kowrowa and other communities along the way including the school and the proposed Welcome Pocket Aged Care Facility.

The cost will be funded by the TRC, Department of Communities and the Department of Education and Training for the servicing of the Kuranda District State College.

The Department of Communities contribution will be $650,374 towards the sewerage infrastructure and the Treatment Plant maintenance and an additional contribution up to $1,449,626 towards the construction cost of the eight kilometres of rising sewer main.

School and community combine

A symbolic signing ceremony at Kuranda District State College marked a new era of community engagement in December. Education Parliamentary Secretary Carolyn Male and I attended the agreement signing ceremony which follows year-long input from Djabugay Elders, parents, business operators, staff and students. The Community Agreement will be the blueprint for the college's operational plan. The agreement follows the successful of the *Dare to Lead* program which involved members from five Indigenous tribes and the local non-Indigenous community. Under the agreement Indigenous members will take ownership of culturally significant college celebrations like Sorry Day and NAIDOC week.

School's new hall

I inspected the school's new $2 million resource centre and multipurpose hall, funded under the Australian Government's $16.2 billion *Building the Education Revolution* (BER) program. BER is a great example of the two levels of government working in partnership to enhance educational facilities for Queensland school students. Multipurpose halls support the State Government's increased emphasis on physical activity and performing arts expansion in the curriculum, while new resource centres create environments conducive to new modes of teaching.

The college has also been allocated nearly $1.7 million for a new language centre under the Science and Language Centre for the 21st Century (SLC) element of BER. In addition to the educational benefits, construction of the new resource centre and multipurpose hall has employed more than 160 workers. The construction company is a local firm and most of the sub-contractors are from the region.

Building Infrastructure

The Premier announced new funding in November 09 of $42.2 million to upgrade sewerage plants for both the Tablelands and Cassowary Coast councils to help protect the Great Barrier Reef which will support 300 jobs in the region.

Illegal to smoke in cars with children

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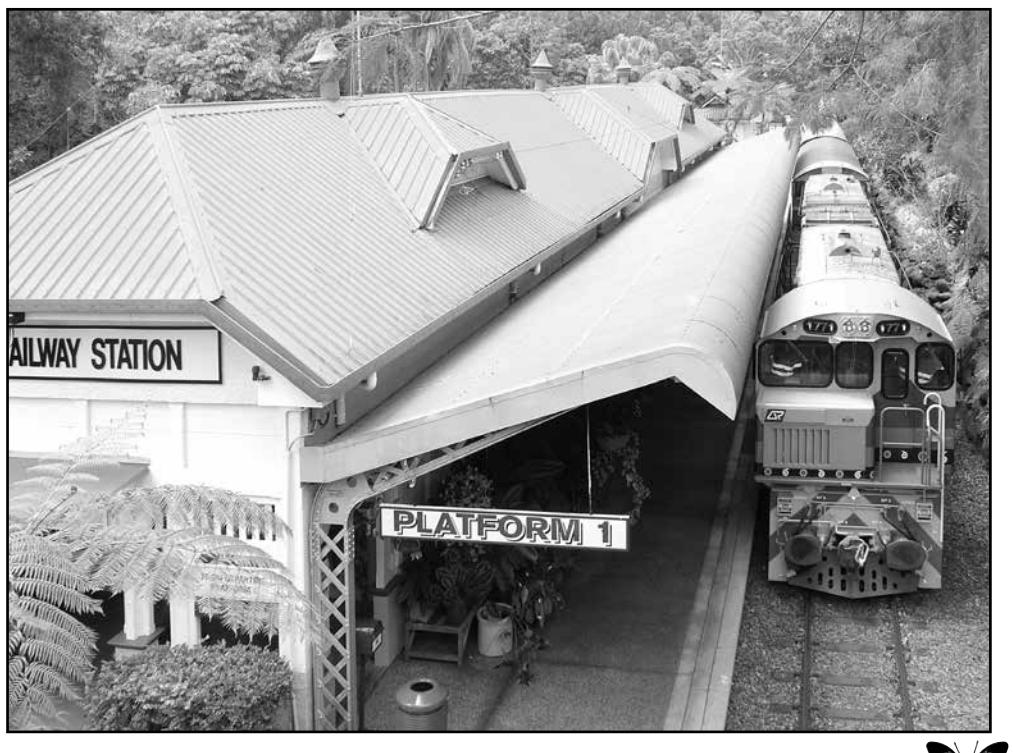

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Thursday	Biodanza	Every Thursday from 6.00 to 8pm	Catherine Borgeaud 4057 8549
Friday	Sandra's BBQ.	Every Friday 6pm to 10pm Bar Open. Bare Foot Bowls, Pool Tables, Darts,Table Tennis, Mah Jong	Ring Sandra 4093 7393 Wednesday for booking
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Sunday	Film Club	First Sunday of every month 4pm to 8pm.	Ring Margaret or Hans 4093 8393

Recreation Centre Happenings

BBQ
Our new caterer Sandra cranked up the BBQ last week so if you want an inexpensive night out with a tasty meal give Sandra a ring to book by Thursday of each week. Liquor prices are also very reasonable.

Disco and Workshops
The workshops were held between 30 December 09 and 24 January 2010 and were funded by Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, Ngoonbi Cooperative and the Rare Earth Foundation. A big thank you all round for thinking of the young people.We had a disco and 4 workshops at the Centre.
At the end of December liquor free disco, music by local young people kept a crowd of about 65 people moving throughout the night. Well done Rahm and all the other volunteers. In January, as well as the disco Ngoombi trainer Rahm coordinated 2 days of Audio/Video/and Musical Production workshop and the girls appreciated the 2 days of Spa and Beauty workshops. Thanks to Meleuka and her helpers.

Netball and Volleyball.
Gary and a team of volunteers erected the volleyball and netball posts on half of the bowling green. Big thanks to Ron Ames for constructing the posts and the volunteers for standing them up. If you want to get involved in a Netball or Volleyball team, telephone 40938399 or 40 937511 for information.

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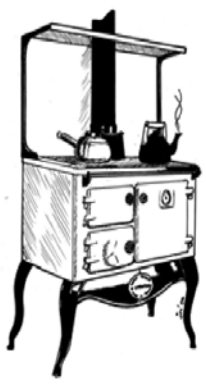
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Community Calendar

Every Sat **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting , phone 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
Tai Chi Chuan 9:30 am **Tai Chun Kung Fu** 10:30 am CWA Hall. Not on public holidays.

1st Sat **Kuranda Camera Club - Photo Shoot** 2:30 pm, (see Art Pages for this month's location)
Garden Group 2 pm Phone David or Graham 4093 9492

3rd Sat **Music Jam at the Nevermind Cafe** All musicians, singers and music lovers welcome !

Every Sun **A.A**. CWA Hall 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599
Speewah Country Market 8am to 2pm 4093 0361

1st Sun **R.S.L.** 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.
Kuranda Film Society 4 pm - 8pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393

Every Mon **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
Salsa dancing. Kuranda Recreation Centre 6:30 -8:00 pm Ph Kevin 0414 364 965
H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9:00 start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617

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

2nd Mon **Kuranda Camera Club - Meeting and showing** The 2nd. Monday AFTER the 1st. Sat. meet at Speewah Tavern 7:00 pm for tech talk and display of photos at our Tavern Gallery.

3rd Mon **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dr. Ph 4093 8933

Every Tue **Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults** 7.00 pm QCWA hall Ph 4093 8682
8 Ball 7.00 pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537
Belly Dance at Amphitheatre Understage. Have fun and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393

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

2nd Tue **Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St. Saviour's Church.
Kuranda SES Training, Commencing 1st. September. 7.30 pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642

Every Wed **Craft and Social Morning** at QCWA hall 9 am
Kuranda Playgroup – 9:30 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre - New families please RSVP Michelle ph 4093 9851
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

1st Wed **Kuranda Interagency Network** Mtng 2.00 pm at KNC

2nd Wed **QCWA** meeting 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Every Thur **Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682
Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)
Women's Acapella Choir Smithfield Neighbour Centre Stanton Road 7-9pm Thursdays

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

Every Fri **Barefoot bowls and BBQ.** Kuranda Recreation Centre 6pm-10pm Ph Lorraine 4093 9583 or Sandra 4093 7393 by Wed prior for catering purposes.

PLEASE CHECK THAT INFORMATION IS CORRECT

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FIRE or other emergencies – please phone 000
SES Flood or Storm emergencies – please phone 132 500
Enquiries – phone Betty Timmins 4093 8981

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE CONTACTS

Davies Creek	4093 3181	Lloyd
Koah	4093 7006	Peter
Kuranda	0408 077 746	Nick
Myola	4093 7190 / 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

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

		MON &TUES	WED & FRI	SAT,SUN & PUB HOL.
To :-	SPEEWAH	0900	0900	1000
	KOAH		1300	
		*1530	*1530	
		1750	1750	1645
EX:-	KOAH	#0705	#0705	#0815
		#1315	#1315	
		*1550	*1550	
EX:-	SPEEWAH	#0710	#0710	#0820
		#1320	#1320	
		*1540	*1540	

* SCHOOL DAYS ONLY
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	MON&TUES	WEDtoFRI	P/HOL & SAT/SUN	
DEPARTS	#0720	#0720	0830	
KURANDA	1330	0900	1530	
	1530	1130		
		1330		*1510 FROM S/FLD TO KOAH MON to FRI SCHOOL DAYS ONLY
		1530		
DEPARTS	**0825	0825	0930	ALL SERVICES EXCEPT
CAIRNS	1715	1000	**1615	1000 GO TO SPEEWAH & KOAH IF REQUIRED.
		1230		
**ATHERTON & MAREEBA		1715		

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CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE

Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
CAIRNS (Spence St)	6.45am	8.30am	11.30am	1.30pm	3.00pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	6.47am	8.32am	11.32am	1.32pm	3.02pm
CAIRNS (Central)	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.10pm
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.15pm	2.15pm	4.05pm

KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.20am	9.55am	1.10pm	2.55pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.25am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	8.32am	10.02am	1.17pm	3.02pm	4.55pm

7.30am Shuttle via SKYRAIL, CARAVONICA, TAFE, CAIRNS HIGH
3.00pm Shuttle via CAIRNS HIGH, TAFE, CARAVONICA

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
ATHERTON	6.15am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.15am	9.00am	9.00am
MAREEBA	6.45am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.45am	9.30am	9.30am
KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.30pm	7.30am	10.05am	10.05am
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.15am	11.20am	5.20pm	8.15am	11.20am	11.20am
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	11.25am	5.35pm	8.35am	11.25am	11.25am

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.30am	3.15pm	5.30pm	8.30am	3.15pm	3.15pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	3.20pm	5.35pm	8.35am	3.20pm	3.20pm
KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.10pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.40pm	9.45am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON	10.20am	5.10pm	7.15pm	10.20am	5.10pm	5.10pm

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