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## The Kid Who Conquered The Kuranda Range

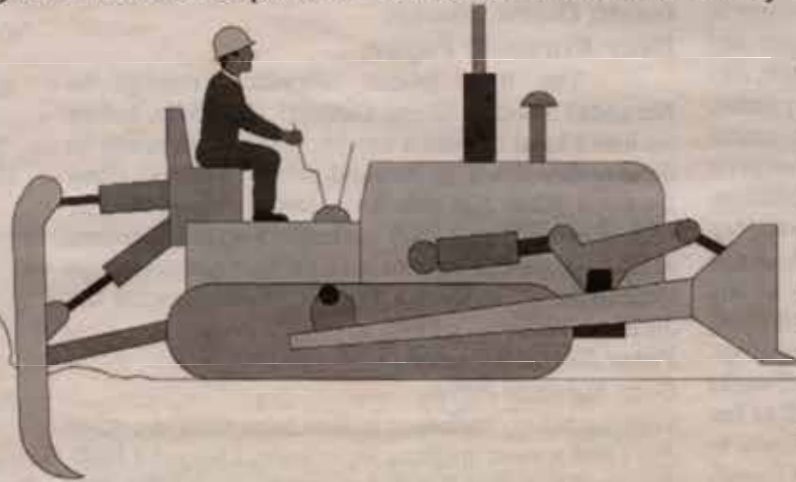
Our young people are frequently under attack from their elders for being "lazy, fickle and irresponsible". Sometimes the criticism is warranted, but those "lazy, fickle and irresponsible" youngsters probably grow up to be lazy and irresponsible adults who criticise the next generation. The majority of our youth are quite energetic, serious and responsible. After all, it is the youth who rush to protect our society in times of war, not the adults who criticise them.

One great example of responsible youth of the 1930s, Ernie May, recently passed away in Atherton, aged 85. Kuranda owes much to this youth of the 1930s. Alan Hudson recently wrote an article in The Cairns Post on Ernie May's exploits. A short précis of Ernie's work on the Kuranda Range road seems relevant for the Kuranda Paper.

Ernie May was just 16 years old when he drove the first dozer in the Cairns area to form the Kuranda Range road in 1939. Until this time the only road access to the Atherton Tableland from the coast was by the single-lane Gillies Range from Gordonvale to Yungaburra. This road was then known as the Cairns Range road.

In the 1930s the Queensland Government was reluctant to spend funds on opening up new roads like a range road through Kuranda. It owned and operated the railway system and discouraged any opposition from road transport. For many years the Government

rejected all entreaties to construct an alternative road to the Tablelands. However, in 1939 the Government changed its tune, and the decision was made to construct a road through to Kuranda from Cairns. It is possible that those who were perceptive enough to recognise the Japanese threat to Australia's security persuaded the Government of the necessity for defence roads in the area.



The Main Roads Department encouraged Ernie May's father to buy a dozer and take on the contract to form the range road. Even though Ernie had never even seen a dozer before this, he was appointed operator. He had to take a crash course before he could even shift the machine, but to his credit he soon became adept at operating the machine. Originally the road was to be single lane, but the job went so well that the engineer decided to construct it wide enough

to allow two-way traffic. The dozer, and its teenaged operator, proved so economical that the road was completed at double the planned width for well under the original cost. We owe much to this youth of the 1930s.

**Peter Ryle.**

[The Kuranda Paper welcomes Peter to our team of valued regular contributors. Peter and Lorraine are well known residents and have a long and abiding interest in the fascinating history of Cairns and Kuranda. We look forward to this series]

## A new era...



Ms. Kerry Brim and Ms. Diana Monaghan who, with the support of many organisations and businesses in Kuranda, have put in a combined submission to council for a Cultural and Educational Centre. If successful, the Centre will focus on an after school homework centre as well as arts, cultural and educational training for young and old, non-indigenous and indigenous people of Kuranda. Both Kerry and Diana hope that the vandalism at the school will cease, making it less expensive to open the Centre.



## ...for the old school house!

Most Kuranda residents should have received via mail a memorandum distributed by the Mereeba Shire Council giving notice of a meeting to be held on Monday, February 4, at the Kuranda QCWA Hall, at 4:30pm. to discuss possible uses of the old Kuranda State School buildings and grounds. Submissions from interested groups, individuals and organisations closed on Monday, January 28, however, this may be extended due to holiday disruptions. According to the memorandum, "it is not council's intention to have commercial activities on the site". Council also added in the accompanying letter "funding towards maintenance of the complex is essential to ensure that it goes

forward as a community facility into the future".

These old school buildings which hold precious memories for many Kuranda residents, are a valuable community resource with huge potential for educational and recreational activities. So if you have fond memories of the old school, or have your own vision of how our community might utilise this resource, get along to the meeting mentioned above, and let council know how we, the community, feel about it.

The old school has served us and our children well, so let's pass it on to our children's children's children... even better than it was.

# COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4881

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**Dear Joan,**

We missed the firm hand, the gofering, eagle eye and good humour you bring to the production of the Kuranda Paper. We tried to be good, in fact very, very good but found it very trying. We watched for air, and doubling up of advertising and all the other cock-ups which you generally pick up. Anyways Babycakes we all missed you.

Best wishes from the Production Team, Proof Readers and Paper Folders. Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes are with you and Robin at this time.

**From the production team**

PS: Get out your red pen - We're betting you can't find more than 5 errors!

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Jan Fowell, who was affectionately known as Janef to many of us, died suddenly at her home in Kowrowa on 17th December at age 60. While her name may not be so familiar to you, her art work probably will be. All the artwork in the Welcome to Kuranda booklet many of you have in your homes was meticulously done by Jan, with great attention to correct detail. She has also contributed to some of the headers of the Kuranda Paper. Jan was commissioned to do a series of Kuranda's old and heritage buildings, which are still on display at the Kuranda Library. Again, it was her attention to detail and the precision with which she put pen and paint to paper that makes this set a masterpiece. Jan was also a clever seamstress and silk screen printer.

She spent some years as a radio announcer with ABC Radio, which would not surprise anyone who knew her rich voice and clear diction.

Jan has given me great support with her office and artistic skills over many years and, in the good old days of community tree planting at Big Sands, it was Jan who brought us the urn of hot water for our tea break on those sweaty Saturday mornings.

I cherish her fascinating and beautiful works of art which adorn the walls of my home as well as her little silver terrier, which brings a welcome richness to my life. Thank you, Janef, sincere and loyal friend.

**Jax Bergersen, Pademelon Lane, Kuranda.**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Yet another committee? Indeed. How many committees are now advising on the needs of the Kuranda community? Wasn't it because Franz Schubert had to have committee involvement that he didn't get his 8<sup>th</sup> Symphony finished? This is no B Minor matter.

**Mollie Mitchell, Kuranda**

**Dear Kuranda paper**

What is the fervent rush for 'set in concrete' decisions by Mareeba Shire Council? They and we knew a long time ago that councils were amalgamating and when March 15<sup>th</sup> has been bandied around for while as a cut off date. Blind Freddie knew that petitions and publicity were a waste of time; the Queensland Govt had made up their mind this compulsory amalgamation would take place. All of a sudden property purchases are being made and public works undertaken and instant decisions are being made by MSC and being forced upon our community. What ever happened to reasonable public consultation and a satisfactory time in which to undertake that? Didn't anyone take into

account the Christmas and New Year period where all else stops or goes into limbo until the end of January? Most community organisations and businesses are only just back from this break and suddenly they are thrust into instant 'make your submissions immediately if not sooner' mode. Give us a break. Unfortunately we have to take it all seriously and in haste.

**Ruby Bradshaw, Speewah**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

A little late but my most sincere thanks to all the people (June Rees, Jax, Krishna & more) who kindly & skilfully appealed to Mareeba Council for my transfer of pensioner unit. Daughter Julie & sister Linda also wrote appeals on my behalf. Thank you so much!

**Rose Cairns**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

I have just learnt, via the ABC news, that the Federal Government intends paying for his family to travel to the United States to pick up Heath Ledger's body. Irrespective of the quality of Ledger's cinematic work, and I have no doubt that he ranks with the best of our generation, I think this is an inappropriate use of Federal funds.

A cynic might be excused for thinking it is nothing but a vote-grabbing exercise.

**Garth Owen, Kuran**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

The next tourist attraction coming to Kuranda? Another Grand Canyon? Hopefully, before we lose a local or even a tourist, major work needs be done to slow down erosion and prevent a cave in along Batreach Walk. Not only is the large drain coming in from the road eating away the banks but the tall guinea grass and general lack of care on this pathway does little to appeal to the many persons commencing the Jumrum Walk.

**Peter North Kuranda**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Looking out my back door in Jum Rum creek the other day I had a most uplifting experience, I beheld a Buff-Breasted Paradise Kingfisher, probably for the first and last time.

This spectacular bird, (image available on the internet,

"www.birdforum.net/opus/Image:Buff-breasted\_Paradise\_Kingfisher.jpg")

similar in some respects to the azure kingfisher, although a much larger bird, with bright orange breast, light azure wings and around the head, and a white stripe down it's back, sports a long white ribbon of a tail, - on mine at least 4 times longer than it's body. Apparently it's natural range from it's home in the forests of PNG is limited to Julatten, so whether this was just an adventurous one or Global warming has pushed them south or what I don't know but it certainly to me emphasises what a special place we live in and how important to stop further development in this area.

I would like to repeat the call for Jum Rum to be a wildlife corridor, as also several of my neighbours want, and I note that with the recent development upstream there is huge amounts of mud washing down every rain, I don't know what effect that will have on the platypi, I have never seen such an amount of mud, - covers all the rocks.

However, what ever the future may hold I did see the Buff Breasted Paradise Kingfisher.

Cheers.

Geoff Thomas, Mason's Rd.

**"\$%\$'ts Driving Me Insane!%5@"**

Thanks to some caring Residents too numerous to mention

To help our Village neighbours it was their main intention.

They met in Crypt and Caravan and in a Woodman's Cottage

Until persistence won the day helped by Leslie, Staff and Volies,

After fifteen years as Nomads KNC will no more roam. The Department of Communities has offered us a home

At 6 Rob Viewers Drive next to the Butterfly Farm It's renovated, neat and trim, bright colours add to its charm.

Now the KNC Committee gave me a simple task, When and who built this house, not very much to ask.

With my powers of detection I devised a plan of action But with absolutely no result, it's driving me to distraction.

According to the Records of the Department of Natural resources

John William Kelly used the land to feed his cows and horses.

Woothatica was the Council then, their Records kept in ink

But fire and water destroyed this all, we lost a vital link.

The Butterfly House was built, we think, in 1928, The House we hope to call our home built at a later date.

The Greens, then Millers and the Burns next occupied this plot.

In '61 Oliver Stiff sold house and land, the lot To the Bureau of Meteorology to house the Weather men,

The Souters and the Berrys, until 1981. I've consulted with the Elders, Middle-aged, female and male,

Been given lots of good advice but all to no avail. Does anybody out there know, I've asked and asked in vain.

When and who built this house. It's driving me insane. **Cate Lamont with Apologies to all Real Poets**

All articles to the Kuranda Video Shop at the BP Complex

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## FOREST FORUM by The Fossils

You probably received notice of the public meeting to be held 4.30pm on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the QWCA Hall to discuss potential uses of the old Primary School site. However did you know that nominations had been called for and are now closed for community representation on the proposed Kuranda Advisory Committee? Interesting this advice was not as widely circulated or given on the same notice of meeting.

The previous long-serving KAC representatives are to be commended for their unreserved and often unrecognised commitment to ensuring that Kuranda's development achieved some balance between commercial and residents' interests. However this may be set to change!

It would be somewhat idealistic to imagine that commercial and residents' interests necessarily coincide on all aspects of Village development. One has only to look at the previous Kuranda Town Plan and the striking failures to follow/implement many of its recommendations, particularly those relating to the preservation and enhancement of Kuranda's unique features. It will be interesting to note whether the new town plan, partly paid for by you and presently under development, will suffer the same neglect.

Well, who will represent Kuranda on the new KAC? It is proposed that this body is chaired by the State Member, Steve Wettenhall, with the Mayor, divisional councillor and one representative from KVPP, Chamber of Commerce, a tourist operator and a sole community representative.

While recognising that many residents wear two or more hats - business operator/resident, it would seem that the proposed KAC is dominated by commercial interests - business interests already represented by the Chamber of Commerce. A possible worst case scenario could be that every member of the proposed KAC has commercial interests in or connections to the tourist industry and no member may actually reside in Kuranda.

More disturbingly, the proposed committee to make recommendations on the Old Primary School site is again overrepresented by business and commercial interests despite this site being purchased and developed for resident/community needs. Again the same wheel-out of KVPP and Chamber of Commerce representatives on a development that has nothing to do with tourism/business and everything to do with community needs.

Pushing these scenarios

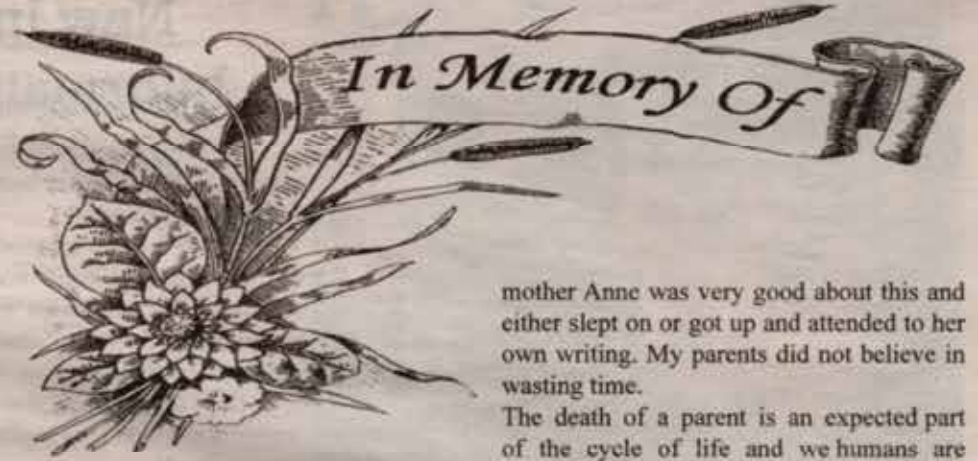
further and with no apparent selection guidelines available, is it possible that the "community representative" could also be a member of KVPP, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a tourist operator - giving rise to possible and serious conflicts of interest where the best interests of the town and its residents and not the individual's business interests are in contention.

It could well be asked whether KVPP and the Chamber of Commerce already have too much input into what and how development takes place in the Village. The proposed memberships of KAC and the Primary School site development really do little to open up decision making to residents and the wider community.

The tourist industry and its commercial spin-offs symbiotically entwine with the intrinsic natural beauties and charm of Kuranda and its environs. They cannot be separated. However, unlike businesses which come and go, the superstructure of Kuranda and its development intrinsically combine to present the visitor with the experience of "more than a village in the rainforest". Development will continue but balance must be achieved between the environment, residents' needs, sensibilities and aspirations for their town and the continued growth and development of its businesses.

With future possible scenarios deriving from downturn in economy, peak oil and global warming giving projections of reef degradation and long term tourist downturn, Kuranda must seek to retain and develop its own unique charms and character to continue to attract and hold its tourist visitors. This can only be achieved if KAC truly becomes representative of Kuranda - its residents and businesses with transparent, open and consultative processes marking its operations. Unfortunately, these processes seem somewhat lacking in the inception of the new KAC and do not bode well for open community access to recommendations that will affect the future of Kuranda. The whole process seems very much KAC handed!

Likewise the proposed membership of the Primary School site committee flies directly in the face of the stated aims of its purchase. Why the unseemly rush to closure? With the Mareeba Shire Council in caretaker mode and any decisions made having to receive ratification from the new Tablelands Council, are the powers that be and the movers and shakers concerned with their own retention of power? Surely both bodies need at the least, parity of business and resident representation.



### Ronald George Edwards

10,10,30 - 5,1,08

Ron had been ill for three years, fighting a strange and rare disease called Wegner's Granulo Matosis. For the last few months he had done less and less, and this last week was spent lying on a couch on the verandah of his Fairyland home, watching the dragonflies flitting across the waterlilies in the swimming pool. He died on Saturday night at the Cairns Base Hospital.

Hyperactive is the word that best describes my father. He was always up to something, and as a child probably drove his parents mad. Everyone who knew him will remember that if he wasn't busy with his hands he would be talking or thinking, and generally all three. Ron always had the alarm set for 4.30 and every morning would sit in bed drawing or writing, using a special desk he made out of a runaway supermarket trolley. This could be wheeled to the bed where he would sit drinking tea out of an old tin thermos while he sketched. My

mother Anne was very good about this and either slept on or got up and attended to her own writing. My parents did not believe in wasting time.

The death of a parent is an expected part of the cycle of life and we humans are programmed to accept this event, but now it has happened I feel bereft. The last few nights have been filled with dreams of my mother standing small and vulnerable in a dark empty space. After a lifetime of being a couple she finds herself having to carry on alone.

Ron achieved a fair amount of fame for the son of a teamster. He worked his way through art school in Melbourne and founded The Rams Skull Press then moved to North Queensland becoming an artist and writer of note. He received the Order of Australia Medal in 1992 for his documentation of Australian Folklore and Crafts, and received a Doctorate from Swinburne University in 2000. There is not the room to list everything he has done here, but believe me there is a lot!

We have been a fortunate family and my parents have enjoyed a good life, filled with friends, family and surrounded by a very supportive community. I would like to thank everybody who attended his funeral on Saturday - I think it was a successful send-off.

### Vale Jan

Jan Fowell, died 18,12,07.

My dear friend Jan died on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December. One minute she was sitting down with a glass of wine and a cigarette, then the next she was burning a hole in the couch. If her beloved sister Julie had not been there the house would probably have burnt down.

It all happened very fast in terms of a life lived; but for Jan it was a good death and I suspect it is the kind only handed out to really deserving people. Of course it was not so good for her stunned relatives who were not expecting to have to organize a funeral.

I still have a sense of disbelief that I won't meet her for coffee next Wednesday, won't be able to discuss the latest book we were reading, nor talk about the state of the nation. In fact the things we won't be able to do stretch before me like a succession of empty spaces.

It is no consolation to find I am left with many happy memories of all the kind things she did for me, because they are

no longer part of the progression of things that friends do throughout life. No longer will she organise a birthday picnic and make the cake, no longer can we collaborate on some art work or discuss her writing, no longer can we sit on her veranda drinking tea out of the old blue and white Chinese pot that she would constantly refill.

I remember the things we did and feel sad, because of course we never think to tell our friends how much we enjoy their company. Life would be very awkward if we constantly fretted that those close to us were going to die suddenly, (it's bad enough the kids learn to drive), so many ordinary things go unsaid because you can't fill the time with assurances of the pleasure a friend's company gives.

I just hope Jan knew how much we all valued her, how much we needed her in our lives and how much I enjoyed taking her for granted. I will miss her intelligence and her wicked sense of humour, and I'm a bit sad that she didn't get to read this eulogy before she died. Hopefully she knew that all her friends loved her. *Lee Edwards.*

### Kuranda Sports and Social Club - Meeting 19 January 2008

The meeting on 19 January was a success with 47 interested people attending. The participants received a brief on the Club background and financial matters. The generous donation made by the Kuranda RSL to waive a major debt was also discussed and appreciation was expressed for this initiative.

A brief vision for the future operation of the club based on attracting community and family participation for sporting and social events was given. New membership applications were taken.

General discussion explored a representative management committee acting as an umbrella organisation for community organisations to reduce the number of meetings

and to share recurrent costs. e.g. insurance, utilities rental. Hiring of the venue was also discussed.

Suggestions for the future use for the venue include: social bowls, social tennis, softball, baseball, archery and indoor games. Hosting for swimming, rowing and sailing if required. Emphasis is on family membership and having a good time.

Club facilities include: upstairs a commercial kitchen, a dining and separate entertainment area, bar, cold room and toilets. Downstairs, two eight ball tables, a darts area, a bar, cold room, showers and toilets. There is a sports oval, softball nets, a tennis court and car parking facilities adjacent to club.

We have started simple Friday BBQs and indoor games nights, starting about 6pm - board

games, table tennis, darts, 8 ball, carpet bowls, mahjong and if the weather is fine barefoot lawn bowls. Come along meet people and enjoy yourselves. Bring your own drinks and darts. **Ring 40 939583, (Lorraine)-- or 40 939438 for further information. For Venue hire ring 40 937511 (Arch) or 40939583 Brian).**

Applications for membership can be obtained from the Video shop or the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. Guidelines for the use of the facilities will be decided by membership and formalized by the new committee.

**There will be a special general meeting at 4pm on 9 February 2008** to elect a representative management committee. All interested members of the community are invited to attend



## New Image For Information Centre

A big thank you to the loyal and enthusiastic volunteers for another busy year at the Kuranda Information Centre.

We had an interesting year in the Information Centre with the train not running for a couple of months, Skyrail under maintenance, and then the centre was renovated which caused a fair bit of chaos in the first half of the year. Then unfortunately a break-in at the Centre which also set us back a bit. The clock broke down and was replaced. And broke down. And was replaced.

We are still hoping to have the outside of

## New Tourism Report Released Next Month

The new study and report into tourism in Kuranda will be released next month. Conducted by noted researchers and analysts Le Page and Associates, the report into tourism activities, infrastructure, attractions, accommodation, marketing and future potential of Kuranda is expected to gauge current response to market demand and many other aspects of the economy in the Far North's largest village attraction.

"There have been many changes in most aspects of tourism in and around Kuranda since the first Le Page Report which was concluded a decade ago. Just as the initial report paved the way for Kuranda to become more successfully involved in domestic and international tourism, it is timely that this soon to be released report be conducted so that future strategies and actions can be prioritised," Fr Wright said.

He said that it was expected that all aspects of tourism in Kuranda will be covered in the 2008 Le Page Report.

"Following the initial report, particular activities targeting market positioning, strategies and activities have been developed and successfully adopted to now have Kuranda retain its place as one of the most visited destinations for visitors to the Far North," Fr Wright said.

## Lighten Up to a Healthier Lifestyle

Do you want to be more active, enjoy healthy food, cope with stress and manage your weight? If your answer is yes to any of these questions then Lighten Up is for you!

In a fun and interactive course, you can learn about nutrition and exercise and how to incorporate these into your daily living.

You will learn how to:

- Prepare and enjoy healthy food
- Discover enjoyable ways to be physically active
- Overcome problems and set goals
- Feel better about yourself
- Develop a support network to help sustain your new habits

Lighten Up courses start February 11th from 10am to 12 noon at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

With six weekly Monday sessions, free copy of the book "Lighten Up - to a Healthy Lifestyle", a Supermarket Sleuth tour and a healthy morning tea, the course gives lifelong value at \$30.

To find out more or to enroll, please contact Allson Story or Peta Donnelly at Kuranda Community Health on 4093 7590.

the centre and toilet block painted and have fingers crossed that the playground will be installed before the next school holidays. Or the school holidays after that. At least by Christmas then.

We welcomed some new fantastic volunteers who didn't take long to become part of our team. We are always looking for more volunteers to help back up our team, so if you are interested in joining us for 3 hours a week, fortnight or month, we'd love to see you. It's great fun and an excellent way to make new friends and share your knowledge of Kuranda and the region with visitors to the village.

And finally - a special thank you to Beverley Adamson who designed and printed our new uniform in her very rare spare time!!!! Looking forward to another great year!

## QiTE Kuranda Certificate graduates

Kuranda QiTE participants enrolled in the Certificate II in Community Services Work (CHC20202) Course have been presented with their completion certificates at a function at Kuranda Veranda Restaurant and Bar on Thursday, November 22. Nine of the 10 participants and their families attended to receive their certificates at the event.

The training started at Kuranda QiTE in February and provided participants with a range of employment opportunities in and around the Kuranda community.

"Participants did not necessarily have to be registered with QiTE to access our professional training programmes," QiTE CEO Katrina Spies said. "Two of the ladies have already commenced employment in the local area. The other participants have similar skills and also seek employment opportunities, so any employers seeking staff should contact Kuranda QiTE as soon as possible."

Ms Spies also said that "QiTE's Training Services provide a wide range of training courses that are accessible to local communities. Participants in the Kuranda Community Services Course have undertaken the training in order to have qualifications for more job opportunities. Our participants have shown that they want to learn more and reach goals including training and completion in courses that could lead them to employment in various positions."

QiTE Training Services co-ordinator, Natasha Taylor, said "Participants also improve their self esteem and sense of achievement once they have completed the QiTE training courses which offer a whole range of personal and community benefits. As one of the largest training entities on the Tablelands, QiTE works closely with business operators and industry across the region to develop training programs to suit specific needs. Our industry specific courses can be arranged to take place at our premises, or on the premises of local business. Enterprise operators who wish to further develop their staff's skills should arrange training courses by phoning (07) 4092 9795."



Shown at the QiTE Kuranda graduation are: (back row, from left) Maria Richards, Leandra Cannon, Vivienne Donahue, Jakki Bird (QiTE tutor) (front row, from left) Noela Donahue, Norelle Cannon, Esther Williams, Lynette Deshong, Sheila Brim & Andrea Donahue. Absent is Sherralene Creed.

## OLD KURANDA SCHOOL SITE

A public meeting will be held at the QCWA Hall at Kuranda commencing at 4.30pm Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008 to consider the possible use of the old Kuranda School site.

It is extremely important that the plan for the use of the site be put in place by the current Mareeba Shire Council with community input, to recommend the plan to the Tableland Regional Council which will take over after 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

Community submissions on the use of the site closed on 28<sup>th</sup> January and an advisory committee of seven (7) will be appointed to access the submissions. The committee will meet only once, as soon as possible after the public meeting, to make recommendations to Council for its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008.



## Congratulations

to Kyli McCorry, B. Sc., B. Com.  
 Graduated  
 University of Queensland, St. Lucia  
 December 2007  
 Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of  
 Commerce  
 From Mum and Family

**CD REVIEW: "ELEMENTS"**

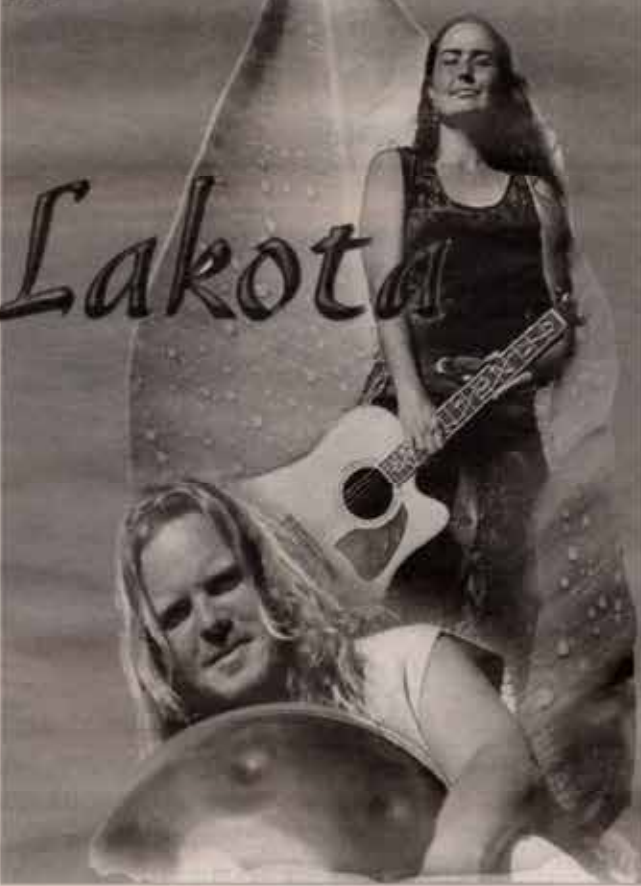
- Lakota

This is a nice cruise.... each of the seven tracks drifts along for about 10 minutes or so, putting down a simple rhythm and just rolling it over and over. A beautiful range of instruments: Daz Hart on hang drum, native American flute and cajon with Rachel Shields, sometime Kuranda resident, doing sweet vocals, acoustic guitar, jews harp and snare drum. A whole range of interesting percussion instruments fill the groove and Jess McCann adds some nice violin.

It was recorded and mixed in Cairns. Those who've seen Lakota perform at the Green Ant or around Cairns will know what to expect; Rachel's haunting vocals and the flowing hypnotic feel of the lazy tribal groove. Very easy to listen to and nice background for anything that you might want to cruise into for an hour or so.

The album is nicely produced and Rachel's cover art does it full justice. Easy meditative and, if you get into it, some really nice percussion. So, if it sounds like your thing and you want to support local music then check it out.

www.myspace.com/lakotarythms  
Enjoy  
Rob



**CHANGES TO TABLELAND BUS SERVICE**

Whitecars Bus Service, operating from Cairns to Atherton since 1926, "switched off the engines" on this route at the end of 2007. Increased financial costs and Government red tape have been cited as contributing factors for the closure. Whitecars served Kuranda well over the years.

Due to concerns of the travelling public, Trans North has been requested by Queensland Transport to continue with the operation of this service for as yet an undetermined time.

However, it is expected the period to be approximately three months. Trans North will continue to take passengers to the Cairns Airport, Trinity Wharf and hospitals and doctor surgeries in Cairns on request.

Trans North and Queensland Transport have entered an agreement to ensure continuation of vital passenger services and the State Government will now subsidise the service. A firm timetable is yet to be set.

**TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE**

Confirmation received on official commencement of new Council and election preparations.

Information from the State Government presented to the Tablelands Regional Council Local Transition Committee (LTC) at its meeting on Friday 7 December confirms their commitment to have a new amalgamated Council operational in 2008.

"The Local Government Minister Warren Pitt has advised that the Councils of Atherton, Eacham, Herberton and Mareeba will officially close on midnight 14 March 2008. This is also the time the Tablelands Regional Council will commence and the Interim Chief Executive Officer Ian Church will officially become the Acting CEO of the new Council," said Committee Chair, Cr Ray Byrnes.

Cr Ray Byrnes encouraged potential candidates to become informed of the scope of the Tablelands Regional Council and let the public know of their interest in representation as early as possible.

Under the Local Government (Internal Boundaries) Regulation 2007, Internal Divisional Boundary Maps have now also been confirmed and are available on the Tablelands Regional Council Local Transition Committee website at [www.tablelandsltc.qld.gov.au](http://www.tablelandsltc.qld.gov.au).

"The Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) has announced that the 2008 Quadrennial Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday 15 March, with the electoral roll closing on Thursday 31 January 2008. Candidate nominations will close at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 19 February 2008," added Cr Byrnes.

Information for prospective candidates and voters will be available on the ECQ website at [www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au). During the election period, the Commission will also be operating a Call Centre to assist with queries - phone 1300 881 665.

In a report by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, the Tablelands Regional Council has been classed as a category 5 Council, with the following range of remuneration recommended: Mayor \$101,250 to \$120,230

Deputy Mayor \$69,610 to \$85,430  
Councillors \$60,120 to \$75,940

The LTC and Interim CEO are on track to provide a progress report on the amalgamation of the Tablelands Councils to the Director General by the end of this month, with extensive work achieved so far on ensuring minimal disruption to services for residents during the amalgamation process.

"A dedicated project team is working with staff of all four Shires to identify transition issues and how the new Council can achieve operational capability by March," said Interim CEO Ian Church.

"The commitment of staff to work collaboratively to achieve the best service levels and outcomes for our communities has been highlighted during recent workshops on how the new organisation will function," added Mr Church.

So far three Directors have been appointed as part of the new Organizational Structure endorsed by the LTC from existing Council managers.

The LTC are recommending that each Council contribute towards the purchase of microwave infrastructure to enable network connectivity between existing Council facilities so that the Tablelands Regional Council can operate as a decentralized organization for an initial period.

"The connectivity is essential to enable the new Council to operate one common business system and ensure appropriate communications between staff," stated Mr Church.

**Updates now available on website**

Updated Divisional Maps for the Tablelands Regional Council which will replace the Shires of Atherton, Eacham, Herberton and Mareeba following the 15 March elections are now available on the Local Transition Committee (LTC) website at [www.tablelandsltc.qld.gov.au](http://www.tablelandsltc.qld.gov.au) and at Council offices.

Produced by the Atherton Tableland Geographical Information Services (ATGIS), the eight Divisional Maps include road networks.

"With interest being shown from potential candidates, useful information is also available on the website for people interested in running for a position in the new Local Government," said LTC Chairperson

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# JENNY TO STAND FOR COUNCIL



Jenny Jensen announced her intention to stand for election to the new Tablelands Regional Council. A resident of Kuranda for 10 years, Jenny is well known within the local community, having spent 5 years as the first Principal at Kuranda High School. Jenny is intent on ensuring that Kuranda and Division 8 have a strong voice on the new Council and says she will bring a balanced approach to local government decision making.

The new regional council will certainly bring many challenges and lots of hard work, but Jenny says she would love the opportunity to represent Division 8 and be a part of shaping the new strategic directions

for the Tablelands Council, balancing both local and regional issues. She is also looking forward to working with groups and individuals to have their need listened to and understood by council. As an experienced administrator, Jenny is well known for her practical approach and her ability to get on with the job and get things done.

Commenting on her plans, Jenny said " I want to make sure that we look after the lifestyle and environment that makes our area so unique. We are an incredibly diverse community and I intend to do my best to represent all groups. We need to find the best balance between different interest groups within our community and to look at what is best for Kuranda and the region. Certainly I will be making sure that the interests of the Kuranda area are well represented on the new Council." Jenny has issued an invitation to any local community organisations to contact her to discuss their particular needs and interests. The Tablelands Regional Council will have 8 Divisions which includes Kuranda, Myola, Speewah, Koah and part of Mareeba. Elections will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Authorised by Jenny Jensen, Kuranda

# Mark Freeman Division 8 Candidate



**I offer a common sense and hard working representation giving us a strong voice in the new Tablelands Council**

Authorised by M Freeman, 10 Morong St Kuranda

## WHY I'M RUNNING FOR COUNCIL

### The Opportunity for Change

Recent changes to local government present opportunities for positive change in Kuranda and the surrounding area.

For years, Kuranda has had no Councilor on Mareeba Shire Council. Not surprisingly, there weren't many complaints from our area when the Queensland Government decided to amalgamate Mareeba into a new Tablelands Regional Council.

The greater Kuranda area (including some parts of eastern Mareeba) is now one ward - Division 8 - within the new Tablelands Regional Council. Division 8 will elect one Councilor to represent its interests on the new Council.

There's also an election for Mayor of the entire Tablelands Regional Council. These elections are on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2008.

### Why I'm Standing

I'm standing for the position of Councilor in the Kuranda Area. This is a unique community and a very special part of Australia. I want it to have the best possible representation.

At the core of my policies is better consultation. Everyone in the Division should feel they have a Councilor who listens, keeps the electorate informed and works hard to promote the common good. I intend to use the Internet to help keep constituents in touch with Council

activities. I also propose setting up a new, consultative forum, open to all interested people in the electorate, to review upcoming Tablelands Regional Council decisions, advise Kuranda's new Councilor and develop strategies for this area.

This means that if I get elected, YOU can have ongoing input into Council decision-making - if you want it!

If you're too busy to be involved, at least you'd know that important decisions are open to review by interested members of this local community.

Please visit my campaign website at [www.betterkuranda.com](http://www.betterkuranda.com) for more about this proposal and other ideas for Kuranda's future. Syd Walker

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## Syd Walker

Tablelands Council Elections  
on March 15th 2008

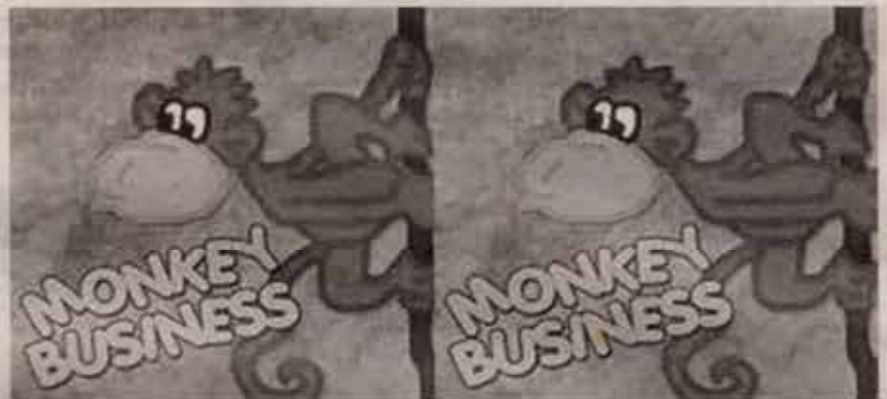
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Are you Australian? Do you live in this area? If so, you're ENTITLED to vote in the forthcoming Local Government elections. Make sure that YOU CAN VOTE! Be sure YOU are on the electoral roll! The cut-off date for NEW enrolments to vote in the Council elections is JAN 31st! Forms are available at Post Offices - or call the Queensland Electoral Commission on 1300 881 865

Written and authorised by A Walker, 265 Jeffrey Rd, Kuranda 4881



## Who's the Monkey?

Once upon a time in a village, a man appeared and announced to the villagers that he would buy monkeys for \$10 each. The villagers seeing that there were many monkeys around, went out to the forest, and started catching them. The man bought thousands at \$10 and as supply started to diminish, the villagers stopped their effort. He further announced that he would now buy at \$20. This renewed the efforts of the villagers and they started catching monkeys again.

Soon the supply diminished even further and people started going back to their farms. The offer increased to \$30 each and the supply of monkeys became so little that it was an effort to even see a monkey, let alone catch it!

The man now announced that he would buy monkeys at \$50 ! However, since he had to go to the city on some business, his assistant would now buy on behalf of him.

In the absence of the man, the assistant told the villagers. 'Look at all these monkeys in the big cage that the man has bought and collected. I will sell them to you at \$35 and when the man returns from the city, you can sell them to him for \$50 each.'

The villagers rounded up with all their savings and bought all the monkeys. Then they never saw the man nor his assistant, only monkeys everywhere!

Now you have a better understanding of how the stock market works.

## Garden Jottings by Alectura



February should see the rains and the wise gardener will have fertilized and mulched, made sure of adequate drainage and secured against possible damage from water run-off. It is the time to prepare for cyclone activity with removal of trees and dead palm fronds posing possible damage and any other material likely to become airborne in strong winds. Now is the time to check ponds and other receptacles providing breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Also advised is a torchlight sweep of the garden for Cane toads which, if you are a frog breeder, can make damaging inroads into your frog population. Remember that the cane toad lays its eggs in rafts rather than a frothy mass and its young have pointed heads and rounded tails whereas most frog tadpoles are characterized by rounded heads and pointed tails.

**Plant of the Month: Cordyline** (*Agavaceae* formerly *Liliaceae*) – the great tropical standby along with Crotons to introduce colour and verve to your ornamental garden. The word Cordyline comes from the Greek 'kordyle' meaning a club, referring to the club-like roots of some species.

Widely distributed with at least 15 species, from Hawaii through New Zealand, east coast of Australia, Indonesia to India, this large family and its many exciting hybrids gives a great choice in colour, leaf forms and textural punctuation. Of the easiest cultivation, forms are suitable for full-sun to dappled shade and a little homework before purchase will provide the best choice for situation. Easily grown from top cutting or from mature wood laid horizontally, the old adage applicable to both cordyline and croton striking holds: Take cuts when you put away the doona and stop when you replace.

While remarkably hardy once established, cordylines respond well to regular watering and feeding. Eight species occur naturally in Australia. These are *C. cannifolia*, *C. congesta* - listed as rare, *C. fruticosa*, *C. manners-suttoniae*, *C. murchisoniae*, *C. petiolaris*, *C. rubra* and *C. stricta*. Although these are mainly all green foliaged plants, some highly prized variegated forms have been found.

**Q. & A. Dear Graham,** The purple flowering "ginger" is *Dichorisandra thyrsiflora*, not strictly a "ginger" but belonging to the vast family *Commelinaceae*. Easily grown in most situations although preferring afternoon shade, *Dischordia* is very amenable to pot cultivation. Readily stuck from

cutting, it prefers semi shade, adequate moisture and good feeding to produce multiple canes and good flowering. There is another species sometimes available *D. regina* with pronounced and striking markings on the juvenile growth, with mature leaves showing a very faint silver spotting. Flowering is the same. Another harder to obtain "blue ginger" is *D. pendula*, possibly not as vigorous, with a pendant flower spike in a rather washed-out blue.

**Dear Lottie,** Thank you for your letter. Securing of freshly cut banks requires thought and careful planting to avoid soil erosion and slippage. Hopefully the batter or angle of slope is not too steep and you might wish to consider one of the newer spray-on mulch covers in which to plant. I would advise heavy mulching held with temporary wire netting to cover and secure the raw earth until planting is established. Depending on aspect, banks with their usually good drainage can provide excellent spots for cultivation of many native shrubs and ground covers. Don't be too much of a purist in initial planting, using quick growing and easily propagated material which can be removed selectively when the bank is secured. Also think of maintenance. While many heliconias will do well on the slope, they will require regular cleanups and possible risk of accident when working the slope. Grassing the bank is also problematical in terms of its maintenance.

**Dear Ilse,** Anthuriums are easily propagated from seed and while initially slow growing give an excellent opportunity to increase stock. When seed is ripe, usually characterised by change from green to colour and lower fruit come away to touch, remove seed from fruit and plant on sphagnum moss as soon as possible. Keep moist and in shaded position and you should see germination in 14 - 30 days. Prick out when reaching 3 leaf stage into individual pots and grown on, moving along with fortnightly ½ strength liquid fertiliser. Remember that Anthuriums are essentially epiphytic so require very open and well drained medium.

Gardenia cuts up to 40cm of mature wood may be taken now and planted directly in ground. Strike is remarkably good.

Alectura

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



### Interested in gardening?

Find out more from local experts! All are welcome.

Come along to

## KURANDA and DISTRICT GARDEN GROUP

2 pm Saturday 9 February

Talk on Cycads

Kuranda Bowls Club Fallon Road

We are breaking new ground again this month by having a talk. We have arranged for Bev Valentine of the Cairns Garden Club to give us an illustrated talk about Cycads. Cycads are a fascinating group of plants that have changed little since the time of the dinosaurs. Bev has some wonderful pictures she has shown to the Cairns Garden Club. Come and enjoy her talk! Please bring a plant or cuttings to swap, and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Phone David or Graham 4093 9492



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495mm

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Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) has government funding to help businesses in the Gulf Savannah and Tablelands to pass over to the next generation. Our funding can be used to help you and your family develop a succession plan, at minimal cost. We have qualified succession planning facilitators available to help you. Normally this professional succession planning process can be expensive, so take advantage of this opportunity while it is available. Only a limited number of businesses can be supported in the Tablelands and the offer is only open until 30 June 2008. The first businesses to register and confirm a time for a meeting with a facilitator will be eligible.

Please contact GSD for more information on Freecall 1800 630 119 or [info@gulf-savannah.com.au](mailto:info@gulf-savannah.com.au)

This is an Australian Government funded initiative under the Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business program.

# the Arts page



## KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

### Why is 'Art Process' Important

At many venues in the region during December, playgroups, childcare centres and primary schools displayed the end of year artworks of their little ones. At the Novatel Daycare, Palm Cove exhibition, an accompanying explanation sheet was provided to parents and grandparents to assist with understanding the Art Process of the displayed works created by their very young artists.

"Young children do art for the experience, the exploration, and the experimentation. In the 'process' of doing art, they discover creativity, mystery, joy and frustration which are all important pieces in the puzzle of learning. Whatever the resulting masterpiece - be it a bright sticky glob or a gallery worth piece - it is only a result to a young child, not the reason for doing art in the first place.

Art Process allows children to explore, discover, and manipulate their worlds. Sometimes the process is sensory, such as feeling slippery, cool paint on bare fingers. Other times it is a mystery of colours blending unexpectedly or the surprise of seeing a realistic picture evolve from a random blob of paint."

The experimentation and learning process continues throughout the life of an artist. It is not exclusive to the very young. New products and new techniques require our artists to keep abreast of the conceptual possibilities of their selected art mediums, and many artists continue to attend hands-on workshops of varying kinds for most of their working life. Working with a group will stimulate, exercise and feed the creative impulses. However, the passion for art and an ability to work independently are also important, as is the desire to develop your own ideas, experience and relationship with contemporary art and craft.

### Get well Lisa

The Arts Co-operative wishes a full and speedy recovery to one of our members, Lisa Edwards, currently recuperating with 5 fractured ribs, and a fractured collarbone and ankle after a tree fell on her just before Christmas. Lisa was extremely lucky to have her brave and resourceful grandson near at the time who rang the ambulance for her. All the very best Lisa.

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



R.J.P. Jan Fowell

The Arts Co-op members were very sad to lose one of their longest and active members. Artist Jan Fowell died in Kuranda unexpectedly just before Christmas.

Jan was born and educated in Sydney. She travelled extensively in Europe and Africa for seven years before settling in Kuranda in 1983. Jan attended Cairns TAFE College for 3 years undertaking courses in introductory art and design, printmaking and fine arts.

Jan last exhibited with Arts Co-operative group at the Cairns Regional Gallery in 2005. In that 'Growth' exhibition Jan featured a 3 metre beautiful, elongated wall scroll on a pine batten. It was entitled 'Wallerdown' and was a patchwork 'fall' of silk fabrics and handmade rice and abaca papers, with her highly regarded hand and machine stitching techniques and transfer prints.

Jan was also extremely artistic with the written word. Her letters, poetry and short stories were regular features in the Kuranda paper. Jan loved the verdancy and rich diversity of the tropical rainforest and she was very much influenced by these factors in her artwork and her daily life. Jan expressed publicly her concerns for the future of this unique and fragile Wet Tropics region.

Jan will be long remembered by the Kuranda community for the Mareeba Shire Council's permanent collection of her framed pen and ink drawings of Kuranda's historical buildings currently hanging in the Kuranda Library. This collection is a very befitting legacy of Jan's fine draughtsmanship and art integrity.

The Kuranda Arts Co-operative members extend their deepest sympathy to Jan's family and friends.

## Letting Go

That wind approaches  
that ruffles and tugs with destiny -  
to struggle or let go?  
And yet is seductive at the same time,  
teasing and plying  
like a dead grandmother's arms  
willing you back into the heart of her dreams.  
Hmmm. It ruffles and teases.  
And while at first you're confident  
in your steadfastness, gradually  
the breeze seduces and weakens you,  
until that first hint of uneasiness,  
disfirmness, looseness  
suggests your hold is not assured;  
perhaps your time is suddenly  
stretched and bonded  
to a perceptible breaking point -  
nearer than you know -  
so that fear plays with the senses  
and your eyes look for malice  
in the wind that was the breeze  
that you thought had come to soothe you.  
But before fear can swamp  
your wonder or emotions,  
you let go.  
and float away.  
And so you go...on a breath of wind,  
on a breath of seduction  
and strangely, relief...

To have beaten fear and to have been chosen at all  
**Tony Johnson (June wed. 6<sup>th</sup> 2007)**



## Mondays come like a shy Friday

Mondays come like a shy Friday  
kissing the week on a tentative hand,  
opening up for free time and the galaxy  
of dreams, like where to now dear man.

So I will smile and bless those  
who wished me well, or saw my journey  
for a glimpse of what it had become,  
saw me again as a boy on the prophet's knee.

For light goes the week, and carries  
us through the adventures and dreams  
that build to whom we are to become  
and seek, nay ease, into what we seem.

My Mondays and Fridays have blended now  
and drawn in the week so time is no longer  
a journey, but a gift that opens new options  
to deny pain, feed on dreams, make love linger.

**Tony Johnson (May 07)**



## Rain

I like the rain  
Heavy or small  
It smells of heaven  
And breathes comfort  
In its role as an elixir  
Nurturer of life  
Sustainer of hope;  
Yes, I like rain  
For its rhythm  
For its soaking cleansing  
Deliverance from pain,  
For its humming and patter  
For its incessant refrain  
**Tony Johnston Sept. 2007**

The Barron River in flood, March '06  
photography by seren starlight



## Rain

Rain is nature's music  
And Gods lament,  
Just as an involuntary fear  
Is one's wish to repent  
**Tony Johnston (TJ) Sept. 2007**



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## FOCUS THEATRE NEWS

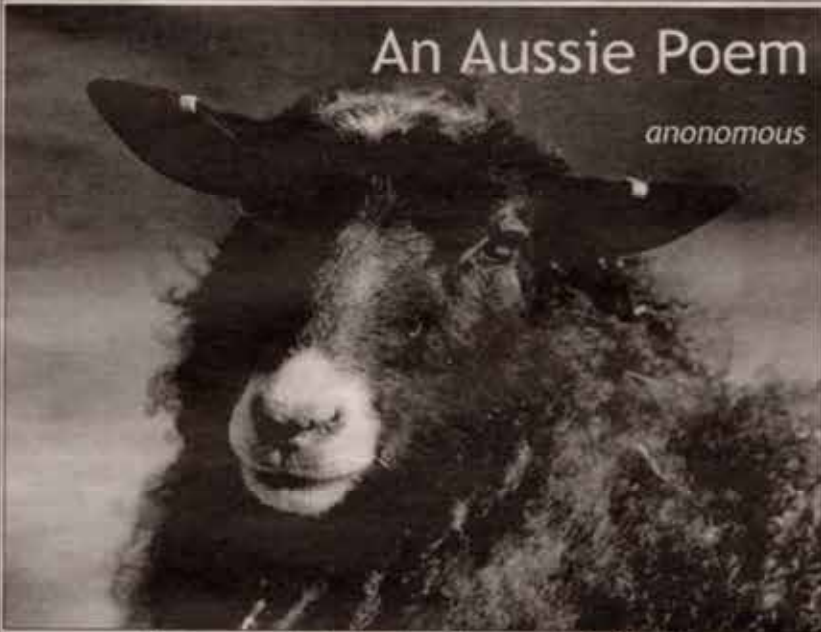
We hope one and all had a great Christmas and are having a happy start to the New Year of 2008. Focus Theatre has had a long break and we are now ready to start up with a vengeance. Our first night for 2008 will be on **Wednesday 6th February, 7pm-9pm.** at the **Amphitheatre Understage.**



Anyone interested in theatre most welcome. We look forward to a vibrant and active year. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Hours in Theatre, Diana*

### An Aussie Poem

anonymous



The sun was hot already - it was only 8 o'clock  
 The cocky took off in his Ute, to go and check his stock.  
 He drove around the paddocks checking wethers, ewes and lambs,  
 The float valves in the water troughs, the windmills on the dams.

He stopped and turned a windmill on to fill a water tank  
 And saw a ewe down in the dam, a few yards from the bank.  
 "Typical bloody sheep," he thought, "they've got no common sense,  
 They won't go through a gateway but they'll jump a bloody fence."

The ewe was stuck down in the mud, he knew without a doubt  
 She'd stay there 'til she carked it if he didn't get her out.  
 But when he reached the water's edge, the startled ewe broke free  
 And in her haste to get away, began a swimming spree.  
 He reckoned once her fleece was wet, the weight would drag her down  
 If he didn't rescue her, the stupid sod would drown.  
 Her style was unimpressive, her survival chances slim  
 He saw no other option, he would have to take a swim.

He peeled his shirt and singlet off, his trousers, boots and socks  
 And as he couldn't stand wet clothes, he also shed his jocks.  
 He jumped into the water and away that cocky swam  
 He caught up with her, somewhere near the middle of the dam

The ewe was quite evasive, she kept giving him the slip  
 He tried to grab her sodden fleece but couldn't get a grip.  
 At last he got her to the bank and stopped to catch his breath  
 She showed him little gratitude for saving her from death.

She took off like a Bondi tram around the other side  
 He swore next time he caught that ewe he'd hang her bloody hide.  
 Then round and round the dam they ran, although he felt quite puffed  
 He still thought he could run her down, she must be nearly stuffed.

The local stock rep came along, to pay a call that day.  
 He knew this bloke was on his own, his wife had gone away  
 He didn't really think he'd get fresh scones for morning tea  
 But nor was he prepared for what he was about to see.

He rubbed his eyes in disbelief at what came into view  
 For running down the catchment came this frantic-looking ewe.  
 And on her heels in hot pursuit and wearing not a stitch  
 The farmer yelling wildly "Come back here, you lousy bitch!"

The stock rep didn't hang around, he took off in his car  
 The cocky's reputation has been damaged near and far  
 So bear in mind the Work Safe rule when next you check your flocks  
 Spot the hazard, assess the risk, and always wear your jocks!



The dragon and the butterfly  
 dance in unison from the heart  
 of their beings  
 The dragon softens the flames  
 and breaths a gentle warmth  
 Allowing the butterfly's caress  
 to carry his fire.

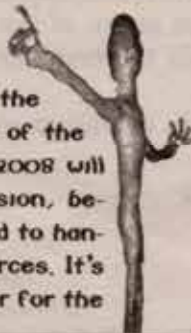
*Rachel Shields 6.*

Dragon and the Butterfly

*Rachel Shields 6.*

## ALL IS ART

Well I hope you all had as much excitement over the holiday period as I did. Welcome to 2008, the year of the rat. For those wishing to survive into the future, 2008 will be a year of reconciliation, forgiveness, compassion, because without those attributes, we will be ill equipped to handle the times ahead as we start to run out of resources. It's time to stop beating each other up and come together for the common good. Have a wonderful 2008, seren.



# Mind, Body & Spirit



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## 2008 – THE VIEW FROM THE STARS

Let's cast a birthchart for the starting point of 2008: on the international date line; at the equator on the stroke of midnight 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008. It's a very exciting birthchart. On three of the 'angles' or powerpoints of the chart we have planets sitting: the moon on the ascendant; Mars on the midheaven and the sun on the Nadir. Immediately we can see that this is no ordinary year. An exact three quarter moon sitting right on the Libran ascent at the centre of the world. This speaks strongly of balance. Feeling the need to create balance on and with the earth; with each other and within ourselves.

The sun sits right on the deepest foundation point of the chart in Capricorn, indicating the emerging of a vital force to lay strong foundations, bring order and look to the future with a patient, long term perspective. And Mars, culminating at the high point of the chart right on the 0 degree Cancer point, exactly opposite Pluto and Jupiter. Mars culminating is always a winner, Pluto and Jupiter drive very hard and the Cancer points represents tribe, community, family and all that nourishes, nurtures and protects. The star, Murzam, sits right on the midheaven. Tradition has it that this meaning of Murzam is "carrying a message" so, what's the message of the chart? Well, astrologically Mercury

is the messenger (and the magician!) and Mercury is conjunct the Sun and part of an aspect pattern called a "mystic rectangle" involving for planets and the midheaven. When you draw this pattern onto the chart it looks like the back of a sealed envelope. "And the winner is....." Before we open the envelope let's go back to Mercury. Both Mercury and the Sun are aligned with the beautiful star Vega, brightest star in the constellation Lyra, the Lyre, (would probably be called the guitar if we were naming constellations these days). Vega represents music, charisma, the muse, magical spellbinding and bringing heaven to earth. With Libra rising the chart is ruled by Venus, the goddess of love and beauty and the Moon, all things sensitive, maternal and nurturing is sitting right on this eastern horizon, or ascendant. A beautiful 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Moon: reflection, reconstructing and preparing for the next cycle.

So, let's open the envelope: Congratulations planet earth you are the winner! The muse has returned. Music and magic ride the airwaves. We are gently dismantling the old outworn structures and laying the foundations for a balanced, nourishing relationship with each other and with planet earth. This will be a Mother of a year.

February brings the next eclipse season and eclipse of the Sun on 7<sup>th</sup> February at 1.56pm local time although not visible in our part of the world, and an eclipse of the Moon on 21<sup>st</sup> February at 1.30pm local time. Again, not visible here because it's daytime! Those sensitive to subtle electromagnetic fluctuations may feel the eclipse energy at those times. Solar eclipse in Aquarius; lunar eclipse in Virgo; effects felt over the next 6 months.

Predictions? Look for scientific, techno breakthroughs in health and healing professions and some pretty exciting discoveries in deep space. On a personal level, purification, emotional healing and an elevation of vibration and consciousness, and, yes, weird things will continue to happen with your electrical and electronic gear. So it goes.....  
Rob Hart

## HEALTH AND BEAUTY HINTS

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Applied to the skin the Essential oils have a great influence in regulating the activity of the capillaries and restoring vitality to the tissue. Their influence on the psychic and mental states are also very important.

During the First World War a distinguished chemist R.H. Gatefosse made a lot of experiments on soldiers and found out that through the skin it was possible to get these oils to the extra cellular liquids which in their turn carried them to the blood and lymph then to the organs. This process takes 3 – 6 hours in a healthy individual, 6 – 12 otherwise.

Having burnt his hand during experimentation in his laboratory Gatefosse plunged it into a container of lavender essence, in a few hours the burns had disappeared.

The essential oils help tissues to repair quickly, in his book "Aromatherapeutic" Doctor Jean Valnet tells the story of a young patient of his whose neck was very scarred following an application of a very hot poultice when a child. After using the essential oils in compresses the scarring was so much improved as to be hardly noticeable.

In cosmetology the essential oil preparations are mixed with vegetable oil (hazelnut oil, avocado, and pear oil for example). They act on the different organs which can be responsible for the skin condition. Dermatitis, eczema, acne, diffused redness are treated with aromatic compositions (a cutaneous lesion is the result after all of an organic deficiency).

They act as regulators in ageing skins, tired tissues, vary dry and dehydrated skins, oedematic conditions, The skin is the greatest organ of the body, and to allow the essential oils to penetrate well it must be in good condition, More of how to achieve a good skin condition in next month's issue.

**Valarie Birchall, Aesthetician**

## Satori – Col Jeanes

God granted us free will, a one hundred per cent choice in thinking, planning and doing what we have done up to now. This makes us individual, so that we do not all think exactly alike. Some people have chosen to disbelieve in God, but by now, most of the world believes in a God of some sort. God evolved from the nuclei of atoms in space dust that came together to form the first planet, sun and supernova. The energy of the atoms became one as "God" and he became a super consciousness of divine creative power possibly at the point of reaching the frequency of light needed to cause him to expand and explode in all directions in space.

From the elements which all contain the atom or God component, God then could expand further to simultaneously, as an extension of himself, become and create the heavens, spiritual realms and cosmic multi-universes, galaxies and planets. Then he created the life forms from low frequency to high, leaving man kind till last. In this way, all life forms can not cease to live in or be a part of God. He created life as a mirror image and extension of himself so that he could become and experience more of himself through life and the co-creators that he made mankind.

Since creation, many people possibly from many planets have achieved a far higher God consciousness than others. Some of these people like Jesus, Buddha or Mahomet and Allah have chosen to come to earth from a higher physical or spiritual plane, to take a step backwards to be reincarnated on earth to show us the way forward in our spiritual growth. Jesus taught people we can do what he had done and more, by our own consciousness which we can raise to an ultimate God consciousness. Some of us use this consciousness with God's inspiration and intuition and others are still stuck with their own ego which usually gets no help from God unless asked for.

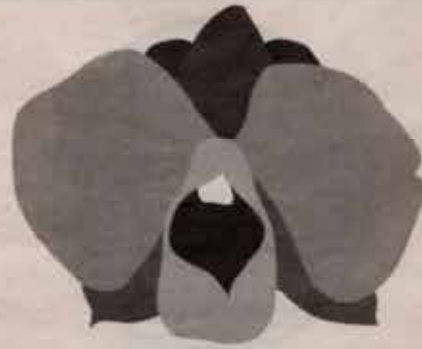
Some people believe the devil is real. For them, they live and see the devil or demons in their mind, because they have not yet experienced God's love or grace and have not been able to cast out the devil and ultimately all other fears. Since T.V. and movies started, many stories of fiction have put fear into people. God is all that there is and has unconditional love for all of his creations, so who or what could be against us, but man's own freewill or ego? It's your choice!

We have one hundred percent free will choice to change to the belief that God exists and the devil does not by simply saying quote "get thee behind me devil". Because we all have different levels of consciousness, some people still have to go through a lot of suffering mentally and physically, before they can let go and put their fears behind them and let God's intuition and inspiration lead them closer to the love of God. If you are truly happy in your mind, then you already walk with God and might not have need for these words. If you are not happy, then some of these words maybe good food for thought. These words are not meant to attack your belief system in any way, but offered only to help those in need of them.

Moses brought down to the people from God, the so called Ten Commandments for us to live by. If God is all that there is, "why would he command himself?" I believe these Ten Commandments to be taken as Ten Commitments to be lived by, so we don't feel commanded but we can adopt them as our own commitments. Spend some time on them and especially practice, "love thy God with all thy heart, with thy entire mind and all thy soul". Put your whole hearted belief into this and allow yourself time each day as often as you can, without any negative thoughts creeping in and you will find that miracles can happen. Even if it takes years before anything significant happens, it will be worth it!

Accept all others as equals, Jesus taught us that God is not a judge and that man only judges himself and by judging others we judge a mirror of self as God created men in his own image. Learn to see others as you see yourself. As we are all one with God!

More next month, Love y'all, Col



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### In 2008 we have even more planned...

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"Dave has done a great job at the Veranda and we are thrilled he has joined us" said Doug Stephens.

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"I am thrilled to be working with such a talented group of people in such an amazing venue!" said Dave who's presence is already being felt.

"The Resort has always had fantastic potential so I am excited to be able to

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"Dave's skills and knowledge are a great compliment to Doug as General Manager, Eli as Head Chef and Andreas as Food and beverage manager".

"You will see great things happen" said Brent.

The Australia Day will be fantastic and Valentines Day will be special both will have that special Dave Magic said Brent King.

"There are more and more reasons to come to the resort" said Doug Stephens.

"The pools have been extremely popular over the summer with the vast majority of people being very happy to pay for the fantastic facilities".

We are getting more and more demand for what the resort has to offer, from birthday parties, to corporate functions, to family reunions and weddings.

The appointment of Dave is the next stage in the development of the Resort. I am sure there will be a reason for everyone to pay us a visit.

Under Brent's ownership the Report has turned around and we are very excited.

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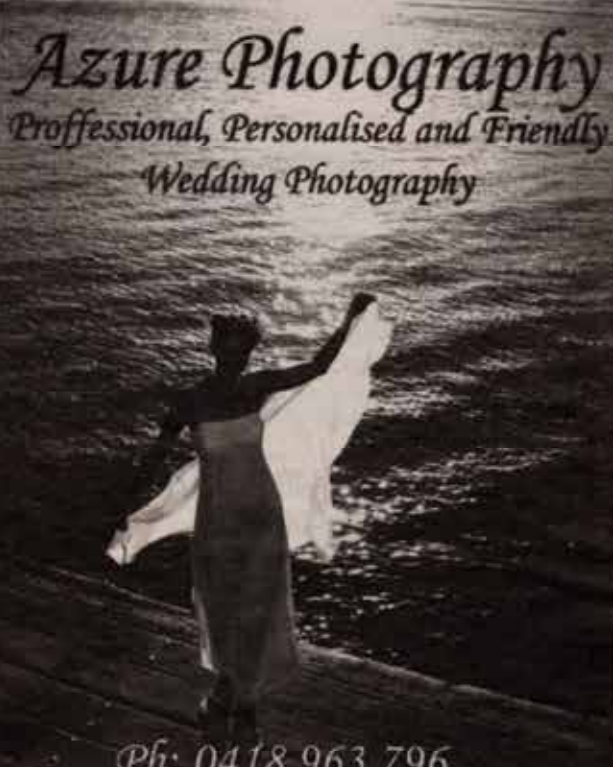
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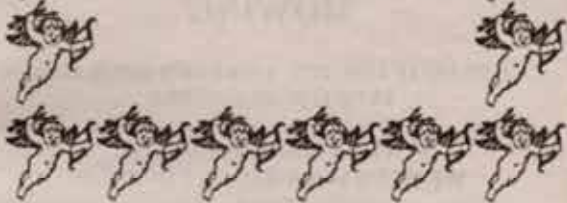
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## Kuranda 8 ball for 2008

Ever fancied yourself as a bit of a pool shark or do you just want to have a good social night out. Well Kuranda 8 ball is beginning again for 2008 in mid February – date not available at time of print. The 8 ball competition is played in a team format with four players per team. If you want to join in and register to play in the competition, you can ring Janet on 4093 7104 or Tony on 4093 8537 for more information.

In the meantime check us out on the web at [www.kuranda8ball.com](http://www.kuranda8ball.com)



## KVPP News

KVPP chairman Fr Chris Wright is pictured at the latest Kuranda tourism innovation, a new "welcome tree".

### New "Tree" Gives Kuranda Welcome

Most visitors to Kuranda who arrive by Rail or Skyrail will now see a welcome to the town thanks to an innovative project undertaken by Kuranda Rotary Club. A new "Welcome Tree" which includes words of "welcome" in six languages has been located at Kuranda Railway Station car park.

Ideally located at the start of the short walkway from the picturesque Kuranda Railway Station and Skyrail facility to the popular town's CBD, the specially constructed metal structure bids visitors welcome in English, Japanese, Croatian, German, Danish and Italian.

An iconic Cassowary also is included at the base of the structure. The project came about through a combined Kuranda Rotary Club initiative and the design and fabrication talents of Elefantus of Cairns.

This new "welcome tree" is the first encounter many of our visitors (who total close to one million annually) will have with the hospitality of our town and environs. The new addition will provide a valuable adjunct for our "more than a village in the rainforest" marketing strategy and activities," Kuranda Village Promotion Program chairman Fr Chris Wright said.

### Calendar for Kuranda

Thanks to some promotional ingenuity, a new Kuranda Calendar will put the popular local domestic and international tourist destination firmly in front of travel agents and tourism industry personnel. The calendar features many of the natural and lifestyle attractions in this picturesque tourism destination from restaurants to markets, scenic walks to arts and crafts

"This new Kuranda Calendar for 2008 is yet another example of how our local tourism operators can co-operate to produce new ways to place our town and surrounding areas to the forefront among travel agents and others, and this project dovetails well with our other combined multi media promotions," Kuranda Village Promotion Program chairman Fr Chris Wright said. There has been an initial run of 800 of the colourful calendars ready for distribution to tour desks between Townsville and Cooktown, car rental firms and overseas market personnel.

**A Thought for February**

This month we read a short passage from St Matthew's Gospel Chapter 4 verse 13-16.

One of the most wonderful things we can do for someone is to affirm them. We can help them to become aware that we think a great deal of them and therefore expect much from them. It is not enough just to feel this; we have to express it. This is where we often fail. Sometimes we fail most with those who are closest to us and whom we love the most.

Failing to affirm others can also cost a great deal in the workplace. In both family life and with our colleagues or employees we can for a long time assume that they are fully aware of our appreciation of their performance, so we fail to mention it. They do not feel they can ask us and keep wondering until the relationship is damaged.

Jesus was careful again and again to affirm people, making it clear that he thought they had a great deal to give if they only chose to do so. He was equally ready to question their motives and actions if he felt it necessary, just as, we must if relationships are to be honest and real.

In this Gospel passage Jesus is surrounded by a crowd on a hillside near the Sea of Galilee. He turns to them and says something so affirming and generous that we use it to this day. Jesus says simply, "You are the salt of the earth". But immediately he emphasizes that being the salt of the earth, being gifted, being useful, being creative, brings with it responsibility. The question then is how we use and offer what we have been given [v 13].

Again Jesus affirms his listeners. He says -You are the light of the world." Once more he immediately asks us to be accountable to God for the gifts and qualities that may entail [v 14]. We may be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, but we will be so only if our gifts are directed out from ourselves towards others. If they are all directed into our selves and our own interests, then that which makes us salt and light is useless to God. The whole value of salt is its effect beyond itself. The whole point of light is to reach out and to guide.

Jesus is quite direct and stern here. He affirms us but calls us to account for what he knows we can be and do. Affirming people does not mean that we ignore their shortcomings. But if we affirm one another when

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**Spiritual Meeting:** readings from the great religions, each Wednesday, 7 pm, Baha'i Information Centre, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda, all welcome.  
**Study circles** each Friday evening 7 pm at a private home, please feel free to enquire.  
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**Being Reasonable....**

The absurd is needed to bring you out of your mind because mind is reasoning. Through reasoning you cannot come out of it. Through reasoning you will move and move, but you will move in a circle. That is what you have been doing for many lives. One thing leads to another, but the another is as much part of the circle as the first. You feel that you are moving because change is there, but you are following a circle. You go on moving

about and about, around and around - you cannot get out of it. The more you reason how to get out, the more you create systems, techniques, methods how to get out, the more you become entangled into it. Because the basic problem is: reasoning cannot bring you out because reasoning is the very phenomenon that you are in. Something irrational is needed.....  
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# Town Talk

Community News

## KURANDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM

On behalf of the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, I would like to wish you all in the community, and in particular the business sector, a happy and prosperous new year.

2008 also welcomes a new business in town. Sugarworks opened just before Christmas and offers many flavoured fudges and a European styled ice cream. Kuranda Chamber wishes this new business well.

We also congratulate Malcolm MacLeod on the acquisition of the Original Markets site. It is good to see that some of Kuranda's history will continue on. Restoration building is under way and we look forward to a new face to the old markets, and new stallholders.

2008 will see some changes with the amalgamation of the Councils; businesses, and rate payers must keep alert and informed, to decrease the risk of any unpleasant surprises for our community. All the Chambers of Commerce of the new Shire are currently communicating so that they can achieve a unified approach to resolving

common issues such as: Information Centres, business levies, and the maintenance of existing town facilities.

Thank you to Mayor Mick Borzi and Mareeba Shire Councillors for calling publicly for Expressions of Interest to appoint a new Kuranda Advisory Committee. This committee has a very important role in Kuranda. Around \$6 million will have to be spent on tourism infra-structure and a clear strategy and timetable to achieve the best outcome for Kuranda is needed.

I would like to remind all the businesses of Kuranda that the new Kuranda tourist map is on the drawing table. This is an initiative of the Chamber of Commerce and Chamber members will be able to benefit from all the reduced prices for advertising.

Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism welcomes new members. It is with the help of the members that the Chamber is able to provide a proactive forum through networking, information and representation.

**John Collingwood**  
President

## Q.C.W.A. KURANDA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

It's a new year! 2008 – and lots of projects both branch and Division already on the calendar for our members.

Kuranda branch starts off the year with our Craft and Social mornings beginning on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – this morning will be devoted to our latest community project of cushion covers and emergency toiletry bags for St. Margaret's Youth Hostel. From there, we will be back into the swing of our weekly mornings of craft and socialising. The Floral Art classes last year were very successful, however, our members have not decided on a dedicated class – similar to the Floral Art – for the year ahead but the year has only just begun and anything can happen!

Our Handcraft Lesson days (9am – 2pm) will again be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in each month – with the first lesson day being beaded cards. Anyone wishing to join us on the day will be very welcome. Please contact Yvonne on 4093 7016 if you would like to come along and try your hand at this pretty and useful craft. Kits will be available to those participating on the day (Wednesday 27 Feb).

For anyone wishing to make bookings for the Hall, please contact our Hall Convener on 40937599 – or Secretary on 40937016.



Film Society is moving to a new venue.

**Sunday February 3, 4 pm at the Sports & Social club Fallon Rd.**

This month we will be screening *The Proposition* & *Somersault* two highly acclaimed Australian movies.

Bring a plate to share at "interval".  
Subscriptions for 2008 are now due.  
\$10 per year, or \$5 for a 1 day membership.

### The Proposition

Captured outlaw Charlie Burns, whose gang is held responsible for a gruesome atrocity, is made a proposition by the pragmatic police captain: find and kill his psychotic elder brother Arthur within nine days; or watch his younger, more



## WettenHall Watch

### Schools News

The school year recommences on Tuesday 29 January 2008 and for all new and returning students and their parents I would like to wish you a very rewarding educational experience at your chosen school.

I am very pleased that Education Queensland has designated 2008 as the "Year of Physical Activity in Queensland Schools". Teachers will incorporate physical activity into each student's school days. Throughout the year, the department will also be promoting related events to look out for like Walk to School Day. More information is available on the website [www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/physicalactivity](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/physicalactivity).

Kuranda District State College achieved outstanding results in 2007 with all applicants for a university place receiving an offer. This is a credit to the students and their teachers at KDSC. As well, student achievements were recognised at the Wet Tropics Management Authority Cassowary awards in late December 2007.

Congratulations to students from the Bama Dayal Dance group for receiving the young cassowary award for communicating their culture through song, dance and art and to Ben Spahr for receiving the encouragement award for studying water quality in the Barron River.

Expected enrolments for 2008 are 433 with ten primary school classes at capacity so it is great that the local community is showing such confidence in the excellent new facilities and, most importantly, the standard of education being offered at Kuranda.

### Kuranda Range Road Update

Since the introduction of the 60 km/h limit on December 15 last year there have been no accidents on the range which is a credit to the patience and attitude of all drivers. Let's hope we can maintain that over the rest of the wet season.

Following a spate of serious incidents on the range road last year, I requested Main Roads to review safety on the road and I am pleased that a comprehensive package of measures is being implemented including:

- The installation of a new section of 120 meters of the guardrail in mid December 2007. A further 880 meters of additional guard rail is expected to take place after the 2008 wet season.

- Improvement of signage and line marking for the pull-off areas to make it easier for motorists to safely use these areas. Expected completion date of April 08.

- Re-design of road line marking in the vicinity of Henry Ross Lookout, including the entry and exit, to improve safety to motorists stopping at this location. Expected completion date, end of March 08.

- Establishment of two pull-off bays for commercial bus operators at Saddle Mountain and Black Mountain Road. These sites currently act as informal drop-off points by bus companies, including for school children. Expected completion date, end of February 08.

- Removal of shoulder drop-offs. This will be carried out in conjunction with the next asphalt resurfacing program on the range road. Expected completion date is end of February 08.

- Replacement of all worn and damaged road signage on range road including the upgrading of signage at curves. To be carried out over the 2008 wet season.

- Replacement of all damaged and missing Road Edge Guide Posts. To be carried out over the 08 wet season.

- Provision of audible line-marking on the centre and edge lines for the length of the range road. Programmed to take place in July 08.

- Continued use of temporary variables (VMS) at the top and bottom of the range road, while permanent VMS are being procured, to alert motorists to road hazards and changed traffic conditions particularly due to periods of wet weather.

I am particularly pleased that Main Roads has agreed to my request to trial a SMS messaging system for motorists on Kuranda Range Road. This commenced on January 2, 2008. To date, over 200 people have registered.

I strongly urge road users to take advantage of this free trial service. The more people that register, the more likely it is that the service will become permanent. To register, phone Main Roads during business hours on 4050 5425. I'll have more to report on future developments on the KRR in my next column. Until then, take care and have a great 2008.

innocent brother Mike, swing from the gallows. Guy Pearce and Danny Huston are outstanding as the very different Burns brothers Charlie and Arthur, balanced by the barely restrained Ray Winstone and Emily Watson as the English police captain and his wife, trying to bring civilisation to the outback. 2006. Best Film - 2005 IF Awards

### Somersault

Visually haunting, passionate and erotic, Somersault is the story of a young girl's sensory journey, through which she learns the true meaning of love, family and friendship. Rising star Abbie Cornish plays the beautiful, vulnerable Heidi, who starved of true affection, looks to short-lived sexual encounters for the physical and emotional contact she craves. After a confrontation with her mother, she flees Canberra for the snow resort town of Lake Jindabyne. A chance encounter with Joe, the son of a wealthy local farmer, leads to a developing relationship in all its complexity.

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## Neighbourhood Centre News February 2008

**New Premises:** We are in! Yep - KNC moved into the new building on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Thankyou to everyone who volunteered their time and energy assisting us to move and set up. With a few teething problems (some of which we are still overcoming) we are well settled and have begun to look at the developmental process of using the new space available to us. We are maintaining a focus of priority of access to the new facilities to those groups who are in need, who demonstrate a complimentary purpose to our existing funded activities. We will also support those groups who have barriers to getting off the ground. We are still finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding and Guidelines process for groups who would like to access the Centre out of hours and I apologise to those who have been waiting. KNC is still clarifying our position on Centre use for those who wish to use the facilities. One of our barriers is that we do not receive adequate operating funding to cover all the additional costs of running a Centre of this size. If we are to remain open full-time, KNC needs to identify some additional sources of funds to cover this deficit which may include a per person surcharge on meetings and activities that

are not KNC coordinated. Further info on Centre use can be obtained by ringing me or making an appointment to discuss it further.

**Open Day Ceremony:** We are still waiting on a date from the Dept of Communities and this info will be made available next Paper.

**Rummage Boutique:** I would like to announce that Debi Seaton-Crowe commenced as Shop Supervisor for the Boutique and Book Shop/Exchange in December 2007. Debi has been key in creating the shop that we have and her skills and energy is what enables us to continue. Debi still does most of this role as a volunteer with only 2 paid hours per week. Thanks Debi! Thankyou also to all those who have donated goods to the Boutique and Book Shop over the Christmas and New Year period. We have increased stock and are turning items over regularly, so please drop in and have a browse.

**Services:** The centre delivers a range of services including family support, service information and referral, advocacy, counseling, community education, network development and coordination, crisis intervention and support, groups and courses, book and rummage shop, drop in centre and more.

Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator

## TAEKWONDO

### More than just a Martial Art

What makes Taekwondo so popular throughout the world? Let us look to linking the positive aspects of regular training and how this benefits the participant within their personal lives.

The student who has dedicated considerable time and energy into developing their knowledge and ability in the Art of Taekwondo will develop an inner strength that will be of great benefit to them when interacting with others. A competent Taekwondo practitioner will demonstrate a high level of control and understanding, while being compassionate with their peers. He/she will have the conviction to stand up for what is known to be right, yet be humble enough to accept responsibility when they are wrong.

A devoted Taekwondo student will have the motivation to get things done. Not only will they be focused on their training, but equally as important they will maintain focus on personal matters. This could be within the family circle, ensuring those close to them are provided with support and understanding. It could be keeping motivated with work or study commitments. Motivation is about setting small achievable goals and following through, never losing sight of where the path will lead. Without motivation we lack the drive to succeed.

The benefits of Taekwondo encompass the body, mind and spirit. As one trains, the physical fitness, coordination and balance of the student is soon recognized. More subtly though,

the mental or rather, emotional disposition of the student can be strengthened. A dedicated student will be courteous, respectful, humble, and yet confident in their demeanor. Once more this will be reflected not only within the dojang, but also in the mainstream society. Without asking, this type of person will be acknowledged for these admirable traits and I believe this often leads to great opportunities for that person.

It has been established that people who train regularly are noticeably fit, both mentally and physically. Therefore, when translated into the workforce or academic arena, these people are often better prepared to cope with the stresses and strains sometimes encountered in day to day living.

Taekwondo is the link pin to maintaining a healthy balanced life, one where the stresses associated with external influences are minimized.

It is clear to see the overall benefits of those who choose to study and train in the Art of Taekwondo, as developed and documented by the late General Choi Hong Hi, will follow the stepping stones of promotion not only within the Taekwondo curriculum, but also on a personal level within their communities.

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## KURANDA MEDIA ASSOCIATION INC

### General Meeting Notice

The General Meeting of Kuranda Media Association Inc (KMA) will be held on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008 at 9.30am at the Fire and Rescue Training Room (behind the Fire Station in Coondoo Street).

All welcome

### Council Elections...Delegates Night.

Kuranda Envirocare is planning to invite all Division 8 aspiring delegates to attend a public meeting at 7:30 pm, following the AGM on Wed March 12th.

Candidates will be given the opportunity to present their vision for the area and to respond to questions.

All welcome

### KURANDA SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB (BOWLS CLUB)

The Kuranda Sports and Social Club (Bowls Club) is calling a special public meeting at 4pm 9th February 2008 to elect a representative management committee. All interested members of the community are invited to attend. The aim is that the Community facilities be used for the benefit of Kuranda people.

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### What a year and what's in store

Envirocare celebrated ten years of incorporation with a party at Big Sands - back where it all started 10 years ago when the first funding for the Envirolink Corridor was received by Kuranda Landcare.

This year our volunteers have achieved our goal of planting over 5000 trees in the Envirolink corridor. We also helped plant over 2400 trees at three Green Corridor project community plantings, and ran two 3 day revegetation workshops.

Nursery stock at our temporary nursery site has grown from 5,000 to 13,000 seedlings, mostly ready for planting out by Envirocare and the Green Corridor team this wet season. Trees are also available for local residents; just give us a call to make sure we're around to help with your selection.

Envirocare has succeeded in having conditions imposed on a major development in cassowary habitat at Speewah, and led community opposition to the urbanization of Myola. We have also greatly improved our website - visit us at [envirocare.org.au](http://envirocare.org.au)

### Myola Plan - update

Kuranda Envirocare has been very busy with planning issues, particularly since Mareeba Shire released the new Myola Plan in September. Community opposition to the urbanisation of Myola has led us to work together with other environment groups under the Save Myola banner to oppose the proposed plan. Over 750 signatures have been collected on our petition.

John Beasley and Cathy Retter attended the Mareeba Shire Council meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> December on behalf of Kuranda Envirocare and the Save Myola working group, presenting the case for not proceeding with the Myola Plan. Since then the Council has sent a survey to Myola land owners. Concerned and confused survey recipients phoned council and Save Myola group members to voice their concerns about the two limited options being provided. A third option was devised by the Save Myola group and suggested in a survey form, hand delivered to Myola residents. Council did not make a decision at their January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting as anticipated, and are studying submissions.

### Rainforest tree identification workshop

Kuranda Envirocare will be running a couple of free rainforest tree identification workshops this year, one on a weekend and one during the week. These will be small groups with plenty of hands-on exercises. Please let us know which you'd prefer when you ring Margaret on 4093 8393, so we can note your interest and arrange dates to suit.

### Myola plan petition - a big thank you

Thanks to all those who helped organise forms and signatures and to all of you who signed the petition. A petition on its own will not win the day but goes a long way towards backing up the words of those lobbying to have this zoning plan reconsidered under the FNQ2025 planning process.

### Seeds we'd love to get

Bring in seeds for identification (some leaves as well if you can reach them). Watch out for Candlenut, Damson Plum and Northern Silky Oak seeds. We'd love to propagate more in the nursery so bring them in or we'll come and collect them. Remember we'll always swap seeds we need now for plants whenever you're ready to plant.

### Tree of the month - By Druce Horton

"Willows whiten, aspens quiver,  
 Little breezes dusk and shiver

Through the wave that runs for ever  
 By the island in the river  
 Flowing down to Camelot."

These lines from Tennyson's "Lady of Shalott" could apply to our tree of the month - *Mallotus paniculatus*. I am not usually enamoured with common names but the common name for this tree - "turn-in-the-wind" is a good one. Like the willows whitening in Tennyson, this *Mallotus* has a white underside which is revealed when there is a wind blowing. The leaf is heart shaped and has a long leaf stem. It is a member of the Euphorbia family and many species in this family are pioneer species. The Euphorbias often have a pair of glands where the leaf stem joins the leaf blade. These glands produce a secretion which attracts ants which then defend the tree against attack by other insects.

I have marked two of these trees on Rob

Veivers Dr. with pink flagging tape on their trunks:  
 - 1) When going in to town, on the left - about 15 metres back from the 'Aged on side road' sign just before Barang St, and 2) When going out of town, on the left - about 50 metres back from the Veivers St intersection. This one is partly overhanging the road.

These trees have just completed flowering and the fruit are developing. Like many other rainforest trees, the flowers are fairly inconspicuous. The fruit has three valves and is covered with rubbery bristles. They contain 2-3 seeds which are a shiny brown or black when ripe.

*Mallotus paniculatus* is very fast growing and is an excellent species for revegetation in Kuranda. However, a botanic garden near Byron Bay renamed this *Mallotus* "grows-too-well" as it escaped from the botanic garden into the surrounding forest.

Remember, the definition of a weed is 'a plant growing in the wrong place'. A tree which is native to Australia may still be a weed if it is not native to your area. So, when planting trees for revegetation, try to use species which are not only native, but are also known to naturally occur in your local area.

### Australia Day - Sat. 26 Jan - 8am

BRICMA Green Corridor project held a successful planting morning at the Mantaka Pony Club, adjacent to the railway line. Kuranda volunteers, Greencorp, Conservation Volunteers of Australia and Cairns Port Authority turned out on a splendid morning and planted into holes dug by international volunteers from the Better Earth program. Over 900 trees were planted in short order and a scrumptious morning tea finished off the satisfying effort. Volunteers took home their choice from three showy native seedlings as a memento of the planting. Well done everyone.

### Saturday Tree Planting

Kowrova area on Oak Forest Road. Watch for the signs.

### Monthly Meeting

Come along on February 6th at 7pm at the Sports and Social Club in Fallon Road.

## First Primary Industries Ministerial Forum to be held in Cairns

Hon. Tony Burke Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will be chairing the first meeting of Primary Industries Ministers at a Ministerial Forum to be held in Cairns on Friday, 29 February 2008. The forum will be an opportunity for discussion among primary industries ministers on a range of priority issues facing the agriculture, fisheries, forestry and food industries.

Member for Leichhardt, Jim Turnour has an agricultural background and has encouraged Minister Burke to hold the forum in Cairns. "I'm delighted that the first meeting of Agriculture Ministers to be chaired by the Rudd Government is to be held in Cairns," Mr Turnour said. "Primary industries is a major driver of our local economy with sugar, beef, tropical fruits and the fishing industries employing thousands of local people. Primary industries in North Queensland are valued at more than \$2 billion dollars. I believe there are enormous opportunities to grow and diversify our local industries through developing new markets and value adding," Mr Turnour said. "I'm looking forward to showing Minister Burke some of the opportunities for agriculture in the Tropical North during his visit."

This forum is a first step in strengthening the capacity across jurisdictions to achieve positive results for Australia's farmers, fishers and foresters and in establishing an effective collaborative approach to tackling challenges.

The forum will discuss some of the important issues for primary industries, with agreement to identifiable, tangible outcomes over the coming year. The following issues are among the most critical facing the sector, with coordinated action between the Australian and state and territory governments crucial to success.

- \* Responding to climate change
- \* Improving drought policy and preparedness
- \* Enhancing productivity
- \* Progressing market access issues

Further information phone Jim Turnour Phone 4051 2220

## Platypus The Greek

Did you know that the word "platypus" is actually a Greek word meaning "flat-footed"? This therefore means that the correct plural of platypus is platypus or platypuses.

Because the word "Platypus" had already been used by the scientific community to name a group of beetles, the scientific name of our favourite local monotreme (egg-laying mammal) became the Latin: *Ornithorhynchus anatinus*, meaning "bird-like snout similar to a duck". For everyday purposes of course, we still refer to this animal as the duck-billed platypus.

Right, that's the academic bit done with.... some questions you may have...?  
 Where can I see platypus?

Locally, try the creek and billabong in the



Boonooloo Reserve at the bottom of Kelly Road in Speewah; local dams and creeks on private properties around Kuranda and Speewah; Atherton Platypus Park; Tarzali Lakes (south of Malanda); Lake Tinnaroo; Yungaburra platypus viewing platform, to name just a few. Taronga Park Zoo in Sydney has platypus and the platypussary at Healesville Sanctuary (an hour's drive out of Melbourne in the Yarra Valley) is also a "must-see" (and they were also the first successful breeders of a young platypus in captivity).

What do I look for?

Air bubbles and a large circular ripple(s), or a bow wave as the animal moves torpedo-like through the water, before "rounding out" or turning its body as it dives. Platypus are very active feeders at dawn and dusk (and through the night too). Contrary to common belief, they are frequently seen around midday, plopping between lilly pads looking for food, and especially if it's a bright sunny day. They tend to float low in the water, but may sometimes just float to the surface and surprise you, like a crocodile!

What do platypus like to eat? Tropical freshwater crayfish- "red claws", freshwater shrimp, small snails and worms are their favourite food. Happy platypus spotting - patience and quietness could be rewarded.

A Teacher.

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**Land for Wildlife:** This great program continues to be run by Kuranda Envirocare with an experienced officer trained to do assessments. If you want recognition for your property's wildlife habitat value, have it registered as Land for Wildlife.

Phone Margaret on 4093 8393 or Andrew on 4093 8223

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**Kuranda Foodworks is currently seeking staff** - a Permanent Part-time fruit and veg person and a Couple of Juniors for after school and weekends for register work, greeting customers, filling and rotating stock. Please submit resume to Colinda at Kuranda Foodworks.

**Gardening and Mowing** Call 0410 742 134

**Art Clearance Sale to be held at the Art Gallery on the corner of Speewah Road and Kennedy Highway.**

**Art Sale over 2 days. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 11am to 4pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 4pm.**

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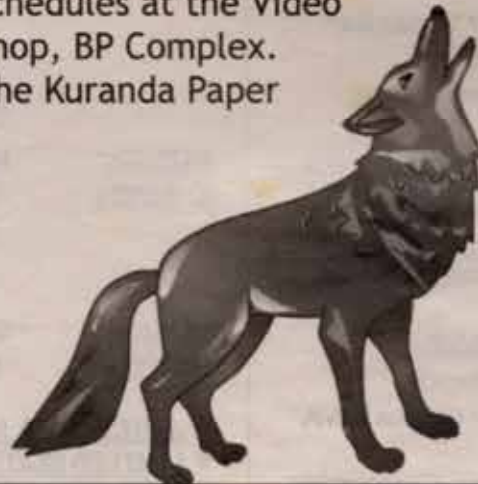
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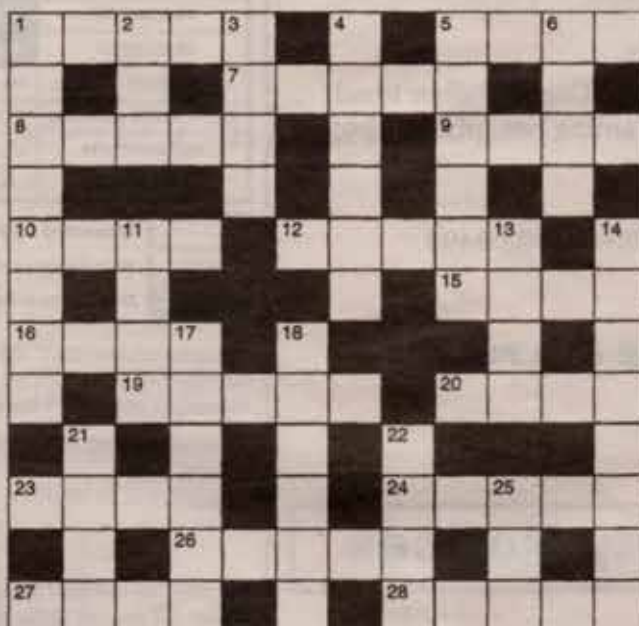
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**Down**

- The pretty place for gifts opposite the chemist - just.
- Keep your eye out & about Bro'.
- Young amphibians use Efpos outside post office.
- Light weight chicken.
- Fights over odds & ends.
- Makes limb with a radius.
- Wow - what a curve!
- Sounds like your future action this festive season.
- See 12 across.
- Principles when I follow chopper & Isle of Man.
- Girls top circle in the blues.
- & 22. She doubles up at the mission.(4,4)
- Winter drug?

**Across**

- Auriferous egg layer?
- Start drilling for this common staple.
- Overseas currency sounds ingenuous.
- Steal overtime as an automaton.
- Skin left in tamarind.
- Sore about this lover boy.
- & 14 down. Ecstatic local mechanics tools?(5,8)
- Member after us about well.
- Spread manure and get a soil additive.
- Person away from home.
- What meat with attitude is?
- Hans is on his own - how refreshing.
- Oil, she's in it!
- Stoneworker on the road?
- Matter at St Christophers.
- Proves all about raves.





## Community Calendar

- Mondays** Junior Rugby League 3:30pm Bartley Park Oval 4093 7177
- Every Sun** A.A. CWA Hall 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599  
**Kuranda Bowls Club** If interested in a game, Phone 4093 9583
- 1st Sunday** R.S.L. 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.  
**Kuranda Film Society Feb 3, 4.30** at Sports and Social club
- Every Mon** **Life Span** exercise QCWA Hall 9.30 am.  
**Al-Anon Family Groups** 8 pm Phone Diane 4093 0462  
**Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm - 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**8 Ball** 7.00 pm at Speewah Tavern, Fitzies Tavern, S.&S.Club & RSL
- 1st Monday** **Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30 pm Mantaka  
**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30 pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- 3rd Monday** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933
- 1st Tuesday** **The KCCT** meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel.  
**2nd Tuesday** **The KVPP** meets behind St. Saviour's Church.
- Every Tues** **Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults** 7.00 pm CWA hall Ph 4093 8682  
**Tai Chi** Sports and Social Club 6 pm Phone 4093 8276  
**Belly Dance** at Kuranda Resort and Spa. Have fun and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393
- Every Wed** **Craft and social morning** at QCWA hall 9 am  
**Kuranda Playgroup** - Kuranda Community Kindergarten, 10am, Contact Lida on 4093 9882, or Anna 4093 8537  
**Baha'i "Spirit of the Forrest"** 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St.  
**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm - 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Yoga** at CWA
- 7.00 pm** **Kuranda Bowls Club** Barefoot Night bowls, Casual  
**First Wed Kuranda Interagency Network** Meeting at 2.00 pm @ KNC
- 2nd Wed** QCWA meeting 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016  
**Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group** 10 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
- Every Thurs** **Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682  
**8 Ball S & S Club** 7.15 pm & RSL
- 2nd Thurs** **Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road
- Every Sat** **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting bee, phone 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
- 2nd Sat** **Garden Group** 2 pm Phone David 4093 9492  
**Mareeba Market**

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## Emergency Contacts

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 Kuranda SES phone Bob on 4093 9143 or 0408 939 143  
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 Davies Creek 4093 3181 - Lloyd  
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MAREEBA	9.40 am	4.30 pm	6.40 pm	10.40 am	2.15 pm
ATHERTON (arrive)	10.15 am	5.00 pm	7.15 pm	11.15 am	2.45 pm
ATHERTON (depart)	11.00 am	3.00 pm	5.15 pm		
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