

# THE KURANDA PAPER

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## FIRST LEGO LEAGUE WORLD FESTIVAL.

On the ninth of December a group of students from Kuranda District Primary School, won the robotics competition at Cairns High. We competed against 16 other schools including high schools. The youngest team competing was Kuranda State School, "It was hard for us because we were only in grade 4/5". We thought we won because of our good team work and cooperation. We are all excited to go to Atlanta but it is going to cost a lot of money. We need the help of the community to raise money so we can represent Australia in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.

FLL is an international program for children aged 9-14 that combines a hands-on, interactive robotics program with a sports-like atmosphere. Teams consist of up to 10 players with the focus on such things as team building, problem solving, creativity, and analytical thinking.

This year's theme is called Nano Quest. Teams had to design, build, and program a robot to accomplish challenging missions. A part of the tournament involved the students having to explore a current or potential application of 'Nano technology'. Team members learnt that they could make significant contributions to their communities and to society using science, technology, and teamwork.

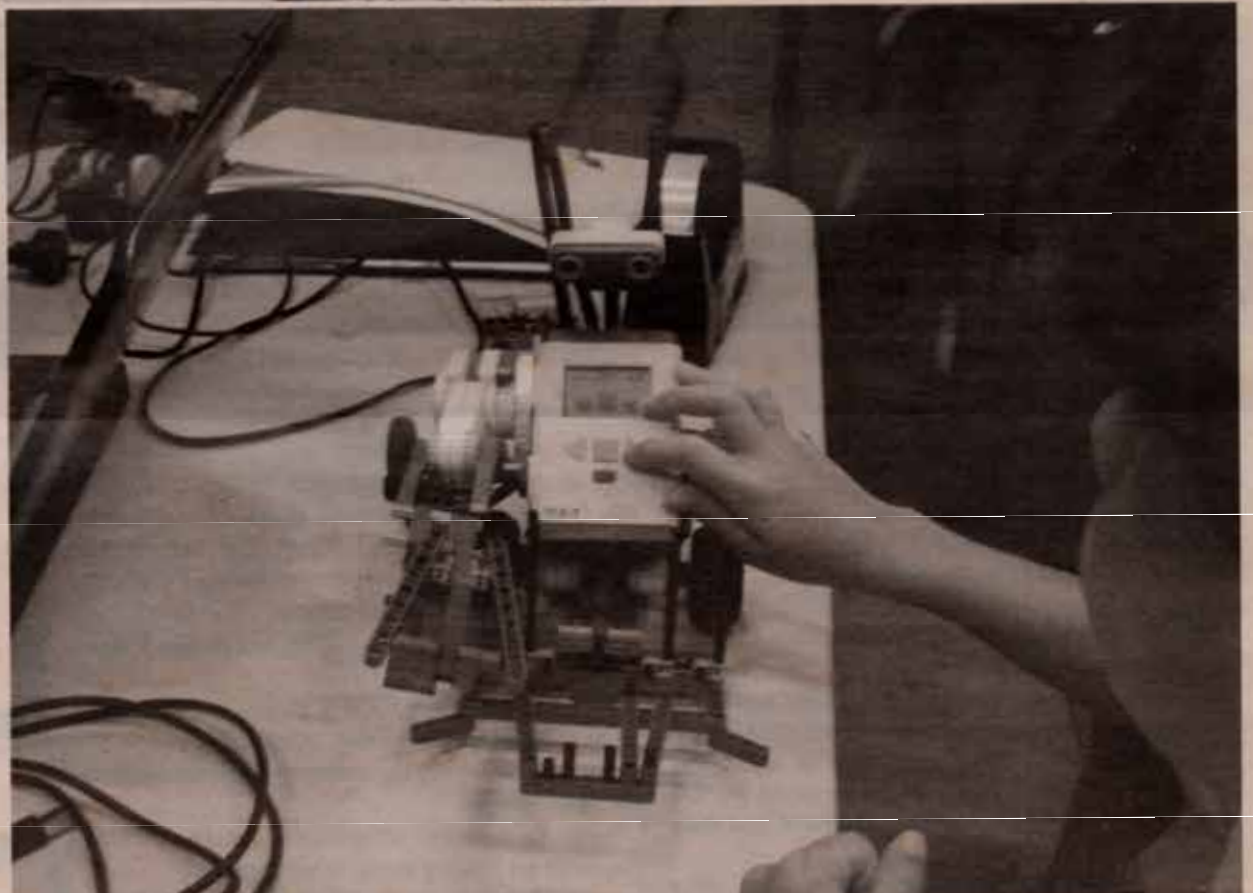
To ensure that all our students have the chance to attend this 'once in a lifetime event' we are seeking financial support.

The major sponsor will assume full naming acknowledgement as the principal sponsor of Kuranda District State School in the FIRST LEGO LEAGUE World Festival and as such all uniforms and any literature produced will incorporate the sponsor's identity.

### SPONSORSHIP INVESTMENT.

A sponsorship investment of \$60,000 + GST is required for this partnership. If anyone can help us with donations, we would really appreciate it. Please contact Kuranda District State College ph: 4085 5344. Students - Raya Woodbridge, Tegan Whipp, Jade Bogner - (Kuranda K-Bots).

**More info on page 11**



## Kuranda Kids Take To The World Stage

# COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4881

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

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

I live on Boyles Road (Myola) on 5 acres of rainforest, some of which is a small ornamental plant nursery & also contains quite an extensive hydroponics set-up. I currently grow chillies & lettuce in shallow hydroponic trays...both crops are seasonal. I have recently been approached by several of my neighbours & friends & asked if I would consider sharing this space with them as they are often without power or water or suitable ground to grow their own crop or want to follow a pet project they have in mind.

By "co-incidence" I also caught a late night doco on SBS recently about a guy in the U.S. whose heritage was a large 500 acre traditional farm which went bankrupt & he started a communal organic (earth) vegetable farm, where initially workers/growers shared produce between themselves & then this went for profit. While you cannot label hydroponics organic...because hydroponics are water-based roots, rather than soil-based, I do not use (except when absolutely necessary) any kind of pesticides. There is also room for plants or trees to be grown in pots above clay soil.

I am currently seeking "expressions of interest" from anyone who may be interested in the idea of sharing this space to grow their own preferred produce in return for a couple of hours gardening/mowing etc per week.

**Please call me on 40937450 (msg machine) if these ideas interest you.**

**Elaine Cushman. Myola**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

To anyone who hasn't yet had a look at the local Speewah Markets, I would recommend a drive out there. The setting alone is worth the drive. The fruit and vegies are fresh and locally grown. The plants are many and varied, with some unusual cacti.

My friends and I had cold drinks there after browsing in the markets, and relaxed with some of the friendly locals. Definately worth a look.

*M. Morgan Whitfield.*

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

As you may have noticed, Kuranda Original Market has been under renovation throughout the year and is

almost complete. This market is unique in its design as it is almost a village design in itself. It has an old fashioned appearance with quaint little shop fronts.

Some dearly loved locals have been holding the fort while all this construction has been going on and I take my hat off to them. But of course, they can see the potential of recreating that buzzing market atmosphere that drew the original tourists of the 70's to this town.

Nicole, Susie and Jan are based there with their exquisite jewelry, fisherman's pants and funky dresses. Bill, (who used to do such a beautiful job of tending the railway gardens), is making yummy fruit delights which I'm sure most of you know about and Robert is making coconut products that are the "real deal". Try his soap!

If you walk around some more, you'll find Hilltribe has clothing for all styles and budgets (us locals love that) and other treasures. Cicilia has handmade knitwear made from cotton, rayon and wool and Kat's second-hand stall is very eclectic.

Seated Massage treatments are being provided by Liza (for those of you who don't have the time to stop for a full treatment) with aromatherapy products such as clay masks, also available.

This market seems to be taking on an uniqueness with what it has to offer the locals. I'm sure they would love to see you down there. Make sure you say hi to Trish on your way past and check out her medicinal honey supplies for your good health.

The Kuranda Market is re-starting small but is growing rapidly to be bigger, better and even more colourful and unique. Just wanted to know we are back.

From the locals supporting locals!

*Liza Dewey - Kuranda*

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

At this time it's appropriate to recognise those volunteers who have spent thousands of hours over the last ten years propagating local rainforest trees in the EnviroCare nursery and planting them in the EnviroLink Wildlife Corridor. The trees you have planted are now bearing fruit and it would not have happened without you. The organisation you supported also continues to grow and adapt. The nursery will move onto

centrally located community land in the very near future.

I'd like to single out a very special volunteer, our outgoing treasurer, David Harris. The treasurer's job is often a thankless one which goes mostly unnoticed. David has been treasurer for as long as most people can remember and has kept the books impeccably. He has always attended the Saturday morning working bees and we've enjoyed his laconic sense of humour, his boiling of the billy and his commitment to the organisation.

A special thanks also to Christine and Murray Small. They have been regular nursery volunteers over the years and Murray spent many hours behind the counter in the early days with the Envirocare shop. They depart for Landcare groups south: our loss and south's gain. Happy volunteering.

*Margaret Zehntner - Kuranda*

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Visiting your lovely little town on a recent tour holiday, I picked up a copy of your free local Kuranda Paper. As you guys say "Crikey"! I was surprised that it is produced by volunteers. I doubt that any town of equal size in the USA has anything to beat it.

*Bob Coutts. Florida*

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

DMR Community Consultation is a Farce! At a meeting with the Queensland Minister for Transport as part of the recent "Community Cabinet" I wanted to talk about the southern rail option as an alternative to the Kuranda 4-Lane-Highway when Paul Lucas interrupted to claim that "it is ridiculous to consider a rail option". Upon questioning he responded that "it is impossible to build on 19th century infrastructure". I pointed out that the rail option I wish to talk about is a direct rail link from Cairns via tunnel to Mareeba allowing half hour commuting, vehicles including B-doubles to drive on/off and regenerative braking. This is when Paul Lucas requested us to leave. After us writing to his department for over two years (without getting any meaningful response) this minister still has no idea what we are talking about nor any willingness to listen to taxpayers required to foot the

bill for the already threefold cost blow-out to well over 600 million. All we are asking for is a fair and open discussion of available and seemingly much better alternatives to a 4-lane highway which would cause decades of traffic delays on our major arterial road and the demise of Kuranda tourism.

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Thanks to many volunteer hands making light work, the Kuranda Envirocare nursery has now moved to a new (temporary) location at 19 Kullaroo Close while we proceed through Govt. approvals to operate on public land, but in the meantime we operate as usual.

We continue to propagate local provenance native seedlings for our revegetation work in the EnviroLink corridor and to support the Green Corridor project along the Kuranda stretch of the Barron River (see the Envirocare column for more details). Hardy native seedlings are available for members of the community as well as some rarer species suitable for planting in well established forest.

We also have a small selection of cassowary food tree seedlings to support the work being done by Barron River Care on cassowary monitoring. We're continuing with the very worthwhile Land for Wildlife program and a trailer is also available for hire (see ads in the classifieds).

The blue tractor will be made available for use at the 4S's project site, the school, for Barron River Care projects and for other community group work of an environmental nature. Please contact 40 939926 with requests for use.

*Cathy Retter, President, Kuranda Envirocare*

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

In reply to the column "Forest Forum" who is Fossil and why this anominity? Is this editorial opinion or is it a nameless contributor, hiding behind a very appropriate synonym? As for the content; it's the same old witchhunt mentality: "I don't understand it; can't prove it; am a bit threatened by it; therefore I condemn it!"

It would take too long to disprove all the Fossils' disbeliefs and prejudices, but I'll take issue with a couple of them. First in the list of "Pseudo-scientific Quackery"

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All contributions and advertising to Jan & Pauline at "Kuranda Videos" at the BP Complex. Deadlines must be adhered to. Photographs and items for return to be collected from the "Kuranda Videos" immediately after publication.

Thanks to Jan and Pauline at the Video Shop.

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## DEADLINES

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Editorial	Fri	23	March
Advertising	Fri	23	March
Classifieds	Fri	23	March
Paper Out	Thu	29	March

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

# THE KURANDA PAPER

## More than a mélange in the rainforest.

The Kuranda Paper in its present incarnation is 175 editions old and is published by the Kuranda Media Association Incorporated, a not-for-profit volunteer organization, with open membership paying \$5.00 annually. From its inception, the Kuranda Paper has attempted to provide a means of information and community between the dispersed settlements of Kuranda, Speewah, Koah and other areas.

To stay viable, with its free distribution to residents, the Kuranda Media Association Inc. must cover an average outlay of approximately \$3,000 per edition with major expenses of printing, distribution, plant and equipment purchase and maintenance, insurance and other miscellaneous costs. The major source of this income is from advertising and welcome donations from various organizations. KMA Inc. is requested to carry free advertorial copy. Unfortunately here a polite refusal to print free or attempt to cut copy has led to somewhat heated demands that the Kuranda paper is a community paper. Unfortunately costs must still be met and a general rule of thumb is applied that if an event/organization is charging for entry or service, then some cost must be met for insertion of its copy. Each year, KMA write off approximately \$1,500 in bad debts and less flexible payment terms have been introduced.

Essentially the Kuranda Paper works back from a deadline set by its distribution date which occurs on the last Thursday of every month excepting December when the Paper folds for a well earned break of volunteer effort.

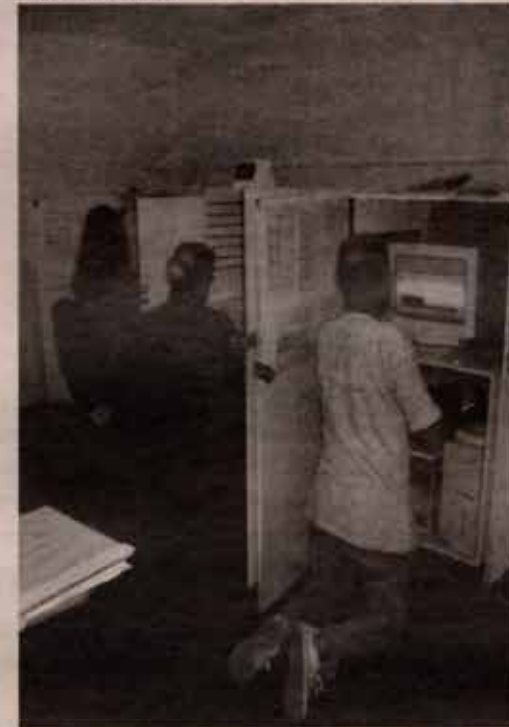
The week before deadline the previous edition of the Paper is reviewed and errors and omissions noted and measures taken to avoid the same mistakes and a small group of volunteers set about entry of copy forwarded by mail, email and drop-off at the Video Shop. Much appreciated are our regular and faithful contributors from the many organizations and clubs, churches, school and police. As volunteers work around the demands of their private lives, data copy entry, advertising insertions and layout is sometimes an interrupted and often fraught affair. Hence the need for strict deadlines for all copy and advertising on the Friday before distribution deadline.

By Tuesday of distribution week, the final stages of pulling the Paper together are usually completed, barring computer malfunction, power down or other natural disasters. Volunteer proof readers are then set loose upon the edition and their eagle eyes and English usage play havoc and ensure further corrections.

With copy burnt and forwarded to Cairns Post for printing, the next volunteer surge is on the last Thursday with paper folding for distribution outside the Post Office commencing 7am. This hardy and faithful band of dedicated persons meets hail, rain, sunshine or cyclone as the Paper must get out!

The following week, advertising invoices are issued by the Treasurer and accounts balanced. Meantime various volunteers have fielded valid complaints of copy and advertising not appearing and the complications and complexities of volunteers working becomes only too apparent. While many hands make light work – too many cooks spoil the broth!

From the beginning to end of one edition cycle, over 120 hours of volunteer time is devoted to ensuring that the Kuranda Paper arrives in your letter box on time.



Remember that the Kuranda Paper is your Paper. Its continuation and quality depends on your contributions and support. Too easy to sit and sip that Latte and bitch and moan.

So how can you become involved? Take out membership of KMA and have your say in making a better and brighter Paper. Design a mast head for the Kuranda Paper – we are always looking for artistic and graphic contributions. Write a letter, send in an item of interest, contract for a regular column or contribution. Give an hour or three if you have IT skill as you can also work from home or join the hardy paper-folders.

Over to you then – put your money, time and effort where your mouth is!

## "The Sweet News"

North by North-East there stands a town,  
One of the prettiest around,  
And in that town stands a fire station,  
One of the smallest around,  
And under that station stands a room,  
Complete with computer, desk and broom,  
And in that room sit the volunteers,  
Churning up paper and emitting tears,

And in that paper is the news,  
Who did what to whom, with what abuse,  
And behind that paper stands a man,  
A man called "Peter", I'm a fan,  
He runs around organizing all,  
Just like a kid having a ball,  
So there you have it, Kuranda News,  
A great little read, full of news,  
And we say, bless that "Peter",  
May he ever be sweeter,  
And may the paper grow, and thrive  
And continue to be alive.

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is astrology. A big call. I'll defer to a master on this one. When Edmund Halley (of comet fame) took issue with Sir Isaac Newton over the accuracy and value of astrology, Sir Isaac immediately retorted with: "Sir, I have studied the matter, you have not!" Nice comeback Ike.

After 30 years as a practicing astrologer I have abundant proof that astrology used for prediction; analysis, and life-guidance is amazingly accurate and valuable. As a source of truth and wisdom I back it against hack journalism anytime.

How could the passage of our own lives and destiny NOT be in harmony with the cycles of the stars and planets. For thousands of years some of the finest minds on the planet have studied and refined the techniques of astrology and applied them to the lives of individuals and societies. And they work. Forget magazine and newspaper sun-sign astrology. Forget computer interpretations, but ask anyone who has had astrological work done by a competent professional astrologer and they will verify its accuracy and value.

Fossil complains about today's children;

"real brats" in the making. Well, whether you use the term "Indigo Children", "Crystal Children", "ADHD", or "Fifth Root Race", (There's a new one for you Fossils), there is a powerful new level of consciousness emerging in this generation of children. No need to get hung on phrases coined to describe them, look at what is happening. I've shared the raising of children through 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, and now into the 2000's. Believe me these kids are different!

Yes, they are all the things that you complain about. They issue ferocious challenges to authority and do not submit to any of the old patterns of parental or societal control. But, they are amazingly aware, telepathic, psychic, if you like, and demand huge shifts in consciousness from us as adults to understand why they are here. They have much to teach us about honesty, truth and individuality. Let us not dumb them down with drugs, but let's look at our own values and expectations. We have much to learn.

Rob Hart

## Forest Forums – by the Fossils

Kuranda – more than a village in the rainforest? Well yes and it's not until something like the Kuranda railway is unable to bring its regular freight of tourists to the village that the bones of the local economy are laid bare and the dependence of so many businesses is exposed. Many of our local tourist oriented businesses are doing it tough. And while acknowledging that alternate forms of transport to the village are available, the question could be asked whether, without the train trip, many tourists are either not aware of village attractions or not convinced that a trip to Kuranda by alternate means is worth their money?

Does Kuranda need both short and long term planning options for its continued development and future viability? An apparent major drawback in long-term planning for Kuranda is the sometimes apparent rifts between businesses at the top and bottom end of the village and between KVPP, businesses and Mareeba Shire Council, seemingly affecting every decision and postponing ad-infinitum, from bus-routing and their parking to refurbishment or re-siting of the Information Center. This lack of consistency and/or failure of longer term planning also affects more local and resident-related progress and has seen a library too small, buses still parked in Thongon St and outside the Butterfly Sanctuary sometimes obscuring the Arts Co-operative, sporting facilities ill placed and little used, and reserved parking for a Cairns business. A seeming lack of discussion, public consultation and transparency of decision making

## RADF Grant Awarded

Local artist, Ms. Ramona Barstys recently received a Regional Arts Development Grant which she plans to use towards art workshops for persons with a disability. This funding comes from Arts Queensland supporting the community in the development of the arts. Ms. Barstys plans to display works developed in an exhibition in the Mareeba Shire and further information on attending these workshops may be made on:-

0438 297 662.

Ramona Barstys receiving her award from Mareeba Mayor Mick Borzi



## What is The Brown Bag Lunch Company?

ph. 4093 9320

between businesses interests, KVPP, Mareeba Shire and residents does not help in developing a commitment to on-going investment and long term planning.

It will be interesting to follow the re-development of the old Primary School site. Accepting that the mills of God grind slow but the mills of Government grind even slower, will these buildings be allowed to suffer a slow decay and destruction or do the whispered plans of yet another backpacker/tourist resort have any credence and what does this mean for already existing establishments? Does the resident community have any say?

With the Tourist levy slated to end in 2014, less monies may be available for local tourist related public works so it seems reasonable that priorities are agreed upon and set. KVPP, the Chamber of Commerce and business interests may need to work better together to develop and open out features that are truly unique to Kuranda and surrounds.

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## Kuranda Still Very Open For Business

Despite the recently announced closure of the Kuranda Scenic Railway for safety reasons, the Far North's original "tourist town" was still very much open for business and continues to welcome local Far Northern residents and domestic and international visitors, Kuranda Village Promotion Program chairman Fr Chris Wright said. He said that while the closure of the world acclaimed Kuranda linked tourist attraction would be a "significant setback" for the next month or so, the fact was that the town is still welcoming visitors who are using other means of transport to visit the unique tourist destination.

"Skyrail offers a unique service and literally hundreds of visitors still use the regular tourist bus services to access Kuranda's many attractions," Fr Wright said.

"This closure also presents an opportunity for local residents to revisit Kuranda and environs and see the amazing transformation that has occurred in recent years.

Kuranda has quite a number of highly rated restaurants, coffee shops and other eateries, and a growing retail centre that offers everything from unique arts and crafts, clothing, hand made soaps to amazing photography and specialty outlets including indigenous tourism experiences. This has been ably supported by an expanding accommodation segment that has added value to those wishing to take time out for a more relaxed stay to learn that Kuranda is much more than a village in the rainforest. While the closure of the rail link to Cairns is unfortunate, it is necessary in order to uphold the highest safety conditions, however, it is not the first time that the service has been temporarily closed."

"It should be remembered that thanks to other forms of transport and the influx of Far Northerners and other visitors who supported the town's activities, Kuranda and environs had been able to overcome last year's temporary closure of Kuranda Scenic Railway as it had done so in, previous years. The message is firmly out there, if you want to see Kuranda and environs at its best, and enjoy a hassle free visit, then there is no better time than now to make the trip."



## IRISH RECIPES

### Sausage & Potato Coddle

#### Ingredients :

- 1 pound pork sausage links
- 1/2 pound thick-sliced bacon, cut in 2" pieces
- 4 large potatoes, (2 pounds)
- 2 large onions, sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- salt and pepper, to taste

#### 2 cups water

#### Preparation :

In a skillet cook the bacon pieces until they turn golden, and then drain on paper towels. Brown sausages (prick in several places with fork) in bacon fat; drain on paper towels and slice into 1/4-inch pieces. Peel and slice potatoes about 1/4-inch thick. In a casserole dish, alternate layers of bacon, sausage, onion, and potato, seasoning the potatoes with salt and pepper. Sprinkle each layer with a little parsley. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons of fat from the skillet. Add water and bring to the boil. Pour over the potato casserole. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Remove the cover and cook for an additional 15 minutes, until the top is browned and potatoes become tender.

### Irish Jig Dessert

#### Ingredients :

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons whiskey
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon confectioner's sugar
- 1 cup coconut macaroons
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Preparation :

Crush the macaroons and set aside. Be sure the whipping cream is thoroughly chilled, along with the bowl and beater attachments. Mix all ingredients other than the macaroons. Beat until stiff peaks are formed. Fold in 3/4 cup crushed macaroons. Spoon into 6-8 dessert glasses. Sprinkle with additional macaroons. Serve immediately.

## Farewell for NQ Anglican Bishop

Anglicans from around the Far North converged recently on St John's Cairns for a special service to farewell their Bishop the Rt. Rev. John Noble who has retired as Diocesan Bishop. Bishop John will leave North Queensland in early February to take up a position in the Diocese of Melbourne.

Bishop John has been extremely active in the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland during his term as Bishop and has traveled the area extensively from the Reef to the Outback from the Torres Strait to south of Mackay. Bishop Noble will be succeeded by Archdeacon Bill Ray who will be consecrated a Bishop and installed as the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of North Queensland on Saturday, March 24 in Townsville.

As part of the service Bishop John collated Fr Chris Wright from Kuranda as the new Archdeacon of the Diocese of North Queensland. Fr Chris has been in the region for 26 years and has been Parish Priest at Kuranda for the last 18 years. In addition to his Church responsibilities he is the Chairman of the Kuranda Village Promotion Programme, a Director of Tourism Tropical Tablelands and a Director of Trinity Anglican School.



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## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

*"Is not the object of every Revelation to effect the transformation of the whole character of mankind. It is religion.. which produces all human virtues, and it is these virtues which are the bright candles of civilization."*

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

**Study Circles** by arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

**Childrens' Classes** every weekend

**Primary School classes** each week with commencement of school.

Intercalary Days 27 February – 1 March Baha'i  
New Year (Naw Ruz) 21 March

All enquiries welcome. Telephone 4093 7120 / 8499 From  
the Baha'i Community of Kuranda

If someone in your family has a drinking problem, you can see what it is doing to them, but can you see what it is doing to you?

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## KIDS



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## Kuranda Seventh-day Adventist Church

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

Services held every Saturday.  
ALL WELCOME !!!

## St Christopher's Catholic Church Barang St

Our Sunday Mass will be held at 6 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Mass 7.00 pm

## UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

ALL WELCOME  
Informal style of  
family service

1st Sunday of the month.  
St. Christopher's church,  
Barang St. Kuranda.

NEXT SERVICE: 11 am 4th February

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





## POLICE BEAT

Break & enters (year to date)	5
Stealing offences	10
Wilful damage (including graffiti)	4
Unlawful use of motor vehicle	2

These figures are for offences attended by Kuranda police, in & around Kuranda.

As you can see, we're off to a slow start (no, really - we are) & hopefully it will stay that way.

This is great news for the police, but would be awful if you own a racehorse.

Unlawful use of motor vehicle is stealing your car. Or borrowing it for a drive to the shops, without your permission.

One thing we would like to bring everyone's attention to is that people are getting a bit lax with leaving their keys in their cars (hence the fourth entry for our crime figures above). It is illegal to leave your car running whilst you nip into the shops, if there is not someone 16 years or over in the vehicle.

In fact, you shouldn't even leave the keys in if there's no-one in the car. And the car should be locked.

If I only had a dollar for every empty car I've seen with the engine running, then I'd be able to afford enough petrol to run my lawnmower. Now, dear reader, I hope you filled out your "crime & punishment" survey in the Cairns Post recently. I certainly did but I definitely didn't attach my name to it.

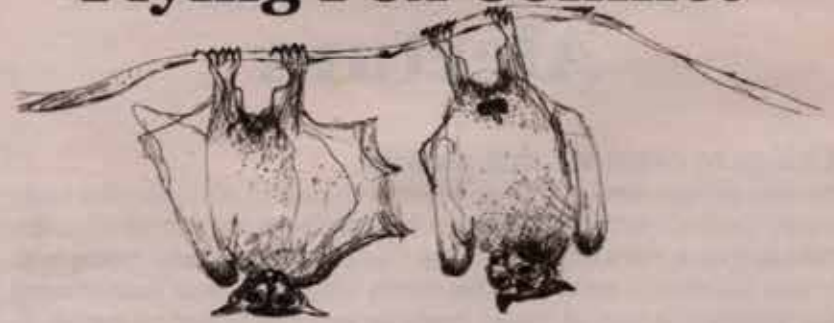
I was surprised that they even bothered to ask if you'd been subject to verbal abuse - hasn't everyone spoken to Telstra? (That's a joke - in case I need a new job sometime). I did want to suggest my own form of capital punishment, in which I send all the offenders off to Canberra. I don't reckon the ACT police will be too happy with it, though.

Now, I thought we might have a "Beyond 2000" style section

Our current breakthrough in CSI-style technology which you may not know of (unless you've been up to no good) is "Livescan". This is a bit like a photocopier, where you stick your hand on the plate & Lo! your particulars are taken down (ooh-err, missus). Fingerprints are then sent off to be checked against the all-knowing "database". Of course, we don't have one in Kuranda yet - maybe when our ink runs out.

Tim THURLOW - Kuranda Police

## Flying Fox Conflict



One can help the Flying Fox problem by growing suitable flowers, fruits and foliage for them to forage on. What should be remembered is that humans have created the problem by destroying considerable areas of their habitat through deforestation and farming. The dwindling native food resources bring flying foxes into conflict with fruit growers because the starving colonies attack their crops.

- If the problem is to be resolved, a proper education program for farmers and the general public needs to be implemented about Flying Foxes and farming methods.
- A more humane method than the cruel electric grid needs to be developed for the protection of fruit crops
- Native food forest resources need to be re-established to maintain healthy colonies

On the internet, there is a natural deter product that smells like urine which some fruit growers have used successfully. This product does not harm either the crop or the flying foxes.

The onus is on us to respect and understand the vital ecological role played by the flying fox in rainforest ecology and their current plight. Our future and theirs depends on this understanding.

Flying Foxes die not only from gunshot wounds/electrical fences and starvation but also from encounters with barbed wire fencing, electric power lines and paralysis ticks. Normally, flying foxes remain high in the rainforest canopy, but because of natural food shortages, the flying fox (usually mother with juvenile under wing) flies down to forage on the lower growing tobacco shrub which hosts the paralysis tick. The tick season coincides with the flying fox breeding season causing high mortalities.

**If you should find an injured flying fox, do not pick it up but call Batreach on 4093 8858.**

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The ongoing time-commitment and dedication of Pam and other volunteers at Batreach makes this a major and well-loved attraction in the richness and diversity of Kuranda as a tourist venue. Batreach needs every support.

Joanne Byrnes

## PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMATION OF THE AUTONOMOUS REPUBLIC OF KURANDA

With the State Government seemingly set to ratify, with the collusion of greedy local councils, developers and tourism operators, the expansion and streamlining of a four-lane Range highway which will pour yet more heavy traffic onto the tableland (and through our pristine environment), the time has come for Kuranda to close its borders and cede from the Commonwealth of Australia.

Yes, I am proposing that we set up an Autonomous Republic of Kuranda, not only to protect the unique social, cultural and artistic mix of this magnificent rainforest village, but so that we can keep the money here (aka rates, tourism dollar, etc) instead of propping up Mareeba Shire Council and lining the pockets of Cairns-based "entrepreneurs".

As an Autonomous Republic we would no longer have to pay State and Federal taxes, nor rates and parking fines. Instead, a flat Kuranda residents tax of 20% of all declarable income and a toll (\$100 for trucks, \$20 per car) levied on all traffic passing through a border gate on the Barron River Bridge, and another north of the Speewah turnoff, would finance our daily lives and welfare.

Republic boundaries would run along the north and east sides of the Barron River crossing the river at Mantaka and Wright's Lookout and swinging around in a giant circle to take in Boyles Road and Windy Hollow Road. And eight-foot high cyclone fence will be built using income from the first week's tolls.

Our primary budget concerns would be health (an alcohol and drug dependency clinic, a funny farm, plus neo-natal clinic as priorities), education (our own curriculum with an emphasis on ecology, environmental issues, plus new age and fairy or fable-based philosophies), welfare (home help

and meals for pensioners and substance abuse victims, plus daily cash handouts for those unable to get a job or find something useful to do. That will include artists). All citizens of the Autonomous Republic of Kuranda would have a vote in the election of a governing senate of eight members, which must comprise only candidates who have lived in the village or surrounds for at least 20 years, but retain at least 70% of their brain function. Factions or self-interest groupings will be outlawed, and men must make up at least 50% of the senate and the new bureaucracy to prevent women running everything. However, Murri's will automatically have two seats on the senate, and make up 40% of any committees to do with the arts or bartering.

Residents will also vote (at a separate election) for a President who will represent our interests abroad (Cairns, Mareeba and Brisbane.)

Excluded from running for office in both these elections will be real estate agents, developers, shonky tourism product importers, and children under 12. The senate will set up a committee to draw up a new constitution, flag and coat of arms (I'm suggesting a bush turkey and a bandicoot entwined in waita-while for the latter).

Already some "locals", especially those living in the Top of the Range, Kowrowa and Speewah, will feel unjustly excluded from this new Republic, but I should point out many of these people already think of themselves as "separate" from Kuranda-ites. However, residents of these locations would be given some privilege status with brown stickers for their cars, exempting them from tolls (Kuranda-ites would have green). Visitors would have pink stickers and tourists red.

While tourists would remain the financial lifeblood of Kuranda, they will be levied with a \$10 visitor's tax (tourist buses and coaches will pay a \$50 carbon-emission tax), and be required to buy at least one piece of locally-produced art, clothing or jewelry to the value of \$50.

The new local police, answerable directly to the senate (aka the people), will not be allowed to arrest a Kuranda resident, but should instead mediate and give them a lift home. They will, however, be required to vigorously police littering, noise pollution, parking and environmental damage.

Lifelong recipients of public handouts, wood nymphs (of any age) and the over 60s, will have exalted status in the new republic.

This will also be a totally cash society. We will not honor any credit or even debit cards. However, every resident will be required to keep a log book (doctored or otherwise) of cash transactions to assist with annual tax assessments.

Residents who avoid their responsibilities towards the wellbeing of fellow Kuranda-ites will face excommunication from our Autonomous Republic. Finally to precipitate better government, a female vote of Yes will mean No and No will mean Yes.

I now call on all residents of Kuranda and immediate surrounds to meet at the Kuranda Ampitheatre on the first day of the fourth month to debate this proposal and elect a feasibility study group.

All Hail the New Republic. Your proposer, TJ Socrates.

# Garden Jottings by Alectura

## Things to consider this month:

The rains will have revealed shortfalls in garden drainage so vital to the good health of many plants and particularly important in the vegetable garden. With still more rains hopefully to come, now is the time to plant up. Care should be taken when making holes for trees and shrubs in clayey areas that planting holes will not retain water, drowning your plantings. Wet clays will develop impervious walls if cut by spade or mattock, so planting holes should be opened out with a fork and mix to back-fill lightened with humus. A general rule of thumb is a hole thrice as wide as the pot and twice its depth. Some gardeners have reported scorching of plants after the prolonged period of sunless days followed by exceptional heat and intense sunlight so exercise care with your favourites. Looks like the Kuranda Gardening Club has another exciting year planned and keep your eyes peeled for local "Open Gardens" later this year.

What do you think? While great work has been done by the Mareeba Council opening new plantings in the library carpark and opposite the Post Office, the general effect is beige, boring and immediately forgettable and main street plantings ditto. I would suggest that the venerable Figs here are one of the most photographed icons of Kuranda and if more adventuresome plantings were made more locals and tourists would pause and ponder the natural world. I know the debate has run before. Should street plantings be only of native plants or should exotics be introduced and if less common plantings are made will they be taken by the light fingered and less community minded? What do you think?

**Plant of the month: Gardenia- Rubiaceae.** A large genus of trees and shrubs with over 250 species from tropical and subtropical regions of Africa and Asia. Best known for its strong and sometimes cloying perfume, gardenia flowers come in a range of size, shape and colour from white through to orange. These easily grown plants usually characterized by large evergreen leaves require well drained rich slightly acidic soil and may be grown in full sun to semi-shade. From the dwarf ground hugging forms of *Gardenia jasminoides* (syn. *radicans*) through to the more tree like forms of *G. imperialis*, *G. latifolia* and *G. thunbergia*, there is a gardenia for every situation. A walk through any general nursery will show a range of named hybrids usually reliable in keeping a more modest growth pattern and prolific flowering. These usually require minimum tip pruning to keep in shape. Of the easiest propagation, large cuttings may be taken at the beginning of the warmer months and will often strike planted directly. While enjoying regular moisture, drainage is important. Keep a close eye for aphid and scale, their presence often given away by ants on stems and leaves.

**A: Dear Tessa,** Congratulations, it appears you have a thoughtful man giving you a potted Anthurium rather than the conventional bunch of flowers. Judging from the gift, he may be planning a longer term relationship? Anthuriums are of relatively easy care and do particularly well in our area. Your plant can remain in its pot for some time with attention to careful watering - remembering not to let it stand in water. Little, light and often is the rule of thumb for fertilizing, removing dead leaves and fading spathes. Plants should be potted on each year to the next size pot using a good open house plant mix. Older types will slowly grow upwards exposing leafless trunk and with the return of warmer weather may be topped taking with some of the aerial roots and potted up with the old trunk reshooting in time. Newer hybrids, less prone to aerial growth may be cut into reasonable size offsets and potted on. Anthurium andraeanum in its various incarnations, also known as the Flamingo lily or the patent leather flower, comes in various colours and spathe size from the more seen reds through browns, apricots, white, purples greens and bi-tones. They certainly make excellent garden subjects in any low light, open humus rich soil and good watering. Resisting "wet feet", attention to drainage is vital. Given the ranges of size and colours in spathes of flowering Anthuriums available and the on-going work of hybridists, your man might continue to celebrate his attentions for a long time. Our local orchid guru Coleman's Orchids has some exciting specimens as does Tropical North Queensland Palms at Julatten. With over a 1000 species in the family, commencing with Anthurium andraeanum is a great place to start a possibly life-long adventure.

**Dear James,** Well done as seed set of the Jade Vine, *Strongylodon macrobotrys*, is not that common. But plant ASAP as they are of extremely short viability -10-14 days after the opening of the pod. Plant one to a pot, keeping moist but not over watered. Application of a fungicide will prevent damping off. Grow on for a season with attention to promoting strong leads and, when planting out, take care not to disturb the root ball. Roots in shade and head in sun usually fits most tropical climbers. Seed of *Mucuna bennettii*, Flame of the Forest, are also of very short viability. My own experience of both is near 100% germination if planted within fifteen days after collection, falling off to almost nothing after 20 days. Good growing then.

For plant identification/sourcing, general questions contact Alectura or email [wortwood@optusnet.com.au](mailto:wortwood@optusnet.com.au). Keep those questions coming in!

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## Continuity and Change

The recent Envirocare AGM saw the election of the following office bearers for 2007. President - Cathy Retter, Vice-President - John Beasley, Secretary - Margaret Zehntner, Treasurer - Isobel McDonald, and Nursery - Druce Horton.

We have a strong team bringing a great deal of experience to the job, with team members having contributed a combined six years experience as previous presidents. We welcome Isobel to the executive and she brings excellent experience (she has run her own Bookkeeping Business for the last 9 years) to her role as Treasurer, as well as her previous years of volunteer tree planting with Envirocare.

A year ago Cathy organised a major planning review of Kuranda Envirocare tasks and issues. A number of decisions were made then regarding the future of the organisation. These will guide us as we look forward, welcoming enthusiasm and expertise alike, seeking to educate and empower members and the community so that we as an organisation achieve the best possible outcomes for our very special environment here in Kuranda.

Revegetation of the EnviroLink corridor will continue to be a major focus and we'll work alongside the Green Corridor project in the Kuranda area. The nursery will continue to support this effort, as well as provide some plants to the community and other groups. We have in principle approval for a nursery on public land from the Mareeba Shire Council and are now moving through the approval process. Planning issues have perhaps the greatest impact on vegetation clearing in our area, and this will be a busy year with the Myola plan due to go to public comment, and the recently announced 2025 Regional Plan being developed in 2007, as well as Mareeba Shire reviewing its own planning scheme. Kuranda Envirocare will continue to monitor planning issues within the Kuranda area. We plan to rebuild our web site to communicate more easily with members, as well as providing a source of information for all Kuranda residents and visitors. Minutes of meetings will be posted there, as well as working bee details, and we hope that in time members will use the upgraded site as an easy way of keeping in touch with what's happening.

## Expand your knowledge

We now have funding to offer two alternative 3 day workshops free to all members of the community. Workshops will cover a short introduction on how plants live and grow (botany), plant identification, seed collection and treatments, nursery practices, rainforest ecology, restoration and revegetation practices. Most of the workshop time will be spent "on location", either in the nursery, at our current revegetation site or inspecting seeding trees. Workshop 1 dates are Tue 20<sup>th</sup>, Wed 21<sup>st</sup> and Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. Workshop 2 dates are Sun 1<sup>st</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April. Please call Margaret on 40 938393 to book a place or indicate your interest in future workshops.

**Saturdays at 8am - Land care Working bees** at Bottom Kowrova on Oakforest Rd, Just follow the signs on Myola Rd. All welcome. Call Cathy on 40 93 9926 if you need transport.

**General meeting:** Wed. 7 March at 7pm **Venue:** Sports and Social Club rooms, Fallon Road.  
**Speaker:** Di Horsborough presents **Cape York Peninsula: one of the last great wild places on earth.**

**Special motion** to amend the constitution. Contact John Beasley on 4093 0303 for details. All welcome to attend

## Envirocare Nursery

Thanks to many volunteer hands making light work, we are now located at 19 Kullaroo Close. Opening times and nursery working bees: Mon and Thurs 9 till 5, Sat noon till 5. Come and check us out, look over our plants, lend a potting hand, swap seeds for seedlings, bring in leaves or fruit for identification or just have a chat. Phone 4093 9926 to arrange a visit at other times.

## JOIN THE KURANDA RANGE ROAD WARRIORS AND HELP CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

**LOCAL** volunteers are being sought to help rid the Kuranda Range of roadside litter as part of the national Clean UP Australia Day campaign on March 4. Liberal candidate for Leichhardt Charlie McKillop has registered the Kuranda Range Road as a site and hopes to attract enough volunteers to clean up the entire range from top to bottom.

"The range road is traversed by hundreds of thousands of locals and visitors to the region. Unfortunately some motorists fail to appreciate what a truly unique part of the Far North it is and leave ugly reminders of their presence in the rainforest," she said. "If you have ever driven up or down the range road and wished you could stop to pick up rubbish lying on the side of the road, this is your chance to do something about it."

Clean UP Australia Day is proof of the difference individuals can make in our community. Ian Kiernan OAM could never have predicted the national interest in his simple but effective community-based idea but since its inception in 1990, more than seven million people have heeded the call to become involved. The day is firmly entrenched in the Australia calendar. It is an apolitical, non-profit community campaign in which everyone can participate.

**Where: Meet at Kuranda Rainforestation Carpark**

**When: Sunday March 4. 8.00-10.30am**

To join the 'Kuranda Range Road Warriors', please contact me on 0406 699 506 or email [charlie@charliemckillop.com.au](mailto:charlie@charliemckillop.com.au) or check out the Clean Up Australia Day website on <http://www.cleanup.org.au>

## Kuranda's Creative Arts Leader Recognised



Kuranda's Eve Stafford was awarded the Order of Australia Medal or OAM on Australia Day in recognition of her service to the community, particularly through fostering regional arts and cultural development in Far North Queensland. For more than 25 years Eve has provided cultural leadership in the Far North, building creative pathways in heritage, visual and performing arts and the broader creative industries. She has inspired and supported countless local artists and performers and helped put the region on the map nationally and internationally as a flourishing creative centre. Founder and current executive officer of the region-wide umbrella body, Arts Nexus, and editor of its magazine over the last decade, Eve has spearheaded landmark regional arts development programs. Her impressive CV includes appointments to many regional, state and national government bodies to advise on community and cultural policy development. In 1998 Eve was awarded a Commonwealth fellowship to investigate models of regional arts service delivery. "The OAM is a great honour but nobody does these things alone," she said.

"Apart from the great many friends and colleagues I've enjoyed collaborating with in making things happen, the award really belongs to the whole creative community who so enrich our daily lives," she said. "Arts are often regarded as an optional extra of little importance to life, so this award reminds us all that we are so fully surrounded by the products of creative people every day that they become invisible as we take them for granted."

"Creativity pervades everything from the design of houses, furniture, newspapers, magazines, books, film and television, music and websites. It's almost impossible to see, hear or touch anything that someone has not used their imagination and ideas to make for us," she added.

"Young and old, we all enjoy being makers too, from learning musical instruments, collecting memoirs or family stories or making family videos, from cultural dancing to making crafts or joining a festival parade."

"Our region's cultural identity is shaped and enriched by this collective contribution which opens the community to active participation in public and civic life, with benefits in community cohesion, resilience and wellbeing."

## It all started in Kuranda

Throughout the 1980s at local level, Eve published hundreds of her arts and tourism photos and stories in the Cairns Post where she had a regular column, acting as a publicist for the Kuranda Amphitheatre and the town as it emerged as a day destination with big Sunday afternoon concerts.

"I would take photos at the markets or uptown in the mornings then lie in the orchestra pit below the Amphi stage for hours to get the best action shots of the touring national and international musicians," she said.

"These days it's all digital and email, but little did they know back then that I would race home to print my photos in black and white in my "darkroom" which was just the kitchen table on moonless nights, taking the shots down to the newspaper on Monday mornings."

"Around that time some of us joined the new Chamber of Commerce to contribute more to town planning and civic life, where as gals we got called "The Chamber Maids." We took this as an Aussie term of respect. We valued enterprise but money was not the sole value in the quality of community life."

"A few of us also started a branch of the Queensland Arts Council that was able to operate at other venues around town, and initiate projects. Soon after that I began to get invitations to participate at regional and national level."

"With colleagues I founded Arts Nexus in 1995 as a region-wide creativity body that set out to balance an over reliance on tours and imported culture with local talent."

Over the past decade, Eve has edited over 60 editions of Arts Nexus magazine, which puts local and imported artists on a par. The magazine remains the only one of its kind in regional Australia.

"A do-it-yourself and entrepreneurial community ethos was already established, but fostering our own cultural development and expression and making our own creative things would put us at the centre of our own lives and masters of our own destiny, with a developed sense of place and identity located on the Asia Pacific rim," she added.

"When Arts Nexus commissioned an economic study of creative industries in 1996, we found that Kuranda had 16% of the region's creative folk for only 2% of the FNQ population," she said. "We have just repeated this and it shows FNQ as the strongest and most flourishing creative hub in Queensland outside SEQ."

"I have a few guiding principles," said Eve.

"If you are the kind of person that waits for the cavalry, the cavalry never comes. I was always impressed by the JFK quote that entreats people to ask not what their country can do for them, but what they can do for their country, but combine this with the ethos of think global, act local."

"The community has always acted as a safety net for me whenever I have had troubles, so I am all for strengthening my community in my good times."

"I am a strong believer in building the capacity of non-government community organisations or NGOs outside of government, because these are the avenues for citizens to provide mutual supports and to participate and shape community life and to influence the governments to serve them, rather than the other way around. Taken together, the complex architecture of NGOs in any community is the measure of its health and resilience."

"My Australia acknowledges the centrality of the first Australians, and the waves of migration that continue to shape who we are in all our diversity."

"Culture is key to identity, making space for the 'voice' or expression of particular individuals and communities within society that may not otherwise have equitable access to the mainstream 'airwaves'. With symbol and metaphor, these 'conversations' have arts and culture acting as a social 'glue'. But for architects, advertising and marketing people, journos or graphic artists, creativity can also be commercialised. Reconciling these two ends of the creative spectrum is to consider culture and its public expression as the only area capable of negotiating the values and meanings within any society of the other three pillars of sustainability - social, environmental and economic."

"These pillars were first expressed as important by Indigenous people at the Rio Earth Summit of 1992, using such words as culture and nature. While the resource hungry first world nations called the social, environmental and economic, the 'triple bottom line', culture somehow got dropped. But culture is the cornerstone of dialogue and sustainability within healthy societies for a increasingly overpopulated planet that is, in fact, our shared spaceship, called Earth."

"I have had some interesting responses since getting this award," said Eve. "Most people instantly recognised that it elevated the arts community as a whole and was a shared honour with them all. You get congratulatory letters from all over, but the other thing I eventually noticed was that many family and friends paying homage were actually sending me up," she said.

"The neighbour started curtsying and bowing from the waist whenever I hove into view, people asked where my crown was, or whether to call me madam or sir? As long as you don't call me "circumference", I replied. I thought to myself, what affectionate Aussie larrikin responses these were. How bloody marvellous!

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## March Astrology

March brings three major astrological events. A lunar eclipse on 4<sup>th</sup> March, beginning a growth cycle of emotion and physical cleansing and healing with some unexpected breakthroughs in the releasing of old emotional blockages and some exciting intuitive insights. Intuitive and vibrational healing will become scientifically more accepted and more effective. So drag out your favourite crystals, cards and pendulums and put them to work.

On 19<sup>th</sup> March there is an eclipse of the sun at 12.33pm local time. The shadow of this eclipse tracks through India, Tibet, China, and Mongolia. As the eclipse is very close to the zero degrees Aries point, we can expect some very turbulent world changes initiated along the line of the eclipse shadow. One place to watch over the next few months will be Kathmandu, Nepal where the planet Pluto sits right on the eclipse line. Extreme turbulence, government upheavals and rumblings in the Himalayas. Watch the roof!

For Cairns and Kuranda, the solar eclipse suggests upheavals in the power structures and the coming into being of farsighted, clear, future planning - a strengthening and streamlining of the governing structures. (Communication works on the most positive levels. Personal, global and spiritual.)

Then at 10.09am on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, the Astrological year begins with the Aries equinox. The sun directly over the equator at zero degree Aries. Many indicators here of the dawning of a new day with a sense of cleansing, healing and renewal. The energy patterns of the Aries equinox. The sun directly over the equator at zero degrees

Aries. Many indications here of the dawning of a new day with a sense of cleansing, healing and renewal. This energy patterns of the Aries Equinox signify the threats and potentials for the coming 12 months, so anything begun at this time carries a powerful magic. Simply put, it is a time to begin. Join forces with the stars and watch the progress unfold.

Around the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, there is a feeling of good fortune flowing from the most unexpected directions. Trust to luck, go with the wild hunches and take a chance or two.. Give it a chance to work for you. The Universe responds beautifully to gestures!

Just one more thing: In last month's Kuranda Paper in the column entitled *Forest Forum* (which the stars tell us is an editorial column), astrology and all things metaphysical were branded "pseudo-scientific quackery". Strong words and they raise the question as to whether this astrological column should continue. Editorial and reader response is invited. We are headed for some exciting new beginnings, so now is the time to speak out.

Thank you -Happy star gazing!

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### FOOT SOAKS:

What follows are a variety of foot soaks or baths to help relieve, revive, and invigorate your feet. Use a bucket or bowl large enough so water can cover the feet over the ankles.

- FOR A THICK HEAD COLD - Prepare a hot foot bath with a handful or two of ginger or mustard powder. Grated fresh ginger or

ginger essential oil can also be used. Leave the feet in the solution until they are bright red. Pat dry and put on warm socks. This procedure warms the whole body and drains mucous and congestion from the head.

- FOR BURNING HOT FEET - For this condition, use a poultice of henna leaf powder and vinegar or lemon juice. (Beware - Henna will dye your skin orange. Orange palms and soles of the feet are a common sight in India and North Africa.) Also, massaging the feet with peppermint oil is very cooling.
  - FOR A SOUND RESTFUL SLEEP - Massage the feet with warm sesame oil or ghee. Then soak the feet in a hot herbal foot bath prepared with warming herbs and spices, such as ginger.
  - HEALING THE SKIN - Try a warm foot bath prepared with strongly brewed marigold.
- MORE FOOT TREATMENTS NEXT MONTH. -**

*Valarie Birchall, Aesthetician*

## Auryvedic Recipes

### PULAO

- 1 cup basmati or brown rice, uncooked
- ¼ cup ghee or butter
- 3 cups water
- 1 tablespoon sunflower oil
- ½ teaspoon mustard seeds
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1 cup green peas
- ½ cup green bell pepper, chopped (optional)
- 1/8 cup cashews, chopped or 1/8 cup pumpkin seeds
- ¼ cup raisins
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- 1 ½ teaspoons curry powder, mild

In medium-sized saucepan heat ghee or butter. Add the rice. Stir constantly over low heat for 3 minutes, watching carefully. When cooked it is coated all over and glistens slightly, add water. Cook until soft: 15 minutes for basmati, 35 to 45 minutes for brown rice. Cool in the saucepan.

In a medium-sized skillet heat oil and add mustard seeds. When they pop, add turmeric and vegetables. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Add nuts or seeds and raisins and mix well. Add cooled rice, fluffing it with a fork as you take it from the pan. Add salt and curry powder. Mix well. Serve. This goes well with yogurt and a side dish of eggplant.


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## KURANDA BOWLS CLUB

The club needs the support of our community if it is to continue to operate. It is a shame to see such a great venue so underused. The great Club House with kitchen is available for hire for public or private functions at a very reasonable rate.

The rink has had a battering over the wet season but Brian has been working hard to bring it back to a good playing surface.

Depending on the number of members available bowls are played on Sunday afternoon at 1.30pm. Social bowls is played on Thursday night at 6.30pm, with barefoot bowls on some Friday nights. The club has bowls for visitors to use.

If it is too wet to play on the lawn we can roll out our indoor mats for a game of indoor bowls. These mats were purchased last year with a grant from the Reef Casino Community Benefit Fund.

If you are interested in a game please get in touch with the clubhouse on 4093 7143 from 4-6pm on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The bar is open at the above times - it is a great place to call in for a quiet drink.

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## KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE

Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January witnessed the first day of operations for the new Kuranda District State College. Our doors opened to 391 children from Preparatory Year to Year 12. The start to the year was a smooth one despite the changes to the way the two schools operate. There are still a few settling issues such as bus parking and traffic flow that need to be overcome and we are working on solving these issues.

It was fantastic to see so many of the children in school uniform. On the primary campus we had a record number of children looking fantastic at their first assembly all dressed in school uniform. Over 90% of the children looked proud to be dressed in their school colours.

### Welcome to New Teaching Staff

Fellow staff and students welcome new staff joining us this year:

- Patrick Camp - English/ SOSE
- Jodie Cook - Business/Maths/SOSE
- Kerry Hardy - Home Economics/English
- Peter Jansen - Music
- Brandon McAlister - Year 7/8
- Abigail Noli - Italian
- Belinda O'Reilly - English/Legal Studies/Art

And a very warm welcome and every success for 2007 from all our readers!

### Car Parking & Bus Bays

Please note that the parallel parking bays that run along the bus lane are for **drop off and pick up** only. Drivers are to remain with their car and not be parked in the drop off zone for longer than five minutes. I am aware that the lack of signage and painting of lines is creating some confusion, however I will endeavour to get the Council to rectify this situation as soon as possible. In addition we will look at making the raised concrete a pedestrian crossing with the addition of stop signs and other traffic controls to make the situation safer for our children.

The current bus parking situation is not ideal nor is it safe with eight buses double parking in the four bus lanes. Representations have been made to the Council and Department of Transport to find a solution to this problem. We are fortunate that at present some of the bus drivers are also concerned parents of the school adding weight to our claims for a speedy resolution to this problem.

### New Phone and Address Details

(See College Newsletter) Main Office: 4085 5333. Please take note of the new phone and (for the primary parents) new mail contact details. Each campus has its own unique phone numbers, however, we can transfer you to anywhere in the college if the need arises.

### First College Success Stories

The Indigenous Boys Dance Group has been asked to perform at the Opening, Official Dinner and Closing Ceremonies of the Italian Film Festival on the Sunshine Coast in March. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to display their performing ability. The boys will perform in front of thousands of people including the Premier, Italian Ambassador, Sophia Loren and their performance will go to Europe via TV.

Dare to Lead, an organisation that encourages excellence in Indigenous Education has awarded the College a National Highly Commended award for its work with Indigenous Communities in the area of parent and before school aged education. The Families as First Teachers Program facilitated by Kathryn Mannion and Rosetta Brim has been recognised for increasing attendance, educational outcomes and awareness of the importance of education in the indigenous communities around Kuranda. Kathryn and Rosetta will fly to Canberra to accept the award on behalf of the College.

The year 4 and 5 children won the National First Lego Nation League Title at the end of last year. The children under the guidance of Michael Cavanagh and Leigh Howser did exceedingly well to win the robotics challenge against schools that had much older children competing including private high schools. The children now fly to Atlanta, Georgia in April to represent Australia.

### P&C Meeting

The first P&C meeting as well as the AGM of the college will be Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March in

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Building work on our premises-to-be at 6 Rob Veivers Drive are due to have started by the time this article is printed, so here's hoping ...! The present plan involves lowering the existing house to a low-set with ramped entrance and adding an extension for more offices. We hope to be operating from there before the end of this year. Our new premises will allow for a great expansion of our services to include, for example: regular visiting services from Cairns/Mareeba providing information and advice; meeting spaces available for local organizations and groups to use; group training room for talks and presentations; visiting counselling service; support groups; specialized cooking programs; child-friendly play area, etc.

Job Changes at KNC: Applications close Tuesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> for 2 paid jobs we currently have advertised at KNC. Firstly, we have the full-time Family Support Worker position available for the next 10 months, with possibility of extension to permanent; and secondly we have a part-time (0.5) permanent job-share position as KNC Coordinator, which has come available due to an

increase in Dept Communities funding to allow KNC to have full time Centre coordination. So, look out for new faces at KNC, and an increase in paid staff that will allow our offices and community services to be open longer hours than at present, while retaining market-type hours for the op shop, book exchange and photocopying facilities.

Rummage Boutique: Still doing a great trade. We've had loads of new donations of op shop stock and books, so pop in and see what we've got. Trade has slowed a bit with the wet, so the good buys are easier to track down, and our prices are still the cheapest around!!

Have a great month!  
 Vicki Donovan KNC Coordinator

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# Correction

The Generation B programme was a 2006 programme which was run in Kuranda. The performance was on the 10th and 11th November, and the production toured to the La Luna Youth Arts Festival in Townsville in December 2006. This years programme will be to develop a culturally recognised piece which will work with young people and professional artists and be produced both in FNQ and will tour to the International Children's Performing Arts Festival in Dehli - India.

As part of the Foundation for Young Australian's we are running a film festival which recognises young people and their communities. I have attached a notice regarding this application process.

Amy Losiak PH 0438 140 871



## Kuranda kids dream : Kuranda to Atlanta

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But first our head chef Stephen Gee (who by the way can even lay claim to cooking for the Beatles) has been the executive chef down at the Kewarra Beach Resort for the past 20 years. Before that 15 odd years at numerous locations here in Australia and seas cooking up a wonderful variety of dishes. This wealth of expertise will be shown to you, our customer by regularly changing our menu, keeping dining at the Speewah Tavern an exciting adventure.

Fabian Courtielle our French chef was originally trained in France where he not only learnt to be a chef but was taught the secrets of a traditionally trained Pastry Chef with some recipes being over 500 years old. So be assured in the not too distant future we will be bringing you exquisite French Pastries and desserts. Fabian moved to Australia 7 years ago and is now an aussie and intends to spend the rest of his days here in our beautiful country.

So highlanders, if you haven't heard yet from someone who has already visited us for a meal and left totally satisfied, then no matter where you hail from do yourself a favour and get on in down the Speewah Tavern for a beer and an excellent meal at the Country Kitchen. I know that Matty, your host and his fine culinary team will endeavour to fulfil your every expectation.

And by the way folks you may not be aware that right next door to the kitchen we have Mary at "Cut 77", our local hairdresser doing some wonderful work in her new salon. So ladies (or gents) you can get your hair done and have a beer and or something to eat. We also have Bev a lovely lady in the general store who has a great movie selection for rentals and numerous things to keep those house holds stocked up with lots of ice creams, drinks and lollies etc for kids.

Please find below our menu and each month in the Kuranda paper we will update you our changing menu.

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Left: Kuranda Tip Monster  
Below: H E L P

## Heaven Is

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?" "This is Heaven, sir," the man answered. "Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked. "Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up." The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

"Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveler asked. "I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets." The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

"Excuse me!" he called to the man. "Do you have any water?" "Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in." "How about my friend here?" the traveler gestured to the dog. "There should be a bowl by the pump." They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked. "This is Heaven," he answered. "Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too." "Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's hell." "Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

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# the Arts page

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## Xavier Rudd Returns For 3 North Qld Dates!



With much of 2006 spent wooing audiences in North America and Europe and garnering critical praise for his new album, *Food In The Belly*, from such lofty and hard-to-please publications as *The Times* and *The Guardian*; Australia has not so much lost another great artist to the allure of overseas life as to have gained another truly international artist based in Australia. In a musical climate too often dominated by rock-star posturing, fashion and the "next big thing", **Xavier Rudd** stands as a unique specimen; one which has achieved great success with the minimum of fuss without the hype machine and without the astronomical marketing budgets invested in artists of similar stature. A multi-instrumentalist whose songs balance acoustic soul, manic fretwork, rhythmic

stomps, exotic percussion, and modernised didgeridoo to create a uniquely textured sound and mesmerizing live performance. **Rudd's** fan-base continues to grow exponentially as word spreads of his unusual live show and intricate songcraft. The fact that **Rudd's** new DVD *Good Spirit Live at the Enmore Theatre* has reached Gold status in Australia is testament to the powerful impression this artist has left in his trail. After touring the world with the likes of Jack Johnson and Ani DiFranco, **Xavier Rudd** returns to Australia to play headline shows in Cairns, Townsville and Mackay as well as an appearance at The East Coast Blues & Roots Festival and a number of shows with the Dave Matthews Band.

## CANTATA LAUNCH IN KURANDA

A 70 voice community choir from the Tablelands area will give its first performance of the Cantata "Holy Spirit Breath of God" in Kuranda on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 8pm in the SDA Hall.

A cantata is a work for choir, soloists and narrator, and can be of a secular or sacred nature. It is like a mini 'Messiah' with narration added. Kuranda resident Ruth Beasley has produced four sacred cantatas, with her sister Audrey Francis in Perth writing the words, and Ruth composing the music and training and conducting the choirs. "Holy Spirit Breath of God" traces the movement of the Holy Spirit throughout time.

This year's Cantata will see the return of baritone Peter Axford from Malanda, who has just completed three years with Opera Australia. Kuranda's own soprano, Julie Brant will again sing a solo part, as well as joining Peter in a duet. Maree Henriksen, a mezzo-soprano from Cairns, will join the soloists in this year's Cantata. Ben Stock, a tenor from Cairns, and Richard Holt, bass, from Mareeba, complete the solo line-up. Peter, Julie, Maree and Ben will combine in a powerful quartet.

Catherine Finter and Pat Schafer will provide piano accompaniment, along with two flutes, clarinet and bongos. The narrator will be Glyn Davies from Yungaburra.

Following its premiere in Kuranda, the choir will perform at the Uniting Church in Brown St, Cairns, on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, at 8pm, then in the Atherton Uniting Church on 1<sup>st</sup> April at 4pm.

The final performance will be in Mareeba on 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.45pm in St Thomas Catholic Church. Entry to all performances is free, though a donation towards expenses would be welcome.

Previously cantatas written by Audrey and Ruth have been performed by choirs in Western Australia, and this year a choir in Warwick begins a series of performances planned for the next few years in that town.

Choir members appreciate the opportunity to train and perform in a large choir where enjoyment of the musical experience is the ultimate aim. Over the years the quality of the performances has grown as the choirs gather experience, and this year seems set to provide a truly high calibre Cantata here in Kuranda. (Enquiries Ph 40 930303)



Pictured: Right- Maree Henriksen, bottom - Peter Axford top - Julie Brant

# KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

## ART FOR KIDS ON THE NET

Are you concerned that your little potential Picasso is a lot more interested in the latest gameboy than the wonderful acrylic paint set you bought last Christmas? Are rainy afternoons spent in front of the nintendo rather than making a collage?

Don't worry, creative play and computers are possible. A growing number of organisations are using the internet as a way to get children to express themselves creatively. The net offers them all the thrills of exploration and discovery as well as the opportunity to show their ideas and results to an international audience.

One of the best ways to get children drawing is to send them in the direction of a gallery site. These sights accept digital images of children's work and post them in a virtual gallery. Most of them are themed for inspiration and are easily downloaded and navigable. If you have the use of a scanner you can save the masterpiece to a jpeg format and send it directly to the site for instant gratification. Many of the sites also provide a mailing address and will scan works sent in if you don't have the appropriate hardware.

To learn how to digitise works of art to post on a website is to go to an on-line painting site and create a digital masterpiece. Mamamedia - a gateway site to 'safe' places on the net for children - has a large themed virtual gallery and instructions.

World Kids Network provides a gallery site called 'the fridge door'. WKN accepts scanned digital images of kid's work. The NASA site (yes, the space agency) has a great space art gallery in which children can contribute. Another favourite is Kidspace. This site asks young artists from all around the world to submit digital pictures and puts them on-line. Young viewers can write and submit a story about the picture they liked best - with some fantastic results. Kidspace does claim the right to reproduce the work elsewhere in other formats.

## The Artist and Their Works

Imagine a world without music, song, dance, plays, literature, movies, the incredible beauties of architectural designs both monumental and human scale, the embellishments of jewelry, of clothing, pattern and design. How the magic of the artist translates the beauties and terrors of the natural world and the endless imaginations of the human mind into concrete forms to be shared and treasured.

The artists at the Kuranda Arts Co-operative invite local readers to call in to the Co-op Gallery. There is no obligation to buy any artwork, but the Co-op would appreciate the opportunity to introduce locals to the pieces we have in the gallery. At some time further down the track when you have reason to purchase a gift, or a special card, you will know what is available in the highest quality

from the local artists. This week a visitor to the gallery said she had lived in Kuranda for many years and this was the first time she had visited the gallery. We were thrilled to show her what was available and to talk about the artists and their work. She is coming back soon to get a very elegant wedding present. The Gallery is open 7 days a week, 10am - 4pm. Call in and see us.

## Speaking of 'claiming the right'.....

One of the Co-operative's photographic artists made two submissions last year to the Queensland Small Business Photographic Awards through the Department of State Development and Trade. She was not successful as a winner of the award, however, a month or two later the Department contacted her seeking her permission to use one of her photographs in a number of the Department's publications. This artist does not receive any payment for her images or her intellectual property, but is required to sign an 8 page Licensing Deed (Agreement), have it witnessed, and return it to the Department. This artist is feeling pretty let down by the system. Talk about cheap labour! The Department hopes that they will be able to send the artist a copy of any of the publications in which her image is included, as she requested, but they cannot promise to do so as "the photographers are not given a byline and it could be difficult to identify each individual work".

How poorer human life would be without those who mine their imaginations, knowledge and skills to translate their visions from mind's eye to things of beauty, utility and wonderment. What effort and time taken to quarry the building blocks of beauty, of things that seize the heart and challenge our perceptions and bring joy, wonderment and sometimes challenge and even fear.

Although each of us in our own way seeks to bring harmony and beauty to our lives, it takes the artist to make this their life's work.



It is that time of year again, kids go back to school and the silly season is well and truly done with until next time. It's the time of year when people are looking for new ideas and are just getting back into work and study. You will be surprised at the variety of Non-Fiction books here at the moment; how to make paper lanterns, paint a portrait, write your life story or redecorate your house. One of the upshots of this time of year is that the garden is just waiting to provide

you with hours of work and plenty of vegies. There are lots of books on organic gardening, orchids, native plants and attracting wildlife into your garden. Pop in for a browse or check from home on the library catalogue. To access the catalogue from home you simply go to <http://www.library.msc.qld.gov.au/> or the Mareeba Shire Council Website and follow the links. From this page you can search the Kuranda, Mareeba, Dimbulah and Chillagoe Libraries, place reservations and renew your books. If you do not have access to the Internet from home then you can use the OPAC computer in the library or call the Kuranda Library on 4093 9185. If you are unsure of your password then just ask - we are happy to help. The library computers have been very busy each morning with people writing résumés and getting back into work and study. High-speed internet

is available at the library for \$3.00/hr for members and you can also print and access Microsoft Office programs and play games on the computer in the Youth Area. Good luck to everyone who worked on résumés and assignments over the last week or two. Please remember that we are open outside of 'business hours'. Our hours of opening should allow for everyone to make it into the library at some time through the week. For any of the school kids who are having a little difficulty getting back into all of the assignment writing we have good news for you at the Kuranda Library. **Homework Help** is coming! This means we will have an hour each week set aside to help you find books and websites and with assignment writing skills. Kids will also be entitled to ten free prints or photocopies per week. Homework Help will be held on

Tuesday afternoons from 4:30 -5:30pm and bookings are essential. Please call the Kuranda Library to let us know you are interested. As always, Storytime was great fun this month. It is a time Ros and I really look forward to and we spend a lot of time planning to allow for education, motor-skill development and entertainment! It is also a time for mums and dads to meet each other and catch up. Our next Storytime is March the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Finally, a big Thank You to everyone who gave us feedback this month, and to all the happy people who let us know how much they enjoyed a book, movie or CD. We have both really enjoyed meeting you all. See you next time!

**FOCUS THEATRE IS BACK FOR 2007**

FOCUS THEATRE is back for the year, just a bit of news... we have temporarily changed our weekly get togethers from Wednesday nights to Monday nights. After the new Amphitheatre committee is on board we will then have to see which night is suitable to them. We meet in the Understage from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome to come along and see what our plans are for the year, and bring your ideas with you! Megan Freeman is our new admin person, raising, and will be soon.



We had that before Easter a Family Fun Day, concert has claimed back!! So we have later in the year. Peter are producing a Comedy so get your gags and skits

formerly announced we would be presenting however, the Xavier Rudd the date, Yahoo he's postponed that event until Jaensch and Seren Starlight Night in the middle of the year; ready, sounds like fun!

Yours in Theatre, Diana

**Preparations for Avocado Industry**

With the Far Northern mango season workforce firmly in place, QiTE's labour market attention will focus on the coming avocado season.

"While there were some initial concerns regarding the ability of the projected workforce to harvest, pack and transport the current mango crop across the Mareeba, Dimbulah and Tableland region, the reality is that sound sourcing and on going close liaison with producers has largely diverted an anticipated cropping and harvesting disaster," QiTE CEO Katrina Spies said. She said that QiTE Labour Recruitment personnel already had been preparing for the coming avocado season. Industry sources expect that there will be 400,000 or more trays harvested in the immediate area. Industry sources have estimated the current avocado crop to be worth between \$5 to \$8 million.

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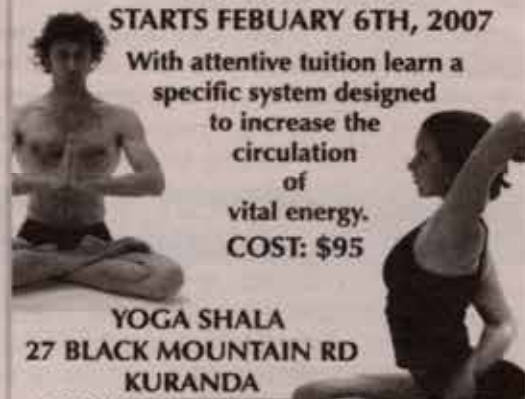


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Specifically, this means:

- **once a week**, check your yard for mosquito breeding.

Tip out, flush out, throw away or store dry any containers holding water in which mosquitoes can breed.

- wear insect repellent if being bitten, especially during the day.
- use surface spray, mozzie zappers and coils around the house to discourage mosquitoes.

Last year, there were two outbreaks of dengue in North Queensland - a

dengue type 2 outbreak in Cairns (29 cases in Gordonvale, Cairns and Mission Beach) and a dengue type 3 outbreak in Townsville (eight cases).

People with symptoms of dengue - such as fever, headache, rash, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhoea, and fatigue - should see a doctor immediately. There is no medical cure for dengue fever and no vaccine. The serious form of the disease, Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever, can be fatal, especially in young children.

More information about dengue fever is available at [www.health.qld.gov.au/dengue](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/dengue)

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## Congratulations - Well Done!

Congratulations Sue - continue to keep Ad'em!

Another luminary

Sue McArthur, the patient and tireless auditor for numerous community groups in Kuranda has been awarded by the Mareeba Shire Council, a medal for community service. Her wry sense of humour in the face of muddle and confusion is now the stuff of legend. Congratulations Sue - continue to keep us balanced!



Sue McArthur - Proof reader extraordinaire



### WETTENHALL WATCH

Whilst we are into the second month of 2007, it's my first opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

2007 is an historic year for education in Queensland with the state-wide roll out of a non-compulsory year of prep. In Kuranda, I am sure the specialist training that staff have received; the innovative prep curriculum and the brand new facilities will set our youngest students off to a flying start to their education.

On the topic of education, Kuranda District State College will benefit from the Beattie governments 'Tomorrow's Schools Today' program. Grants of \$20,100 for a community sports precinct and \$18,600 to build an undercover multipurpose area will add to the overall amenity and function of the amalgamated campus.

I am delighted with the new school and feedback from parents has been very positive. I am working closely with members of the school community and Education Queensland to resolve some outstanding issues. To that end, I arranged a delegation from the school to meet with the Minister for Education, Hon Rod Welford MP, at the Atherton Community Cabinet last weekend.

I would like to thank all the staff at KDSC and the entire school community for working so hard and effectively to ensure a smooth and successful start for Kuranda District State College.

The Kuranda swimming pool project is grinding it's way forward. Council had completed the surveying last year and the land excise which involves the Education Qld should be completed by the DNR in the next few weeks. An architect, to be engaged for the design of the pool complex buildings will be decided by Council at the next General Meeting (Tues 20th Feb).

Later this month I will be convening a meeting of the Kuranda Advisory Committee that will need to decide on future funding of tourism infrastructure projects in Kuranda using funds collected from the tourist levy. Project proposals include upgrading the Visitor Information Centre, completing the walking tracks network to Barron Falls and upgrading the southern gateway to the village.

Queensland will be celebrating it's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2009 and funding is available for community projects. This is a great opportunity for Kuranda so I encourage everyone to make suggestions and get some proposals submitted. The grants will be allocated in three rounds. Round one is now open, with submissions due by 13 April 2007. Rounds two and three will be offered in February and September 2008 respectively. Application forms are available from my office or from the website [www.q150.qld.gov.au](http://www.q150.qld.gov.au). The Kuranda Range Road project is undergoing assessment by the Commonwealth Department of Environment and through this column I will keep you informed of the outcome of that process.

Regards Steve



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## Kuranda Amphitheatre Presents

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FoEK is not opposed to all development of any kind. Instead, FoEK simply suggests that it is now time for a different approach. Rather than uncontrolled development which degrades our healthy environment, FoEK calls for a new development plan that protects our air, water, special places and unique wildlife. Such a plan would also protect and maintain a sustainable economic base.

*The Power of Community - How Cuba Survived Peak Oil* is a timely documentary and a powerful living example of how communities can provide solutions that work for them. The message is clear. As a community, we can instigate solutions, take control over what is important to our natural, cultural, social and economic needs in the face of escalating environmental threats.

Join Us at Kuranda Amphitheatre on Sunday March 11 at 3pm to celebrate the people of Cuba's success and ingenuity and for an opportunity to consider new ways, new challenges and new solutions.

Guest speaker: Sue Hayes. Sue has been trained by Al Gore to deliver his climate change presentation as featured in the documentary, Inconvenient Truth.

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## Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 85

Compiled by John Brooksbank

### Across

- Lay a hand on nursemaid from 25 down.
- Quickly taken to stay awake illegally.
- Bone is poetically black.
- Frenchman is all over lime.
- Local bus in Kuranda.
- Supposing that conjunction.
- What you were in the past.
- Renowned Grade one group at Kuranda High.
- Wood in the Willows star is annoyed.
- Environmental colour.
- Chained wild animal.
- Assume its about big birds seen along the highway.
- Carried out cooperatively in the village.
- Seed burr - I replace you in State drink.
- Elevated in soup on the table.
- Local family on the edge.
- Sort of vessel the Ark will never be.
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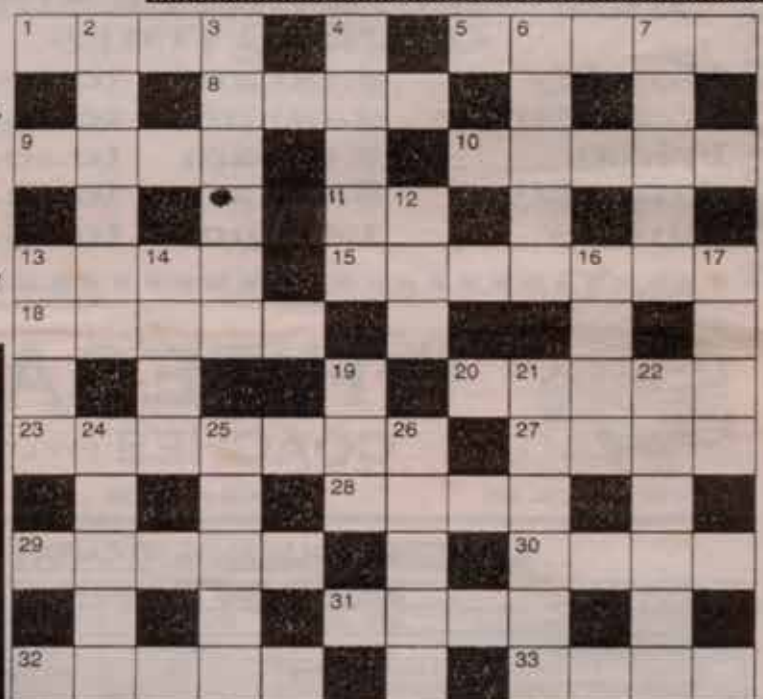
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- Can summary start again.
- Region headed by its representative body.
- Ed leaves 23 across in this country.
- Ultimate source of all curries.
- Village street is a repetition at first again.



# Community Calendar

**Mondays** Junior Rugby League 3:30pm Bartley Park Oval adjacent Primary School. 4093 7177

**Every Sun** A.A. CWA Hall 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599  
**Kuranda Bowls Club** every Sunday social games 2 pm (reg 1:30pm)  
**Speewah Country Markets** 8am-1pm Around Speewah Country Tavern car park between the palms. Phone: 4093 0361

**1st Sunday** R.S.L. 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.  
**Kuranda Film Society** 4.30pm 19 Kullaroo Cl. "La Dolce Vita" Phone Cathy 4093 9926

**3rd Sunday** **Bowls Club Meeting** 1.00pm  
**Every Mon** **Life Span exercise** QCWA Hall 9.30 am.  
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**8 Ball** 7.00 pm at Speewah Tavern, Fitzies Tavern, S.&S.Club & RSL.  
**Silent sitting/Meditation** at the Kuranda Retreat 7.30-8.45 ph. 0428 930 365 no charge  
**Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30 pm Mantaka  
**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30 pm  
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**1st Monday** **High School P & C** 5.00 pm  
**KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933  
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**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm - 7.15pm for more info

**1st Wed**  
**2nd Wed**  
**Last Wed**  
**Every Thurs**  
**1st Thurs**  
**2nd Thurs**  
**Every Fri**  
**Every Sat**  
**2nd Sat**

call Geoff 4093 7380 Yoga at CWA  
 Kuranda Playgroup 9.45-11.30am at Community Kindy.  
 Contact Lida 4093 9882 or Lisa 4093 0038  
**Kuranda Interagency Network** at 2.00 pm @ KNC  
**Envirocare Meetings** Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov.  
 Phone 4093 9926  
**QCWA meeting** 1.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016  
**Kuranda Pool Committee** 7.00 pm Neighbourhood Centre 40939594  
**Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206  
**Kuranda Bowls Club** Night Bowls - Casual 7.00 pm [reg. 6.30 pm]  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682  
**8 Ball S & S Club** 7.15 pm & RSL  
**Yoga** at the Kuranda Retreat phone Eva on 0427 798 769/4093 0413  
**Kuranda Charity Bowls** 7 pm (reg. 6.30 pm)  
**Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road  
**Natural Instinctive Nutrition Workshop** with evening meal at Speewah in Kuranda Jahl/Eva 0427 798 769/4093 0413  
**Working Bee**, Phone 4093 9926 for details  
**Garden Group** 2 pm Phone Arlene Wienert Ph 4093 7927

**How many local staff are employed by The Brown Bag Lunch Company?**  
 ph. 4093 9320

**POSSUM CORNER OF SHOP**  
 at the rear of St Saviour's in the Car Park



**OPENING HOURS**  
 Tuesday 9:00am to 12 noon  
 Thursday 9:00am to 12 noon  
 Friday 9:00am to 12 noon  
 Saturday 9:00am to 12 noon  
 AN INITIATIVE OF ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

PLEASE ADVISE THE KURANDA PAPER IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES FOR 2007

## Kuranda Branch Library Council Office

4-12 Thoree Street  
 Phone 4093 9185  
**OPENING HOURS**

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

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

## Your Rural Fire Brigade Contacts For Fire Permits etc.

Davies Creek - Lloyd 4093 3181  
 Koah - Peter 4093 7006  
 Kuranda/Myola - Duncan 40937190  
 - Mob 0408151199  
 Speewah - John 4093 0211

**KURANDA S.E.S. 40939143**

**In Case of Fire or Other Emergency Please Phone 000**

## KURANDA TRANSFER STATION OPENING TIMES

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



# WHITECAR COACHES PTY LTD

PO Box 140, ATHERTON 4883

ABN 69 465 540 048

Ph 4091 1855

### ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

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

Saturday (not Public Holidays)					
Departs - Ravenshoe	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
6.30am	7.00am	7.30am	7.30am	8.15am	arr
#7.45am	#8.15am	9.15am	9.45am	10.20am	11.15am arr

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

### CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)					
Departs- Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Herberton	Ravenshoe
*8.30am	*9.05am	9.40am	10.15arr/11.00dep	#11.15am	#12.00n arr
10.00am	10.35am			3.00pm	#3.30pm
				5.00pm	#5.30pm
3.15pm	3.55pm	4.30pm	5.00pm	#5.30pm	#6.00pm arr
5.30pm	6.05pm	6.40pm	7.15pm	arr	

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

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

(Subject to change without notice) \* Connect with Chillagoe Bus Service (Mon/Wed/Fri) Ph 40947155 (This timetable does not show all routes and/or times)

- AIRPORT/TRINITY WHARF DROP-OFF AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST (Surcharge Applies)
- HOSPITAL & DOCTORS SURGERIES DROP-OFF (Eastern Side of Sheridan St. only) (Surcharge Applies)
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CARDS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR CONCESSION
- NO SERVICES OPERATING CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY
- PASSAGE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF SEATS

LOCAL SNOW HOLIDAY IS NORMAL TIMETABLE (Cairns Show please check with offices)

ATHERTON	HEAD OFFICE	6 McConaghie St	4091 1855
ATHERTON	PHILLIPS NEWS	48c Main St	4091 1105
CAIRNS	46 Spence St	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
KURANDA	15 Therwine St.	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
MAREEBA	MAREEBA NEWS	125 Byrnes St	4092 1030 (bus stop is at old Railway Station - behind #3 C)

### KURANDA - CAIRNS BUS SERVICE



## KURANDA SHUTTLE

Ph 0402032085 BH17021491

FARE SPECIALS MAY APPLY

### LOCALS, VISITORS & BACKPACKERS

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

SMITHFIELD: 10 minutes following Cairns departure

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

BUS STOPS: KURANDA - 15 THERWINE ST  
 CAIRNS - STOP "D" CITY MALL  
 ALSO HALT at BUS STOPS ALONG SHERIDAN ST  
 (# Conducted by Whitecar Coaches) PASSAGE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF SEATS  
 KST10\_HALF\_18-11-05 PLEASE PAY ON BOARD

## JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

### "THE LOCAL BUS"

	MON	TUES	WEDtoFRI	P/HOL & SAT/SUN
DEPARTS #0730	#0730	#0730	*0730	0830
KURANDA 1330	1330	1330	0930	1500
	1615	1615	1130	
			1330	
			1615	

DEPARTS **0830	**0830	0830	**0930
CAIRNS 1715	1715	1015	**1600
		1230	
		1715	

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