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Anzac Day and Australians pause at home and abroad to solemnly reflect upon the sacrifices made by the many men and women serving in our armed forces.

From battles fought to the ongoing conflicts of today, Australian Service personnel continue a proud tradition of courage and mateship in adversities that we at home are often unaware of.

To the brave men and women who have served our country, we are indebted.

***At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them***



Outside the Anglican church is Fr Chris Wright and the horses and riders are from Kuranda Horse and Pony Club



Assembling for Parade at left is Cliff Timmins in SES uniform carrying RSL flag, Adrian 'Coke' Joffray is an American Returned Serviceman. It was his 1944 Jeep that headed the parade. Ken Harley is wearing the 1st WW Australian Light Horse uniform and to the right is Kuranda College student Douglas Falconer who generously offered to carry the American Flag for 'Coke'.



L to R Jim Partridge, Carol Day, Joshua Warrington, Brian Parker, Betty Timmins, Djhilsa Fenn-Olsen and Mark Spurr.



Memorial Service in Centennial Park

COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

Much of our language recently has been influenced by financial lingo, ie; “ Changing circumstances are causing a sharp rise or drop in one or more variable expense or in revenue’. We know too that life events other than availability of money also affect us. We’ve discovered it’s important to have strategies in our ‘private Life Bank’ to get us through emotionally difficult times.

It’s when things seem to be going fine—we have managed and coped and supported everyone else - that we can be suddenly tripped up by one final ‘last straw’.

What to put in the personal bank? Suggestions are; friendships, health check ups and fitness, a file of whatever helped in the past, someone we trust who will listen and yet challenge us, schemes for the future and so on. Just as putting money away each week requires perseverance and patience emotional strengthening tasks require profound efforts too. Today is the day to start. All the best.

Krishna Buhler, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Why is Qantas, who calls Australia home, serving Philippine bananas on its trans Tasman flights? How Australian is that? What is wrong with Australian bananas, or is fruit just the latest business to be sent offshore? Qantas won’t have any Australians left to buy seats on its planes if it keeps outsourcing its staff, its maintenance and its food supplies. What possible justification can there be for Australia’s national airline, who itself is competing for the hearts and wallets of Australians, to serve Philippine bananas on a NZ-Australia flight?

Qantas expects Australians to support its national airline but does not practice that philosophy when sourcing product for its services. They choose foreign bananas over product from Australia’s largest fruit industry – an industry that so recently was nearly decimated by cyclones, and may soon be decimated by imports of Philippine bananas. What arrant hypocrisy.

Toni Rogers. Kuranda

(Due to media pressure Qantas has responded advising that it will no longer serve Philippines bananas on their trans Tasman flights).

Dear Kuranda paper,

Kuranda Envirocare would like to thank Mayor Tom Gilmore and the Tablelands Regional council grants scheme for their one-off contribution of 5,000 trees for the Kuranda Riverlinks Greencorp team program. This has been a valuable contribution to the environment and we hope Council will support similar tree planting across the region in future years.

Cathy Retter

President, Kuranda Envirocare

Dear Kuranda Paper,

My family moved to Kuranda from Gumlu, south of Home Hill, in December 1980. I had four years as Assistant Station Master at Kuranda Railway Station and then broke my neck while hang-gliding on

14th October 1984.

Since ending up in a wheelchair, not long after I came home again, I started selling my joke books. I also help out with raffles etc. raising funds for our Kuranda Lions Club and other groups in the community.

We have been through a lot of ups and downs and came out better for it. I believe we have a beautiful town in which to live and a great community. We are lucky to have our three kids living and working in Cairns and our six grandchildren so near. We have been blessed.

My little book “Far From Heaven” is doing well at present.

I leave on the 27th April 2009 for the PA Hospital in Brisbane for surgery to my pressure sore, and probably won’t see you for awhile.

God bless you all and lots of love.

Col. Jeanes, Kuranda.

[No doubt all our readers will wish Col and for his family - a successful and speedy recovery. Somehow Coondoo Street will seem a little empty with Col away!]

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Congrats to Kuranda Foodworks for bravely holding out against pressure to hand out free plastic carry bags with purchases. By charging a small fee for each plastic bag, the proprietors have raised hundreds of dollars for local good causes. Batreach has been the first worthy beneficiary. Good on you, Foodworks.

Jax Bergersen, Pademelon Lane, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Endavouring to establish their own Kuranda identity amongst the so many out-of-date website listings for accommodation in the Far North, the Kuranda Accommodation Group now has its own website. **www.kurandaaccommodation.com** lists the current members of the Kuranda group and an up to the minute brief description of the accommodation available, rates, contacts and a link to individual websites.

The accommodation group invites the Kuranda community to check out the new website. It will assist when you have an overflow of visitors, when organising an event, or would just like to indulge in a ‘home away from home’ environment for a few days. Contact members on the listing for their local’s specials. Bookmark this website for easy access.

Rosie Maccarone, Cedar Park

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Barron River Greens campaign in the recent State election, by helping on election day, volunteering services or by being part of the campaign team.

As much of the support came from the Kuranda area, FNQ Greens have decided to start a Kuranda and Tablelands Greens group.

If you’re interested in getting involved with stalls, other events or just want to be kept informed about what is going on, please ring me on 4085 0054 or email **aryffordd@gmail.com**

For further information about what the Greens’

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policies are and how to join, see **www.qld.greens.org.au** and to find out more about local issues and have your say, see **www.barronrivergreens.net.au**

Sarah Isaacs

Dear Kuranda Paper

Hello Beautifuls!

Actually, the dollar isn’t for me (this time!!).

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love

Renae Stevens x x x

Dear Kuranda Paper,

With reference to Rob Hart’s letter in the last Kuranda Paper, here’s another view in an excerpt from **Citylife** magazine interview , Jan 2009. It’s with Thanakupi, an artist who has certainly lived an alternative life with much creation and self expression and is one of the most decorated indigenous artists in Australia, known especially for her ceramic works. She has received an Order of Australia, and the Arts Council Visual Arts Emeritus award, owns a house at Mission Beach and was raised near Weipa on Cape York.

Q. Your career spans 30 years, what advice would you offer to young artists?

A. Ensure that you go to school everyday because education is very important, then make sure you work hard and be strong.

Cathy Retter, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

The front page article in last month’s Kuranda Paper re the Instantaneous People Transporter failed to advise where to send the money to get in on the ground floor of this investment opportunity. Such innovation and foresight. This could be a recession breaker. Please advise where to leave the money and how much. We really want to be part of this one.

Ruby Bradshaw, Speewah

[Ruby, thank you for your interest and support for all things ‘Kuranda’. Cash in any denomination, in a brown paper bag, will be accepted gratefully at the Kuranda Paper office below the Fire Station,]

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Kuranda Personalities

By Peter Ryle

George Austin

George Austin was born in 1919 and spent the first 41 years of his life in the Kuranda area. There were ten children in his family. He started school at the age of five, and left when he was thirteen years old. George attended the local primary school, which is no longer in use. He said there were about 190 children at the school when he attended. With the future of the former primary school in doubt, George expressed concern about the stand of kauri pines there. The trees were planted by the children, and George still remembers the one he planted. As with most of us, George has both fond and not-so-fond memories of his time at school. He fondly remembers the games and fun the kids had. One particular memory is of the large ball he made from the rubber he tapped from the large rubber trees in the school grounds. Each day George would tap a bit more rubber from the tree and add it to the growing ball. Eventually the ball grew to the size of a football. It was a fearsome toy, easy to kick and it bounced well. However, the joy of having such a wonderful toy became a tragedy one day when he threw the ball and it went through the glass louvres of the headmaster's office. It broke the inkwells on the headmaster's desk, and caused quite a mess. Unfortunately George got six cuts of the cane and had his wonderful ball confiscated. George said that when the Kuranda State School recently celebrated its centenary he went along to reminisce. When he saw the "Punishment Book" he was delighted, as he boasted that his name was recorded there "a few times".

There was no road from Kuranda to the coast when George was young. When the young boys wanted to get away to the coast for a camping weekend they would ride their pushbikes over a timber track to McKenzie's Pocket then ride along a scrub track down the range to either Pretty Beach or Yule Point. The boys would camp there fishing and swimming before returning home.

The boys often fished and swam in the Barron River. George recalls how one swimming episode almost cost him his life. He was wearing a new pair of swimming togs with a cord tie at the waist. While diving under the water the cord caught on a snag and held him under the water. Luckily he had the presence of mind to abandon his togs and swim ashore naked.

Other sports played by the younger set included football and tennis. The football games were usually played against the Aboriginal team from Mona Mona. George said the Mona Mona team was too good for the town team and the Mona Mona team always won. There were two tennis courts, and the game was very popular. Picnics were also a very popular entertainment. The favourite picnic site was above the old bridge up to the rapids. In good weather many townspeople went there on weekends and holidays.

Another favourite "excursion" was to row boats across the Barron River to the Maze, later called Paradise. The Maze consisted of tracks through the scrub and palms resembling the mazes made with planted hedges.

The main entertainment for young people – and the not-so-young also, was the country dance. George has fond memories of the Kuranda dances, which were real old-time affairs. Rene Veivers played the piano and Uncle Percy Newman played the accordion and also a drum he made from two kerosene tins. Dances were usually held on Saturday nights at the local hall. This building was situated where the Rainbow Theatre is now. George smiled as he remembered that when he was young the dance hall had hitching rails at the front to tie the horses to. Many of the young men rode horses to the dances. He said that dinner was served at each dance with tea and coffee. The sandwiches and cakes were brought around on trays. Jack Vievers made the tea and coffee and it was brought around the hall in large jugs. Raffles were held at each dance with the prizes mainly chooks. Sometimes they were cooked but often they raffled live chooks.

Movies were also popular – they were just called "pictures" then. People didn't say "Are you going to the movies"? They said "Are you going to the pictures"? The pictures were shown in the hall and everyone sat on canvas seats.

George remembers there were two grocery stores, Hallanby's and Bronan's. Bronan's was near the Catholic Church. The bakery was operated by the Hunters. George well remembers the bread and pies sold there, which he reckons couldn't be surpassed. There were three hotels then: Remilton's Hotel, Fitzpatrick's Hotel and the Barron Falls Hotel. The Barron Falls Hotel was situated near the Catholic Church, and burned down about 1926.

When George left school he cut timber for a living. He remembers there were two timber mills in Kuranda at the time. One was opposite the school, near the railway line, and the other was near the school pine plantation. There were many large red cedar and kauri pine trees in the Kuranda area when George was young. He recalls cutting a kauri pine near Speewah with the main log being 20 feet (6 metres) long with a girth of 23 feet (6.95 metres). He cut timber at Speewah for 10 years. The timber game was often dangerous, and George had a few close escapes. He remembers one instance at Speewah when George Veivers wanted one more log to make up a load. It was a steep area they were working in and they put a checking chain on the log to stop it sliding forward into the bullocks. However, something went wrong and George had to adjust the chain. While he was doing this one of the bullocks kicked him in the head and knocked him out. His mates poured a bucket of cold tea over his head to bring him around. Luckily there was no permanent damage.

George remembers the complicated process of getting paid for the timber they cut. The cutters would ride horses from Speewah to Stony Creek and catch a train or railmotor to Cairns. After collecting their pay they would wait for a train or railmotor to get back to Stony Creek and ride their horses back to Speewah.

After a few close shaves George thought it was time to get out of the timber game, and when the Clohesy brickworks started operations he went to work there. The brickworks produced most of the red clay bricks for the Cairns area for many years. When George started working at Clohesy the bricks were fired in wood-burning kilns. Later they used oil furnaces but George believes the bricks had more colour when the wood fires were used. When George worked at Clohesy brickworks

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it employed 40 people. He met his future wife, Violet Muller, when he worked at Clohesy brickworks.

In 1965 George and his wife went to live in Townsville to be near their children. He worked at the copper refinery until he retired, and came back to Kuranda in 2001. He lived until recently at the Kuranda Retirement Village and has now moved to Malanda.

Holiday happenings at the Recreation Centre

The Centre hosted activities for local primary age children on Thursday 16th April in the middle of the Easter school vacation. The event was one of three days of organised activities for kids set up by Jane De Col and the Sport and Recreation crew at Ngoonbi Cooperative. Many thanks to Jane, Bertie Riley, Kelli Craig, and Bonnie Hendy for running the structured activities from ball games to circus tumbling that kept the kids participating and having fun. The afternoon ran from 3.00 to 8.00pm and finished with a B.B.Q. A good time was had by all. The Centre demonstrated how effectively it can set up for youth activities. Gary Davis explained to Coop members how strategic planning will help promote more youth activities. The group said they will work with the Centre committee members on the Strategic Plan to support future developments.

Vision Workshop Saturday 16 May Date Claimer.

The Kuranda Recreation Centre Committee is preparing a strategic plan to guide the development of the facility and the organisation. To ensure a strong plan the committee wants to hear suggestions and ideas from the entire community. To encourage this they are inviting everyone to drop in to a visioning session on Saturday the 16th of May between 12 and 3 pm.

Committee President Gary Davis explained that the plan needs to be built on what the community wants for the Centre: "This plan is critical in ensuring this facility is kept open for the current residents and provides new opportunities for the growing Kuranda community" he said.

The Centre is a two story building with a commercial kitchen and several spaces for events and activities. "There's so much potential here, we already have Tai Chi, Salsa, Tribal Dance, Yoga, Pool competitions, Barefoot Bowls, Film nights, numerous workshops and functions", explained Gary, "but we need more, we want the facility used every day and every night."

The purpose of the plan is to identify opportunities for new activities in the Centre as well as a strategic direction for development and improvement of the facilities at Hunter Park. Funding for the plan was received under The Department of Local Government Sport and Recreation's Club Development Program. Cairns consultants Strategic Leisure Group are working with to the committee to prepare the plan.

The Centre is part of the Hunter Park Complex on Fallon Road Kuranda. "Hunter Park already has tennis courts, the recreation club, the old Bowls green and a large area suitable for field sports. We are really keen to hear from any groups or clubs who might want to use the facilities and part of our purpose is to help any new groups get established", Gary said.

The vision session will include a free sausage sizzle and residents are encouraged to drop in at any stage to share their ideas, find out more or have a look at the facilities.

If you want to RSVP for catering or know more, contact Arch McArthur on 40937511.

Community Services Red Cross 23 May.

The Centre is being donated for disaster relief training and personal training support for volunteers on the day between 9am and 5pm.

Pulmonary rehabilitation.

Starting Monday 27 April, Community Health will run sessions every Monday for 8 weeks between 10am and 12 noon. **Bookings are essential. Ring Sophie on 40468595 for a place.**

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Violence No Way March:

Kuranda is hosting the Violence No Way March this year for the Tablelands District. Last year it was held in Ravenshoe, the year before in Atherton and Mareeba three years ago. The March will held from 3.30pm on Wednesday May the 6th. It will assemble in Centenary Park, go down the main street and back to Centenary Park where stalls, food and entertainment will take place. The event will conclude with a candle lighting ceremony for Remembrance Day for victims of Domestic and Family Violence that happens to coincide on the same day. If you wish to be involved in the coordination or can offer volunteer assistance on the day, please contact me

Family Support Items Needed:

We have an informal way of linking up families and individuals with different items of furniture and household goods etc that they need. Currently what happens is – members of the community with items such as beds, fridges, washing machines, book cases, tables etc to donate, ring us up and ask if we know of someone who needs it; we then generally know of someone who requires the item and we try to arrange for the person or family to pick it up or get it somehow. Right now we know families who need: 3 x washing machines, a small to medium book case for a child, a fridge and a kitchen table. If you have any of those items that you no longer need, please give us a call.

Red Cross Disaster Relief Volunteer Training:

We are coordinating with Red Cross to conduct personal support training for volunteers who can then assist in times of disaster or trauma both locally and elsewhere in the state and country. The training date is 23rd May 2009 at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. (Please call Annie on 0408024515 for more information or to register.

Laughter Yoga:

There will be a 20 minute laughter yoga with a trained facilitator held at KNC on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm. Come along and see what it is all about and participate. Laughter really is the best medicine.

Rural NGO Training and Education Initiative:

Services funded under the State Government may be eligible to apply for training and education subsidies for their paid staff. To find out more information contact the Centre or directly to the Centre for Managed Strategies on 1800637193.

Numeracy and Literacy Course:

Outcomes (based in Atherton) are delivering a numeracy and literacy program through Ngoonbi Cooperative Society. Contact Ngoonbi for more info on 40937177.

Public Housing:

We are providing support to people to apply for Public Housing and other affordable housing options. Please make an appointment in person or by phone. We will be having an open housing application day on Monday May the 11th, where there will be a worker here with no appointment necessary.

Financial Counselling:

We will be having the Financial Counselor from Lifeline coming up to see people who require support to sort out their financial situation, review household budgets, loan repayments and other debt issues. Contact the Centre for more details or to book in.

Free Lifeline Counselling:

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

Kuranda Playgroup: Meets at KNC every Wednesday Morning from 9.30-11.30. Contact Michelle Smith on 40939851 or Playgroup QLD 1800171882

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

Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator



Kuranda Police Beat

Hello Kuranda,
I would like to formally introduce myself to the readers of this paper. My name is Constable Tom Hess. I was recently asked by the editorial staff to pick up the torch left by my

predecessor Tim Thurlow, who, if you are wondering, is still eeking out an existence as a Constable at the other end of the Tablelands.

So to get down to business: the state of the union. This month I was told by a young local guy that there is nothing to do around town. He further added that it was because of this boredom that he and his mates reverted to random acts of stupidity- which is where Police usually come into the picture, hence my discussion with him.

I somewhat empathised with him and suggested an option:- a Job.

Rather than leave it at that I have approached Defence Force Recruiting Team in Cairns and arranged for them come to Kuranda and solve our Boredom Problem.

The recruiting seminar will be held at the QITE Office from 3:30pm on Thursday 30th April 2009.

The Defence Force is open to all ages from 17yrs and over (up to the top of the hill)

All you need to bring on the day is yourself and your contact details.

Constable Tom Hess (19364)



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The local Police in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce are exploring opportunities to improve public safety and visitor satisfaction within the village. It has been demonstrated in other tourist based communities such as Cairns that Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) has had a positive affect in both the detection and reduction of anti-social and criminal behaviour.

What is proposed is to install a number of CCTV cameras in strategic locations to monitor the CBD. The design of the system would be unobtrusive and complement the existing street furnishings. The community in general has nothing to be concerned with, as the purpose of the system would be to target anti-social and criminal behaviour, thereby improving public safety. The system would be funded by various levels of government and public monies.

It would be owned and managed by the Tablelands Regional Council. If you would like to have your say on the idea there will be a community forum held during the next Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the Kuranda Hotel Motel on 5th May 09 at 4:30pm.



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Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



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Garden Jottings – by Alectura



AY and with the weather cooling, the keen gardener is busy clearing the exuberances of summer and preparing for new plantings. This means serious attention to soil conditions and replacing nutrients leached through heavy rains.

Also a great time to refashion beds, improve drainage and taking out or trimming back those plantings too large or wrongly placed or over-shadowing tinier treasure. With that pruning – and most of us tend to go to excess with the secateurs, think about possible leaf burn as the sun moves with the season. Finally, this month's mantra is mulch, mulch and more mulch to fend off the appetites of the coming dry.

May 10th at Cannon Park (Racecourse Cairns), a great time for looking and acquiring new plants with that acme (and often costly) extravaganza of the Mothers' Day Plant Show and then May 30-31, sees the magic of Graham's and David's Open Garden, Lot 10 Saddle Mountain Road.

Strongly recommended, particularly for the newbie gardener or newcomer to the area is joining the Kuranda Garden Club. As well as seeing some great gardens, meeting other interested and interesting gardeners, this gives good opportunity to avoid costly mistakes in planning and planting.

Plant of the Month: Responding to several requests, I have been asked to nominate what I consider the most beautiful trees for the average garden. Like Casanova reporting the most beautiful woman was the next one he was meeting, this list is provisional and subject to change.

- *Amherstia nobilis*, "Pride of Burma", Queen of the Flowering Trees". An extremely rare slow growing tree to 10m with stunning pendant flowering racemes. Showy pendant new leaf flushes. Expect to pay \$150 upwards for marcot and cosset - a number of local growers have reported losses in early years of growth.
- *Bolusanthus speciosus* "Tree Wistaria". Small black fissured bark and pendant wispy growth with racemes of pendant violet/blue flowers reputedly scented. Needing good drainage and probably better in drier area. To 3m.
- *Brownea* Rose of Venezuela. A number of species and crosses available with all desirable. Semi-weeping growth with large flower heads usually displayed beneath foliage, again stunning new growth flushes. Slow growing probably not exceeding 4m.
- *Browneopsis*. Several species with most under threat, Again semi-weeping with possibly the most spectacular of all new growth flushes – spotted gold/green on beetroot coloured ground. Again slow growing and eventual height unknown. Seedling starting to appear on market.
- *Cananga fruticosa*, *Cananga odorata* var. *Fruticosa*, *Cananga kirkii*, "Dwarf Ylang-Ylang". A smaller growing possibly more floriferous variant than the taller better known and brittle limbed Ylang-Ylang. To 3m.
- *Eucalyptus deglupta* "Rainbow Eucalyptus": Fast growing and very tall on maturity. With wonderfully multi-coloured trunk, this is one to definitely plant away from the house.

To be Continued

Q&A: Dear James, Possibly the most extensive available collection of miniature or Bowl Lotus is from Blue Lotus Water Garden: www.bluelotusfarm.com.au/

Dear Carla, The long tuber of *Gloriosa rothschildiana* that you bought at the Markets produces spectacular flowers on a thin vining stem, climbing by leaf tendrils. The flowers are large and brightly coloured red/yellow with petals reflexing as they age and have excellent lasting. It is important to have well draining soil media as tubers will not survive wet, water-logged soils. An alternative is to pot but keep up the feeding. Keep roots cool

Plant the tubers on angle with the growing tip 3-4cm deep with support to climb. The larger the tuber the more flowers produced and taller the plant. Each *gloriosa* bulb produces in a forked fashion, 2 additional bulbs soon, thickening up the display. Much sought is *Gloriosa rothschildiana* "Lutea" a clean lemon colour. The species type, which on Morteon Bay Islands is now considered a weed. May be seen in the garden of St Saviour's



Left: Part of Kuranda Palms garden



Kuranda Palms Open Weekend

Over the weekend of 30/31st of May 2009 our spectacular garden at Lot 10 Saddle Mountain Road, Kuranda will be open under the Australia Open Garden Scheme.

The Kuranda Palms Garden of about 3 acres is set in our 100 acres of rainforest, adjacent to the magnificent natural environment of the World Heritage National Park of the Kuranda range. A permanent creek with a waterfall runs round the edge of the garden. This was a busy palm nursery from the 1980s to the mid 90s, when the owner Mr. Peter Gummow was a well known figure in the local community. We are most fortunate in that he was an avid collector of unusual palms and cycads, with the result that there are many magnificent specimens here today. Palms of particular note are *Caryota gigas*, *Attalea amygdalena*, *Johannesteijsmannia altifrons*, *Caryota mitis* and *Corypha utan*. In addition there are fine stands of *Archontophoenix alexandrae*, which provide a spectacular backdrop to the view across the large lawn from the house. Mature unusual cycads include several species of *Cycas*, *Encephalartos*, *Dioon* and *Zamia*, as well as the native *Lepidozamia hopei* and *Bowenia spectabilis*.

Graham Payne and David Sturge took over the garden at the beginning of 2006. Having created gardens in the temperate climate of England and the Mediterranean climate of Portugal, we were keen to experience a tropical garden. In the last three years we have rejuvenated the garden, planting several beds of colourful exotics, which are alive with lush, vibrant colours of the tropics, palms, trees, shrubs, feature plants, groundcovers and lawn. In the warm, moist tropical climate the garden has grown rapidly, so that after only a few years it is already looking mature.

Plants of note include many kinds of gingers, especially *Heliconia*, *Etlingera* (torch ginger), *Costus* and *Zingiber*. Climbing through *Schefflera actinophylla* (Queensland umbrella tree) are *Mucuna bennettii* (flame of the forest) and *Strongylodon macrobotrys* (jade vine). Other new plants worth looking out for are *Hibiscus tiliaceus* 'Tri-Color' and *Erythrina variegata*.

About one third of the garden is planted with ornamental and fruit trees set in lawns, providing an extensive shaded area on a hot tropical afternoon.

Our land is registered under the *Land for Wildlife* scheme. We encourage wildlife to visit the garden, where we see pademelons, bandicoots, goannas, uylsses butterflies, and of course our spectacular cassowary. The cassowary often feeds on palm seeds and other fruit in the garden and even brings his chicks to visit!

We welcome you over the weekend and hope you enjoy these luxuriant, tropical gardens deep in the rainforest. We hope that you take a walk to the Waterfall, see the creek at the Lookout and take the short Forest Walk.

The Kuranda branch of the QCWA will be providing refreshments, or if you wish to bring along your picnic you are most welcome. We will also have some plants for sale.

The Kuranda Garden Group will be benefitting from the money raised, so do come along to enjoy the garden and help the local Garden Group become established.

Graham Payne and David Sturge.

Interested in gardening?

Find out more from local experts! All are welcome. Come along to

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Saturday 2 May at 2 pm

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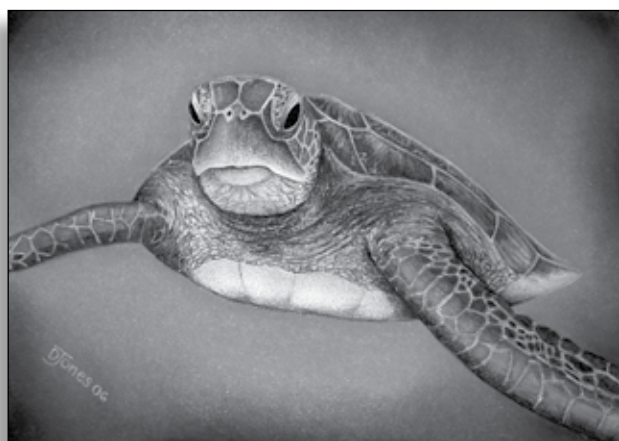
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Meet wildlife artist Daniella Jones

Kuranda welcomes wildlife artist Daniella Jones who has just opened a shop in the Kuranda Village Centre showcasing her full collection of wildlife art. Daniella Jones, her husband Mick and their three young boys recently arrived from Esk, a little country Queensland town just out of Brisbane and Daniella is finally fulfilling her dream of showcasing her artwork in her own shop.

Daniella has always had an interest in art but began to take her talent more seriously when in 1998 she undertook a full time Certificate III course in Illustra-



tion. Over the next two years she successfully completed two more full time courses, a Certificate IV in Advanced Digital and Graphic Art and a Certificate III

in Photography. At that time Daniella began to focus her art mainly towards wildlife and began experimenting with different mediums until she discovered pastels. Daniella found pastels gave her art a depth, richness and texture she was unable to find with other mediums.

In 2006 Daniella began to showcase her work on her website and other online shopping sites and the popularity of her artwork began to grow. She then began to make her artwork available as prints which were reproduced on a fine art canvas media. Now Daniella with the help of her husband Micheal has expanded upon the popularity of her work and due to increasing demand have now began to create ceramic mugs, tiles, glass and other merchandise featuring her wildlife art. They also want to provide this



service to other artists and invite interested artists to come in and have a chat with them. Daniella is also available for graphic work and merchandising for other businesses with Micheal taking the primary role in that area under the name of "Northern Exposure Graphics & Merchandising". Once again call in for a chat about your requirements or phone Mick on 0408 747 885.

Daniella would also like to invite any local charity groups or wildlife organisations requiring donations for raffles or auctions to contact her as she would be more than happy to help out. Just call her on 0408712658 or come into the shop to discuss your ideas with her. Lastly Daniella and Mick just want to thank all the local Kurandians who have made them feel so welcome. Daniella said "This is a great little town with a real warmth and community feel, somewhere that we would like to raise our boys and be part of the spirit here"

Daniella invites all Kurandians to come in and visit her shop tucked away in the back of the Kuranda Village Centre (just follow the flashing lights) and offers a 10% discount to Kuranda locals.

Kind Regards

Daniella Jones

www.daniellajones.com



It has truly been wonderful to see the Understage so well attended at our monthly members' nights. April also saw the Focus theatre group's presentation of Copy Cat Cabaret, and some well rehearsed skits pulled off with aplomb – the cream of the night being the Liza Minelli act which filled the room with laughter. Thanks to all those who supported the night.

We welcome all members to attend the General Meeting on Sat 9th at 4pm. The month of May brings us another two great members' nights – not to be missed. We are indeed blessed with the The Wishing Well band appearing for us at the Understage on Sunday 10th May. Music Oz Award finalists (2007), Melbourne band, The Wishing Well create spellbinding sounds which produce a rich tapestry of mesmerizing and vibrant contemporary folk and rock with heart, soul and strings. Check out their sound on www.myspace.com/thewishingwellband. Opening the night on Sunday will be Sian Evans, whose whimsical lyrics are truly endearing. Google Sian at music@sianevas.com.au Louie will be serving his delicious Chicken Satays at only \$10 per plate, so be sure to come along. Then on Sat 23rd May we open the doors to the Understage for Cairns regulars Hip 2 Soul.

In May and June we will be continuing our Working Bees on the last Sunday of the month, starting at 9am, to enable us to prepare The Amphi for our mainstage events. A big thank you to all our regulars for their commitment to the Amphitheatre!

In June, the Amphitheatre will be hosting a fundraiser event for Mona Mona. Run over the Queen's Birthday weekend,



On Saturday, 4th April, Focus Theatre presented "Copy Cats Cabaret" at the Amphitheatre Understage. The plan was that it would be a fun show by our locals, for our locals. It was



Salome & friends dance for Herod

a great night and an enriching experience by all who took part. In true ensemble style, our

the Sat 6th & Sun 7th June, we welcome to the mainstage many local acts, including Zenith, Pad Boys, & Gudju Gudju. The Sunday will be an alcohol free family day. Support Mona

group acted, made costumes and props, wrote, directed and produced the show with a small number of people. Congratulations to all who took part, you were great! We had a full house! We had quite a few young people who helped out on the night, which has led us to look at starting a youth drama group within Focus. Anyone interested, give me a call.

As usual, we were supported by our community, many businesses who donated goods for our raffle, people who purchased tickets in the raffle, fantastic espresso coffee by Michael and Belinda of "The Coffee Republic", and Louie and his fantastic Satays and the Amphitheatre crew who ran the bar and helped on the door. However, to run a raffle is tedious. It would be easier all around if as many people as possible join Focus Theatre. It costs only \$5 per family for Amphitheatre members.

Focus Theatre will let you know via this paper, when we are planning our next event.

Yours in Theatre, **Diana** Ph: 4093 9778



Lisa Minelli?

MAY EVENTS CALENDER

General Meeting - Saturday 9th May - 4pm at the Understage.

Members' Night - with The Wishing Well Band and Sian Evans, Sunday 10th May Understage, doors and bar open 5.00pm. Meals available. Louie's Chicken Satay with rice and salad. Music.

Members' Night - groove to the beat with Hip 2 Soul, Understage, Saturday 23rd May, doors and bar open 6.30pm. Members \$8 Non-Members \$15.

WORKING BEE - Sunday 31st. May, 9am start.

Mona by coming along. Check out posters for more details. On July 3rd and 4th we welcome back The Kuranda Roots Festival with many great acts including Kingtide, Ash Grunwald, our own Zenith, New Zealand's The Nomad, Rudekat Soundsystem, The Chocolate Strings, Oakley Grenell, Mystic Beats, Bandawalla Moons, Iman Dan, Patch Up, Simon Asquith, Billy Dread, Little Rascal, Sol, Koahlition, and more. We will be looking for volunteers, so sign up early. Mandy Dewey is our Volunteer Co-Ordinator this year, and can guide you to which team leader to liase with for a shift. See you at the Amphitheatre, Kitty.

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KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE CASSOWARY EXHIBITION

NOT TO BE MISSED!



Terry Eager's cast recycled computer monitor glass

The exhibition 'This is Cassowary Country' opened on 17th April at the Cairns Regional Gallery. The five exhibiting members of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative can deservedly feel very proud. Well in excess of 350 people jammed into the ground floor Lady Norman exhibition area for the floor talk and the official opening.

Arts Co-op members Mollie Bosworth, Susan Doherty, Terry Eager, Margaret Genever and Gerhard Hillman, along with Barbara Dover and Arone Meeks, have excelled. Working in diverse media and styles, the artists are unified in their deep concern for the preservation of the far north Queensland rainforest habitat of the cassowary, and they are anxious to highlight the precarious situation for this important, umbrella species. This is really an exhibition not to be missed and continues through to 24th May.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Kuranda Arts Co-operative is proud this month to feature the new work of Jana Iriyadi.

After many years as a ceramic artist, this most popular local artist has made a transition into very innovative jewellery art. An



overwhelming flirtation with formalities. Jana is currently using fine silver, incorporating hand made clay beads, semi precious stones, beads and found objects. A

glass showcase features Jana's new wearable artworks. These are the pieces from an artist really enjoying her art and its new direction.

MAY RAFFLE

The Kuranda Arts Co-operative will be holding their annual raffle in May. There will be a number of prizes kindly donated by the Co-op's member artists as their annual fundraiser.

Kuranda Arts Co-operative provides a valuable showcase for local artists, as well as a diverse range of art forms for locals, tourists and visitors. Please support your local artists along with a chance to win a valuable artwork. Tickets will be on sale at various locations in Kuranda, during May, including the Co-op's Gallery in Rob Veivers Drive.

KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

The Settlement Building, Rob Veivers Drive
(beside the Butterfly Sanctuary)
Look for the coloured flags

The Art of Nick Bantock

The business of art is not art. The artist must create for the sake of his craft, not for the money. As soon as art is contrived solely with the aim of making money then it becomes the business of art and is removed from the original concept of art, not for art's sake, but for the sake of the artist. Art is a problem solving venture. The creative artist has a concept and it creates the problem of how best to represent that concept so that the artist may share his idea with the world. The business person dealing with art has a problem and that is how to make money from the work.

The business of art has created another problem and that is the art of fakery. Guesstimates of the amount of forgeries among the world's art treasures range from 30-75%. And the art of fakery has created yet a further problem and that is whether the fake is just as noble as the 'real thing'? Now just at the end of the last millennium along came Nick Bantock, among others, and created fakes that lampoon art



"Insect"

and at the same time reach the level of fine art themselves. His books - The Egyptian Mum-my, The Museum at Purgatory, The Venetian's Wife and The Forgetting Room - contain splendid examples of assemblage, collage, montage, appropriation and sheer fakery as well as fine art, both two dimensional and three dimensional. His assembled insect collection and psuedo-botanical descriptions are faultless and believable. Not content with creating a vast body of work for each book, Nick also displays a prestigious talent for writing. "The Museum at Purgatory" weaves an incredible tale around the life of curator Non, who takes us on a flight of fancy through the rooms of his museum. Titles such as "The Amofe Room", with its entomological amalgams and "The Levant Room" with its collation of the world's first class tops, both modern and antique and

all with a believable provenance lull the reader into a feeling that there really ought to be a collection like this.

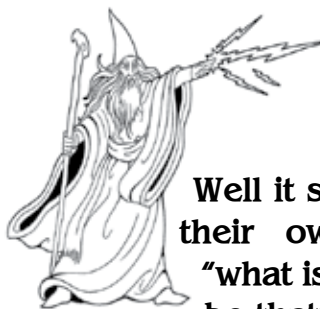
The "Daniel Room" contains Angel paraphernalia like: the badge of the Second Airborne Commissariat, Bottled Angel Essence containing essence of Abdiel, Michael, Zachiel and Jophiel, and an actual Luciferian Bill of Transit from Orcus.

The Museum at Purgatory ends with 'The Curators Tale' which sums up his life and leaves the reader with this philosophical thought... "It would seem to me that in death, unlike life, we no longer suffer from the socially enforced collusion that requires us to accept a single version of reality. Here, at this mid point, each of us dismantles our past and builds our own view of existence."

Nick Bantock is published by HarperCollins and assembled by Byzantium Books. The ISBN for The Museum at Purgatory is 0-06-757546-3. Ken Saville



"Top"



ALL IS ART



Well it seems everyone has their own opinion of "what is art", and maybe that's best.

Anyhow* if you reckon you know, please send us your description, in 400 words or less, to be in the running this great prize - an 8" by 10" framed canvas print kindly donated by Daniella Jones Wildlife Art (see page 6). The winner can choose any artwork to be printed. Just email your entry, marked "What is Art?", to kurandamedia@bigpond.com, or leave it at the Video Shop, by Thursday 29th. May. Entries will be judged by a panel of "experts", and the best will be published here. If we only get one entry, you win! If we don't get any, I get the prize, so please don't let that happen.

Have your say.

Enough of Art for Art's sake. Let's get on with the art of living. We are all living works of art, whether we admit it or not, and we are all co-creators in this great collaborative work called life. So enjoy it. Make the most of the wonders around us.

And don't forget the Peace March in Kuranda on Monday 4. Unfortunately there are still those among us who are not yet mature enough to enjoy peace without their egos getting in the way.

Please, have a creative and peaceful May, while I eagerly await your contributions for the art competition, seren.

*anyhow IS a word!



"fruit"

LOCAL JAM SESSION in KURANDA

Last Saturday I came across a group of local musicians jamming outside "Nevermind Cafe" in Coondoo Street. Good folk playing good folk music. Debbie, who sings, and plays mandolin and harp, as well as running "Nevermind", tells me that this will be a regular event. Local musicians are invited to join the fun on the **third Saturday of each month, 2-5pm, at Nevermind Cafe**. All are welcome to enjoy this FREE local music. See you there, seren.

KURANDA CAMERA CLUB

Next shoot: Sat. 2nd. May, 2:30 pm. meet at Central Park for a Rainforest walk.

Next club meet: Mon. 11th. May, 7:30 pm. at Speewah Tavern

Members, old and new, please bring 1 or 2 of your favourite works, framed, to hang at the Tavern. Apologies for last months non-event. See all you photo-freaks on Saturday, for fun in the forest, seren.

The M. Margaret Committee M. endorsed

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A Thought for May

This month we read from St Johns Gospel chapter 20 verses 1 to 20

The account of the resurrection of Jesus in St Johns Gospel Chapter 20 verse 17 and 18 ‘Jesus said to Mary, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God’.”

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.’ John 20:17, 18 Once a prostitute, scorned by society, living beyond the fringes of respectability - now, by the grace of God, the first to accept in joyful trust the reality of the resurrection. Mary has come a long way! And God is no respecter of persons. He makes the ordinary extraordinary, the impossible possible, the unbelievable believable, the human superhuman, and the imperfect perfect. If we ask, as Mary asked, to be shown where Jesus is, he will take us at our word - and none of us will leave the empty tomb this morning as quite the people we were when we arrived.

At Easter, pure life touches the world again with the absolute shock of resurrection. Were it to happen today, in Jerusalem or any other place, there would still be disbelief, antipathy and the cry that somehow it had been stage-managed. It takes no more to shock humanity today than it did two thousand years ago, but there are simply more folk around to make their views heard.

Jesus meets us this morning, as he met Mary - perhaps in an unexpected form, a fellow worshipper, a child on the street, a stranger on the road, a barman, bus driver, doctor or policeman. And, as he told Mary, he tells us: ‘Go - and tell my brothers and sisters, and anyone who will listen. Tell them of the Man who could not stay dead. Tell them of the wounds that survived a resurrection. Tell them, there is no one in the grave.’ And will they shrug their shoulders? Will they laugh? Will they make a fuss? Or will they disdainfully walk away?

Well, some will do one thing, some another. But a few will listen; and they may be encouraged to

ask further about this Man who is so very much alive. They may be able to take on board the fact that he has lived for two thousand years since it all happened. He has outlived, and will outlive, any grave that has been or will be dug - for death and the grave were in the cup that he drank in Jerusalem on that fateful Passover weekend.

Can we, then, obey the Easter command, and tell folk all this - and more, if they request it? Mary obeyed her Lord’s command. She probably felt very frustrated when the disciples didn’t believe her - but she had fulfilled her role as the first bearer of the resurrection news. She has carried that wonderful title ever since, and no one will ever be able to take it from her. We may not seem to have a high profile, in current terms; but remember how Jesus said: ‘There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents’ (Luke 15:10).

Can you imagine the pleasure of those angelic bands when they observe one Christian - for each one of us matters - telling the resurrection news to someone who has yet to be convinced? How the angels will wait in expectation and hope, for the commitment to be made - and how the Man who could not stay dead, and who now stands as Advocate and Mediator between humanity and its God, will plead and intercede on our behalf?

Let us then be up and doing, in the joy of resurrection day.

News from St Saviour’s Church.

April has been an eventful month. The Easter preparations and services have kept us all very busy. We celebrated Palm Sunday on the fifth of April with a wonderful procession around the Church. On Maundy Thursday we remembered Christ washing the disciples’ feet and the instigation of the Last Supper then kept watch with Jesus. On Good Friday our Family service depicted in words, songs and actions the events of the day. On the Saturday before Easter Sunday we were busy preparing the church for Easter Day. There was much cleaning and polishing. The Easter garden was set up and the beautiful flowers arranged. The Church

... Not by bread
alone ...

certainly looked beautiful.

An innovation this year was the Dawn Service held at six o’clock on Easter Sunday Morning when a large congregation assembled for the great service of light to greet the risen Lord. The day continued with a great family service at 9.30am followed by two others for tourists and to meet the need of those unable to get to the earlier services.

The Possum Corner ‘O.P. Shop’ continues to have wonderful bargains and is well worth a visit. Those who teach Religious Education at Kuranda State College have had a break this week but will be back next week to start the new term.

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

“...how numerous are those peoples of divers beliefs, of conflicting creeds, and opposing temperaments, who, through the reviving fragrance of the Divine springtime, breathing from the Ridvan of God, have been arrayed with the new robe of divine Unity, and have drunk from the cup of His singleness! This is the significance of the well-known words: “The wolf and the lamb shall feed together.”

(Baha’u’llah)

Meditations/Reflections: all welcome to this special spiritual time, Every Wednesday, 7 pm, Baha’i Info Centre, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda.

Study Circles by arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

Also regular events in Cairns, Atherton and other places

Special Events:

Last day of the Ridvan Festival, celebrating the departure of Baha’u’llah (Baha’i Founder/Prophet) from the Ridvan Garden of old Baghdad, in 1863, into exile throughout the Ottoman Empire as a prisoner, ending up in the Akka prison, Palestine. Baha’is visit the very cell on pilgrimage. This event is commemorated in a Kuranda home on Saturday 2 May at 5pm, all welcome.

Declaration of the Bab (Forerunner of the Baha’i Faith) in 1844, celebrated at a Kuranda home Friday 22 May at 7pm, all welcome.

Ascension of Baha’u’llah, in 1892, in Palestine, celebrated in a Kuranda home on Thursday 28 May at 7pm, all welcome. All enquiries welcome. Telephone 4093 7120 / 9571

From the Baha’i Community of the Tablelands

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Informal gathering

**2nd Sunday each month 4.30pm
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Contact Rev. Russell Clark ph 4092 1175
or Krishna Buhler Ph 4093 8730

Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

Our Social Meeting was held on the 7th April at the Coffee Kitchen, 20 Coondoo Street, Kuranda. At the meeting the DVD Postcard of Kuranda was officially launched to a gathering of approximately 30 people including the following guests, Kevin Parise from Skyrail, Jenny Jattke from the Cairns Wildlife Safari Reserve, Michael Trout from Blazing Saddles, Gary Toshach from Kuranda District State College, and Councillor Jenny Jensen from the Tablelands Regional Council. The DVD was very well received and many were purchased on the night. The promotional DVD can be purchased from the KCCT for \$5.00 and then on-sold by businesses at a recommended retail price of \$9.95. To view and purchase copies of the DVD please contact our Treasurer, John Collingwood on 4093 8572 or our Vice-President, Mike Took on 4093 9304 or email kcct@kuranda.org

The next General Meeting of the KCCT will be held on Tuesday, 5th May at 4.30 pm at the Kuranda Hotel Motel. During this meeting a forum will be held, in conjunction with the Kuranda Police, to discuss the idea of installing a closed circuit television system in the CBD of Kuranda. Constable Tom Hess will be speaking on this subject and Mayor Tom Gilmore will be attending the meeting.

Our second guest speaker at the meeting will be Dr Leasia Felderhof who is involved in a project to create a world class mountain biking course throughout the Tablelands, including Kuranda. She will outline the proposed project and give an update on its progress.

Everyone is welcome to attend any KCCT meeting and so we invite you to come along. If you'd like to become a member of the KCCT please visit our website at www.kuranda.org/kcct where you can download a membership application form or email kcct@kuranda.org

The Management Committee, Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

KURANDA PLAYGROUP EASTER EGG HUNT

Thanks to all the Mums, Dads and Bubs who attended the Kuranda Playgroup's Easter Event. The task for the day was to create and decorate an Easter egg hunting basket and then use it to hunt for Easter eggs whilst wearing bunny ears.

The event turned out to be a huge success and the little ones were delighted to find fluffy yellow chicks inside their Easter eggs.

After the Easter hunt, the group had a birthday celebration for Jaydon, David and Kaylee who have all recently turned 1 year old! While there was some loud shouting for birthday cake, the party goes happily tucked into some tasty, locally made gingerbread biscuits.

The Kuranda Playgroup meets every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre which is located between the Heritage Markets and the Butterfly Sanctuary.

Families with kids under five are welcome. There is a \$2.00 session fee on arrival. The annual Playgroup Queensland family membership fee of \$30.00 or \$22.00 conc applies after three visits, regardless of the number of children in your family!

We look forward to meeting new faces and appreciate any feedback on how we can improve the group. Come on in and meet some of the new families in the neighbourhood and take advantage of our toy library and the many valuable resources and advice that comes from our community network. Happy Parenting and Good Times ~ Contact – Michelle on 4093 9851



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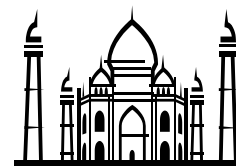
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SLEEP:

In India, sleep is called the "wet nurse of the world" because it is nurturing, nourishing, and regenerating. There are two types of sleep: deep dreamless sleep that restores the physical body and active dreaming sleep, called REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep, that helps clear the mind of conflicting emotions.

Pitta people usually sleep easily, lightly, and wake alert. They usually do best with 6 to 8 hours of sleep, but of all the constitutional types they can survive getting very little sleep several nights in a row. Their hard driving nature and concern for achievements can interfere with both the quality and quantity of sleep. Anxiety and worldly worries are the main causes for their insomnia. Pitta people need to pace their activity and give themselves time for their achievements. Taking cool showers, sipping a sweet drink, and meditating in the moonlight help to unwind Pitta energy.

Kapha people love to rest and take life as it comes. They rarely have difficulty sleeping and enjoy long deep sleep which lasts often longer than eight hours. Yet they awake refreshed. Kapha types need to watch that they don't sleep too much; however, as sleep is by its own nature Kapha producing and can lead to weight gain and mental heaviness. Early to bed and early to rise will help Kapha types be healthy, wealthy and wise! Interestingly, this rhyme was invented for children who, by virtue of their stage in life, are more Kapha.

Please note that as we get older the Vata qualities in our being naturally increase which is one good reason why older people need less sleep at night and can get by on cat naps. This is a normal pattern and special treatment is only needed when there is long term exhaustion.

Ayurveda teaches us to listen to the body's demand to rest if one is tired. If, however, you have difficulty feeling refreshed by sleep, follow the suggestions in next month's Health and Beauty issue.

News from Friends of Welcome Pocket

The Business plan for Welcome Pocket is now nearing completion. It is pleasing to see that TRC has called tenders for the new Sewage pipeline to service the District College, Welcome Pocket, Mantaka, and Kowrowa.

George Austin, a long term resident who will be 90 in July and was born in and worked for many years around Kuranda, and who hoped to become a resident has now moved to OZ care in Malanda, far away from his home town and all his friends. With all the obstacles things didn't move quickly enough for George. Of course George is not an isolated case: many other long term residents may be faced with the same predicament and be forced to move away from family and friends.

Our fund raising maintains steady growth: our Easter raffle being won by J Walker and L Roehm.



ASTROLOGY - THE STARS IN MAY

There's a lot happening in the Stars this month, so we'll try and compress it all into some useful form of observations, advice and possibilities.

1st May – Woah! Too many schemes, ideas, messages and conversations of the "you pause, I pounce!" variety. Try to take it step by step. Monkey - mind day.

3rd May – Lustful, emotional and passionate energies all coming to a head. Literally. Particularly for women.

5th May – Seeing unfinished projects in a new light and planning how to get them moving again during the month. Seeing the finished sculpture in the block of stone.

7th May – Very visual ideas meeting their mirror images and reflecting to infinity. Sparkling and fun but lacking in substance. Enjoy your illusions and dance lightly.

9th May – Full Moon. In Scorpio. Intense, insane. In very deep. Indeed.

16th May – Some flashes of brilliance and wild possibilities. Seed them with cash and physical energy to give them the spark of life. These are magic beans Jack. Plant and water them now!

17th May – A dreamy, dreamy kind of day. Confusion will be your friend if you gently direct it towards those who insist on being logical and practical. Flights of fantasy will enfold you if you shake free of annoying responsibilities. Saturn comes to a stop with the Piscean Moon in gentle opposition. Vague is beautiful.

20th May – Right! Back into action. Sort of Full of bright ideas to change the world and spread the good word. But it all goes backwards, sideways and down the gurgler. A day of complete befuddlement. You can see the inner workings of extremely complex structures, but haven't a hope of explaining them to anyone else.

26th May – Moon opposite Pluto. Yeah, well let's just say that emotions will be very turbulent and old issues will rise like lava in a volcano. Parental conflicts are right in the lava stream.

27th May – A direct channel opens to the higher dimensions. A once in 12 year awakening of the inspirational, artistic, mystical and devotional parts of our being. Beautiful visions and expansions of perception.

29th May – Neptune settles before slipping back beneath the surface. Hold the dreams and visions and energize them with the electric energy of intent. The more idealistic they are the brighter they glow. The Gods are in close attendance. Call them in.....

31st May – Reconciliation; open flowing communication; honoring the traditional structures and beliefs. Balanced and optimistic and a nice solid end to the month. The Moon aligns with Saturn in the Temple of the High Priestess and Mercury goes forth again on wings of night.

May your May be merry! Rob Hart

AYURVEDIC RECEIPE

ABOUT FRUIT JUICES

Fruit juices are a concentrated sweet and are best used therapeutically. In general they will have similar medicinal effects to the Fruits themselves. Most calming to Vatta and Pitta, they can increase Kapha unless well diluted.

Kapha is better off with herbal teas or juices diluted 1 to 5 or more with herbal tea or mineral water with a pinch of ginger. In particular, blackberry juice is a good astringent antidote for diarrhoea, gas or constipation, as it throws Vata off balance in the system.

Best bets with fruits are to relax, enjoy, and eat them whole and usually alone.

Bon appetite!

FRESH FRUIT SALAD

1/2 cup fresh sweet blueberries

1/2 cup sweet apricots

1/2 cup peaches

1/2 cup fresh strawberries 1 tablespoon lemon or lime juice

1 tablespoon honey (optional)

Mint leaves for garnish (optional, excellent for Pitta)

Chop larger fruits into bite size pieces. Halve the strawberries; leave blueberries as they are. Put all fruit into serving bowl. Drizzle juice and honey over fruit. Mix well and serve, garnish with mint leaves as desired.

The Baha'i community of the Tablelands, which includes

Kuranda, celebrated their Festival of Ridvan, extending over 12 days from 20 April to 2 May. The community and friends met on the first evening in Tolga, and will meet again in Kuranda at a local home on the last day, Saturday 2 May at 5 pm. Anyone is very welcome to attend. The Festival commemorates the time when the Founder of the Baha'i Faith, Baha'u'llah, said farewell to his followers in the Ridvan Garden in old Baghdad in 1863. At the same time He publically declaring His mission for the first time. He was then further exiled through the Ottoman Empire as a prisoner for His beliefs. These events are celebrated every year by Baha'is around the world, with three of the days being Holy Days.

The Kuranda Baha'is have made several other recent changes to its local program: its normal weekly Wednesday evening program at 7 pm at the Baha'i Information Centre at the bottom of Therwine Street now takes the form of a meditation and reflection evening on spiritual writings from various traditions, persons of all beliefs welcome.

In addition, the community will be having special devotional meetings at local homes on some weekends. The first one was held in Kuranda on the theme of forgiveness on Sunday 5 April at 10 am. Enquiries are welcome for further such meetings.

All Baha'i programs are open to all people at no cost and all views are respected. Enquiries tel 4093 7120. The Baha'i Faith seeks to promote world unity and harmony, based on the three principles of the unity of the one supreme God, the unity of all the great religions as originally derived from that one God, and the unity of all humanity under that one God.

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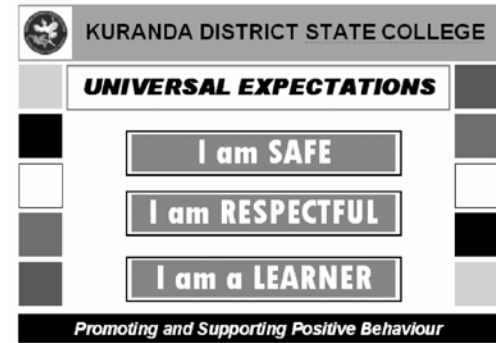
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P&C News

Who are we?

The P&C is a group of interested parents, carers, and community members who are keen to contribute to the development of the college and enhance all aspects of school life for our students. Membership is open to all – a membership form (available from the school office) needs to be completed to become a member each year.

What do we do?

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the senior school staffroom. Next meeting is **Tuesday 12 May**.

Our activities include:

- Operating the tuckshops with Smart Choices menus
- Selling school uniforms and stationery
- Fundraising for additional resources for the college
- Social activities to strengthen links between college and you, the community.

Can you volunteer some time?

Our tuckshop is struggling financially from the increased costs of food over the past few years... **and we need help!** We are **very keen** to hear from members of the Kuranda community who can volunteer a few hours each month to help prepare food for lunches. Come along for a friendly cuppa and a chat while you make sandwiches, or if you prefer, bake muffins or cook pasta. Please call any of our committee to chat about how you might be able to assist us.

Contacting the P&C

Come along to meetings or receive the Minutes via email to keep up to date. Contact the Secretary on llewis@westnet.com.au to add your name to the email list.

For more information please contact one of the committee:

- President – Ken Harley (0488 788 598)
- Vice-president – Julie Swartz (4093 8433)
- Secretary – Lee-ann Lewis (4093 0343)
- Treasurer/s – Sally Fogale (4093 0133) and Lyn Carr (4093 9049)

BUDDING ARTISTS AT KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE

At the end of the term, the classroom of year 4S was turned into an art gallery. Amelia Leo and Georgia Simpson took time out to talk about their discovery journey for term 1.

"Last year, we had a vote about what we could learn this term, and the most people picked art, although some people also chose animals and science as well.

During the term, we have been learning how to use pastels, paint, print (using glue to paint a picture, rubbing on paint and tinting it), as well as using textas for dot painting.

We also made snow-flakes by folding squares of white paper into triangles, cutting out shapes and then opening them out to find the pattern all over.

One of the other things that we did was to work in 3 groups of 9 to paint a landscape that had been a large drawing and then cut into 9 small pieces which we then painted and put back together again.

A very exciting event was when we went to the Cairns Regional Art Gallery. We saw sculptures of dugong with patterns carved into them and then did upstairs in the gallery we drew patterns with either a mum and baby dugong or a baby.

We also saw photos of artists who had work on display, as well as photos of mutton birds. There was a head-dress made with feathers and string, and a triptych. We saw a rainforest with an upside down cassowary up the top. It was funny. Next the waterfall painting – there were supposed to be 7 waterfalls, but we only saw 1. Finally there was a desert picture where we had to spot a kangaroo.

After we had seen the Art Gallery, we were able to come back and create a gallery in our classroom. All the classes and parents were invited to the art gallery and the students of 4S had to guide the visitors through and explain everything. Lots of people came. Every one had different things that they liked.

We have learned that art takes lots of time to do one painting – for example at the art gallery we saw a painting that took 2 years and 3 months to do. We also learned that you don't just use pens – you can use paints, glue, computers, scissors and textas.

We both loved learning about art! "

BELOW:

Head of School, Ms Kylie Jones being conducted through the year 4s gallery.



LEFT:

Learning about art is also learning about what you like best and why – talking it over with friends and discovering that sometimes you like the same things and sometimes different. Being able to explain how you can create things is a great way to make friends.



GOLDEN CIRCLE FUN RUN



Thank you to all community members and families who have been showing such tremendous support during our KDSC Golden Circle Fun Run. The fun run will be held in conjunction with our Annual Inter-house Cross Country Carnival on Friday May 1st.

Once again, Thankyou for your ongoing support.

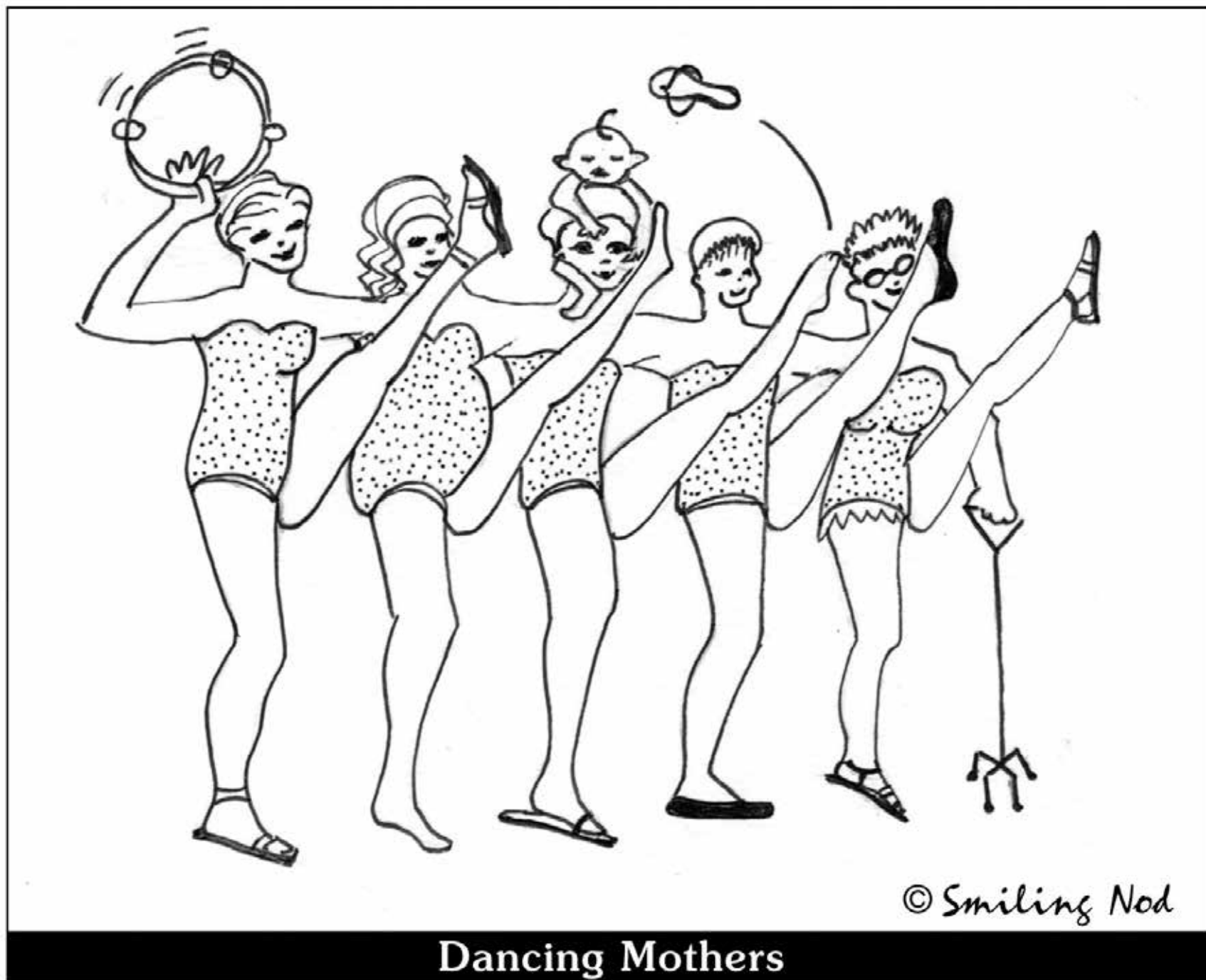
Michael Cavanagh
Physical Education Teacher.

STAFF TRAINING ON PUPIL FREE DAYS

The April Pupil Free Days saw staff at KDSC busy with professional development. The first day was spent continuing the training in literacy – learning how the choice of words, clauses and phrases can bring different and richer meaning to what we write.

The second Pupil Free Day was about Crossing Cultures. It began with us becoming aware of ourselves and ourselves as others see us. We then explored perceptions and realities that have shaped the lives of Indigenous Australians, learning about understanding and applying our understanding to the way we teach.

Two excellent days that will enrich our teaching.
Thankyou to all staff and community members who helped to organise, give advice and presented on these two days.



Dancing Mothers

BatReach news

Thank you **Kuranda Media Association** and **Kuranda Visitor Information Centre** for your continued support, and **Foodworks** for your great donation from the sale of plastic bags. We are grateful to be able to repair old enclosures, pay for milk powders, special foods and medications for all the animals that come into care.

Our family of Feathertail Gliders has been successfully released back into the wild.

Rani Ringtail Possum has a friend at last, Peter Ringtail Possum, who is a little younger than her. Elmo (Squirrel Glider) now has a friend too called Priscilla, so much happier animals all round. April our baby Brushtail Possum doesn't mind not having a companion. In the wild they are solitary — in the meantime she has us!

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POOL NEWS

Heated water is coming!! From the 15th of May the pool will be heated. There will be 2 heating periods each year, mid May to the end June and again when we re- open from the 1st of September to the middle of October. These two 6 week periods will enable the operation to be viable for 10 months of the year and extend our programs both later into Autumn/Winter and start again earlier in the Spring.

Water Polo – interested? A social afternoon of games will begin on Saturday afternoons from the start of May. A period of time from 12noon to 3.00pm will be set aside where the lane ropes will come out and games with 15 minute quarters will be played across the deep end. We will probably start with teams of 3 a side and see how it builds from there. A cost of \$18.00 per team or \$6.00 per player will apply. Individuals, family groups and kids are welcome. Great for social family fitness so come along and see how many quarters you can play. If you're not strong in swimming but still keen, accommodation for beginners will allow for some shallow water games to be played.

Our Learn to Swim program continues after the Easter school holidays, where we will have approximately 4 weeks of teaching before the heaters kick in for the last 6 weeks of the year's program. Thus far we have completed 25 weeks of our Swim program and feel we have achieved some of our objectives of assisting in making our community more water aware and safe, especially the youngsters. There are over 80 registered students between 3.30 and 6.00pm in the afternoons and over 30 little ones in the 3 mornings each week between 9.30 and 11.30am.

Aquafitness Classes continue to thrive and grow. During March and

April over 40 visits a week were registered to the 4 classes a week offered. Two evenings at 6.15pm and two mornings at 9.15am are currently scheduled and are a great way to get fit without the jar of land based classes and plenty of resistance is offered by the water which is great for toning muscles.

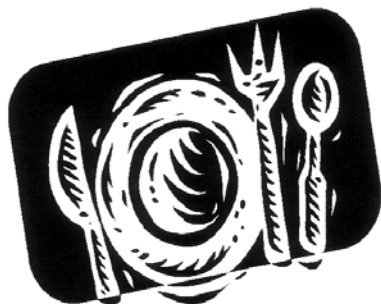
Stroke development classes and Squads will continue to thrive on the opportunity to swim in the heated water during Winter. This chance to swim for a longer period will definitely enhance our prospects of Developing a Swimming Club for the next Spring/Summer season. This period will also be a great chance for families to enhance their aquatic fitness by swimming together.

Family Fun and Fitness will be the theme for our first ever Swimming Club development; that is "Swim together, Stay together", which will enable parents and their offspring to be put through some training and lifesaving skills.

Olympic Swimmer comes to visit. Australian Olympic 100m and 200m relay swimmer Melanie Schlanger paid us a visit with some training tips for elite sports people last Wednesday. She was totally impressed with the pool and environment here for training. After warming up with a few laps she put on a dash of a timed 50m freestyle sprint and came in with an exceptional time of 28.56secs which could well be the fastest time for our pool for quite some time. Everyone is welcome to try to lower it anytime and we'll write you up in the records for or new pool. Good luck.

Gary and Linda Davis - Managers

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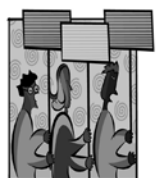
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Community Anti-Violence March in Kuranda - Wed 6th May 3.30



The march will begin at Centenary Park (near the Kuranda Information Centre) proceed down Coondoo Street to Railway Station Carpark and then back down the main street to the Park for Activities, Food and a Candle Lighting Ceremony for National Remembrance Day for victims of Domestic or Family Violence for a 6.30pm Finish.

For Further information or to be involved in the coordination of the event please contact Marg at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on 40938933



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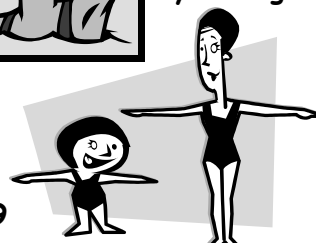
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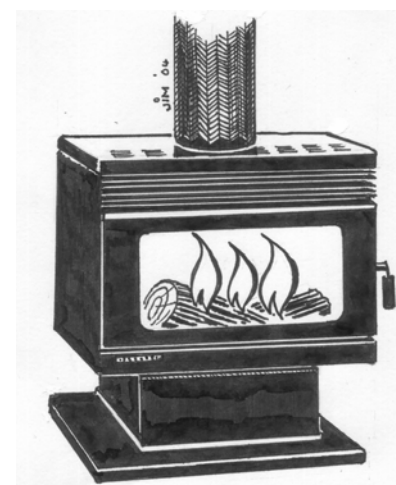
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Improvements planned for Wrights Lookout at Kuranda

Member for Barron River Steve Wettenhall and Tablelands Regional Council Division 8 Cr Jenny Jensen today announced funding to upgrade Wright's Lookout at Kuranda.

The \$98,000 project is being paid for by the Kuranda Tourism Infrastructure levy which is collected from passengers on Skyrail and the Kuranda Scenic rail.

The project is one of the first decisions of the new-look Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Cr Jensen said the lookout was a popular tourist attraction and provided spectacular views over the Barron Gorge to Lake Placid, across to Whitfield Range and out to Trinity Bay, however, the existing arrangements posed some safety issues and failed to take full advantage of the natural features of the site.

Mr Wettenhall said that he was delighted the

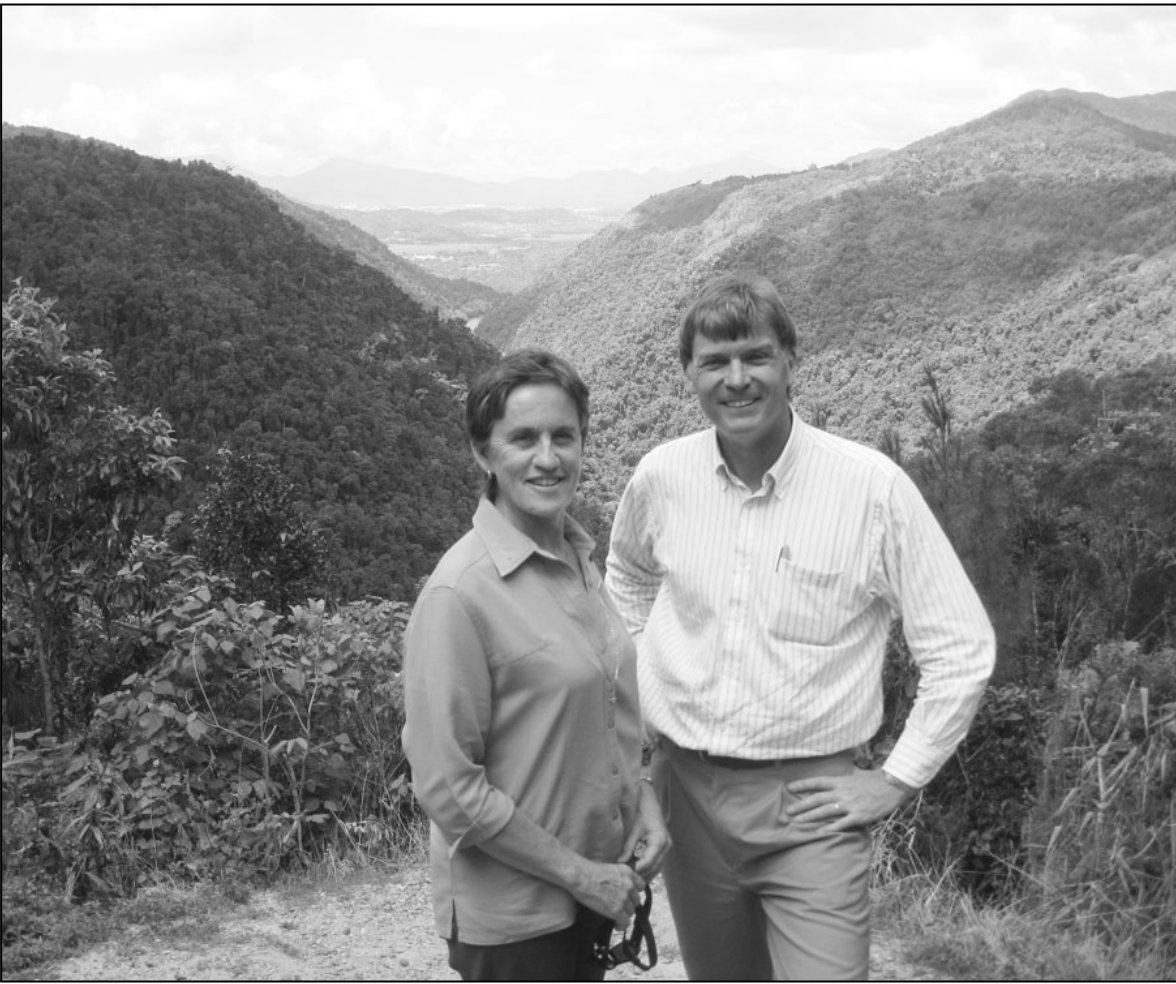
Council had accepted the committee's advice to improve visitor facilities at the site.

"Not only is Wright's Lookout an ideal place to relax and enjoy the cool breezes and views it is also the trail head of popular McDonald's track," Mr Wettenhall said.

"New interpretive materials will enhance the walking experience and give visitors a deeper appreciation and understanding of the superlative natural and cultural values of the site whether they are locals or tourists"

The work has not yet been finalised, however, is likely to include bollards, formalising the carpark, interpretative signage and beautification and safety works.

The EPA, WTMA and Stanwell will also be contributing to the project.



Member for Barron River Steve Wettenhall and Councillor Jenny Jensen at Wright's Lookout.



Expressions of Interest Use of Old Pre-School Building – Old Kuranda Primary School Caroora Street, Kuranda

Council will have the **pre-school building at the Old Kuranda Primary School site** at Caroora Street, Kuranda, available for rent in June 2009. To ensure that refurbishment of the building is suitable to the successful applicant, works will not start until after the expressions of interest are finalised.

The building is ideal for either a government organisation or community service care organisation and is located in close proximity to the main street of Kuranda. The area available is approximately 198m². An inspection of the building can be arranged by contacting Dean Davidson on (07) 4043 4145.

The current rental price is \$1237.50 per month paid in advance or \$285.58 per week paid in advance. A bond of \$1237.50 would also be payable. A lease will be drawn up with the successful applicant.

Written expressions of interest close with the undersigned at **5.00pm on 8 May 2009**. They need to include acceptance of the amount of rental and conditions, the type of business or profession that will take place within the premises and any other details which would assist Council in determining the successful tenant.

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COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

TABLELANDS Mayor Tom Gilmore will seek a meeting with Federal Minister for Ageing Justine Elliot when he travels to Canberra in June to raise awareness about the critical situation facing the region when it comes to aged care services.

Council conducted a survey of its older residents late last year in response to community concerns about the adequacy of aged care services on the Tablelands, and received more than 1760 responses.

The survey revealed that while many people would prefer to stay in their own homes as long as possible, more than 350 residents indicated they may require a nursing home bed in the next five years.

Council was advised that at least 200 new beds would be required in the next two years to fulfil the demand, and that Home and Community Care Services would need to double in capacity to meet the demand in the next 12 months. Community Aged Care packages also needed to increase at least 1.4 times to meet the needs in the next year.

Recommendations arising from the survey and analysis included the need for training of more health and aged care workers, and for seniors to be given a greater choice in available accommodation options.

With a number of survey respondents indicating they would like to live in a Council pensioner unit, Council has re-submitted an application to the Department of Housing for funds to build 20 one-bedroom units.

Mayor Gilmore said the situation could not be ignored and while Council was not responsible for the provision of aged care services or accommodation, it would continue to lobby State and Federal governments for more assistance for the aged in the region.

A NEW toilet block at the popular Barron Falls, Kuranda, will be partly funded by the Tablelands Regional Council.

Council yesterday voted to contribute \$125,000 from the Kuranda Infrastructure Fund to the establishment of the toilet block, which will be constructed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Council also decided that the toilet block would be built on national parkland, and not on council reserve, and that it would not contribute to annual maintenance costs of the facility.

AN out-of-hours telephone service will be introduced to Tablelands Regional Council by the end of May. Council has contracted the services of All Hours Communication to provide a robust customer service for people contacting Council outside normal business hours, ensuring that urgent issues are addressed in a professional and timely manner.

Details of non-urgent issues will be logged for follow-up by Council officers the next business day.

Once this service is in place, customers will simply need to ring Council's main contact number, **1300 362 242 to access Council services at any time of the day or night.**



The Village. There are, of course, many and varied souls within the village for among the moods of men there is no shortage of hues and aromas, levels and distinctions. One may get, at times, the feeling that there are certain camps among the inhabitants of our wee hamlet, one may even reach the conclusion that one ought to belong to one or another of these imaginary circles of acquaintances and the author is not separate from these moods and inclinations.

But, the bane of our time, as it has ever been, is party fellowship. It sits like a mill upon the stream and grinds good men and intentions into dust and deep thought and contemplation into a tumescent meandering that sweeps original notions away from their original orbit and spirals them into an infinity of split ends and tangled cables.

Arise you men and women, you followers of leaders, and polish your soul, wipe away the rust of uncertainty and forge anew the strength of your childhood convictions. Take your ego from the closet and bare it in all its resplendent glory. Take your suppressed and hidden notions from the cages of respectability and let's have a good look at who you really might be if you could set yourself free from the imaginary walls that divide thou and I and lead us into decision by committee as the lesser of two evils.

In the village there was a man, and the idea came to him that turbulence and uncertainty were the boot-camp of life and that failure was the lance-corporal who dragged him out of bed each day to tilt again at the windmills he had missed the day before and the day before that.

So where does that leave us now my happy reader? Consider this, that we have, each of us a voice and ears with which to listen or the means to communicate even if we lack these appendages. Consider that we can each day talk to someone and listen to someone and inch along the narrow goat track to understanding the intent of human birth, possibly the most grand of all the opportunities gifted to sentient beings. We may hear the echo of our own private thoughts among others, we may hear better points of view and begin to wonder, if.

If there is time to wonder, if there is time? If there is no path, if there is no heaven, if there is no ultimate destination, if there is no way of knowing, if we can still search knowing what if? If it were possible to create a society with no ant-like certainty of purpose and yet arise each day and strive towards something without the faintest notion of what that something might be.

And then the rain came down and we ran for shelter. That moment was electric and I don't just mean the lightning I mean the gentle rain that has the power to make the flowers grow and not just flowers but the mighty gums and acacias and oaks and can gouge hillsides and mountains. If we had any real mountains, and if we could sit for ages, and watch them melt and merge could we find that gentle power within us and if, if, if.

Back in the village the most profound thoughts possible for a woman or man to conceive must take second place to the mundane necessity of gathering our daily bread and facing the problem of the day as best we may with all the strength and nous we have, right now, right here.

And in the heat of the moment and in the crux of the dilemma, we gain, step by step, a little knowledge, a little confidence, a small circle of friends and some small way of dealing with the next poser that life throws our way. As the evening haze settles on the town and the darkness descends to the edge of the creek, and as the buying power of the proletariat goes down with the sun and money becomes shallow and weak there are still heroes and villains seeking shelter for the night and tiny creatures running across the forest floor, flashing in the dark like little sparks of life emanating from that original spark that grew and grew with the gentle rushing force of nature to create all that we see, all that we are, and all that we can be, every grain of sand and every woman and every man that weary plods to the village dormitories to lay tired heads on well worn pillows, to drift, perhaps to dream, perhaps to find among the feathers and the down a renewal, a re-birth, a symphony, a novel, a friend and a beginning without end...to be, you know, continued...



Above: Marg Yandell, Daryl Madder, Cate Lamont, Toni Rogers, Krishna Buhler, Sylvie Barnekow, Peter and Lorraine Ryle.

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY CATE

Cate's friends gathered at the Kuranda Recreation Centre recently to celebrate her 80th birthday. Cate's energetic and passionate support for the Kuranda community is an inspiration. Amongst other things she is a Kuranda Paper Folder, Mah Jong player, volunteer and member of the Management of Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, attends Judy Taylor's Exercise Class, and a supporter of the Kuranda Recreation Centre.

Below: Sue McArthur, Ruth Beasley, Toni Rogers, Coralie Brown, Cate Lamont, Sue Jones and Abby Yandell.



TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Kuranda District State College tuckshops need assistance from the local community. Operated by the Parents and Citizens Association, the tuckshops are struggling financially from the increased costs of food over the past few years.

"Our tuckshops provide healthy food choices for students at affordable prices", says P&C President, Ken Harley. "While they are an essential service for students, we can't continue to operate at a loss. We've found that all successful tuckshops rely on volunteer support so we're asking our community for help".

The P&C is very keen to hear from members of the Kuranda community who can volunteer a few hours each week or fortnight or month to help prepare food for students' lunches. Can you volunteer some time?

Please call Lyn Carr (4093 9049) or Julie Swartz (4093 8433) if you think you can help.



Alexander Fogale and Lachlan Headley enjoy healthy snacks from the junior school tuckshop, served by tuckshop convenor, Judy Pope.



LOST DOG

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Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets

The Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets is well on its way to becoming one of the most unique market destinations in Australia. With its quaint recycled lockable stalls, beautiful gardens and interesting array of artists and musicians, it is gaining a reputation as being a not-to-miss attraction in Far North Queensland.

Comments by visitors and locals have been promising, with many remarking on what a wonderfully unique and picturesque market it is: "a wonderful eclectic mix of clothing, and local arts and craft, don't ever sell out the local component, that is what makes it different" a visitor from Colorado remarked when asked his impression of the market.

Attracting more artists and creative energy into this market village can only be a good

thing for the whole town, as we regain our reputation as an artistic and thriving culture situated in the rainforest village of Kuranda.

The markets are situated near the famous and historic Honey House. Please come and say Hi!

Event: Will be holding Kuranda Spring Fair in September this year (September 12 - 13 to be advised in the next paper).

Theme: Enchanted Rainforest

If you want to get involved or have ideas to extend the event further please let Diana Russo or Trish at the Honey House know. Check below for updates

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Diana

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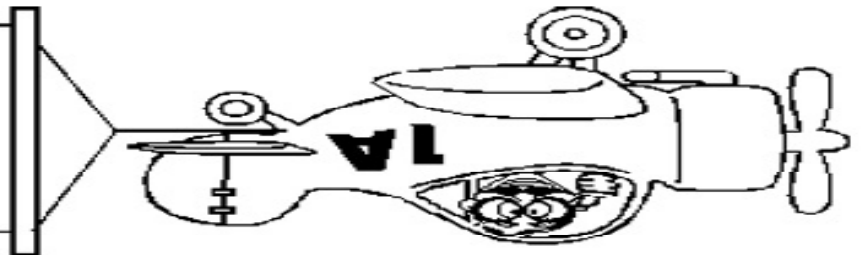
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Lest We Forget



Kai Hagberg

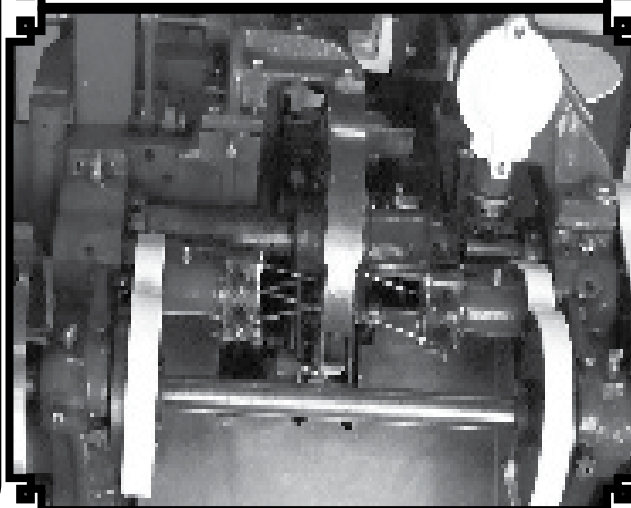
MYSTERY OBJECT

Kuranda Paper readers are invited to guess the origin of the mystery object shown below.

The first correct entry received before the 12th of May 2009 will receive a sweet gift related to the Mystery Object.

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Kai Hagberg
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ANZAC INSPIRATION KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE SOCIETY INCORPORATED

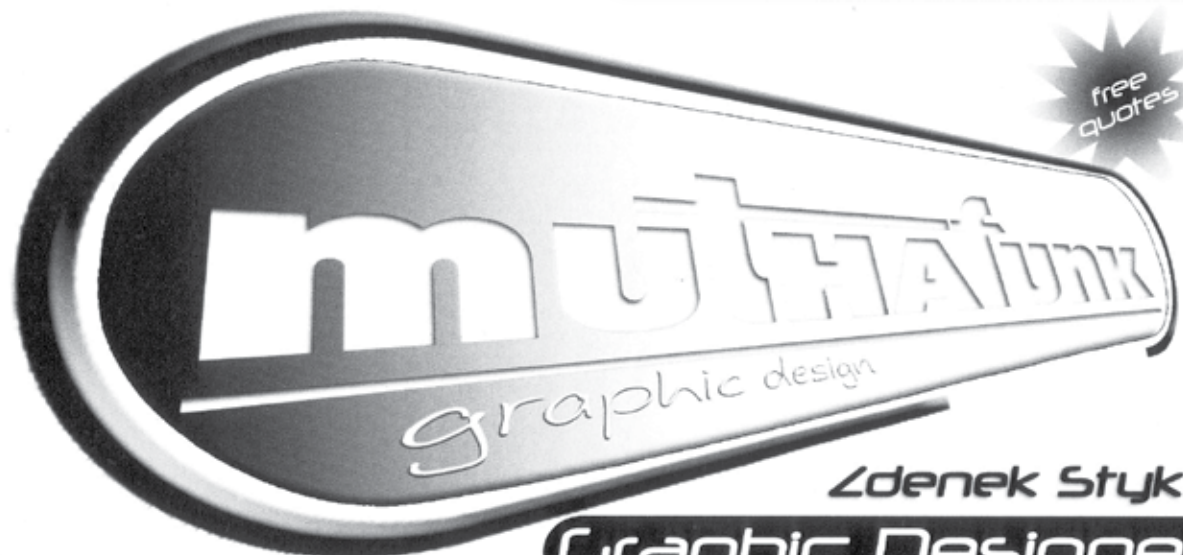
ANZAC Day put me in mind of all our fallen comrades and as I pondered the meaning of this day I thought about battles fought closer to home.

I have the deepest respect for those who created the ANZAC legend and for all the brave souls who volunteered and died fighting to protect home and hearth in the last century. I believe that any war is a pretty mad endeavour, but 'the cause' was something those soldiers passionately believed in and they are to be respected for the sacrifices they made.

Closer to home, what taxed my mind was the fate of countless volunteers who do their best for the community, and who are eventually worn down defending principles far more humble. The streets of Kuranda are haunted by the shadows of those once dedicated volunteers who have fallen while bravely serving on the Amphitheatre Committee. Therefore, I wondered if a little discussion on INCENTIVES might be in order, and it is to those poor souls who have gone before me that I dedicate this short essay.

My dictionary describes an incentive as; something that motivates somebody.

To extrapolate; the Kuranda Amphitheatre is an incentive driven organisation.continued on page 19



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A public art advisory group will determine a shortlist for the commission.

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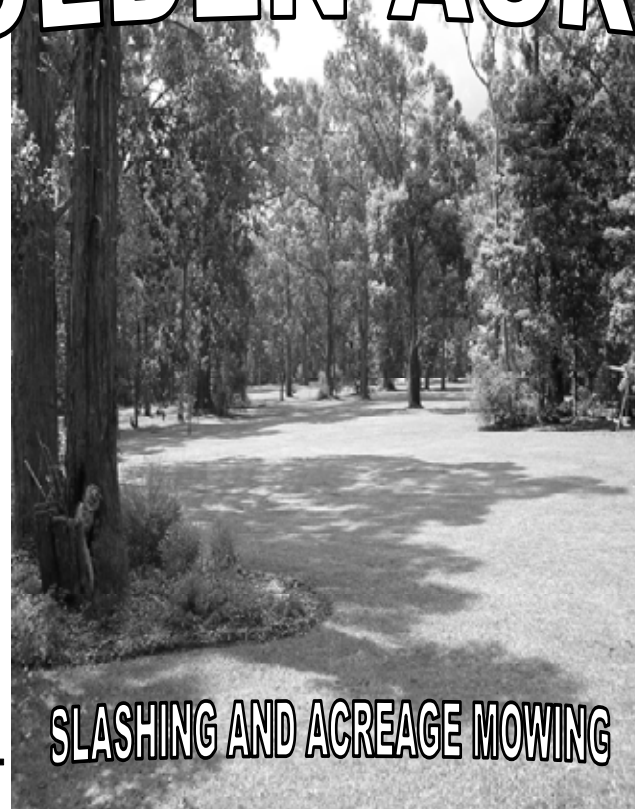
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News from Kuranda Visitor Information Centre

Kuranda Information Centre is gearing up for a busy couple of months with the exciting news that the centre and toilet block will finally be painted outside!!! Not only that, but with the help of the students at Kuranda District College, we should have new signage and artwork on the centre by the end of June.

We have all been extremely busy over the past few months with volunteers trying fit in many familiarisation tours around the area before it gets busy again.

So far this year they have been all over the Tablelands, off to Undara, Georgetown, Cobbold Gorge next week, plans to go to Cooktown and out to the Reef. They have also visited the new businesses in town and are now becoming familiar with all the increased prices for local and Cairns tours.

New dedicated volunteers are always needed, and we have already recruited three new eager helpers this year – all well-known faces around town and keen to tell visitors about Kuranda and the neighbouring region.

If you would like to join our volunteering team to learn new skills and make new friends please drop in or phone us on 4093 9311.



Kuranda Info Centre Volunteers after a hearty breakfast!!!

ANZAC INSPIRATION from page 17

As the Amphitheatre is run entirely by volunteers, this means that the usual incentives for doing something have been reconsidered - by those who serve as the Committee; by the members who volunteer throughout the year; and also to some degree by the passive members.

(1) In this three tier system the Committee members put in the greatest effort therefore require the greater incentive package. The Committee members constantly juggle life issues of home, work and family with the obligations required to effectively run the Society and the venue.

(2) Active members who vote, volunteer to staff events and attend working bees also require a decent incentive to work for the Society; however the incentives they require are of a more social kind.

(3) Passive members support the Society just by being there; by attending events and being an audience. Their incentive for supporting the Amphitheatre is more cerebral than physical. Passive members form an important reserve as change in their life circumstances enables more or less involvement over a long period of time.

Volunteering for community is not a just local phenomenon, and I suspect that volunteers provide the backbone for our country with their various activities; but without incentives of some significant kind, Australians who volunteer would cease to do so.

In Australia money is one of the primary motivators; the incentive for which many people work. Once people change this equation and interact in ways that do without money, some other reward system generally evolves. Rewards can be spiritual or moral, but they are always personal.

Humans are social animals and the urge to work and play together has always been a profound motivator; the Amphitheatre Society is a classic example of this force in action. So, what are the incentives which support all those who are involved, either directly or indirectly, with running the Amphitheatre?

Obviously, by choosing to help run an entertainment venue, social interaction and commitment to musical or performance based activities forms part of

the incentive package for our volunteers, providing them with a forum for creative activity outside the normal pleasures of work and family life.

Amphitheatre volunteers get pleasure from working with their peers in staging festivals and concerts that would not in the natural course of events, be available in a small remote Queensland town. Pleasure is an incentive, as is providing something amazing like entertainment.

For the Committee members, however, the incentives are somewhat different and their level of involvement requires a different incentive system - and the group or extended family created by the Committee becomes a significant part of that incentive.

The Committee put time and effort into running an organisation they believe in; the payment for this input is the sense of camaraderie; the feeling of belonging; of being respected; and most important, of working together for a common cause that is special.

Committee members do not expect thanks, as they work for their own satisfaction; all are motivated by differing ideals, but endeavour to form a cohesive team.

In the long run, the payback or incentive for their effort is the thrill of hosting a spectacular event in an amazing venue. In the day to day running of the Amphitheatre the incentive consists of working with others whose company we enjoy and whose efforts we respect.

If the incentive system is neglected there is not much to keep an individual interested.

If the incentive system is deemed irrelevant, then active rebellion becomes the norm, resulting in disaffection of individuals, disunity of the group, and worst of all, ineffective running of the venue. An empty venue is a dead venue.

Hence the causalities in the street. These were all good people. People who had a dream but found that the obstructions outweighed the incentives.

Every ANZAC Day I salute all fallen comrades, and I think that I speak for the Committee when I say that we vow to carry on the fight. We believe that the Amphitheatre represents an ideal worth fighting for. Vale volunteers!

Lee Edwards

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TOXIC SNAKES, SPIDERS

- YES -

BUT TOXIC SOIL?



The Curator of the Cairns Frog Hospital recently had a close encounter which brought her new understanding of how some of her froggy patients must feel. This unpleasant meeting wasn't with one of Australia's deadly snakes or highly venomous spiders but with the muddy soil in the facility's backyard!

People don't generally think of their yards as a threatening place but soil diseases are some of the nastiest beasts out there and the possible increase of these pathogens in the soil is of growing concern to the frog conservation group. Its Curator, Deborah Pergolotti, has just been released from hospital after having surgery for an aggressive infection with invasive *Streptococcus* and *Pseudomonas* - two soil diseases which dissolve tissues and are notoriously difficult to treat (and painful !)

Ms. Pergolotti is now calling on Queensland Health and the Commonwealth government to add *Pseudomonas*, *Streptococcus* Groups A & B, and *Staphylococcus aureus* and it's MRSA strain to the Notifiable Diseases list for both human and veterinary cases urgently. Still sporting an uncomfortable limp, she stressed that, "Because these diseases are not notifiable, there is insufficient monitoring of their incidence, where these infections are being picked up, how they were acquired, and even how much they are costing the public health system". Monitoring could highlight where better public education needs to be directed and where containment procedures need to be strengthened, but it also would provide confirmation if zoonotic transmission should ever occur [this is where animal disease is transmitted to a human]

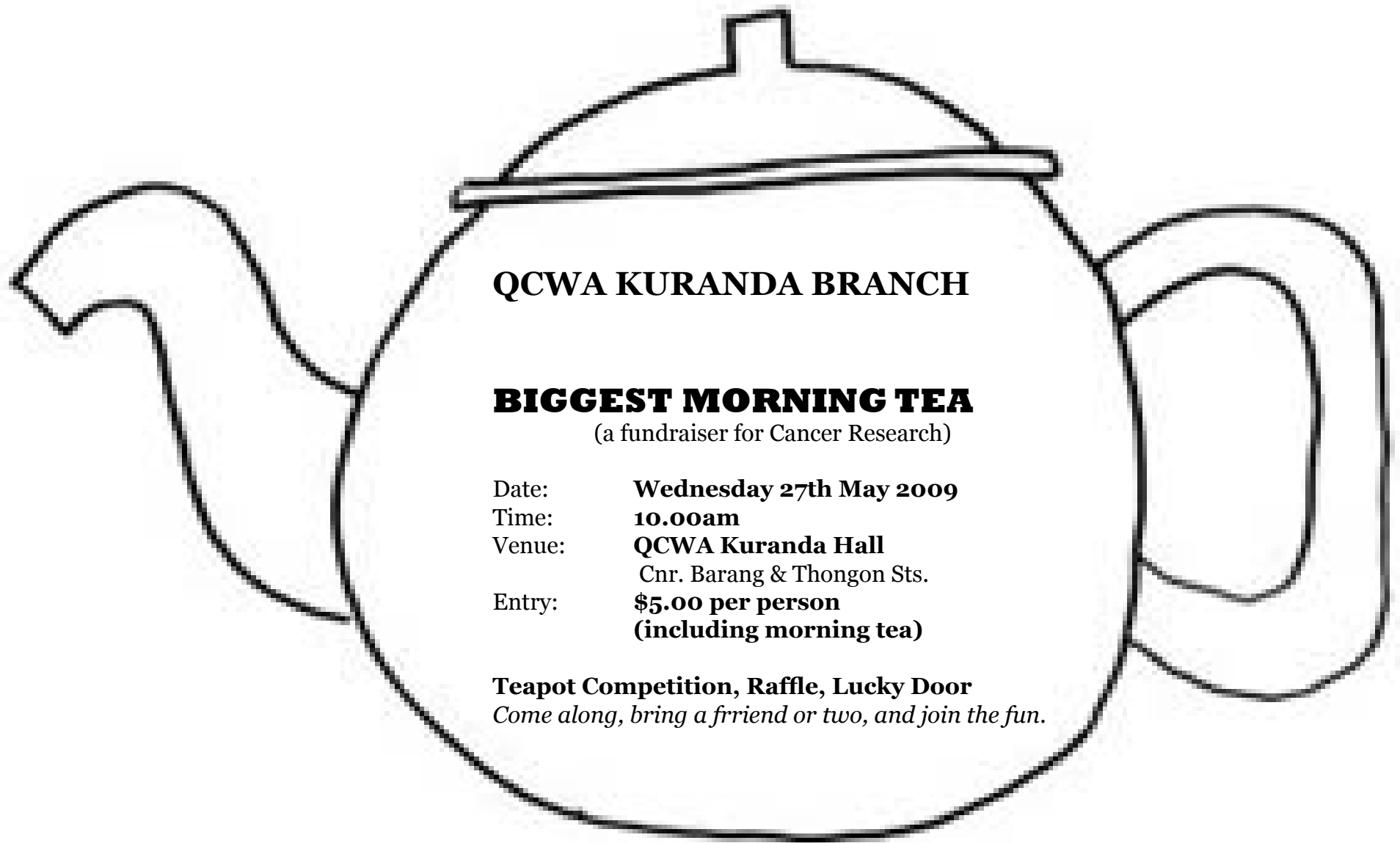
Ms. Pergolotti is equally emphatic about the risks posed to children especially by these soil diseases. "My infection was difficult enough for an adult to manage and meant I couldn't walk for a month, was in hospital for a week, had two surgeries plus more than two months of multiple antibiotics at maximum doses and may still suffer long term damage to the foot. I doubt a child could be dosed up on the level of pain killers I was on so what kind of suffering would they have to go through?"

These diseases also pose a threat to wildlife and that is where any possibility of zoonotic transmission needs to be watched. "We have lab results going back years to show that *Pseudomonas* has been found on frogs regularly and, since cyclone Larry, *Streptococcus* has also been present along with a mildly formidable list of other unpleasant human diseases." *Streptococcus* Group B in particular has recently received media attention because of its involvement in fish deaths which suggests to us that there could be a lot more of it in the wet season runoff than expected.

The group stresses that everyone - especially children - NEVER handle any frog or toad without gloves or a plastic bag over their hand. Deborah warns, "I want to make it VERY CLEAR THAT FROGS ARE NOT A THREAT AND ONLY SOME OF THEM could have something nasty on their skin, but only someone experienced with these conditions could tell which ones. We are saying to be safe and always use gloves."

Information about controlling soil diseases is sparse and the Soils CRC was discontinued in 1998. The Cairns Frog Hospital wants to hear from soil specialists anywhere in Australia to discuss recommendations that residents can use to improve soil health and outcompete both bacterial and fungal soil diseases.

Frog Decline Reversal Project, Inc. (Cairns Frog Hospital)



QCWA NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2009

Anzac Day – and QCWA Kuranda members were pleased once again to host the R.S.L. traditional get together after the Memorial Service. Along with a group of HMAS Melville personnel, it was gratifying to see a large number of people from the local community and volunteer services.

It was also pleasing to see everyone meeting and greeting old and new friends during the morning. QCWA ladies were kept busy providing cups of tea and coffee and replenishing trays of freshly made sandwiches, homemade cakes and biscuits (including Anzac biscuits, of course), sausage rolls and savoury nibbles. Everyone appeared to enjoy the occasion including our ladies despite tired arms and feet by the end of the day.

Election Day last month kept us busy manning both the refreshment table, Baked Goods table and selling raffle tickets to all who lined up for voting duties. We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket, cake, or cup of tea on the day. Now to get our running shoes on for the next event on our Calendar – **The Biggest Morning Tea (for Cancer Research)**.

We are hoping for a big roll-up on **Wednesday May 27** for this Community fundraiser. Please do come along – bring a friend too and enjoy a social morning with friends while sampling our home baked goodies.

There will be a fun Teapot competition so bring along your favourite, funny, big, tiny, ugly or elegant teapot. You may be the winner or be lucky and take home a lucky door or raffle prize.

Craft News: The April lesson in Ribbon Embroidery has resulted in some very pretty thimble holders decorated with roses, daisies, and buds. Whilst not the easiest embroidery technique to master, those who came along have come up with quite credible examples.

Foundation Patchwork – or as some call it “Patchwork by Numbers” is the lesson to be held on Wednesday April 20. Kits will be available – no machine work involved – only simple hand sewing. Lunch is provided on the day (\$3.00 p/p). If interested, contact Yvonne Dighton on 4093 7016. Every Wednesday is our Craft and Social Morning so why not come along and have a cuppa with us.

Before closing this letter, we would like to welcome Gillian Winterborn, our newest QCWA member who has recently joined Kuranda branch.

Hall bookings: please contact 4093 7599 or 4093 9437

For other information, please contact the Secretary on: 4093 7016.

Time to Start Composting!

International Composting Awareness Week, 3rd - 9th May 2009, aims to improve awareness of this valuable organic resource and to promote compost use, knowledge and products.

Tablelands Regional Councillor Shaaron Linwood is urging all local residents to get behind the composting push and learn about the benefits.

“Tablelands Regional Council is very pleased to support International Composting Awareness Week because we want to bring attention about the benefits of composting to the community in general,” Cr Linwood said. “Our community already makes a major impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, particularly in the Mareeba area by sending domestic waste through the SITA-CEC Resource Recovery Facility where it goes through a composting process. Everyone can compost and by doing so will reduce our eco-footprint even further.”

Approximately 60 per cent of the rubbish Australians put in the everyday mixed-waste “garbage bin” could be composted to produce a rich soil or mulch for gardens. Alarming, such a huge amount of organically-active material buried “anaerobically” (without air) in landfill causes over 3 per cent of Australia’s total greenhouse gas emissions annually by producing methane - a gas with 25 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide!

If properly composted instead, this same organic waste could help to abate climate change in yet another way - by sinking or “sequestering” carbon back into the soil. And if combating climate change with compost isn’t impressive enough, using compost on land reduces the need for water by an average of 30 per cent!

“Composting is the intelligent alternative - we can compost to combat climate change and reduce our irrigation needs while we’re at it,” Cr Linwood said.

“Composting is the responsible and sustainable thing to do for our planet.”

Cr Linwood urges residents to start composting - it is inexpensive and has great benefits. If residents need further information on composting and how to get started, please contact Tablelands Regional Council’s Waste Services department on 4043 4356.

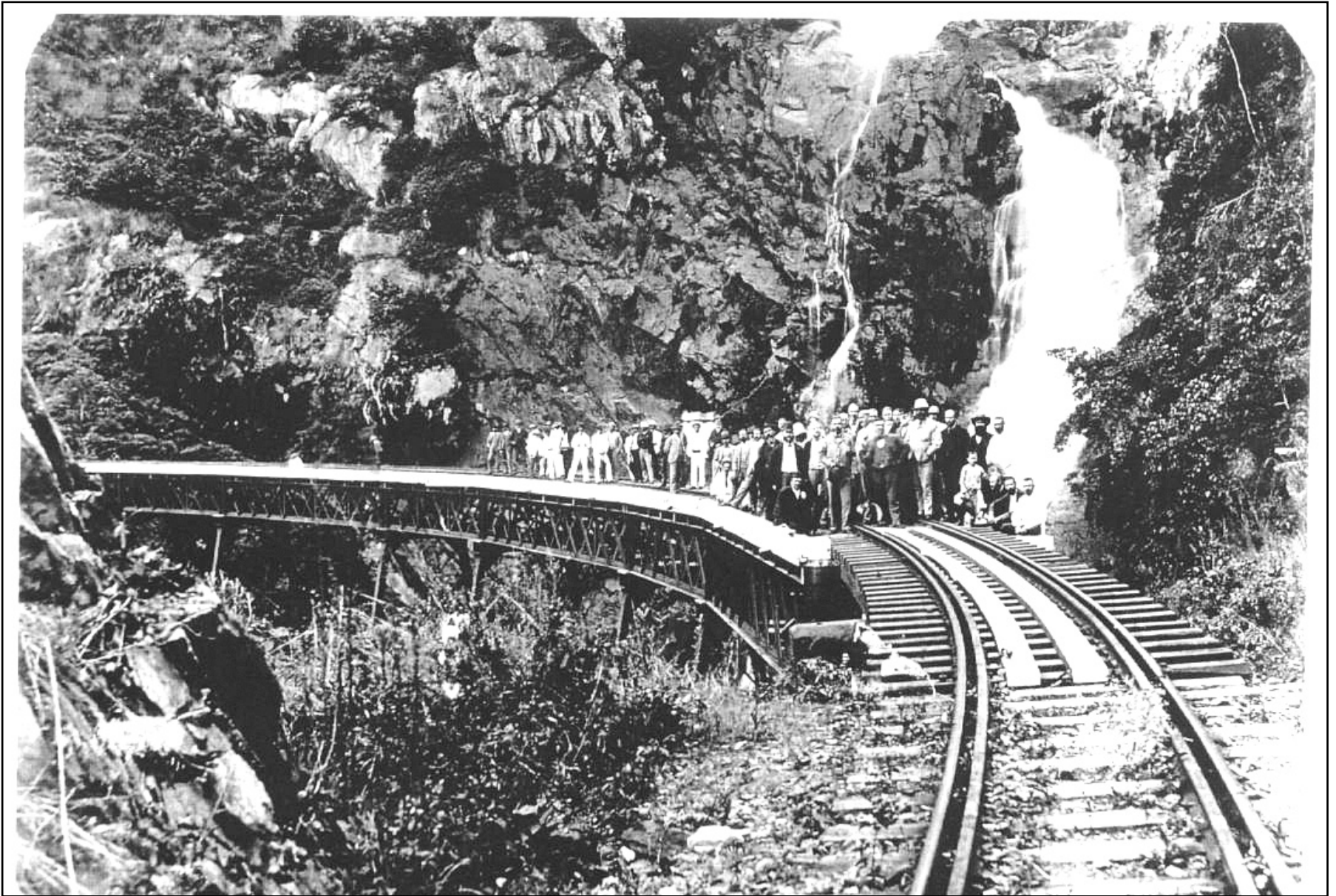


Cr. Shaaron Linwood and Patricia Jorgensen from Malanda. Patricia, a very enthusiastic composter, has managed to reduce her weekly garbage to two very small plastic bags.



THE PASSAGE OF TIME

(AND A LOT OF WATER)



Last month we published an historical piece by Peter Ryle which had a photograph of a lunch party held on the Stony Creek rail bridge. The photo above, taken on the same day over one hundred and nineteen years ago, can be contrasted with the one below, taken from the same vantage point but during a tree planting and beautification expedition sponsored by Queensland Rail on 4th April this year.

What would Workplace Health and Safety make of the earlier poses?



Difference of 2500 years

By Thea Harrow

I moved silent, like a slippery shadow, invisible to the eyes of the humans around. It was early for me. The sun had set a few hours ago and I had not dined for the evening as yet. I drifted through the dark shadows gazing at the hunched, hurrying human forms on planned routes to escape the nature that seemed to grow as a danger in their eyes every century, every decade. Time for them was never there and happiness waited for them around the next corner. Everything they owned seemed vital and the more they owned the more powerful they felt.

I never saw my time as fleeting or never ending, it just was. I was, I existed, simple and plain. Time and place had become irrelevant over the years as the details began to bore me. All I saw now was the whole forest and no longer just the individual trees. I no longer knew how much time had passed or where I stood, grass in the woods or a cobblestone street in a city, I saw no difference. The only thing that governed me now was my unsatisfiable thirst that burned my throat, yet even that was insignificant, as no matter how much I drank it would return, so one drink was enough to keep me going until I rose again.

I inhaled slowly through my mouth, eyes closing slowly to enjoy and tasted the filthy dusty tint of pollution integrated into the air, yet through this grime I could taste and smell the sweet, salty flavour of my favourite beverage. I skimmed over the multitude of options lay out before me and pulled out the one that appealed to me the most. My eyes opened halfway, too lazy to bother properly and I drifted, as if in a haze, a dream, following the sweet trail of scent floating in the grimy breeze. I danced about the obstacles, like they were trees in a forest, body focused on getting the target, mind floating somewhere. I felt like I think those strange Scythians did after they smoked that dried cannabis plant. The Scythians were but a vague memory to me now. “Kuka olet?”

I looked at the man whom I had been following. The language he spoke was foreign to me but it sounded familiar. His words tugged at a distant long forgotten memory that my mind seemed to struggle to take hold of. “Who arr you?”

His r’s rolled nicely over his tongue as he tried English. I had learned the basics of English over time. That little Island and its life had interested me at one time.

“I am Death...” I replied. My throat felt dry and it tightened as it anticipated a relief.

“Oh,” the young man whispered as he gazed back at me.

The meaning seeped in slowly as I watched,

waited and walked toward him, calmly. I breathed in his delicious intoxicating scent and smiled softly as my fingers reached up to touch his cheek to feel the heat of his skin. I could see the pulsing of that vein along his neck and my finger tips ran softly over his warm skin to feel the pulse. “You arr beautiful for death.”

My eyes locked onto his bluish ones. Mine might have been that colour when I was born. His eyes were calm. I gazed in into those eyes, unblinking.

He was the first to tell me calmly, without strain, without rush, without words that he wanted to live, that he had so much to do, so much to live for. I drew my hand back reluctantly. His scent was almost overwhelming, and I was so thirsty. But suddenly noticed something was wrong. There was something wrong with his smell. There was something missing. Fear. The human was not afraid.

Shivers ran down my spine as her cool fingers brushed against my neck. I barely noticed at first that she had withdrawn her hand. My eyes were locked onto her eyes of endless black and I could have stayed there forever, just gazing at her. The next moment, I was staring at the dark alleyway with tall dark buildings on either side, and the only light coming from a distant streetlight at the far end. Water slid down the sides of my face and into my now open collar. A cool tongue intercepted the path of a large water droplet running down my neck and goose bumps prickled my neck hairs. The strange woman’s sweet perfume snuck up around me, drowning my senses and will. Her soft cold lips kissed my neck as her fingers pried my scarf and coat collar away from my skin.

“I wish you to join me. I want to show you the world in a way you will never see it otherwise,” her smooth voice whispered to me. I could detect a rather strong accent in it but I could not place it.

“Yes...” I breathed back. A sudden thought hit me. What about my girlfriend? But it soon was fogged over by what ever that perfume was.

I drew a sharp breath when teeth sank into the skin of my neck. The cold lips settled around the bite and I felt a strange pulling sensation throughout my body.

After a while the lips fell away and I heard as if from a distance a sickening slurpy bite, before a sharp, familiar metallic smell reached my nose. A wrist appeared before my eyes, dripping from fresh bite wounds as the unfamiliar bony female body of the mystery woman pressed up against me from behind. The blood looked sick to me and the raw bite seemed rough and ferocious on the slim wrist, but an urge began in my gut and took over my mind’s wishes, forcing me to catch a stray ruby drop on my tongue.

Next thing I knew my mouth was on the wrist sucking hard. As I sucked, the cool sour liquid seared my throat like an acid. When it settled in my stomach I could feel as it started burning that too. I broke away from the woman and clutched my now searing middle as the acidic liquid burned the insides of my stomach. I stumbled to one side and collapsed against the wall, toppling over into a cold, wet puddle. The liquid seemed now to have burned it’s way past my innards and made it’s way into my blood stream, burning everything as it rushed through my system. It reached my heart and everything else disappeared, other than the thump-thump of my ever moving heart. Blood rushed to my ears and I could feel myself go cold and sweaty as if in a fever. A headache grew and every muscle felt weak.

I lunged sideways to throw up over the edge of a curb. My organs felt like hot liquid and I was shaking like a leaf from the raging fever as I faded from consciousness.

Something flashed in my eyes; a wet cold pine forest; a hot sandy desert and the sound of heavy robes flapping in the wind as horses thundered over the hard dry desert; full moon rising out of a strange dark sea; the grin of a dirty man reeking of sweat and dirt. I could hear the rumble of thunder overhead while standing in the midst of a hot rainforest, air thick with humidity, waiting for rain. A large powerful, muscular male lion was padding past dry long grass. The smell of human waste reeked from the gutters of the cobblestone covered street. The towering building I recognised as the Saint Peter’s Church in Vatican. The Stonehenge, lit by the silvery glow of a full moon; the sweet smell of blood on chains in a circular tower; a dead knight clad in dented slightly rusty, blood splattered armour...

I reopened my eyes to a vaguely familiar, cluttered attic room. I pushed myself into a sitting position, leaning against a wall. “Good morning,” a smooth heavily accented much more familiar voice greeted me.

I smiled down at the young man. His light brown curls were tossed about his head and the shirt I had found he wore beneath his coat was twisted about him but otherwise he was much like what he had been when I had found him a mere week ago; except of course his eyes. They were now a deep, cold, dead, colourless black. A spark however had remained. It still lingered in his gaze, that spark of curiosity and hunger for adventure and a taste for life. This freshly born kin would show me a new way to see what was left of this filthy world. He would make me live.

I was, for the first time in over 2500 years, not alone. thea.harrow@hotmail.com

How Much Water Do You Need A Day?

Water is an important structural component of skin cartilage, tissues and organs. For human beings, every part of the body is dependent on water. Our body comprises about 75% water: the brain has 85%, blood is 90%, muscles are 75%, kidney is 82% and bones are 22% water. The functions of our glands and organs will eventually deteriorate if they are not nourished with good, clean water.

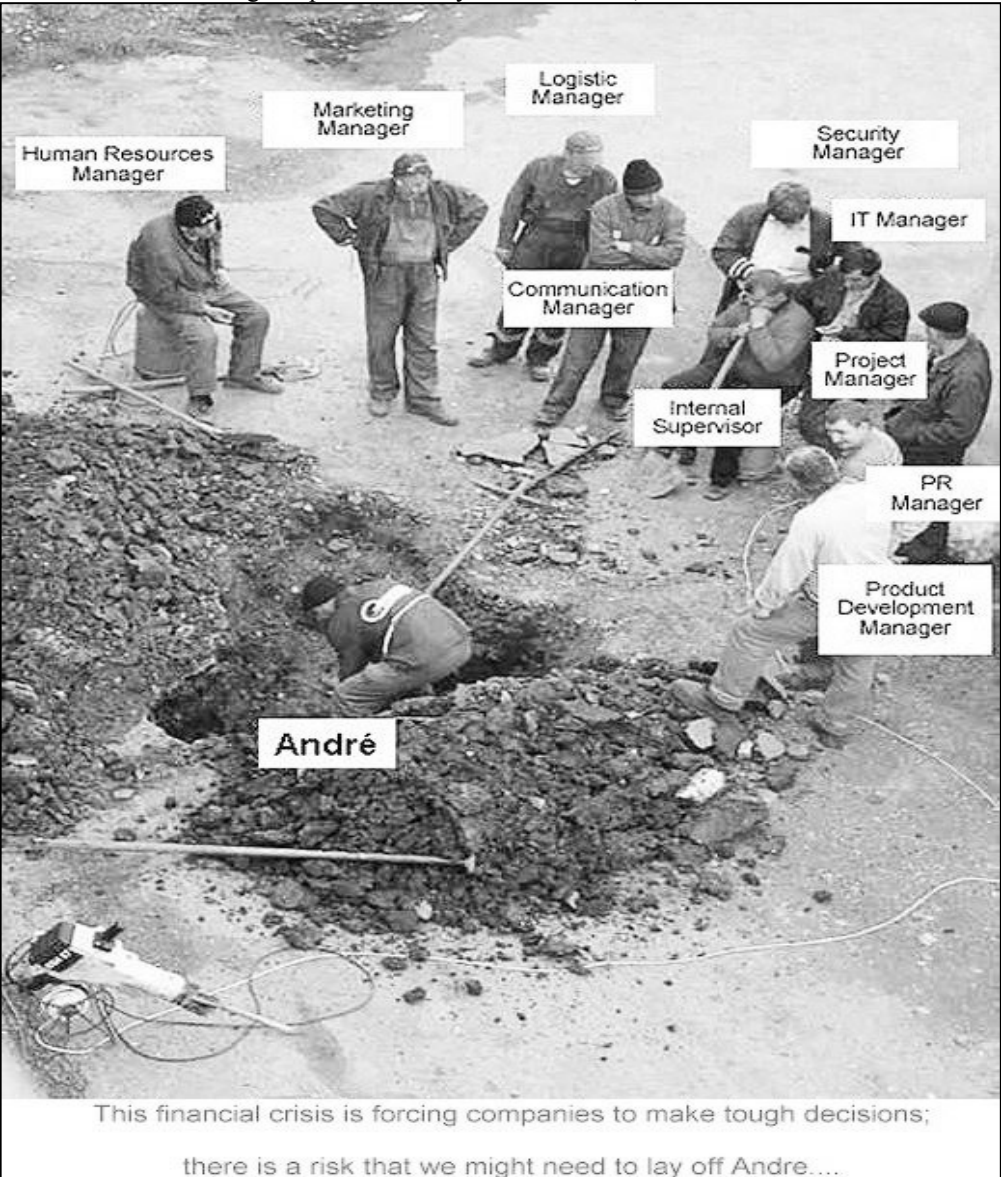
The average adult loses about 2.5 litres water daily through perspiration, breathing and elimination. Symptoms of the body’s deterioration begins to appear when the body loses 5% of its total water volume. In a healthy adult, this is seen as fatigue and general discomfort, whereas for an infant, it can be dehydrating. In an elderly person, a 5% water loss causes the body chemistry to become abnormal, especially if the percentage of electrolytes is overbalanced with sodium. One can usually see symptoms of aging, such as wrinkles, lethargy and even disorientation.

Continuous water loss

If your body is not sufficiently hydrated, the cells will draw water from your bloodstream, which will make your heart work harder. At the same time, the kidneys cannot purify blood effectively. When this happens, some of the kidney’s workload is passed on to the liver and other organs, which may cause them to be severely stressed.

Additionally, you may develop a number of minor health conditions such as constipation, dry and itchy skin, acne, nosebleeds, urinary tract infection, coughs, sneezing, sinus pressure, and headaches. Over time will speed up aging as well as increase risks of diseases.

So, how much water is enough for you? The minimum amount of water you need depends on your body weight.





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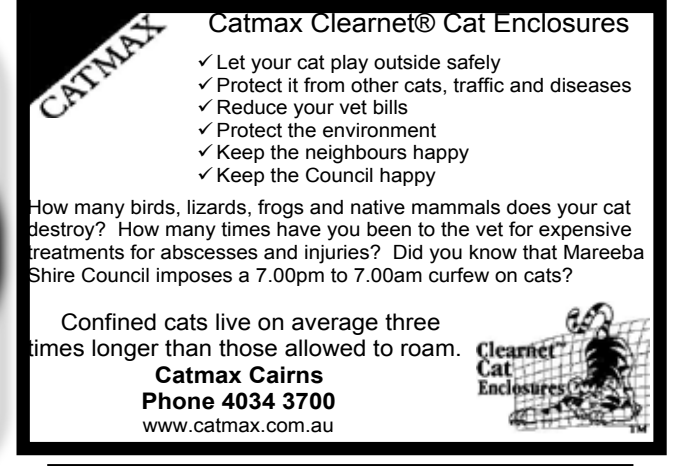
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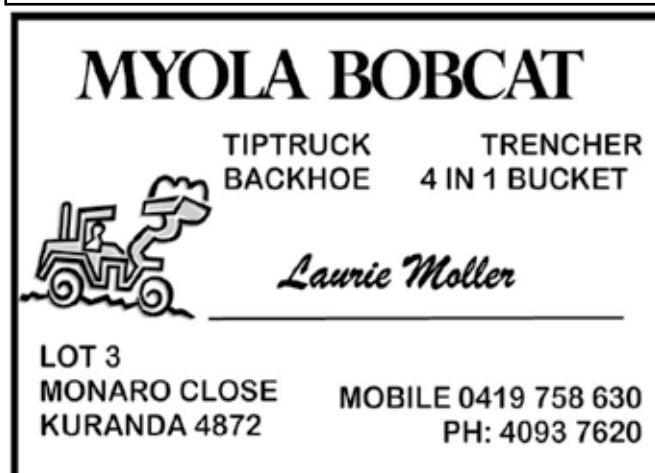
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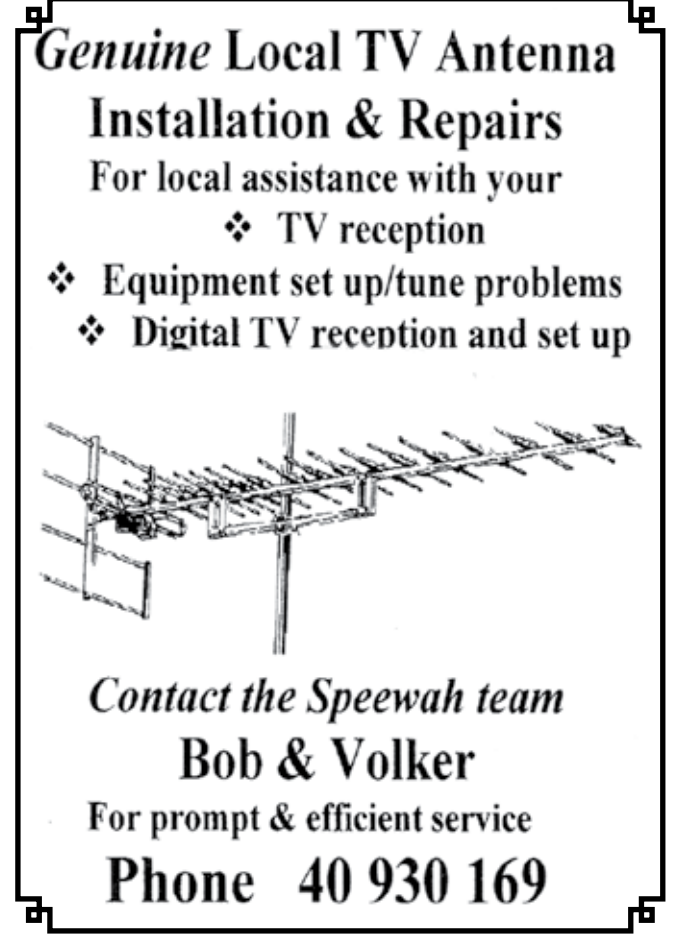
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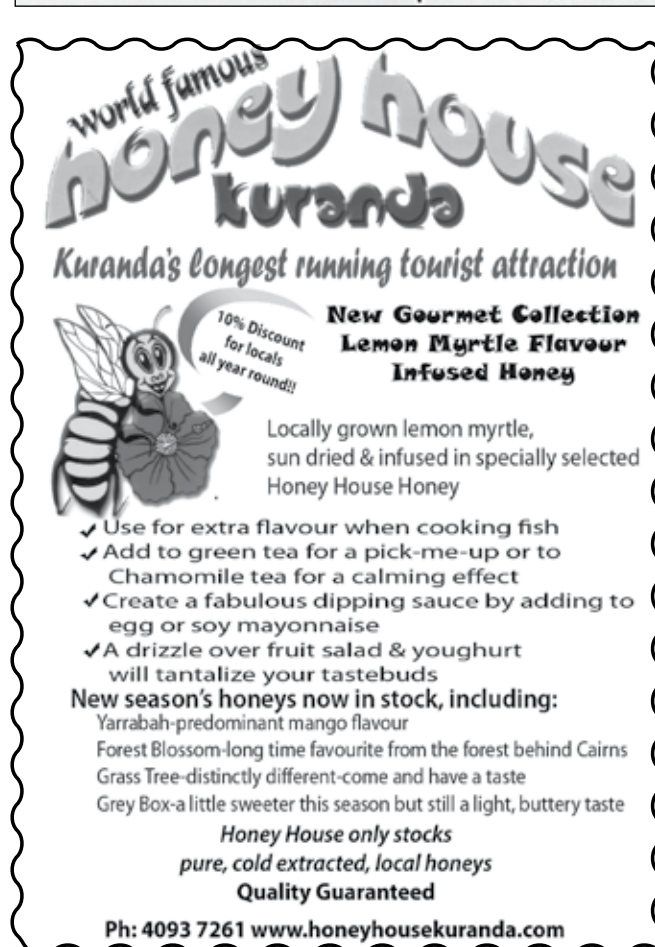
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Of the cycle of movies on the subject of adolescence in the fifties, Rebel seemed to capture best what many teenagers felt. The thrust is lyrical and melodramatic, not realistic - a teenage opera. Behind the near caricature of parents is what Ray called 'a Romeo and Juliet feel about Jim and Judy and their families.' The triad of Jim-Judy-Plato forms a virtual new family. The theme of reconciliation is unsettled if not subverted by an underlying sense of dissonance and irony epitomised by Dean's disenchanted romanticism (he is no rebel) heightened by Ray's use of on-screen space, setting and colour. The complex equivalence between the young people tends towards moral abstraction rather than sociological representation



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Members of the Kuranda Pony Club were also privileged to support the ANZAC parade down the main street on Kuranda, honouring those who have served our country.



Free Blood Pressure Testing



The National Stroke Foundation is running a national health campaign called *Know your Numbers* from the 18th to the 23rd May in an attempt to help reduce Australia's biggest killer, stroke.

Kuranda Pharmacy is going to be running a blood pressure (BP) station as part of *Know your Numbers*, they are offering free BP checks at the pharmacy on 18-23 May 2009 from 9.30am-5.00pm.

We want people in our local community to know their blood pressure numbers. Men and women of all ages are invited to participate in this free, quick and painless test to help with a national study for Stroke prevention, which is funded by Queensland Health.

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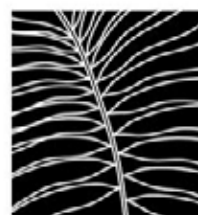
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Congratulations:

"This is Cassowary Country", an exhibition by Kuranda Artists and Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery, recently opened at the Cairns Regional Gallery. This is a superb exhibition and demonstrates the significant talent and professionalism of our local artists. Congratulations to all involved.

Anzac Day:

A big turn out for Kuranda Anzac Day ceremonies and march. I always find that Anzac Day is moving occasion as we reflect on our history and our Australian spirit.

Rates and Budget:

Budget still being developed and Council is currently examining even further "pruning" of current cost estimates. Anticipate that Budget will be finalised early June and that rates rises will be kept to a minimum. Given the current economic circumstances, this budget will be one of consolidation.

Library Services:

I have recently requested a review of the

opening hours for Libraries across the TRC region. Currently the Kuranda Library has high levels of usage (and great service!) despite limited opening hours and I believe that this imbalance needs to be addressed. I am interested in residents' opinions on this matter.

Old Primary School:

Initial discussions and design works for the refurbishment of one of the buildings will soon commence. It is planned that one of the two storey classroom blocks will be used to house an expanded Library and Council office. This is Stage 1 only and the Advisory Committee will continue to develop plans for the long term use and development of the facilities.

Community Groups:

Still very few applications from Kuranda groups for "Financial and In Kind Support" grants from Council. These funds are set aside to assist community groups with small projects. There are guidelines, but the application process is not long and involved.

Roads:

Work on widening Koah Road past Clohesy River is now expected to commence in July. A recent Traffic survey has been conducted on Speewah Road.

This will provide data on usage and hopefully the road will be listed for capital works in the coming budget.

Pest and weed Management:

The new Pest management Advisory Committee has now been formed and is monitoring policies and procedures for managing weeds of local and national significance as well as management of wild animals. Any reports should be directed to Council.

Parks and Gardens:

There are hundreds of Parks and Gardens which Council currently maintains across the region which has significant resource implications. A current review is considering service levels for particular parks. Please contact me if you have particular viewpoints in relation to this.

Tourism Kuranda:

The term of the current Tourism Kuranda Committee ends in September. Council will soon be calling for expressions of interest for positions on the new committee. This committee is responsible for the marketing and promotion of the Kuranda Village and is funded through a special levy of tourism businesses.



Regional Council hosts Mosaic Tile Project

TILE mosaics depicting the Tablelands' earlier settlers clearing land and indigenous hope for a united country will feature in a state community art project to celebrate Q150. Tablelands Regional Council was provided with two blank tiles as part of the project which celebrates the 150th anniversary of Queensland's separation from the colony of New South Wales.

Using the theme *Reflect on Our Past*, Atherton Artists Marion Clarkson, Helen Hume and Mary MacKenzie created a tile showing the harvesting of tall timbers and early settlers with a series of sepia tones of old photographs.

Aboriginal artist Blair Malthouse, of Mareeba, used a circular design containing indigenous references and motifs to create *Imagine our Future*, depicting the hope for a united country. It included rainbow serpent representing water and the Yam design, from the Laura area.

The project will feature tiles from local councils across Queensland, with the 41sqm mosaic to be permanently exhibited at the RNA Showgrounds in Brisbane as a legacy to the celebrations.

Top: Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Tom Gilmore inspects one of two tile mosaics created to celebrate Q150, with artists Mary MacKenzie, Helen Hume and Marion Clarkson.



Bottom: Mareeba artist Blair Malthouse shows Tableland Regional Mayor Tom Gilmore his contribution to the Q150 Queensland Mosaic Art Project.

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Fruits of your labour

For more than ten years Envirocare has been concentrating on revegetation of the EnviroLink Wildlife corridor. Some of our regular Saturday morning volunteers can well remember the first tree planting at Big Sands on the Barron River. This wet season we've planted over 7,500 seedlings already, with the help of community plantings.

Now we're working on riverbank sites and plan to include some plantings on private land. If you're keen to have an area of your block reforested, come join us for a few mornings to see what we do and then we'll plan strategic plantings with you. We may not plant till next wet season but it pays to plan ahead as the best site preparation is done well in advance, letting the seasons do some of the work. Our nursery manager has over 20 years experience growing cabinet timbers on his block so come and chat on nursery days if you're interested in growing a few of your own.

Agribusiness at Kuranda District State College and Envirocare

"What's this all about?" some of you have asked. Well, Envirocare and the Kuranda College have agreed on a joint development in relation to the agribusiness vocational training centre which is being developed at the school farm site. Envirocare has a landcare and community nursery facility which is used only two or three mornings per week and we have offered this facility to Kuranda College. We will provide a "working" nursery for the students undertaking certificated training units in horticulture and conservation and land management, with authentic work experience woven into the training courses. In return the College will provide a permanent location for the nursery. Envirocare's aims and principles involve advocacy, education and competency, so this development is a very good "fit". Working alongside Envirocare volunteers and seeing the product of their training being put to good use in Envirocare's landcare operation, students will hopefully be proud of their contribution, at the same time learning to value and protect biodiversity in our natural environment during "potting bench chats". We're all looking forward to this exciting new collaboration!

Flying foxes as seed dispersers by Druce Horton

One of my early childhood memories was a feeling of wonderment as I watched the rivers of flying foxes flowing and eddying across the evening sky. Where were they going? Why didn't they just stay there rather than returning in the morning? And why did some of them seem to randomly wander about while the majority seemed to move with such uniform purpose?

Today, as the human population in FNQ rapidly expands, fruit bats are commonly regarded as pests. This is unfortunate as they are vital for effective dispersal of many of the larger rainforest seeds.

Research conducted in Tonga found that the effectiveness of flying foxes at seed dispersal dropped rapidly once their numbers fell below a threshold level – in this study when they were

abundant, the flying foxes dispersed more than 60% of seed away from trees. This figure dropped to less than 1% when flying fox numbers fell below the threshold level. There wasn't a gradual tapering off in their seed dispersal role. As their numbers fell below a critical level, there was a huge and sudden drop off.

What was going on? Well, when flying foxes were abundant, they fought over the available food. We have all heard those squabbles piercing the still tropical nights. So they would get their fruit then fly off to another tree where they could eat it in peace. Thus they dispersed the seeds.

When their numbers fell below the threshold level, they could stay and eat in the fruiting tree because there wasn't much competition. There was no need to leave the tree. The seeds were just dropped below. The fruiting tree had been cheated. It had fed these freeloaders and got nothing in return – its seeds had gone nowhere. What a rip-off!

With cassowary numbers dwindling, if flying foxes do not disperse the larger seeds, there are few other alternatives. Trees with large seeds will become moribund.

An important aspect of this study was that the flying foxes ceased to be effective seed dispersers long before they became rare. If we continue to wait for species to tick the "rare and endangered" box before we take action to protect them, the broad consequences may be dire.

Cassowary in calamity

Congratulations to all the participating Kuranda Arts Co-operative artists and to Kuranda Conservation for their support in staging "This is Cassowary Country" exhibition in the Cairns Art Gallery. A fabulous promotion of the dire predicament of our iconic rainforest species and its rainforest habitat.

WHAT'S COMING UP

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We're running our regular plant i.d. courses again in July and August. We have a few spaces left and will run a week day and a week end day course. So if you're interested and not yet booked, could you please contact Cathy on 40 93 9926 or Margaret on 40 938393 to register your interest and your preference.

The plant i.d. walkway revamp is near completion, just awaiting tree labels, of a more vandal proof nature we hope.

Time for mulching

Clear skies and cool nights, it seems time for mulching. We have our first stock of small bales of mulching hay (lovely compact bales of Rhodes grass). Call 40 93 9926 to arrange pickup. You can even borrow the trailer to get your bales home!

Speaker Meeting, 6th May 7pm Recreation centre, Fallon Road

Our local speaker from JCU is Dr Robyn Wilson. Dr Wilson has been researching arboreal mammals and their aptitude for highwire antics on highway overpasses. All welcome, light supper provided.

Plant of the month continued on



KURANDA

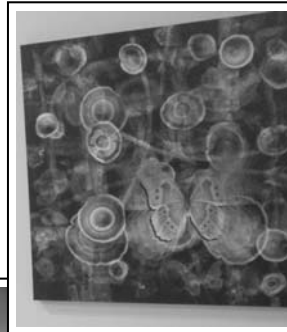
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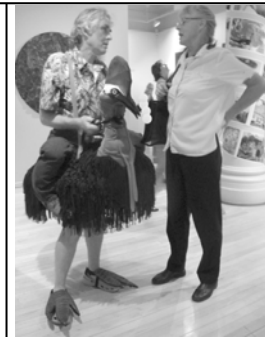
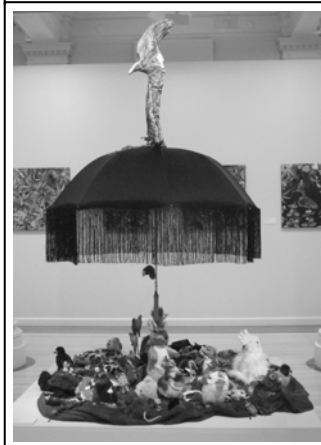
The KCons "THIS IS CASSOWARY COUNTRY" art exhibition was launched on Friday 17 April at the Cairns Regional Gallery by Senator Jan McLucas.



B&W photos cannot do justice to the imaginative, colourful artwork, glasswork, porcelain and sculptures that drew hundreds to the launch of the KCons art exhibition. We show just a handful here, clockwise from top left:



One of Gerhard Hillman's montages of manipulated photographic images; Susan Doherty captures shadows with her colourful, woven, twisted and crocheted casks; curator Laurel McKenzie who brought it altogether; Margaret Genever looks over one of her pillar friezes; the Cassowary, an umbrella species for so many others, by Margaret Genever.



Jax admires the fine cassowary ridden by WTMA's Campbell Clark; a piece fashioned out of computer monitor screen glass by Terry Eager; and fragile, translucent porcelain is Mollie Bosworth's way of describing the plight of the Cassowary.

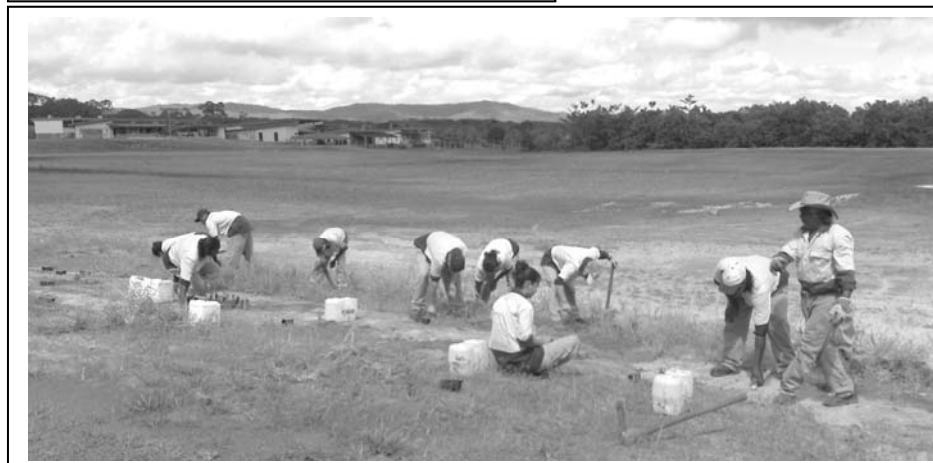
The exhibition will continue until 22 May with a walk in Cassowary Country on 2 May, an artists' workshop on 9-10 May and Cassowary experts lectures on 16 May. Inquiries to Jax on 4093 8834.

NECTAR OF WORM FARM



Left: QiTE Farm Force supervisor, Henare Heta, waters in newly planted trees around the Kuranda College's playing fields with the first batch of juice from the KCons worm farm.

Below: The new playing fields framed by the junior school in the background and the QiTE Farm Force team in the foreground busily planting out the Fairyland Road frontage.



FERAL PIGS ARE ON THE PROWL

Calls are coming in daily from landholders reporting pig activity. The most repeated words are "You won't believe the damage they've done". But we're on to it. Let's know if you're having pig trouble so we can get traps in place and do something about them. Call us on 4093 8834.

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honeyhouse@bigpond.com

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Strengthen your immune system, Lose
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Increase your endorphins (the "feel good"
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Laughter – engage your will & fake
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When: 2pm Tuesday (start 28th April
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4093 8218

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KIDS

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Kuranda Kryptic Krossword No. 109

compiled by:- John Brooksbank

3. Gal to get Tableland timber here.
5. A little bit I love, thanks.
6. Eastern genie fixed by Moro in Mareeba.
8. Sea bird found in bag of mariner next door.
9. Men sat around male organ in the garden?
12. Metaphysically myself – inflated sometimes!
13. Right in noble water here.
15. Find a blue one at the Bottom Pub?
16. Djabugay title for attraction sounds right in the wet season (3,3)
17. Attributable to you !
19. Song in hand at St Christophers.
20. Where the ink comes from?
21. Scrambled an egg for line protection.
22. Bird renowned for dying tunelessly.

Answers No. 108



Across

1. Local band is high spot in the north.
4. Rhythm of new village coffee shop?
7. Root sounds revolutionary.
9. Mystery driver in village's tightest spot.
10. She's a tiger, wild without me!
11. European bears in this state.
14. Judge collars weasel hair !
16. Severely or duly obstinate.
18. Gap found for neon pig in passage.
22. Cluster of spores or useless fern parts?
23. Funny – could be a French start to the day.
24. First another drama in the ninth month.
25. No nice things to say about this Morinda spp juice.
26. Pan male to board aircraft.

Down

1. No value to be sore about alphabet end.
2. Heavenly opposite of 1 across.

Every Sat	<p>Kuranda Envirocare Tree Planting , phone 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au</p> <p>Kuranda Tennis Club Junior lessons 8.30am beg. 9.15am intermediate. Fallon Road. Court hire avail. Ph 40937666</p> <p>Car Boot Sale Recreation Centre carpark Fallon Road 8 am - 11 am Phone Gary Davis 4093 8399</p> <p>Garden Group 2 pm Phone David or Graham 4093 9492</p> <p>A.A. CWA Hall 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599</p> <p>Kuranda Bowls Club Please contact Lorraine on 4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124</p> <p>Speewah Country Market 8am to 2pm 4093 0361</p> <p>R.S.L. 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.</p> <p>Kuranda Film Society 4 pm - 8pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393</p> <p>Al-Anon Family Groups 8 pm Phone Diane 4093 0462</p> <p>Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm – 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380</p> <p>Pilates classes at Speewah Studio 6.30 pm Phone 4093 0732</p> <p>Salsa dancing. Kuranda Recreation Centre 6:30 -7:30 pm Ph Kevin 0414 364 965</p> <p>H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9:00 start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617</p>
1st Sat	<p>Kuranda Horse and Pony Club 7.30 pm Mantaka</p> <p>Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026</p>
Every Sun	<p>KNC Management Committee Meeting 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933</p>
1st Sun	<p>Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults 7.00 pm QCWA hall Ph 4093 8682</p> <p>Tai Chi Kuranda Recreation Centre 5:30 pm Ph Les Anwyl 4093 8276</p> <p>8 Ball 7.00 pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537</p> <p>Belly Dance at Amphitheatre Understage. Have fun and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393</p> <p>The KCCT meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel.</p> <p>Tourism Kuranda meets behind St. Saviour's Church.</p> <p>Spring Festival meeting. 5:00pm. 1 Pademelon Ln, Kuranda 4093 8834. All Welcome.</p>
Every Mon	<p>Craft and social morning at QCWA hall 9 am</p> <p>Kuranda Playgroup – 9:30 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre - New families please RSVP Lisa ph 4093 0038 or Michelle ph 4093 9851</p> <p>Baha'i "Spirit of the Forest" 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St.</p> <p>Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm – 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380</p> <p>Yoga at CWA</p> <p>Kuranda Bowls Club Kuranda RecreationCentre contact Lorraine on 4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124</p> <p>Happy hour at Kuranda Recreation Centre 3:30 - 6:30</p> <p>Kuranda Interagency Network Mtng 2.00 pm at KNC</p> <p>QCWA meeting 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016</p> <p>Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.</p> <p>Rotary 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206</p> <p>Tae kwon do & Self Defence 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682</p> <p>Women's Acapella Choir 7 pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New voices welcome</p> <p>Ambulance 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road</p> <p>Barefoot bowls and BBQ. Kuranda Recreation Centre 6pm-10pm Ph Lorraine 4093 9583 or Sylvia 4093 7124 by Wed prior for catering purposes.</p> <p>PLEASE CHECK THAT INFORMATION IS CORRECT</p>
1st Mon	
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Every Tue	
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2nd Thur	
Every Fri	

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Speewah	4093 0211	John

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

<u>To :-</u>	<u>SPEEWAH</u>	0900	0900	1000
	<u>KOAH</u>		1300	
		*1530	*1530	
		1750	1750	1645
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		#1315	#1315	
		*1550	*1550	
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<u>DEPARTS</u>	#0720	#0720	0830
<u>KURANDA</u>	1330	0900	1530
	1530	1130	
		1330	
		1530	
			*1510 FROM S/FLD TO KOAH MON to FRI <u>SCHOOL DAYS ONLY</u>
<u>DEPARTS</u>	**0825	0825	0930
<u>CAIRNS</u>	1715	<u>1000</u>	**1615
		1230	<u>1000</u> GO TO SPEEWAH & KOAH IF REQUIRED.
		1715	
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CAIRNS (Central)	8.20am	9.55am	1.10pm	2.55pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.25am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	8.32am	10.02am	1.17pm	3.02pm	4.55pm

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<i>Departures</i>	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
ATHERTON	6.15am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.15am	9.00am	9.00am
MAREEBA	6.45am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.45am	9.30am	9.30am
KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.30pm	7.30am	10.05am	10.05am
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.15am	11.20am	5.20pm	8.15am	11.20am	11.20am
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CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	3.20pm	5.35pm	8.35am	3.20pm	3.20pm
KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.10pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.40pm	9.45am	4.40pm	4.40pm
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Membership enquiries? Contact Rebecca 4093 8460.
Need a venue for a private function? A business function? Or a community group meeting place? Contact Arch on 4093 7511 or Gary on 4093 8399.

What’s Happening and When?

Weekday	Activity	When?	Contact?
Monday	Salsa Dancing Lessons	Every Monday 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Ring Kevin on 0414 364 965.
Monday	Qld Health	Every Monday 27 April to 29 Jun 10am to 12 noon	Ring Sophie 0468595
Tuesday	Tai Chi classes	Every Tuesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm	Ring Les on 4093 8276
Wednesday	Booked	22 May 2009	
Thursday	Tribal Dancing	Every Thursday from 30 April to 18 Jun 6pm to 8pm	Ring Lisa 0458182489
Friday	Social night BBQ and Bare Foot Bowls	Every Friday 6pm – 10pm. Bar Open Extra activities for everyone: Pool tables, Darts, Mah Jong	Ring Sylvia by Wednesday for catering on 4093 7124
Saturday	Easy Yoga	10.00am to 1130 am	Ring Aileen 40937401
Saturday	Recreation Centre Vision Workshop	12 noon to 3pm 16 May All Welcome	Ring Arch 40937511
Sunday	Film Club	First Sunday of every month. 4pm till 8pm.	Ring Margaret or Hans on 40938393.

RECREATION CENTRE
Vision Workshop

16 May

We need your suggestions for the future use of the building and grounds
Drop in to the Centre between 12 noon and 3 pm.

Free Sausage Sizzle

Cruise Ships Boost for Kuranda

“Marketing Kuranda across the globe as a “must see” destination is paying off dividends via increased visitor numbers from travellers from cruise liners” Tourism Kuranda chairman Fr Chris Wright has said. He said that while some of the more common international tourist origins for Kuranda are under going change, particular interest has been revealed in other sectors.
“As a major Far Northern destination Kuranda welcomes news that more regular connecting flights between Cairns and Japan are planned to get fully under way later in the year. However, part of our overall marketing focus has remained upon attracting international visitors from new sectors and encouraging figures are being

gleaned from visitors who come to the Far North via an increasing number of cruise liners. These visitors are improving the already high popularity of our region in an emerging market that as yet is rather undeveloped,” Fr Wright said.
He said that with 28 scheduled visits to Cairns by cruise liners in the 12 months to June 30, there was the potential for Kuranda to develop the “day tripper” from cruise liners market further.
“Add to that number the two recent port of calls since December by the Royal Caribbean liner Rhapsody of the Seas which carries almost 2500 passengers and it is easy to see how these numbers are growing our tourism business potential”.
“Without doubt, our high profile marketing strategy is improving numbers from cruise liners with independent travellers from both domestic and international markets still somewhat strong given the current conditions,” Fr Wright said.

Skyrail Closures for May and June

Please note that the Skyrail will not operate on the days indicated below in both May and June. Due to the decrease in numbers on these days, Kuranda Scenic Railway will also reduce its scheduled services with only one train departing Cairns at 8.30am and returning from Kuranda at 3.30pm. There will be no 9.30am service out of Cairns and no return service from Kuranda at 2pm.

May 2009						
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June 2009						
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Tablelands
Regional
Council

Kuranda Transfer Station
Opening Times

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

Kuranda Branch Library and Council Office

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

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11am - 5pm
11am - 5pm
9am - 12noon
9am - 12noon

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