

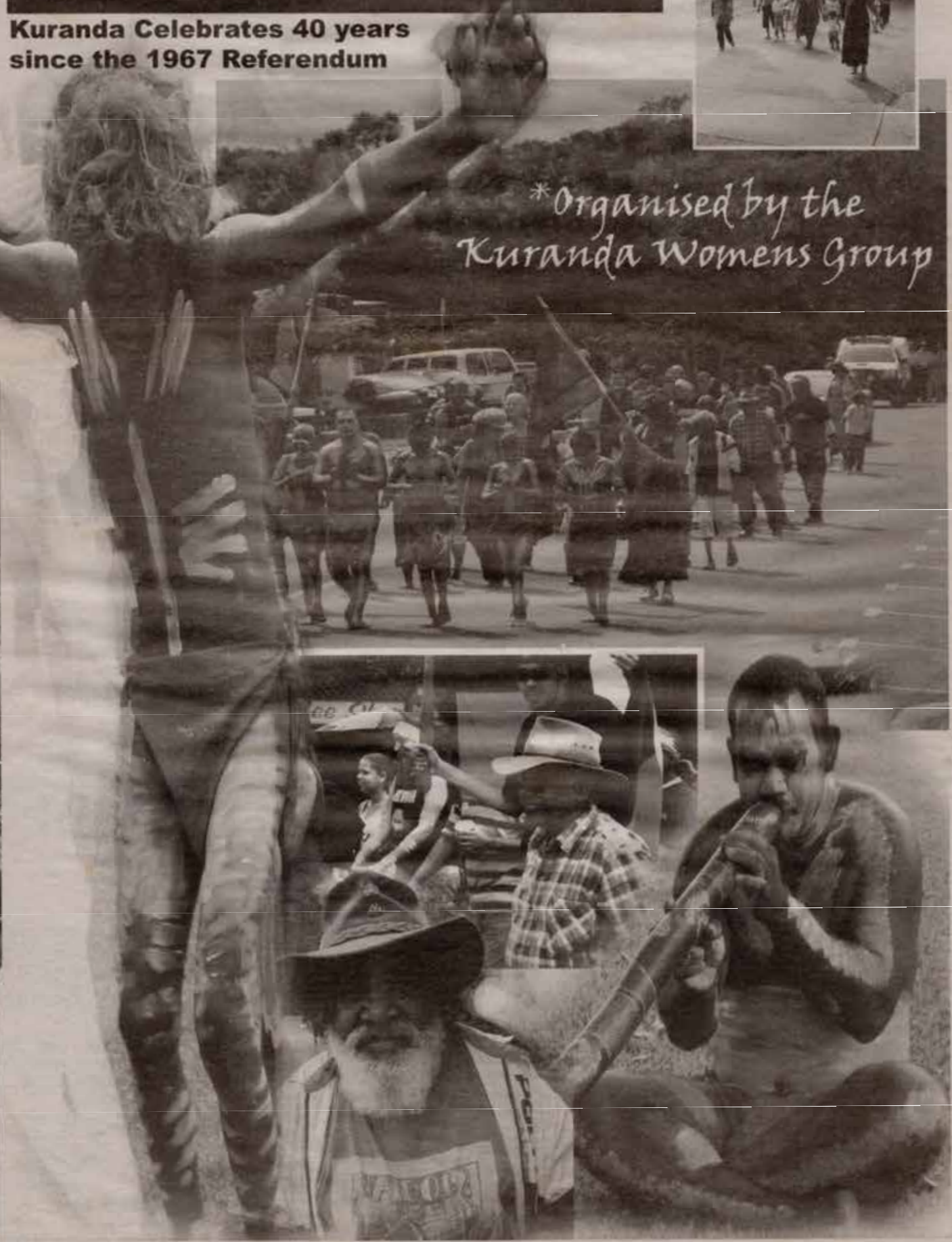


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# COMMUNITY LETTERS

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## Dear Kuranda Paper,

I write regarding the incorrect information provided to last month's Kuranda Paper concerning Land for Wildlife assessments. I can confirm that the Land for Wildlife program which has been delivered by assessors under the Kuranda Envirocare banner is still being delivered (see advert in classifieds). In fact, Kuranda Envirocare is the only organization in Kuranda with an agreement to deliver this really worthwhile program.

I regret that I am still having to correct misleading information being provided in the Kuranda Paper, as corrections of this nature are bound to cause embarrassment all round. Kuranda Envirocare wants to work co-operatively with anyone, where we have a common interest, instead of dealing with the non-communicative, adversarial stand currently being taken.

I appeal to the people in the Kuranda Conservation group to make contact so that we can work together on upcoming issues and projects.

**Cathy Retter President**  
- Kuranda Envirocare

## Dear Kuranda Paper,

There is no denying a much needed major expansion to the Cairns Base Hospital is long overdue, and, which has obviously been neglected by successive Governments over the past twenty (20) years. But, where is it written that this taxpayer-owned (State) medical facility must be confined to a specific single location?

The existing Hospital MUST remain at its present location on The Esplanade with some major upgrade. This will ensure medical facilities are readily available to Cairns, Cape York and Torres Strait residents and, to the hundreds of thousands of tourist who visit the City annually.

The former Cairns North School property is ideally located for the establishment of a secure 'Mental Health' facility and, has sufficient space to accommodate a 'Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre', thus removing two (2) current problem areas from existing Base Hospital locations.

In addition, the mooted prime site located adjacent to the James Cook

University's (JCU) Smithfield campus, may be ideally used as a 'Women's Hospital', with an adjoining 'Children's Hospital', incorporating a first class JCU medical student training facility for obstetrics, paediatrics and nurses, plus a variety of other 'women and children' medical needs.

By relocating two (2) specialist areas, 'Mental Health' and 'Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation' to the Cairns North location, which I understand is already State-owned, plus relocation of another two (2) 'Women' and 'Children' facilities to State-owned land at Smithfield, the provision for future expansion at all three locations would provide Cairns with world class specialist Medical Hospitals for the next fifty (50) plus years.

The current political blame-game by aspiring party candidates is not helpful as the solution, and funding, is the responsibility at both State and Federal levels and, I hasten to add, the electorate is far more politically sophisticated and informed now than it was three years ago.

**Selwyn Johnston Leichhardt**  
Independent

## Dear Kuranda Paper,

I'm a person who enjoys going out to dinner as I'm sure most of you do as well and thankfully now there are some decent places to go for a good meal. I go to the Speewah Country Kitchen, the Kuranda Veranda and Chilli's quite a bit to eat, the food is good, the prices are fair and you don't have to drive down the hill, so they are nice & close. I speak to the owners/managers of these restaurants quite a lot (all really nice people I might add) and I hear a similar story from each of them; they all need more patronage, so come on everyone get out and support these venues, get out for dinner more, ring some friends. People up here were always complaining about no where good to go, no good food to eat, blah blah blah. Well these restaurants are doing it for us, giving us a choice of location and different types of food. They have made the effort & costs to provide good food so let us get out there and dine to keep these guys in business. After all we all make up the community and to keep this community a enjoyable place to live we need to support each other.

**A Concerned Local Diner.**

## Dear Kuranda Paper,

I would like to inform readers about recent developments re: the children's playground for Centenary Park. I wholeheartedly support MSC's decision to purchase and install a new playground for Kuranda's children. However, council have purchased and planned to install a 9x11m facility with no community consultation. I attended a community meeting on Wednesday May 23 with a representative of Parks and Gardens (MSC). To my knowledge, this was the first opportunity for residents to view the plans.

Council had intended to begin construction of the proposed playground on Thurs 24th May. It was only due to the efforts of a few residents and local organisations that construction has been delayed until 'some' consultation can take place.

Having viewed the plans, I would like to raise some concerns in this public forum,

**a) I question the safety of the proposed location.** I am concerned due to the proximity to Therwine Street traffic & parking bays. Children run fast, and faster when pursued by anxious parents. I am loathe to imagine the consequences should a child cover the twelve metres to the curb before their carer can catch them. I believe that an un-fenced facility in this area poses great risk to small children.

**b) The proportions of the playground** is not in keeping with the proportions of the village green. The village green works because it can facilitate many uses simultaneously. (to urists, locals, ball players, dog walkers, public celebrations (Spring Fair, Sorry Day), community meetings, children, picnics, war memorial.) I feel that such a large playground will excessively dominate the space and suggest to users that the green is a 'children's only' domain.

**c) Aesthetically, the design of the playground** is not in keeping with the unique rainforest experience that Kuranda is supposed to provide. The proposed playground is far from unique and is at odds with the 'hand-made' nature of the village and it's existing public art.

As a resident who also happens to be a parent, I propose that

the previous location, (by the tree) was both aesthetically pleasing, comfortable and most importantly, further away from the parking bays.

My suggestions re the new playground are as follows

**a) I propose that the facility be located on the opposite side of the park.** (Nearer to the fig tree) The alternate location will give parents the best chance of protecting our children. A smaller sized playground would limit the impact on other park users and leave 'open-space' for public celebrations but as the facility has already been purchased we have little choice in this matter.

**b) A lesser option is to fence the proposed Therwine Street location in a style that is in-keeping with other steel-works in the village.** Rather than a standard pool fence, the addition of sculptural forest animals as found in the public art pieces elsewhere would help to improve the aesthetic appeal and to unify the facility with existing village structures.

Some may argue that it is up to the parents and care-givers to keep children safe. I fully agree. It is because of my commitment to my child's, and all children's safety that I take this matter very seriously. A healthy community needs to support parents and care givers wherever possible. Council, as community representatives ought to be utterly convinced of the safety of this project before they proceed.

Plans of the playground can be viewed at the Tourist Information Centre. Or, take a look at the large orange rectangle sprayed on the grass in front of the info centre... that shape represents the proposed location and size of the playground. Interested persons are invited to attend a community meeting at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 11.30am. Please phone the KNC to confirm meeting time 40938933.

**Kellie McBride Kuranda**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Q. How long to paint a toilet?

A. Forever. While Kuranda clock marks time.

**S..tStirer.**

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TO  
**Kuranda  
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*Dear Kuranda Paper,*

Its great that there are so many people walking their dogs in Kuranda. If your doggy makes a deposit on my grass, please pick it up with one of the plastic bags that you carry with you so you can take it back home.

**John Goss - Kuranda**

*Dear Kuranda Paper,*

On the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2007, at the beginning of the 12 day Ridvan festival on the Baha'i calendar, the Baha'is of Kuranda met and elected their office bearers for the Kuranda Baha'i Group for the current Baha'i year. Mr Paul Wright was elected Treasurer and Mr Graham Nicholson as Secretary.

The Group plans to be active again this year in the Kuranda community. They should be assisted by the return shortly of Saeed Derakshan and his wife Fereshteh after ten years' service in the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel.

**Graham Nicholson - Kuranda**

*Dear Kuranda Paper,*

A big thank you to everyone who has shown interest in the concept of establishing a community garden. The initial meeting to promote this idea was held on Sunday April 29th & was a very inspiring event!

Lots of ideas were put forward including:

- Worm farms
- Permaculture Design Principles and Ethics
- Orchards
- Allotments (Pommy style)
- Combining aquaculture with hydroponics

It was agreed that the importance of growing & maintaining our own community food sources, social cohesion, real social security or social capital & contact these activities bring cannot be understated. Several people liked the idea of different cells of the community Garden and other related projects and activities in different places, for example orchards in Speewah, allotments in Kuranda township & aquaculture in Boyles Road. The cells would all be connected & work in co-operation with each other. The importance of including schools & the elderly in the projects was also of high priority.

If you would like to be involved & attend the next meeting, please email either [tropicalhydro@bigpond.com](mailto:tropicalhydro@bigpond.com) or [bruce@permaculturenq.com.au](mailto:bruce@permaculturenq.com.au) to register your interest/suggestions.

**Elaine Cushman**

### Kevin John Donovan

The Rainbow Coat Man

Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Friend

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1955 - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2007

Occasionally moody, more often good-natured and warm-hearted, Kevin touched many people's lives during his time. He believed strongly in the Bible and, despite difficulties and disappointments in his life, he never gave up his beliefs.

Eccentric, alternative, a free spirit, Kevin especially loved rainbows, butterflies frogs, pitcher plants and Turkish delight chocolate. He was also a creative man and for many years sold his jewelry and other wares at the markets in Kuranda. His cheeky grin, smiling eyes and genial manner made him popular with both tourists and locals alike.

Kevin died peacefully in the Cairns Base Hospital, surrounded by his family and close friends. His family, who came up from Adelaide to be with him, have expressed their grateful thanks for the support given them from the local community.

We'll always remember you, Kev, with love and a smile.



Rest in Peace



## National Volunteers' Day Celebration

On Wednesday 9th May the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre and Neighbourhood Centre got together for an afternoon tea at the Kuranda Honey House to celebrate National Volunteers Week. It was a great opportunity for both centres to compare notes, catch up on gossip and network.

**Thanks to Trish at the Honey House for organising the scones and honey!**

(National Volunteer Week provides a national focus for organisations wanting to recruit volunteers and promote the value of volunteering to the community - [www.volunteeringaustralia.org](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org))

**Cathy Harvey**

## Communication Wanted

Speak to me of freedom  
Midst liberty confounded  
Of politics and pragmatics  
And tyrannies surrounded.

Speak to me.

Talk to me of principle  
Of rights fundamental  
When seen from above  
There are abuses phenomenal.

Talk to me.

Write to me of morals  
Albeit morality is rejected  
Encompassed by the opportune  
Yet ethically suspected.

Write to me.

Proclaim to me ideals  
Globally perceptive  
Though now of such gravamen  
That realism is deceptive.

Proclaim to me.

Teach me of oneness  
In an age of boxed speciality  
Matter combined with spirit  
A euphonious synergy.

Teach me.

- **Graham**

I am enjoying your vamped-up paper and would like to contribute this in the spirit of *Laughter is the best medicine:*

### Kuranda Slander

Dear Bob Hart

Suffered a broken heart

When his Star-gazing Art was pulled apart.

The Lollipop Man does complain

Do the Fossils have a name?

So Socrates came back from the dead

To create a filibuster instead!

The Queen of Envirocare

Gave up her crown.

Now she tries to regain her reign

Under another name.

Cats and dogs and forest frogs

We do declare the Forest protection

Our main aim and direction.

The nefarious "man in black:

Taunting people with his bad attitude,

Even the police can't find his latitude.

There are lots of drugs and bugs

Even Tim can't catch all the thugs!

Top end and Tail

Where's the sales?

Many fusses about the buses

Will we build the Centre here

Or will we build it there?

No one will declare.

Methinks this town does suffer

From too much mental clutter.

Lighten up and let go the mutter

For who's to know

When it's your time to go!

Double, double, Toil and trouble

Fire burns and the Fossils' cauldron

bubbles!

All hail the Fossils! (*with apologies to*

*Macbeth*)

I won't put my full name here lest I find it

on a spear!

**HJP - Top of the Range**



## A Thought for June

This month we read from St Luke's Gospel Chapter 24 verses 46-53. Reading the end of this Gospel of Saint Luke's is not actually an ending, it's really a beginning. Although it marks the end of Jesus being among the disciples in a visible, objective way, it also shows them being called to the beginning of a new responsibility.

They had seen Jesus die, and had scattered, demoralised and defeated. Then the unbelievable had happened: he came among them again. Although he was changed, the disciples were quite sure it was Jesus whom they had known and followed for the last few years. From time to time he reappeared: to all of them in Jerusalem, to Mary in the garden, to a group fishing in Galilee, to a couple on the road to Emmaus. It is just after this last encounter that this Gospel passage begins. The two disciples have just come running back from Emmaus. They have gasped out the story of their encounter with what they had thought was a stranger. In the simple action of his breaking a piece of bread they realized that the person with them was far from being a stranger. It was their Lord!

The news electrifies the rest of the disciples into all sorts of thoughts and hopes and plans. Suddenly, Jesus is among them. Once again, he explains the meaning of all that has happened and is happening. He reassures them that the world is not

falling apart. The ghastly cross was part of a great plan, and his coming from the tomb was the climax and triumph of that plan. Now something new must begin in and through them.

What has happened has to be communicated, and that task is in their hands. This Gospel's point is that we are those whom Jesus calls disciples. Whatever was said in that long-ago encounter after the resurrection is being said again to-day and will be said in every age. Ours are the ears that hear him - or choose not to hear him - today.

Jesus was asking for his disciples' commitment, and he asks the same of us. If we commit ourselves to him he promises us what he promised those men and women. He promises his Spirit, the Spirit we call the Holy Spirit, in our deepest being. It's a real promise which millions of men and women have found to be true. If we say Yes to him giving him our spirit, poor and limited though it may be, he gives us his. We get much the better side of the bargain!

Jesus ended this last encounter by gathering the disciples, blessing them, and going from them. As people have discovered in every generation since, he went away only to return into every one of their lives. He has already returned to yours and mine; all we need to do is to realize it. When Jesus left his disciples he did so only to return into every one of their lives. He can return to our lives as well.

## Baha'i Group of Kuranda

### National Baha'i Delegate Returns Home with Plan for Neighbourhood Harmony

16 May 2007

Mr Nasser Saeedi from Cairns has just returned from representing this local area at the national convention of the Baha'is of Australia in Sydney. A major focus of the convention was the ability of every person to help create a peaceful and harmonious community, through their interaction with their neighbours.

"The Baha'i community sees positive interaction within the local community as very important" said a community spokesperson from Kuranda. "All Baha'i activities are focused on building unity and mutual understanding between people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Our activities range from adult study circles and prayer and meditation meetings to education programs for children and youth. They are open to the whole community".

Attended by 95 delegates from around the country, the core component of the annual convention is the election of 9 members of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Australia, the religion's peak governing body in this country.

"The Baha'i Faith is unusual among religions in that its affairs are governed by democratically elected institutions of lay believers", he explained. "There is no priesthood".

"Baha'i elections are also distinctive because putting forward candidates, nominations, and electioneering are strictly forbidden. We see the election as a spiritual process which should be conducted in a prayerful atmosphere".

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All adult members of the community, women and men, are eligible to be voted for at the elections, which are held in almost every country around the world at this time.

The national convention is also an opportunity for delegates to exchange ideas and experiences.

The Baha'i Faith was founded in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by Baha'u'llah (1817-1892), who dedicated his life to the promotion of religious teachings such as the oneness of God, elimination of all forms of prejudice, equality between the sexes, and the establishment of world peace. The Baha'i Faith has been present in Australia since 1920, and the National Spiritual Assembly has been elected every year since 1934.

For more information contact the Secretary,  
Kuranda Baha'i Group, PO Box 702 Kuranda 4881 tel 4093 7120.

## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"The impulse to prayer is a natural one, springing from man's love to God....Pray to God that He may strengthen you in divine virtue."

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

**Institute Courses** by arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

**Childrens' Classes** every weekend

**Primary School classes** each week

**Special Events:** 28<sup>th</sup> of May - Ascension of the Founder/Prophet of the Baha'i Faith, Baha'u'llah, in the Holy Land, 1892.

All enquiries welcome. Telephone 4093 7120 / 8499

From the Baha'i Community of Kuranda

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# Kuranda Police Beat

Break & enters (year to date)	19
Stealing offences	20
Wilful damage (including graffiti)	10
Unlawful use of motor vehicle (car theft)	3

These figures are for offences attended by Kuranda police, in & around the Kuranda area. Also bear in mind that 'break & enter' is a term covering all similar offences (for instance, jumping over the wall of the pub & then over the bar, after it's shut & stealing a bottle of spirits, is a break & enter).

Unofficially, I believe these figures are down on last year. And that's not counting the fact that most statistics are made up on the spot.

Someone asked the other day about suitable child restraints. Well, that's more like it. I commenced to talk about preferred methods, such as thumbscrews, shackles & the like & then realised that the party in question was looking a little blank.

It dawned on me that they really wanted to know something about tying children down in cars. Well now, statistically speaking, 32% of people killed in road accidents were not wearing seatbelts. With the population of Queensland at about 4.07 million & about one eighth of them being people under the age of ten years, & with a birth taking place about every 1 minute & 53 seconds, then that makes for a lot of unrestrained children..... I think.....

And if anyone can explain that any better, then I wouldn't be the slightest bit surprised. If you really want to know, nearly all the fines for not wearing seatbelts, whether you're under 16 years or not, are \$225 & three points.

It is compulsory to wear a seatbelt in Queensland when driving unless:

- (i) you are reversing,
- (ii) you have a doctors note (from a real doctor, not your mate who's got a PhD) stating you can't wear one
- (iii) you're a taxi driver - in a taxi, mind
- (iv) delivering door to door & getting out a lot & not driving over 25km/h - like a postie.

Or lastly, if you're a passenger in a police vehicle. Which really means that you're sitting in the back with the shackles on. And please don't try reversing all the way to Smithfield.

Tim THURLOW - Kuranda Police

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# the Arts page

## \*Kuranda Arts Co-operative\*

Darryl Ely, one of the Co-op's long standing artists, has successfully completed a commission for the Mareeba Shire Council to create a sculptural piece for the "Wheelbarrow Way Tourist Route". This coincides with the annual wheelbarrow race from Mareeba to Chillago. These two pieces are life-size sculptures of a man wheeling a barrow, and the materials Darryl has used are a combination of steel, old mining implements and farming tools. There are two pieces, one in Mareeba, on the Chillago road turnoff and one is to be placed in Chillago. These are well worth a trip to Mareeba.



Ceramic artist Mollie Bosworth has completed and installed her Public Art Commission for the Innisfail Hospital. This fine white porcelain piece titled "A Sense of Wonder" is a triptych, textural, in an art-deco style depicting the Johnstone River area, and its industry. Bananas, Cane and the River itself feature on the pieces.

Toni Rogers is a multi media artist who works with organic materials and has two pieces in the Tamworth Regional Gallery exhibition "Less is More". A sculptural piece - a woven basket with feather adornment, and a second work is a framed wood burn from her "Travelling Series"

### - Raffle -

Mollie would like to thank the artists for their generous donations of artwork which formed the prizes for the five draws for the raffle held at Mollie's Open Garden Weekend. Coffee was sponsored by Tichum Creek Coffee and a donation was also made from coffee sales on the weekend.

Raffle Ticket sales went well and the weekend raised money which will be spent on gallery lighting. Previous raffle money has been spent on computer upgrades, maintenance and a great copier/fax/scanner.

Although showery, the weekend event was a great success with over 400 people paying at the gate.

The lucky winners were:

- Mollie's Heliconia vase - Jenny Vass
- Jana's mask sculpture - Cathy Ritter
- Rob's 3 x teatowels - Megan Michelson
- Richard's hanging basket - Sharyn McArdle
- Jenny's sculptures - Krishna Buhler, E Morlin

There are some great new works in the Gallery, original paintings by Henri Hunsinger, Jana Iriyadi has created quirky ceramic and wood "Worry Warts", and the local indigenous artists who work for Djurri Dada-gal Art Enterprises have a display of their works. Also new silver and bead jewellery from Kate Prynne is available, so please feel free to come in and browse. The Co-op is always seeking volunteers to man the Gallery, so if you can help out please call in sometime or phone 40939026.

## Full houses at Kuranda's "moth man" exhibition and performance season

Fast becoming known as The Moth Man of Kuranda, a versatile Buck Richardson has had full houses for his one-man theatrical performance combined with an exhibition of his artworks on Friday nights in an intimate supper show since the season opened on 11 May.

Some comments from the visitor's book include: "How Kuranda!", "I love your artwork", "I dare you to film the show and submit it to YouTube". "Courageous, raw, revealing, poignant, and humorous", "The best one-man show in town."

Titled "Playing Cards", the show continues every Friday night over the next few weeks, but advance bookings are essential as there are only 20 places.

The show begins with an exhibition of the unique artworks Buck has digitally created from the photographs of over 200 different species of moths he has taken in his home in Kuranda near Barron Falls, on the edge of World Heritage rainforest. These include silk



The "Moth Man" of Kuranda Buck Richardson with his Owl Moth photograph taken right here in Kuranda.

scarves, mandalas, moth mobiles, homewares, limited edition prints and works on canvas.

The exhibition is followed by his one-hour solo theatre performance of eight vignettes, or 'cards', taken from the repertoire of characters he has played over recent years, including The Guru, The Man with No Name, Dr Blowit and excerpts from Australian Jack Hibberd's classic Monk O'Neill. The evening concludes with cheesecake, coffee, chocolates and chat.

Folk may want to bring a party of friends to enjoy an evening's entertainment together, or come as a solo. To discuss your plans, for more information call 4093 7434 or visit the website: [www.leapfrogz.com.au](http://www.leapfrogz.com.au)



## KEVIN'S in HEAVEN

### In Memory of Kev

I hold an opal  
Catching the light of the sun  
Did that at your place  
Laughing and having fun  
Watched that on your face  
Your friendship you extended  
Welcomed me in your life  
In our time we never pretended  
Sharing in the peace pipe  
Town won't be the same  
Can't pop in for a rest  
The gate squeaking calling my name  
You're free gone left only is your nest  
In my hand I hold an opal  
Blue flickers my favourite colour  
A memory of you of stone school  
You shared your knowledge as a scholar

SAL

## CEDAR PARK RAINFOREST RESORT

Invites you to the opening of an art exhibition featuring paintings by

Marion Clarkson, Margaret Wallen, Anne Toppin

On Sunday 17 June at 12 noon

### The 3M Artists Group

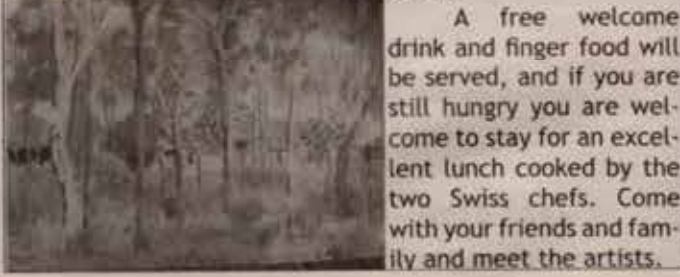
The 3M Group meet in Mareeba on Mondays to sketch and paint outdoors. Their aim is to show that beauty can be found everywhere. Our region has the most diverse and beautiful places.



Marion Clarkson sees beauty in unusual places: screw pines are some of her favourite models. Her work in pastels and line and wash is very popular.

Margaret Wallen's work is mainly mixed media. She loves the bush around Mareeba, especially Davies Creek and the grass trees along the way.

Anne Toppin is inspired by small scenes that catch her eye as she passes in the car. Rocks on Chewko Road, barns, sheds and houses in town feature in her water-colors.



A free welcome drink and finger food will be served, and if you are still hungry you are welcome to stay for an excellent lunch cooked by the two Swiss chefs. Come with your friends and family and meet the artists.

## Hand Crafted Functional Art



Kuranda is mourning the sudden loss of one of its finest artisans, Kevin Donovan. Known by many as the "pipe-man" for his beautifully carved wooden pipes inlaid with precious stone or opal, Kev also created intricate wands and staffs, completing the magnificently lavish staff shown on this page just prior to his passing. To see Kev working so tirelessly polishing precious stone, or carving and sanding his woodwork one wonders where he found the time to indulge his other passions of exotic plants and fish. And he always had something of interest for his many visitors, who left with spirits higher than when they arrived. May Kev's art and his spirit and his love of life and nature live forever in the hearts of all who knew him. So long Kevin! We all miss your colour and your smile that lit up the streets of Kuranda, seren.



## Kevin Donovan R.I.P.

For him I was his princess of quite a lot he says, for me he was a spring where I could get refresh. For each of us who knew him or not, he always gave comfort when needed. He couldn't stay indifferent. His heart and spirit was bigger than anything I ever know.

My love for him wasn't just because all what he did for me, which he did a lot, but also it was so great to see him when he spread his goodness to everyone.

Like the butterflies he liked so much, life it's a short experience he knew it and appreciate everyday that the lord had made. "Oh Lord, thank you to have bring Kev into my path. Now I have a better idea of what you promise paradise should be and would be like. I am forever grateful, thank you Lord, Amen".

Kev, you are greatly mist down here, but your job is done now. But now you are in peace close to your father and I know that you will receive treefold what you gave us.

He inspire us to work on ourself to turn our weakness into strength.

He loved the sinners but hate the sin. He teachd us to be kind to ourself, to forgive ourself because God forgive us, but like Kev say "DON'T DO IT AGAIN".

We all know that Kev was a man of many talents but most of all he was a Son of God and loved the creator so dearly that he couldn't help himself to draw us closer to Jesus.

Pascal



# the Arts page

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Thanks to Zennith and supporters for a great member's night on Sat 19th May. Zennith is currently producing a music video that will include shots taken at the gig. The general consensus at the gig was that Zennith deserve to be megastars. It's clearly not just locals who think so. Both Zennith and Astro Brim are on the short list for the 'John Butler Seed' - funding that provides the recipient with a Sydney recording opportunity. We wish them the very best. Many thanks to the volunteers who generously gave their time and effort to staff the recent Xavier Rudd concert.

## THE KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE

stances. We aim to keep our members in the loop. If you have changed your email address lately, please send us a quickie to kuranda\_amp@bigpond.com. Our next major event is Kuranda Roots, June 30. Look for more details below. If you would like to volunteer for this or any other KAS event register your interest at the above email.



**JOE GEIA**  
The amphitheatre relies on the support of members, Kuranda Police and local residents. As a community venture, the amphitheatre is 'officially' an outstanding success. We can say this with certainty following an Arts Nexus Forum held in Cairns in May. The forum, Safer Celebrations, Cutting Through Red Tape, saw a panel of key figures (Liquor Licensing, Qld Health, Qld Ambulance, Health & Safety and others) come together to advise event organisers from across the region on how to efficiently comply with legislation. Several panel members cited the efforts by KAS as 'exemplary'. This kind of public recognition is very encouraging and suggests to us that we are heading in the right direction.

**Sat June 2** Kuranda Amphitheatre Society General Meeting 3pm All Welcome

**Sun June 3** Members Night The Joe Geia Band 6.30 -10.30pm Show, Bar & BBQ. \$8 members/\$15 non-members www.acrosstheborders.com.au "earthy-hues, rural blues, soul, reggae, west-coast blues, pop, jazz and the salty-sound of the Pacific". Joe's Indigenous heritage echoes through his music and weaves a story spoken in his own voice. Joe Geia is supported by his touring band, Aubrey Maher, Andy Ross, Ray Moon, Rick Dempster, and 'Sharky' Ramos.

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The John Butler Trio

The committee acknowledges the on going support of MSC and the local police in helping us to work within ever more challenging circum-

### UNDERSTAGE

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## empower Energy Fest 2007

"Putting a Chill on Global Warming" Competitions

Hundreds of dollars of prizes are to be won in the Competitions, which will be judged at the emPower Energy Fest 2007 from 7th to 12th July at the TANKS ARTS CENTRE.

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- Primary School Students - Write a 3 minute Speech for what you want our government to do about Global Warming and a Sustainable Future. Entrants may be asked to read their speech at the event.
- Secondary School Students - Write an essay (400-800 words) titled "Visions of a Sustainable Future".
- All Ages - Create a 2D art piece for "Visions of a Sustainable Future".
- Singers and Songwriters of any age - Write and perform a song about Global Warming and win free airplay on ABC for your song! Singers and songwriters will perform their song on 7th or 8th July.

All entrants are asked to register as soon as possible, latest by 15th June. Entries need to be supplied by 30th June.

Get involved in other ways by becoming a stallholder or share your expertise as a Workshop Facilitator.

Volunteer to help before and during the emPower Energy Fest 2007.

For more information and to register, go to [www.takesteps.org/empower](http://www.takesteps.org/empower) or call Mel on 0422 660 159 or Geoff on 4093 8899.

## EXHIBITION OF EMERGING ARTISTS - GREEN SHOES -

A new contemporary group of local artists who call themselves "GREEN SHOES", is having their inaugural exhibition of combined works at COMINOS HOUSE on Greenslopes Street, Cairns.

The group, which formed last year include artist Annie Lyngcoln, Joan Gabriel, Maree Nicholson, Karlie Donaldson, Amanda Priddle and Kuranda artist, Ramona Barstys.

The works are fresh, inspirational, vibrant and alive and cover a plethora of mediums and innovative individual styles. Included in the "GREEN SHOES AT GREENSLOPES" exhibition are digital works, jewellery by KARLIE, sculpture, encaustic work, acrylic and oil compositions.

The opening night is Saturday June 16th from 7pm and all day Sunday, June 17th.

Come along and meet the face behind the artwork. Who knows you may even be purchasing a future masterpiece. The works pictured here are from artist Ramona Barstys.

For more information call Ramona on 0438 297 662



HARRIET - Sculpture



The Tribal Mask taken from Jawlensky

## FOCUS THEATRE

Well a barrel of laughs was had by all who attended our comedy night "The Philosophers Stone". Hypatia (Janice Starke) set the scene where the agora was buzzing with the platitudes of Plato (Peter Jaensch), the majesty of Alexander (Dave Martin), and the charm of Aphrodesia (Megan Freeman), while that dirty dog Diogenes (Seren Starlight) took the Mickey out of them all. However, our lovely MC (Debi Seaton-Crow) kept the situation under control introducing our hilarious Kuranda comedians. There was Jimmy with his funny blues (hmmm), and Dave, after chasing some fleas around the stage seemed to be having a gender identity crisis. Then there was Janet doing her raunchiest best for all our mothers, winning her a very very close second prize, first prize going to Daniel for doing a very strange farmers Haka (I think they do this one in NZ to scare the sheep into submission).

What about the judges? If we were to judge the judges, Dave Harris, Kylie Guy, Annie Dobson and Jim Gosden, we would judge them the biggest laugh of all. Ha ha. And all to the tune of Grecian ukuleles provided by that international sensation "Bosko & Honey", aka Daniel and Uki. That's all very well, but we wouldn't have seen



Bosko & Honey



Hypatia, Aphrodesia, Diogenes and Plato

anything at all if it wasn't for light fingered Ric providing the illumination. And when the munchies hit, Ramona's "Platos Platter" hit the spot.

It has been said that Diogenes' barrel was on the steps of the Temple of Diana! Well thank you Diana (Monaghan) and Megan for producing this barrel of laughs. And thanks also to Di Russo, Krissy, Janet, Sami, Mark, Rhonda and helpers and sponsors, the bar people Terry, Cathy and Guy for quenching our thirsts, and our security gentleman for keeping us safe and smoke free.

Well for you folk who missed all that, (and we know who you are) don't despair. You can be part of the next dramatic tragedy musical free-for-all. That's right.

We are getting together a choir of those that can't sing, won't sing, or think they can sing. Yes that does include you, so come along to the amphitheatre understage next Monday evening at 7:00 pm and join the fun. Like the poster says, you can be backstage, onstage or upstage all at the understage. See you there...



Mother Janet



Jimmy



Hypatia



Gender Bender Dave



Oh! Danny boy



Ric



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Alexander and Hypatia

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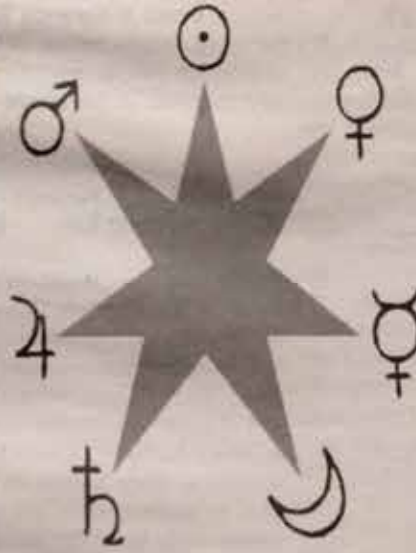
## THE STARS IN JUNE

Well, here we are in June already, the sun is dancing through Gemini, sparkling synchronicities all around us; ideas, communication and a sense of lightness and fun. Lots of visitors rolling into town and life becoming a veritable smorgasbord of experiences, or, perhaps, a sense of confusion and indecision depending on which side of the scales you drop the weight. I'd go for the fun and games and we do have a choice.

The month begins with a full moon on the night of the first of June. "Moon in June" and all that - a songwriter's delight. The moon is at fullness at 11pm E.S.T. so we will see it at its best. It's a Sagittarius full moon and so carries with it the potential for bringing long-range plans and visions to fulfillment and will be a great night to party and to celebrate whatever.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of June is a big birthday day. For some esoteric reason Kuranda is teeming with people born on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. So happy birthday to my beautiful Lisa, and all you other 3-6 babies.

The moonlight will dominate the night sky for the first week of the month, but as the moon wanes and the stars begin to shine again, there is a very interesting pattern to observe. The constellation, Scorpio, one of the largest and most easily recognizable constellations is rising before sunset and as the night goes on it moves higher into the sky. It's easy to spot - look for the big hook which is the tail of the scorpion, and you've got it.



The brightest star in Scorpio, one of the four "royal" stars which mark the four quarters of the heavens is Antares, the red heart of the scorpion. It sits right in the heart of the constellation, is bright red, and in starlore symbolizes intensity, passion and vengeance.

From January through to August this year the brightest 'star', the planet Jupiter, is traveling forward, retrograding back and moving forward again across Antares. It is very visible in the night sky and the symbolism of this star pattern is as clear as the star picture: an intense and powerful experience of death and rebirth bringing expanded awareness and the potential for great fortune and realization of ideals. Caution to avoid vengeance and to see the big picture.

Check out the star pattern at night and see what it says to you. There's something for everyone, and connecting with the consciousness of the living, pulsating great beings which we see as stars does bring tangible results. Trust the Astrologer.

One other date to note: on 19<sup>th</sup> June the sun moves through an opposition to Pluto, both in alignment with galactic centre. The heart of the galaxy aligned with our outermost planet and with the heart of the solar system. Get centered, and come from the heart and there is nothing which can't be transformed.

Happy Stargazing, Rob Hart

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### FOOT SOAKS:

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

### FOR TIRED FEET -

Use a foot bath that has juniper, rosemary, and lavender essential oils mixed in. Proportions should be 6 to 9 drops per 2 1/2 pints of water.

### NATURE'S FOOT BATH -

Take an early morning walk, in cool, dewy grass. It is refreshing and nourishing for body and soul. It is a standard in Kneipp hydrotherapy and favoured in macrobiotic circles as an aid to female reproductive health.

As a final note about feet, try to give them air as much as possible. As mentioned earlier, barefoot is best. However it is not always practical. At least go shoeless in your own home. Shoes trap energy around the feet and in the long run make you feel more tired. They collect negativity which is one reason why they are never worn in Indian temples. Take them off when you can. **Valarie Birchall, Aesthetician.**



## Wanted:

Stories, treatments, poetry, art, remedies, photo's etc.... Tell us about your journey or experience. Come on Kuranda it's your paper!!! Share with us!!!! Drop articles and photos off at the Video shop in the BP servo complex.



# BATREACH NEWS

## Rambling Reptiles.



Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 was not a favourable day for one young Kuranda resident. Deciding a change of scenery was in order, this young man began to cross the range road without due assessment of traffic conditions. The young turtle was haplessly skittled by an oncoming car, but with a small stroke of fortune, the turtle was detected by a Kuranda local. Realizing that he had sustained serious injuries, the compassionate woman transported the turtle to Batreach, Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation. From here the turtle was transferred to the Kuranda Veterinary Surgery where he was attended to.

"Turtle" as he is aptly referred to, a juvenile, male, saw-shelled turtle, *Elseya latisternum*, sustained a cracked shell. The shell of a turtle is living tissue, it is bone covered by scales. Any crack to the shell must be treated by a veterinarian who will clean the wound and remove any dead or infected tissue. The crack may be sealed with fibreglass and antibiotics administered to ensure no infection occurs. After several weeks of treatment the young turtle was declared clear of infection. Sporting a partly pink, fibreglass shell he was handed back to the Wildlife Rescue Carers at Batreach, Kuranda.

"Turtle" is recovering quickly. He possesses a good appetite, with a particular taste for white-bait. He remains a wild animal and has a healthy apprehension for his carers. "Turtle" will be re-released into a safe dam with others of his kind once it is felt that there is no risk of infection. I do worry how a male turtle with a pink shell will be perceived by his counterparts! Though, like our skin, the shell constantly replaces itself, the small scales shed away with new growth formed underneath. Once the crack in the shall has healed over the fibreglass will pare away.

Turtles that require to cross a road often freeze in the middle. Overcome by fear they will retreat into a defense position (head and legs tucked under the shell). They may remain in this vulnerable position for some time. If you encounter a turtle in the road, pick the animal up carefully with two hands around the body, holding it at arms length. Be wary of powerful claws. Walk to the edge of the road in the direction the animal was facing. Release the animal, preferably in nearby water. If this is not possible, release the turtle 20-30 meters from the road. If you are aware that no bodies of water exist in that direction, place the turtle in a cardboard box and take it to the nearest body of water.

Turtle populations continue to suffer due to human activities. Water pollution, introduced predators and habitat loss are all major threats. These precious species deserve our respect and diligence in their protection.

"Why did the turtle cross the road?.. To get to Shell Station!"



## Quotes To Keep You Alive

I dialled a number and got the following recording: "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."  
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At pilots' training back in the Air Corps they taught us, "Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you make."  
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Aspire to inspire before you expire.  
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My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.  
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## AYURVEDIC RECIPE

### CURRIED POTATO PATTIES WITH CARROTS

- 6 large or 8 small potatoes
- 2 large carrots (2cups grated)
- 1 ½ tablespoons sun flower oil
- 1 tablespoon black mustard seeds
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 to 1 ½ teaspoons sea salt (to taste)
- 2/3 cup green onions, finely chopped
- ½ cup fresh coriander leaves, finely chopped (optional)

Put water in a large pot to boil for the potatoes. Wash the potatoes well and leave on their skins. Put them in the water to boil until tender, about ½ hour. While they are cooking, wash and finely grate the carrots. Wash and finely chop the green onions. Put the oil in a large skillet and add the mustard seeds. When they pop, add the grated carrot and cook just long enough to wilt them slightly. Stir in the curry powder and salt. When the potatoes are done, drain them and let them cool enough to handle them.

Mash them well, with a fork or with your hands, and stir or mash in the rest of the ingredients, including the uncooked green onion and coriander leaves. Form the mixture into patties and cook on a skillet, browning them 1 to 2 minutes on each side. Serve hot.

If you need to cut down the oil, cook patties on a non-stick pan with no oil.



# FOODWORKS

Autumn leaves super in-store specials at Kuranda Foodworks!

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## KEVIN DONOVAN, our friend.

He went passed everyday, his long painted coat happily flapping in the gentle breeze accompanied by the joyous sound of tiny bells, his friendly face crowned by a multi-coloured beanie. We looked forward to his approach and his daily greeting to have a good day.

His uncomplicated and open approach came as an invitation to go back to the essentials of life: love, friendship, compassion and care. Over the months, we came to know Kevin a little better and learned to appreciate his genuine good character and his willingness to extend a helping hand or a prayer to anyone who might need it.

He would delight in carving wood and encrust his creations with beautiful crystals carefully selected and placed. Kevin spent hours carving and decorating his ritual sticks and the shimmering of the stones would reflect in the twinkle of his eyes. His creations were a bit like his life, Kevin wanted to ignore the cruelty and meanness that may exist and concentrate on the beauty of creation. We never heard a negative word coming from his mouth.

Kevin was totally oblivious to the material world.

Up to the last week before Kevin was brought to hospital he gathered all his remaining strength to come and greet everyone and enquire our well-being, offering prayers, still giving of himself to his last breath. We spoke about death and Kevin showed no fear of the process but some sense of anticipation of the next adventure; his only heartache was knowing that his passing would create sadness for the people he held closest.

We did not get a chance to say good-bye but we know that in all his glory, Kevin is now free to send even more love and blessings to us all without any judgement.

Kevin will always live in our hearts.

John and Claudia Collingwood, Emmerick and Brigitte Winkler.



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## Bullrout (*Notesthes robustus*)

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### What will happen?

Envenomation from the Bullrout causes intense pain. Envenomation intensity is dependant on the depth and number of spines that penetrate the skin. The pain is sharp and intense at the wound site. There will be bruising and inflammation, but little bleeding. One person reported that the pain started to subside in 2 hours, but the inflammation lasted for a week. Everyone is affected differently.

### What should I do if I stand on a Bullrout?

Relief can be provided by applying heat to the area. Heat can be applied by immersing the site in hot water or through the use of heat packs. You should then go directly to hospital for treatment.

### Diet

The Bullrout predares on small fish, prawns, crustaceans and polychaete worms. Whilst sedentary for most of the time they can dart out very quickly to catch their prey as they are ambush predators.

### Interesting facts

When picked up they make croaking noise like frog. Some indigenous tribes of North Queensland would warn youth about the Bullrout in initiation ceremonies.

Come to the Australian Venom Zoo and meet Lucifer, our very own Bullrout, and learn about all the other venomous creatures.



## Wettenhall's Watch

In Parliament in April, I drew attention to the \$2.5 billion contribution tourism makes to our local economy. The Queensland government's \$48 million tourism strategy includes some components that I believe will be of real benefit to tourism in Kuranda.

Funding has been allocated to undertake visitor satisfaction surveys in Cairns, the beaches and the Tablelands which will help Kuranda businesses plan for the future and tailor and improve their products. Funding has also been provided to develop a tourism park management strategy which will identify opportunities to analyse, develop and improve tourism operations in highly visited protected areas like Barron Gorge National Park.

A Japanese ranger exchange program will be introduced and funds will be provided to complete the Indigenous Tourism Strategy which I hope will lead to more opportunities for indigenous people to participate in and benefit from tourism. I think there is a strong demand from visitors to learn about and experience indigenous culture and great potential to build on the success of existing enterprises and grow this product in Kuranda and Far North Queensland.

On other matters, work is now well underway on renovations to the new Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. I would like to offer a sincere welcome to Marg Yandell who has taken over the position for Vicki Donovan. I thank Vicki for all her hard work skills and dedication to KNC and wish her well in her new position in Cairns. I am very pleased that my representations to the Minister for funding for a fulltime co-ordinator for the center were successful and as a result the new center will reach its full potential.

Progress on the new swimming pool in Kuranda is well underway – with construction due to be completed by early January 2008.

Steve Wettenhall MP

Member for Barron River

### Dear Kuranda Paper,

If you go down to Centenary Park today you're in for a big surprise – just take a look at the big orange spray painted rectangle! This is Council's preferred location for Kuranda's new playground.

It's a huge 9m x 11m with shade sails. It will be unfenced and the location is extremely unsafe with only 12m to Therwine St's car parks and vehicles. It will infringe on our village green. And it's already purchased with a contractor ready to go.

Heard about it? No, I didn't think so. No community consultation has happened prior to a small community meeting on Wednesday 23 May, which Council didn't organise. The plans can now be viewed at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre and the Library.

Thankfully Council has stopped work on the project until they meet on Tuesday 5 June. Many people and community organisations have already voiced their opposition to this location. Council has not said if they will consult the community in the interim. Everyone is invited to a community meeting at 11.30am Monday 4 June at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

The best location for the new equipment is parallel to Coondoo St near the existing playground area beside the fig tree. This shady playground location is in keeping with Kuranda. A quick fix and no doubt not perfect, but a much better outcome for child safety and the Park's amenity than their location. Council's location flies in the face of previous Park consultation, planning and logic. If they pursue this location then a child safety fence in keeping with Kuranda will need to be installed.

But the whole process begs the question of why does Council hold the community's views in such contempt it won't consult with us in the first place? They are extremely naive to imagine that we will be happy with a "Council knows best" approach. Surely improving community involvement processes in future projects will result in better supported outcomes?

At least our kids will be happy with a playground at last.

Lisa Stagoll, Kuranda



### ANZAC Day

I was very proud to be the principal of the college on ANZAC Day when over 20 children marched in remembrance of all those who have served their country. The children looked smart in their uniforms and their behaviour was exemplary. Thanks to the parents who brought their children on the day.

Also pleasing was Father Chris's mention of the old primary school's history in being instrumental in compiling Kuranda's early ANZAC commemorations.

### Car Parking

Unfortunately there are some parents (and staff) who are ignoring the basic road rules when it comes to parking at present. For the safety of the children, parents are not allowed to park on the school grounds inside the gates at the primary campus. In addition, everyone must turn into the car park at the Myola end of the car park, not the primary campus end. People who continue to ignore this request are accidents just waiting to happen.

Presently, there are a number of parents parking on Myola Road near the school buildings. As a part of the defect and design fault process, I signed off (on behalf of the community) to extend the fence another 70 metres along Myola Road. Is this still the parent opinion? After the fence is built, I do not want a parent group that is angry that I have cut off the access to the school directly off Myola Road.

### Dare to Lead

The college underwent a critical examination of its ability to cater for indigenous students and its indigenous curriculum through the Dare to Lead organization. I am pleased to report that we were "culturally aware and appropriate."

### OECD Visit

The world conference of Education Minister's and Director Generals is being held in Cairns in two weeks time. Kuranda District State College will be hosting the delegates for half a day. The delegates will be visiting the Families as First Teachers program and also having lunch as prepared by the Senior School Hospitality Students

### International Study Tour

We will be hosting our annual study tour group of students from Japan on July 28 to August 7. This year we are hosting 20 children from 16 to 18 years of age. We will be sending home information to families who can help the school home stay the students in the very near future. There is reimbursement to families who host students for some expenses that they have to outlay. Can you please start using your networks to promote this opportunity? Apart from the cultural, learning, social and emotional benefits, the college stands to receive financial gains for hosting the home stay.

Welcome to Kira Daley completing a Certificate 111 in Business and working at Primary Campus office.

### Chris Capra Principal



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## The Misuse of Evolutionary Conflict.

To illustrate the direction of this article I will introduce a quote by Albert Einstein (1819-1955) German born American Physicist.

"During the last century, and of the one before, it was widely held that there was an irreconcilable conflict between knowledge and belief." Einstein's quote indicates the existing controversy between theology and investigative science. What the effects of these conceptual challenges have on personal conflict will be showing in coming chapters.

First let's begin at the beginning with a quote from Carl Sagan - "We are the stuff of the stars" (1980 *Cosmos*) his hypothesis that life on this planet owes its existence to amino acids that were part of a meteorite impacting the Earth, thus "Star stuff contemplating star stuff". However he was not alone with this concept.

This hypothesis was first postulated in 1871 by William Thomson, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Kelvin (mathematical physicist, engineer) on the Origin of Life report to the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Further to attest to this hypothesis in 1969 Murchison, a town in Victoria, sonic booms were heard as a meteorite broke up in flaming descent across the sky. The Murchison meteorite was dated to 4.5 billion years old and was composed of carbonaceous chondrite, (a very rare form of chondritic meteorite, with high levels of water and organic compounds) containing amino acids, 74 types in all, of which 8 are involved in the formation of proteins (Bill Bryson from "A Short History of Almost Nearly Everything" 2003).

A quote from Nobel Laureate Christian de Duve appears to support this view "an obligatory manifestation of matter, bound to arise wherever conditions are appropriate. De Duve thought it likely that such conditions would be encountered perhaps a million times in every galaxy". (Bill Bryson, 2003).

How, what and why? Rational thoughts as opposed to a nonlinear belief that something exists in its own accord. In this case questions are still asked but only in theological abstract which doesn't develop into a rational belief, but into a non-directional concept, with no possible way of developing the questions (how, what, and why). They are conceived by the individual's personality. That is to say his belief on the subject, in this case life was created.

That's it! No further discourse, no further hypothesis, which could lead to research. No possible way forward.

Once again in support of investigative science, another quote by Carl Sagan. "The method of science is tried and true it is not perfect, it's just the best we have and to abandon it with skeptical protocols is the pathway to a dark age". (Committee for Skeptical inquiry).

An outcome of belief that is not structured around the principles of research into possible cause and effect, by its own right becomes a means to an attitude that contributes to self conflict. It is observable the outcome of conflict in the cultures of differing societies. History itself whether rewritten or not defines the process of individual conflict. For example the Crusades, first launched in 1095 under auspices of Pope Urban 11 (Catholic Encyclopedia) the effects of that Crusade and others since have been compounding up to the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

It can be shown that personal conflict has a source, also it has an influence on the mind and our behaviour.

We make our own reality and in the course of doing so, conflict in the mind will influence any decisions and course of action taken. Internal self conflict is a precursor to fear complex or phobia, and as seen in the crusades and other theatres of war when this phobia becomes international we have the modern day equivalent of the results, with ongoing conflict in the world arena. On analyses off the individual and international mind it is apparent that the wrong actions lead only to compounding the original status. We need to return to the individual. The solution in world events begins in solving the individual's internal conflict.

I must remind you that this conflict is only of the mind, does not exist outside of the mind. Although it may appear so, we are reacting to external stimuli; it is the stimulus that triggers a reaction in the brain and acting on the storage-retrieval system an emotive response is then transformed to action. It

can be argued that the instincts for survival of the species in their evolutionary process have created in the mind an autonomous reaction to possible threats to life, an event that may be the root cause to perpetual self conflict. More on that later, but now let's return to mental conflict what the hell is it?

From early childhood we have grown up with the impact of varying experiences which good or bad help form our personality and leave an impression on the mind. Accumulated and stored in the subconscious they are involuntarily recalled from the implicit memory by an indirect trigger, such as smell, touch, environment, etc and bring about a recollection of prior events, either good or otherwise. It is our reaction to these events that produces emotion which in turn involuntarily become our self imposed complexes, administering to our conflicts.

The anxieties induced then cause the physical body to undergo chemical changes. All the glands influenced by the process of anxiety; the adrenaline secretions, the parathyroid, thyroid, sex hormones and pituitary all bring about a flight or fight syndrome. If we are unable to do either then our stress level increases symptoms, including shortness of breath, perspiration, twitching of muscles, and an increased blood flow with subsequent increase of adrenalin. These chemical changes in the blood effect our behaviour and our interaction with the environment.

Periodically the term consciousness has been alluded to, therefore let's turn our attention to the meaning of consciousness. How does neurobiological process cause consciousness? Consciousness as defined in the dictionary; *state of being, totality of a person's thoughts and feelings*. However, it should not be confused with self-referential which ascribes as self-consciousness. "Conscious states are caused by lower levels of neurobiological processes in the brain and are themselves a higher level feature of the brain". (John R. Searl).

Stimuli (as mentioned in this article) are received from the external world and are converted by the nervous system into variable rates of neuron firing at synapses that, recalled from stored memories, are the lower level of biological processes. (Lower level neuronal process in the brain causes consciousness and consciousness is simply a higher level feature of the system. But as to how the brain processes cause conscious states is not yet known.

J. Searl - "It is astounding that consciousness could be produced by electro-biochemical terms and to attempt to explain it in neurobiological terms at this point in time would be near impossible. A century ago it seemed extremely mysterious, puzzling to some people and metaphysically impossible that life should be accounted for in terms of mechanical, biological or chemical processes. But now we know that we can give such an account, and the problem of how life arises from biochemistry has been solved to the point that we find it difficult to understand why it seemed such an impossibility at one time. But once we recognize the fact that conscious states are caused by neurobiological processes, we automatically convert the issue into one for theoretical scientific investigation. It has been removed from the realm of philosophical or metaphysical impossibility".

In this article I have attempted to show the relevance of conceptual thought and the progression of such towards a hypothesis for further research, whilst still maintaining the flow from one concept to another. The term conflict is laced within the article portraying a plausibility of conceptual conflict, and all brought together to the interpretation of consciousness.

After all it's all in the mind! Allan Denny.

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Hi Folk hasn't it been wonderful to see the sun shine! It's been a busy month at the Neighbourhood Centre, Julie has settled in and Marg Yandell, our new coordinator started on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. I will have finished up by the time this comes out having enjoyed my time at the Centre. I am looking forward to seeing the progress of the Neighbourhood Centre with its first ever full time co-ordinator and its own purpose built premises. There will be many wonderful programs in the future for our community as the Neighbourhood Centre moves forward.

### Rummage Boutique

We would like to extend our gratitude to all the wonderful members of the community who have donated a wide range of goods this month, including bikes and beds. We are still seeking donations of blankets or doonas with the cold season coming on, also any old beanies, gloves, and scarves.

### National Volunteers Week

In conjunction with the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre we held a function to acknowledge the volunteers of some of the community groups of Kuranda. The rest of the nation was having breakfasts but in true Kuranda style we chose to be different and had afternoon tea. We had an excellent turn-out and the Honey House's pumpkin scones were enjoyed by all. For some volunteers it was an opportunity to catch up with friends and have a chat, not something they can usually do as they all work so hard. Thank you to Malcolm for lending us the space and Trish for the yummy honey.

### MonaMona

We would like to congratulate the MonaMona community on their Incorporation and elected council. Representing the Neighbourhood Centre at the open day was Julie, our family support worker.

**Tracey Ratcliffe Acting KNC Coordinator**

### TAX HELP

Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre has two volunteers who have completed the Tax Help Course. Tax Help is free help for low income earners with their tax return and baby bonus claim. Appointments will be made

from 3pm onwards several days per week after the end of June 2007. Please contact the centre on 40938933 for more information and to make appointments. You will be asked some simple questions to assess your eligibility.



Building still in progress







Marg Yandell - KNC Co-ordinator

## Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre: The Wonder Women Arrive

Hey Kuranda - My name is Marg Yandell and I have just commenced as the full-time Coordinator for KNC. I have lived in Kuranda for over 8 years and have two children at the Kuranda District State College. While I have lived here for a little while, I have always worked away, either in Cairns, the Tablelands or for a while in Tully. My last role was as CEO for Tableland Employment Agency (Disability Employment Network Provider). I also spent a year managing the Cardwell Shire Community Support Centre in Tully and prior to that working for ARC Disability Services. I am really excited to have the opportunity to now work in a developmental capacity in the community in which I live. I have been informed this week by the Department of Communities that the estimated date for the new premises to be completed is the 18<sup>th</sup> of July - this year! Hard to believe when you look at the building, however we are definitely hoping this is true. I look forward to meeting up with you all and catching up with those of you I already know. Please drop into the Centre and say hello.

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Hi All, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Julie Baker and I am the family worker in Kuranda, working from the Neighbourhood Centre, I have been in the area now for about 4 weeks and getting around to meet everyone.

I recently relocated from Lismore NSW, where I was the Family Worker with Family Support; Prior to that position, I have had the opportunity to work in Safe-houses for Women and Children, as well as Child Safety. I would love to run some groups for the people of Kuranda so it would be great if you would pop in for a cuppa and we can discuss what the people would like. Wednesday afternoons 4.00-5.00 I would like to start a craft afternoon for the Children, so kids come along it will be fun, in The Market Mall. Have a great day.



Julie Baker Family Support Worker

## NEW KURANDA PLAYGROUND LOCATION UNSAFE?

Is Mareeba Shire Council gambling with our kids lives?

*It only takes a split second for a young child to run onto a road and be hit by a vehicle. The consequences are devastating.*

**Bouquets to Mareeba Shire Council** for deciding to replace the children's playground in Centenary Park - Kuranda needs a playground.

Brick bats for doing it without community consultation!

Council has chosen to install a 9 x 11 meter playground with shade sails and soft fall, to a new location beside the Kuranda Visitor Centre and toilets, and adjacent to carparks on busy Therwine St (opposite Annabel's Pies) - see orange spray painted rectangle in the Park. Only a very narrow, poorly vegetated garden bed and pathway stand between our kids and Therwine St's tourist traffic, buses etc - 12 meters to be exact.

Council already has the equipment and contractors ready to install the playground over a ten week period. Thankfully Council has stopped work on the project until they meet on Tuesday 5 June. The plans can now be viewed at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre and the Library.

However, "Location, location, location" as the saying goes. Many of us think that the new equipment should be located parallel to Coondoo St near the existing playground area beside the fig tree. This shady playground location is in keeping with Kuranda.

The equipment will fit in this location and there are no engineering or environmental impediments. Previous Park consultation and planning determined this as the logical location for play equipment. If Council pursues their location then a child safety fence in keeping with Kuranda will need to be installed.

**Council is considering this issue at their next meeting on Tuesday 5 June.** We need to make sure that this time they take on board the community's views on child safety and the Park's amenity.

### What you can do:

**Call the Mayor:** Cr Mick Borzi on 4030 3900

**Write to the Mayor,** Mareeba Shire Council, PO Box 154 Mareeba 4880 or email [mick.borzi@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:mick.borzi@msc.qld.gov.au)

**Find out more** at a community meeting at 11.30am Monday 4 June at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre

*For more information please call the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on 4093 8933*

The following information has been submitted to the Local Government Reform Commission in response to its call for input to the issue of structural changes to shire boundaries.

## A VOICE FOR KURANDA

*There is no greater service than to help a community to liberate itself - Nelson Mandela*

### RESULTS OF POLL OPTIONS FOR KURANDA'S FUTURE conducted in Kuranda in March 2004

During the month of March 2004, a poll of Kuranda's residents was undertaken to determine the range of attitudes regarding our voicelessness in Mareeba Shire and what options we might pursue to remedy the situation. The poll was open to people over 18, who live in Kuranda be they voting or non-voting residents or ratepayers. Every polling form was initiated by an issuing officer during the poll to ensure only one person submitted one vote.

The results are summarised in the table below:

	COUNT	%
Create a Kuranda Shire	472	43.4
Become a Division of Mareeba Shire	263	24.2
Join Douglas Shire	144	13.2
Staying as we are in Mareeba Shire	126	11.6
Join Cairns City	83	7.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1086</b>	
Informal	11	

64.2% want to leave Mareeba Shire.  
88.4% are not happy with existing "no voice" situation.  
These figures are consistent with the Local Government election results of 27/3/04 in which 1, standing for a voice for Kuranda, won two-thirds of the Kuranda vote but did badly in the rest of the shire. This, too, is consistent with how each of the population centres within the shire voted for the candidates they knew in their own areas.

Kuranda generally gave high support for the independent candidates and low support for the sitting council. This was contrary to how the rest of the shire voted generally. The fact that Kuranda voted differently from the rest of the shire illustrates that the vast majority of residents in Kuranda see their Wet Tropics place and tourist industry as different from Mareeba's Dry Tropics and farming communities.

We proved what we set out to prove, that no amount of support for a Kuranda person will gain a voice for Kuranda within Mareeba Shire's current no-divisions system. This is the first set of figures that gives us an idea of how Kuranda feels about its existing and future situation.

There is an electoral boundary review scheduled for March 2007, in time for the next election. We, as a community, should now feel confident to press to be included in the electoral boundary review to achieve a voice in our destiny, either within the Mareeba Shire or without it.

So that the push for a community voice does not get gobbled up in a committee, but remains with the community at large, I am offering to be the secretariat/coordinator of the project - A Voice for Kuranda - and keep in

touch with all of you who want to proceed to investigate ways of improving our situation through a dedicated column in the Kuranda Paper. From time to time it will also be necessary to send questionnaires to all residents when choices arise so that I am given direction from the community as to how to proceed.

It should be made clear that the project is to push for a voice for Kuranda, not to debate whether we want one or not. That has been done and the results are clear. Those who are satisfied with the current arrangements in the Mareeba Shire should form their own group if they feel the need to do so.

To date, I have aired our case with the new Minister for Local Government & Planning, Desley Boyle, and spoken to a number of Local Council mayors and officers. There is no doubt our plight is recognised and appreciated. Out of courtesy, I have reported to Mareeba Shire Council the results of the public poll and asked for its cooperation in achieving a voice for Kuranda. I will publish the response when one is received.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you would like to be more involved in the tasks of the secretariat, in calling meetings, in framing up questionnaires and so on.



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Ahoy there me heartys its that time of the month to remind all highlanders again about coming into the tavern for one of our delicious meals at the Country Kitchen. You will not be disappointed if you haven't as yet dropped in for something to eat, the food is excellent & our chef Steve {award winning} is always coming up with new & exciting dishes which we add to our menu every couple of weeks to keep things interesting.. Don't forget u can also **ring & place orders for pick up** at yr own convenience. We also do birthday parties, functions, group dinners, what ever the case , give us a ring or speak to Matt or Steve & we will Endeavour to fulfill your wants.

Jeff & Stella Hilton, owners of the tavern will be leasing the pub to their daughter Jamie & her boyfriend Steve Logan. They will be taking over the operation of the bar on the 1st July. So we wish them good luck & look forward to the new energy, ideas & promotions that will be injected into the taverns week to week operation

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- Battered, Crumbed, Grilled Fish \$5.50 # Chips \$3.00
- 1/4 BBQ Chicken & Chips \$10.00

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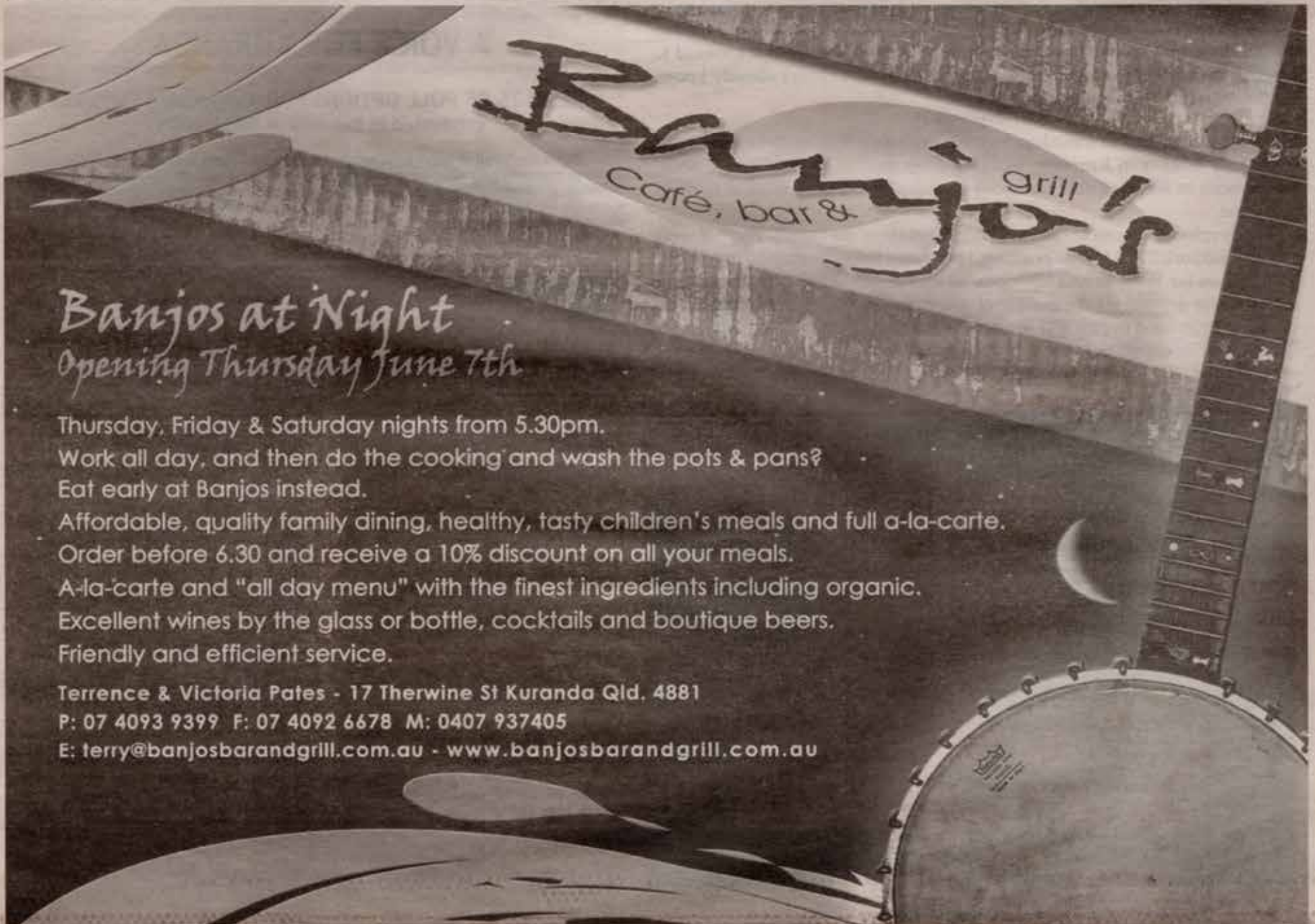
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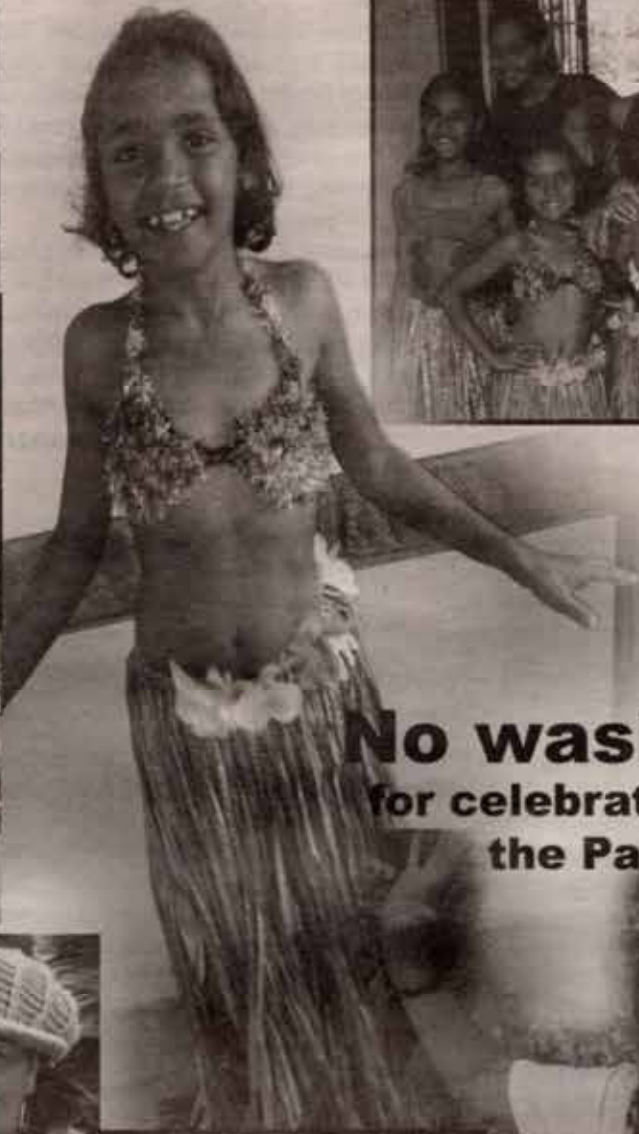
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## QCWA KURANDA NEWSLETTER

By the time this newsletter appears, May is just about over and our members are gearing up for the Divisional Finals in early June. This year, the Finals will be held on June 8 at Innisfail QCWA Hall.

At this time, judging at Division level takes place for entries in Knitting & Crochet, Dressmaking, Cookery, International, Essay Writing, Photography, Floral Art, Music & Drama and Handcraft. All this plus Public Speaking, Interpretive Reading and the selection of our Division Country Woman of the Year entrant. Winners then go on to the Regional and State Contests.

Our Handcraft Teacher, Yvonne, has just returned from a week in Toowoomba, where she spent several days at the State Handcraft School learning the intricacies of Decorative Gold Work Embroidery. Another craft to add to those, which can be taught during our Wednesday Craft and Social mornings. Toowoomba was definitely "cold weather" clothing - nothing very fashionable but warm and comfortable.

Some of our ladies have expressed an interest in learning Floral Art. We hope to have a few lessons organised in the near future - the class will be open to

both members and the public. If interested, you may wish to contact Sheila Wilhelm on 40937617.

In May, several ladies attended the Division International Luncheon held at the Cairns QCWA Hall. A pleasant day to share absorbing information on Denmark - 2006/7 Country of Study. Quizzes, competitions, raffles, Morning Tea and a 3-course Luncheon featuring traditional Danish cooking. Congratulations to Sylvia Goh on winning the fun competition with her Viking helmet. It was not easy fashioning this fashion statement from a sheet of newspaper and 5 straight pins! Perhaps Sylvia's experience in patchwork helped.

Why don't you come along and join our friendly group - learn a craft, teach a craft or just come along for a bit of social time - have a cuppa - we would like to see you. Our Rummage Room is open to the public on these days. For further information phone: 4093 7016 or 40937393. The QCWA hall is available for hire both on a regular basis and for those "one off" occasions please contact our **Hall Convener**, Sarah MacPherson on 4093 7599. (catering is available at a reasonable rate for meetings, seminars etc.) **Note: change of branch meeting times - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12.30pm**

## THE KURANDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM

The Chamber next social meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> June at the Cairns Zoo. Our host will be Jenny and she will give us a VIP tour. All members are welcome. Please confirm your attendance to the Chamber Secretary or President on 4093 8572.

To date, we have received no news from Federal or State Government in response to our submissions although we are aware that our representatives are doing their best to get a response.

Brisbane Qld Railways "bean counters" are in Cairns to assess the need of two trains coming to Kuranda per day compared to one. Our information is that they are looking to reduce to one train per day. This would mean one more knock for the Kuranda businesses. We are sending a letter to our Members regarding this issue.

The Tidy Town Competitions Judges - Mick and Jenny Graham - were in Kuranda for a few days. I personally took them around the village and noted their appreciation of our beautiful environment, our assets and mainly the potential of what Kuranda has to offer. We are looking forward to their report as guidance towards future improvement. They outlined the importance of community spirit and involvement to reach the best outcome.

The KVPP and Council are looking to have the Le Page Report revisited as the previous one is out of date. There will be some strict guidelines and we are welcoming this initiative and ask members to participate by submitting their views when solicited.

Few people have approached me regarding the Levy Council imposes to Kuranda for the future swimming pool. The Chamber has supported the Swimming Pool Committee and considers that the cost had to be covered by the Council General Revenue, as it

was done in Mareeba and Dimbulah.

To impose a Levy, the Council should have established a consultative process and this issue should be raised through the Rate Payers Association. It is my understanding that there are some Rate Payers Associations representatives on the Kuranda Advisory Committee.

The State Government has appointed a Committee to review Council/Shire amalgamation. This Committee comprises different political views. Their recommendation might/might not be implemented and the outcome is quite uncertain. This is why the Chamber will convene a Meeting and ask some Councillors from Mareeba Shire and Cairns City Council to list what Kuranda would gain from their administration.

**John Collingwood Editor Comment - Kuranda does not have a rate payers association!!!**



## RSL News

The Kuranda Dawn Service was held at the railway station at 5.00 am conducted by Fr Chris Wright. During the service we particularly remembered those who served in World War 1 but never returned. We also remembered those who served their country in all conflicts since.

After the Dawn Service all present were invited to Kuranda Resort and Spa for a gunfire breakfast. This was a complete success. I would like to thank Owner Brent King, Manager Doug and staff Lorene and Eli for their effort putting on a great breakfast. At around 7.00 am a number of RSL members and other interested people went to the Kuranda Cemetery, as happens every year. We visit and remembered a number of our comrades interned there. Their service histories were read out at grave sites of those who served and a nip of rum was given to them.

A large naval contingent consisting of the Red Crew from HMAS Cairns Hydrographic Ship was present for the morning parade. Lieutenant Commander Mike Rashleigh from HMAS Cairns took the salute for the ANZAC Day parade. After the parade a service was conducted in Centenary Park by Fr Chris Wright. A number of wreaths were placed at the memorial rock then we adjourned to the CWA Hall where light snacks and drinks were supplied by the ladies of the Queensland CWA.

During the snacks I thanked the ladies of the CWA for their time and effort which they put in to make the morning so successful. I also thanked the Red Crew, their commander, LTCMDR Rashleigh, other honoured guests for attending and hoped to see them all again next year. After the snacks we adjourned to the RSL where the Red Crew presented a picture of the ship on which they serve.

The next Kuranda RSL Sub-Branch meeting will be held at 5.00 pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July and all members and prospective members are invited to attend.

**John Goss President Kuranda RSL Sub Branch**



## Atherton Show Schedule Released

The 100 page full colour show schedule features the 103rd Atherton Show will be held on Monday and Tuesday, July 9 and 10 and showcases the competitions, attractions, exhibit sections that will highlights the Show.



## ROTARY NEWS

The club is very pleased to welcome four new members. They are David Hayhoe, John Collingwood, Geoff Virgona, Nicole Stewart and Chris Capra. They are leaders in their chosen profession.

By joining Rotary they have displayed a commitment and a dedication to charity work and to improving the conditions not only in the community but of all peoples of the world.

The Rotary Club of Kuranda will also give a presentation at the CWA "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the CWA Hall Kuranda.

Funds raised will be given to the Cancer Research, which Rotary also is dedicated to. We fund the Bowelscan which is to detect early signs of bowel cancer, and also work for prostate cancer among many others.

Yours in Rotary, Valarie J. Birchall Secretary



John Collingwood receives his certificate of membership



David Hayhoe receives his certificate as well

The Schedule is available now from the Show Office at Merriland Hall, Feed and Saddle Shed, Jack Street, Tablelands Advertiser and The Tablelander Newspaper offices.

"The Show Society gets support from right across the Tablelands and we thank everyone who has advertised in the new schedule and provided sponsorship for events. Judging by early interest on the part of exhibitors, we are confident of a staging bumper Show," she said.

"Anyone who wishes to enter exhibits and displays is urged to come to the Show office and collect their entries and submit them as early as possible to avoid congestion at the busy pre show period.

Ms Pink said that the Showmen's Guild will provide Bonus Dollars that will offer huge discounts on rides and amusements, particularly for families. Family Tickets which offer significant savings will be available from the beginning of next month.



# Kuranda - An ecotourism centre but why not an ecotown too!

Isn't this just a wonderful place to live! We are a community of great diversity, many talents and skills, and have come from all over the country, all over the world to live here. It is so easy to get absorbed in working in this environment, in building our houses, making our gardens and protecting our natural environment. However the madness of the world is getting madder out there! It is easy to get depressed and feel a sense of hopelessness, but we are not powerless, we can do something.. This could be an exciting time!!

About 15 years ago, longer term residents will remember when we were faced with the destruction of our lifestyle, our village in the rainforest. Some would say that the old ways have been destroyed, but rather I think there has been an evolution, a balancing of the ecological and the commercial requirements of our community. Back then we were seeing swathes of forest destruction by road construction, Telstra cabling, Ergon overhead cabling, and our roadsides were rapidly being converted from soft natural buffers to urbanised curb and channelling, and streetlights. Back then we had an unsympathetic shire council who seemed to want nothing more than to cut down trees and convert Kuranda into a parking lot! There was much talk about doing something..."somebody should do something", but then we acted! We got together as a community, and eventually we got our council on side. Things were discussed in "Vision workshops", plans were made and organisations such as Landcare (now Envirocare) were established. Kuranda became promoted as an ecotourism centre.

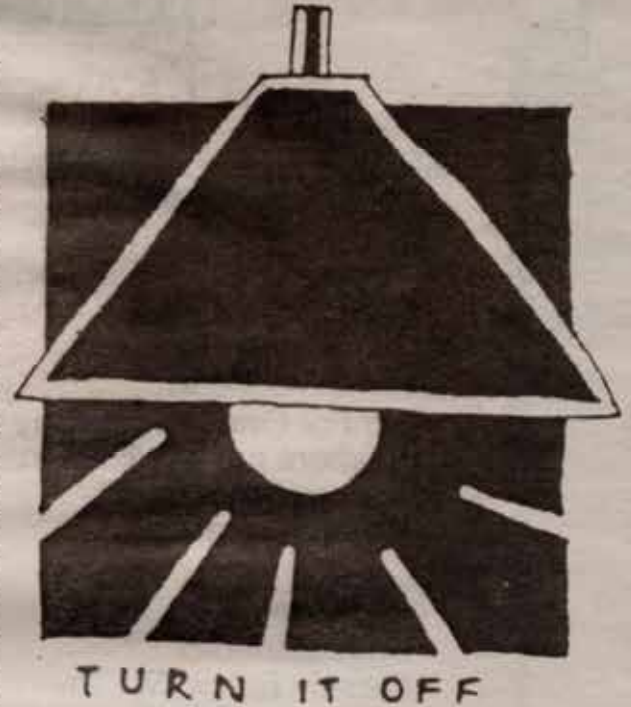
People have been complaining that our local paper has recently been full of petty squabbles and conflicts between individuals and groups. Some of this is inevitable in any community, but now that we are not just facing the destruction of our village, but rather of our world, it would be wonderful if we could unite and show how a small community can make a difference. Human beings often show their greatest abilities under threat. Again it is time for action...not just talk!! Reducing our use of fossil fuels (before we become fossils ourselves!), can easily be done here, now. Groups of us have been discussing the importance of installing solar hot water systems immediately, as heating is one of the major uses of domestic energy. However for this to be successful it needs to be cheap and easily installed. We don't need those expensive full systems that are currently available, we need solar collectors that we can link to our existing systems, but currently there doesn't appear to be anything suitable. Perhaps some local inventors could come up with something simple and cheap. After all, even a coil of poly pipe on the roof will heat water!! Perhaps cheap collectors could be made in Mareeba, providing more job prospects. Some of us are interested in electric cars and bikes...relatively low tech, not rocket science...ideally suited to local industry, community made vehicles which can be serviced locally too. In Kenthurst, in NSW, the community has been developing and using electric vehicles for several years now, and even has re-charge outlets at their major stores and public buildings, according to a recent article I read. Detractors say that this is not the answer, but there is no one answer, but rather the need for people interested in various aspects of energy conservation to work together to have a mass effect. Although they are still using electricity, they are using electric engines of around 90% efficiency compared with the old internal combustion engine, that would be lucky to be 20% efficient. Installation of water tanks, solar electricity generation and perhaps even converting our sewerage works into a methane generator for biogas. (Some have been wondering for years what to do with all the hot air from Kuranda!) We also have existing, some hydro power from the Barron river. As a community we could negotiate with power companies to sell solar home-generated power to the grid. We could try to negotiate with the producers of the 'silver cell panels' to have a test community of solar electricity generation...a good marketing ploy for them. Our eco tourism status would increase substantially and people would come here to learn what they could do in their own communities...more sales and education opportunities for community employment.


If, as a community, we got together again and did some 'brainstorming', many other suggestions would come forth. It would be rewarding, instructive, community building, and a great opportunity to spawn new environmentally sensitive industries, benefitting all. With the industrial ability of Mareeba "just 28 minutes down the road", we could become the Shire of innovation for the future!! In this community, we have the ability to promote technical innovation, ecological education, and lifestyle skills such as yoga and relaxation, as well as ecotourism. Anyone interested in a meeting to discuss this further, please ring Howard Stevens at 40938445.



Let's work together to negotiate a better deal with the energy companies

Many of you would have received a recent mailing offering a choice in choosing our energy provider. What if we tried negotiating as a whole community to get a better deal? We are being held to ransom by the big coal and energy companies. Ergon claims to offer green power to those who are prepared to pay an extra premium, but it seems this is just a big con....they won't guarantee that you will get green power or that your extra money will go into the development of future green energy projects! It is just more money into their coffers. You may have recently seen the ABC's Catalyst program. They showed what is being done in Europe where people who put photovoltaic solar generating panels on their roofs, can sell electricity into the grid for four times what they pay to take from the grid!! What a great idea! Governments there are serious about promoting green power. They give people an incentive to do something for the environment and get a return on their investment as well! But even in NSW, in Tathra, north of Sydney, the community has got together to develop solar electricity generation themselves. This approach of 'micro generation' reduces the concentration of power generation in large polluting power stations and gives some control and some financial incentive back to the people.





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# Take Away Menu

Wednesday to Monday 5.30 - 8.30pm

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Monday Night At The Movies  
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**Tuesday**  
Venue For Hire

**Wednesday**  
Two For One Wednesday -  
Vouchers are available in  
the paper or  
Kuranda Veranda

**Sunday Breaky**  
~Eggs Benedict  
~Freshly Baked Muffins  
~Espresso Coffee

**Sunday Session**  
Live Entertainment-  
3-6pm

Dinner Wednesday - Monday, 6 - 10pm

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- Cocktail Spring Rolls: (6) \$5.50
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  - Chinese Sweet & Sour Chicken:**  
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## Kuranda Spring Festival

A project of the Kuranda Festivals Association Inc.

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2007's THEME

### We're a weird mob

#### BATTLE OF THE BARRON

It's time to start collecting recycled materials to build the best raft ever. This year there will be tyre tube races and canoe races



#### ON STAGE

MUSIC - solos and bands  
DANCING  
DEMONSTRATIONS  
FASHION PARADES  
ACROBATICS  
Give us a comedy act

dress up your bike ☞ display a costume ☞ show off your school and kindy ☞  
ride on a float ☞ be a fairy ☞ or a Cassowary ☞  
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### GRAND PARADE

#### Street Stalls

- Things you've made
- Yummy things
- Things you're dying to get rid of
- Arty and crafty things
- Bric a brac
- clothes
- books
- Do a side show act
- Set up a massage table
- Knock down the ducks and win a prize stall

#### Arts

- ① Start painting and drawing.
- ② Snap the best picture for the photography competition.

Get into the **ROGAIN** race this year. Start training - it's like a cross country run. At the starting point you are given clues about where to find things. You have to collect all the clues. First to the finishing line wins prizes.

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Nursery : 19 Kullaroo Close, Kuranda

Phone: 4093 9926

## Updates on line

It's now available! Our website has had a major overhaul so we can keep members and the community updated with activities and information without sending out too much paper. What's new would take too long to list. Take a look for yourself at [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au). A new volunteer found it useful to check on the nursery species stock list, a new member checked the minutes of the last meeting and the history of achievements was used by a government officer. Those without the internet can still receive paper updates and we'll be contacting you soon to record your preference. A very big thanks to Steve Sessions for all the many, many hours of technical support and John Beasley for organising and editing much of the content.

## Return and Recycle

Help, we're running short of pots and wire baskets for potting out our seedlings! If you have a little pile of super tubes and wire baskets stowed somewhere at your place, could you bring them to us at 19 Kullaroo Close and we'll recycle them or we'll collect from you, just phone 40 939926 for pickup.

## Rainforest Trees of Kuranda (1)

This is the first of a regular monthly column which aims to introduce you to some of the rainforest trees of Kuranda.

Our lesson for this month is a simple one – How to distinguish between a tree and potato gnocchi? Easy peasy. When dropped into boiling water, gnocchi will initially sink to the bottom of the saucepan and then after a minute or so they will rise up and float whereas a tree will float immediately upon being immersed in water.

OK, armed with that useful information, it is time to go out and look at some trees. Head off from Kuranda to the traffic lights at the highway. Continue along Myola Road for about 1.8 -1.9 k. Look across to your right and you should see several trees marked with white flagging tape and numbers. DON'T stop. Continue to the Jarawee Rd intersection and do a U-turn.

The big tree with the number 1 is a *Flindersia ifflaiana* (Cairns Hickory). Flindersias have an easily recognised seed pod which has 5 valves and a spiny surface. If you have a good look around you may find some empty pods under the tree. (Also number 4). Number 2 is *Pandanus monticola*. Pandans look as if they would make great garden plants but think twice! – They are forever dropping leaves and the leaves have edges of sharp spines.

Number 3 is *Polyscias australiana*. This is a pioneer species. Pioneers are the first to regrow on cleared land so they are often seen on road verges.

Number 4 is a *Flindersia ifflaiana* (No.1) sapling. Rainforest tree identification can be a nightmare. When you are beginning with tree identification, it is best to work with small trees where the leaves are accessible rather than trying to i.d. forest giants.

Number 5 is a *Garcinia warrenii*. This tree is closely related to the mangosteen. Feel its leaves. They are very stiff and thick. This makes it harder for insects to chew. It takes a lot of energy to make thick fibrous leaves so the tree wants to keep them for as long as possible. Some rainforest leaves have a lifespan of up to 5 years.

And that concludes our tree tour for May.

Tune in next month when we will address the following question – What is the difference between a rainforest tree and Flying Fish Point?? Already know the answer? Well, send it in to [drucehorton@ledanet.com.au](mailto:drucehorton@ledanet.com.au) – just remember, no-one likes a know-it-all!

The most original answer will receive their choice of 10 rainforest tree seedlings from the Envirocare Nursery.

## Identifying rainforest plants – plant id walk

Our two recent 3 day Introduction to Tropical Rainforest Revegetation workshops were deemed very informative and fun by the course participants. One participant was over heard to say "I'll look at leaves in a whole different way now". We hope to run another later this year and several ½ day workshops specialising in plant identification. In the meantime, to aid self learning we're establishing a plant identification walk along one of the first Landcare plantings in Kuranda. Watch the paper next month for details on where and how to access the id information.

## Climate change – more questions answered

A talk organised by Kuranda Envirocare and Friends of the Earth in June  
Speaker: John Rainbird, CAFNEC co-ordinator.

John is a member of the North Qld Climate Alliance and also part of Climate Project Australia, an ACF partnership with Al Gore.

As we don't yet have a confirmed date and venue, to register your interest and receive a reminder of the talk date and venue, please email [secretary@envirocare.org.au](mailto:secretary@envirocare.org.au), [info@foek.org](mailto:info@foek.org) or phone Margaret on 40 938393, or Sarah on 40850054

## Land care Working bees - Every Saturday at 8am

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## Trivia Night

30<sup>th</sup> June 2007



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Kuranda CWA Hall

## Leon's Tips

This month I would like to mention our tendency to put things off until the last minute, I am often called to folk who will sit at home and wait and hope that the malaise they are feeling will subside or go away. However more often than not the sensation or illness worsens and what may have been just a routine visit to the local GP, is now a several hour wait at the Cairns Base Hospital to achieve the same outcome.

This puts pressure on an already over stretched and under resourced public health system, and, also will often inconvenience family members for return journeys to Kuranda once the doctor has done what they can. Please be aware that the QAS does not routinely wait and return people home.

While I am not advocating that you put off seeing the Doctor because it is out of hours, I know that I am often told that a patient has had the same symptoms for the entire day, and now the possibility of a poor nights rest has made the need to consult a doctor more urgent. I know that Dr Dave Cumming and his team are more than willing for you to consult with them and often this is the most efficient way to be seen by a Doctor. Should you require further treatment or admission to hospital, then the Kuranda Medical Service team are adept at getting the ball rolling for all of your health care needs.

So don't put things off, get things seen to in a timely manner and avoid if possible, going to hospital. If however you need transport or ambulance attention please call 000 24 hours a day and we will be happy to service your needs.

## Station News



Hi all and welcome to another edition of the Ambulance update, over the past month we have been fairly busy, with most cases related to seasonal illnesses with the occasional home and road accident.

During May we were lucky to have a Kuranda Local come and join our team, Mr Kelvin Coleman who normally works at Mareeba QAS, was in town for a couple of weeks to help out while Ross Price took a well earned rest. Kelvin is a great bloke and a very good paramedic and we thank him for his contribution to our community.

## LAC &

## Fund-raising News

The Kuranda Local Ambulance Committee (LAC) is a group of community minded individuals who dedicate many hours work per month towards enhancing the ambulance service to the Local community. The role of the committee is to raise awareness in the community about the Ambulance service and its products, and to also inform the service via the commissioner as to the effectiveness of the local service.

The LAC is also a significant fundraising body that raises funds for the purchase of equipment for use in the local community.

On the **30<sup>th</sup> of June** we will hold our annual **TRIVIA NIGHT**, and a great time will be had by all. I would like to invite everyone to join us at the CWA hall for what is always a great night, so get your teams of four or more people together and come and grab some of the great prizes on offer from our generous sponsors, and remember funds raised will be used for the coming budget to purchase new equipment for your ambulance service. Festivities will begin at **6.30 pm** with refreshments and food, before we get down to business of some serious QUIZ fun.



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## Library News

There is so much going on at the Kuranda Library at the moment it only feels like yesterday that I was writing the April Kuranda Paper Report!

We'll get the 'business matter' over with first; Rates and Dog Registrations are due soon and you can come into the Library to pay them. The Kuranda Library acts as a Council office and you can also find Mareeba Shire Council forms here. However please come before 4:00pm Tuesday to Thursday and 9-12pm on a Friday. We can't accept payment outside of these times and we don't have EFTPOS or Credit facilities. You can pay at the Post-Office (which does have EFTPOS - just take in the bill) or call the Council on 07 4030 3900 and pay with your Credit Card.



## Garden Jottings by Alectura

### Things to consider this month: June 2007.

With cooler weather and welcome recent rains, the keen garden will already be turning their mind to the months ahead, preparing their gardens to best deal with the coming Dry and replacing nutrients leached during the long Wet. Compost and mulchings are the answer to all soil problems opening up clays and building body in sandy soils.

Kuranda with its great showing of Open Gardens, its many ardent gardeners and plant collectors and well as several resident world authorities on different plant genera is developing as an attraction for interstate and overseas garden lovers. With the town's gardens newly top-dressed, it is to be hoped that any civic plantings made will reflect the colour and vibrancy possible in tropical gardens. Yes we can do better than Cairns! Maybe KVPP and the Chamber of Commerce will get behind more exciting and eye-catching displays around town. Probably as many visitors are to be seen taking pics of the little gardens outside St. Saviours and the big Figs as of any other town attraction.

For new comers, the Kuranda Garden Club offers a perfect way to learn about the differences faced in gardening in FNQ. As well as information and the opportunity to see other gardens, the garden group offers a warm welcome and support.

Remember the time to prepare for and order/plant citrus and other fruit trees.

**Plant of the month: Pilea** -(Urticaceae -the nettle family) A large family with near 600 members distributed in warm and tropical regions throughout the world except Australia. Probably the best known member is *Pilea microphylla*, also known as the artillery fern from its habit of shooting out pollen in clouds from its tiny flowers. This is that ubiquitous plant coming up everywhere in cracks in paving and potted plants. Never growing more than 15cm high and with its soft almost succulent stems and finely divided foliage it can be useful as a filler or edging with a larger leaved similar but deeper green plant *P. serpyllacea* sometimes also available.

Other more highly ornamental species include *P. cardierei*, sometimes known as the Aluminium plant from its silvery grey markings on its 2" slightly margined leaves. With its smaller and more compact cultivar *P. cardierei* 'Minima', both plants of the easiest propagation make excellent under-storey groundcover.

Now onto Library business! We have finished the Junior Non Fiction exchange with Mareeba just in time for all those end of semester assignments the kids are doing. Also, don't forget Homework Help is on every Tuesday. You need to book and people who come can have free Internet time plus 10 free prints or photocopies. Before you get too excited; you must attend school to be eligible for Homework Help - adults must be accompanied by a child!

This month you can win a \$3000 Laptop Computer by entering the State Library's Online Database Challenge. Simply visit the State Library's website at [www.slq.qld.gov.au](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au) and answer four questions to be in the running. With the standard price of Internet at the Kuranda Library only \$3.00/hour for members it means a good return for your investment if you win the computer. If you are lucky enough to have the Internet at home you can certainly enter from there.

Storytime this month was on wind (the kind you get in bad weather) and the kids had fun flying their kites around the library. We also did a special Storytime at the Kuranda Playgroup on Frogs which was a lot of fun for the kids and for the Library Staff. This month's activities will be based around something I am beginning to think is fictitious in Kuranda. Winter came... then it went again, but it is coming back to the Kuranda Library! At 10 o'clock, for at least an hour on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

For the adults out there; we are bursting at the seams with new books and would consider it a personal favour if you would come in and take some off of our shelves! New popular books include offerings by Danielle Steel, Dick Francis, James Patterson, Jodi Picoult, Mary Higgins Clark and John Grisham. There are also some fantastic new autobiographies by Schapelle Corby and Joanne Lees.

Thanks again to those who have made suggestions in the last month. We are busily implementing some already. If you have any further ideas about how the library can help you, then pop in for a chat. Or if you're after some information on knitting a winter beanie, training that new pup or searching for family history, the Kuranda Library is a good place to start. Happy reading!

**Ros and Maddie**

*P. nummularifolia* with its creeping, trailing habit, rooting at the nodes and growing to about 15cms is the commonly known "Creeping Charlie". An excellent shade loving ground cover.

More exotica are *P. involucrate*, *P. nigrescens* and the more frequently seen cultivar 'Moon Valley'. All these species are highly desirable giving a subtlety and colour at ground level. Of the easiest cultivation, all require semi-shade, good soil moisture and avoidance of wet feet. Of the easiest propagation from stem cutting struck in sand with rooting taking about three weeks in warmer weather. Care should be taken in disposing of any plants as some forms may have feral potential.

#### Native:

*C. cooperi*, the **Lacy Tree Fern**, derives this name from its delicate fronds. It is also known as the **Australian Tree Fern** as it is one of the most commonly grown Australian tree-ferns.

*C. cooperi* is quite distinctive from *C. australis* in that it has a more slender trunk with distinctive "coin spots" where old fronds have broken off the trunk. *C. cooperi* fronds are bright green and lacy and tend to be very fast growing. There are several major horticultural varieties of this fern including *Cyathea* 'Brentwood' which has paler fronds and scales and *C. 'Robusta'* which tends to be darker in both characters. *C. cooperi* is the one of the most popular tree ferns, along with *Dicksonia antarctica* due to its rapid growth form, hardiness and aesthetic appeal.

Tree-ferns grow best in high humidity and high soil moisture conditions. It is therefore important to use good-quality mulches and to top them up regularly as this will not only keep the soil moist but also provide nutrients to the shallow root system. Tree-ferns usually respond well to organic fertilizers and well-rotted animal manures, *C. cooperi* especially as it tends to display particularly vigorous growth.

Though a wide range of pests attack ferns they rarely cause significant damage. If outbreaks do occur tree-ferns can be treated with the standard array of organic and non-organic pesticides. It has been found that the use of fertilizers can reduce a tree-ferns susceptibility to attack. Thus by providing adequate food, water and shelter you will be able to grow beautiful and healthy tree-ferns in your own garden!



### Q. & A.

**Dear Bob,** You asked for some information for planting up your garden with bird, butterfly and animal attractant plants. I would highly recommend a visit to our local Envirocare: and to Yuruga Native Plants: <http://www.yuruga.com.au/> Both are best qualified to advise on plants best suitable for your area and specific site conditions. As well and a subscription to their newsletter

<http://www.cassowaryconservation.asn.au>

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## FROM A JACK TO A KING

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"I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed," she explained. "I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house"

"Don't worry," Jack said. "We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light."

The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of diving..

But about nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the diving weekend.

He dropped in on his friend Bob and asked, "Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our diving holiday up north about 9 months ago?"

"Yes, I do." said Bob

"Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?"

"Well, um, yes," Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out, "I have to admit that I did."

"And did you happen to use my name instead of telling her your name?"

Bob's face turned beet red and he said, "Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did Why do you ask?"

"She just died and left me everything."



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# Dreaming Rail

A recent report in the Tablelands newspaper suggests that the 4-Lane Highway from Smithfield to Kuranda may prove too expensive to construct.

As projected costs for the proposed Kuranda Range Highway escalate up, up and away, heading towards the billion dollar zone and beyond - and opposition to this environmental monstrosity continues to grow - it's worth considering an alternative future for the Kuranda area that isn't based on the Los Angeles recipe for the good life: blast and build, slash and sprawl, clear and consume.

Does that mean no change at all? Shall our children - and theirs - still be driving daily up and down a busy two-lane Kuranda Range Road in 10, 20, 30 years time?

I hope not - even though no change would be a better outcome than current plans to build a Highway and a car-dependent urban sprawl in the Kuranda area. Yet what we have at present is far from the best possible outcome.

Surely our generation should try to build a better future for our kids - not just patch up the same unsustainable way of life? In that optimistic spirit, this short article considers, for once, a best case scenario.

I think it would be a great shame if debate over new transport infrastructure for this part of FNQ ends with a decision not to build the Highway. We can - and should - do better.

I'd base an alternative vision on developing sustainable communities connected by modern, efficient rail links, supplemented (not over-shadowed) by the road network.

How about upgrading existing public transport corridors between Cairns and the Tablelands to serve the needs of the 21st century? After all, the substantial network of rail easements is one great asset that this area inherited from the first European settlers - purchased at the time with much sweat and tears on the part of both invaders and the indigenous people. We might as well use it - and use it well!

The Kuranda area already has a rail corridor linking Kuranda with Cairns and Mareeba. We don't need to invent it: it's there! It doesn't have to be purchased: the public already owns it. What we need now is the wisdom to use it imaginatively.

At present, this rail corridor is chronically under-utilized. It runs vehicles that owe more to the 19th century than today's needs or possibilities. This allows skeptics to claim that rail is irrelevant to our needs. Simplistically projecting what happened in recent decades into the future, they claim "no-one would ever use rail". Investment in rail is limited to patching up existing infrastructure and tourist shows. The failure of rail to play a significant role in our lives has become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

We need to break out of this cycle. The rail network is so grossly under-used at present it may as well not be used at all by the current generation of trains. Let's put these corridors to real use - not to display antiques, but to service actual transport needs!

At this point, I confess, I'm not a railway engineer. Like 99.99% of the rest of the population, I'm an amateur in this highly specialized field of human knowledge. So, absent authentic, detailed knowledge about what's currently

possible, I'd like to run a simple argument from first principles. We should start by identifying - as a broad planning decision - what we need and what we'd like to make happen. Once we have some consensus about broader goals, it should become easier to find transport technologies to do their job. At least we'll know what we're looking for!

At minimum, we already know we'll need a transport system to move people and goods efficiently around this region, while generating MUCH lower emissions of greenhouse gases and imposing a lighter load on the environment in general.

Speaking personally, I'd also like a transport system that encourages and supports a different style of settlement in FNQ - a settlement pattern more European (as opposed to North American) in overall design, reversing previous trends to the proliferation of car-dependent suburban sprawls.

I'd prefer a more nodal Cairns, with village-style settlements of attractive medium density housing efficiently interconnected by rapid public transport - and lot's more open space and bush land in between.

A similar model should be extended outside Cairns - including the tablelands -although these more rural areas would support much lower overall residential densities. Even so, the basic formula would be the same: village-style nodes, interconnected by rapid, efficient public transport.

The Kuranda area is already endowed with a rail corridor that runs from Cairns, through Kuranda village and along the Myola valley to Koah and Mareeba. It would make sense to have village-style development consolidating nodes already serviced by existing rail easements. Some additional spurs might also be worthwhile (a branch line to Speewah?). It goes without saying that any new residential developments should meet the strictest environmental controls, guided by the overall goal of developing a sustainable way of life.

For residents of these village-style settlements to see rail as their preferred transport mode - preferable in most cases to using the road network - rail services would need to be frequent, fast and cheap. Is that possible in rural areas with relatively small populations?

This question heads inescapably back into the realm of transport engineering and economics. The simple answer is that I don't know. But surely these are at least the right questions to be asking. At present, it's not clear we're asking appropriate questions about transport infrastructure - let alone coming up with the best solutions!

A final point. Getting visionary long-term transport infrastructure in place is important. It's a task appropriate to a time of high economic activity and wealth. But this need not - and should not - be at the expense of immediate initiatives to make better use of existing infrastructure and resources.

In the case of Kuranda, whatever the long-term future may hold, for the next few years at minimum there will be no major new transport infrastructure completed and ready to use.

For this reason, Friends of the Earth Kuranda is seeking funds to carry out a 'demand management' transport project. The goal is to encourage better sharing and more efficient use of existing transport facilities in the Mareeba Shire. Details are available on the FoE Kuranda website at [www.foekuranda.org](http://www.foekuranda.org)

**Sid Walker - Oak Forest**

## Forest Forums – by the Fossils

Recently overheard two local identities discussing politics with one proudly proclaiming that they had only ever donkey-voted as all politicians were the same. The old saw that politicians like s\*\*t float to the top may have some credence, but the alternative visions offered to us at the forthcoming Federal elections are too important to shrug off.

The struggle for universal franchise has been a long and hard one and presently, in Iraq and other countries, citizens face death to achieve the right to

vote. Why should we undervalue and treat so lightly the right to help determine the future and directions of our own country?

What are the concerns and issues that should be of consideration and have address by our potential political leaders? What measures are being proposed to alleviate global warming and its possible outcomes, maintain a sustainable economic prosperity, achieve a more just and equitable society and address the unconscionable gulf that still separates health and welfare outcomes of our first peoples? Think about what are those issues that concern you, your children's future and even possibly the life and future of the planet?

The recent Federal budget brought encouragement to Universities, relief to many but not all families in terms

of child-care, recognition in payment for carers and various tax reliefs and, no doubt, in the lead up to elections, many more inducements to tempt the hip-pocket voter.

The BIG questions and alternate responses to so many crucial issues facing Australians today are soon to be decided at a ballot box near you. Make your vote count! Be informed but not alarmed and think about what visions, hopes and plans best fit your ideals of a better, fairer land. Wouldn't it be great if in Kuranda, we could hear in debate directly from our Federal political hopefuls how they propose to ground your best hopes. Remember, we get the politicians we deserve!

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pinch of salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon mixed spice  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon ginger  
1 teaspoon Parisian essence  
2 tablespoons sherry extra  
Grease and line with double thickness of greaseproof paper microwave container 18cm round and 7.5 cm deep extending paper 4 cms above rim.  
Cream butter and sugar adding vanilla Mix in eggs one at a time, beating well Stir in marmalade. Sift dry ingredients and add alternatively with sherry/fruit and Parisian essence.  
Spoon into greased dish. Smooth and microwave on **MEDIUM**

Power for 15 minutes.  
Reduce to **LOW Power and cook a further 20 minutes.**  
Fold over paper extension and cover with foil to **stand 10 minutes.** Test with skewer in several places. Pour on extra sherry and replace foil. Wrap well and allow to cool.  
More sherry can be added when removed from dish. Wrap well for longer keeping.

**Note:** wider container will require shorter cooking time – a tasty forgiving recipe!



The weekend of May 19th 20<sup>th</sup>, saw the Australian Open Garden Scheme hosting two more gardens in Kuranda. - "The Retreat" - Mason Rd. and Xochipilli - Weir Rd.

Visitors to "The Retreat" were privileged to see a passionate plant person's extensive collections of Philodendrons and Cycads as well as clever and creative use of colour from Crotons and Cordylines and no doubt gained ideas for developing steep banks and understorey plantings. Hosted by Greg and Julie, this garden shows what can be done with imagination and flair.

Xochipilli, a much younger garden concentrated more on the bizarre and unique of the plant world with growing collections of Alocasias, Amorphophallus and Aristolocias. Thankfully, not many of these BIG smellies were in bloom. A hit with the children was the resident "killer dog" Bella in its attempts to lick every child to death.

From their recovery rooms, the proud garden owners wish to thank the many people who helped to make their Open Gardens such a success.

# Open Gardens



## HYDROPONIC GARDENING

by Jan Coulter

With all the fuss over recycling materials, water conservation etc, I am amazed that there is not more hydroponic gardening. I started hydroponic gardening about 20 years ago when I lived on the beachfront. There was no nourishment in the sandy soil so instead of just using fertilizer I investigated Hydroponic Formula. A lot of people say it is not natural, is not organic etc. But soil is not a vital ingredient for growing plants, its actual role is to support the plant and to hold a reserve of nutrients for it's growth. What makes the plant grow is the nourishment in the soil. When compost and manures are added to soil the matter takes time to decompose into inorganic elements necessary for plant growth. In hydroponics the same inorganic elements are supplied to the plants directly. The calcium, magnesium etc is extracted from the soil in the first place. I grow all my own greens, cucumbers, tomatoes, strawberries, herbs etc.

### Media.

The medium can be any number of things as long as it is inert. I use river gravel and to open it up I add a bit of scoria. If the material is too fine it remains wet and the oxygen cannot penetrate it.

### Containers.

You can if you like spend quite a lot of money, but I have always used recycled containers. Polystyrene boxes, 25l containers. Plastic pipes etc. Commercial growers require pumps to recycle the nutrient but for the hobby grower mostly it is run to waste. It drips into a container and then is recovered and used again.

Lettuce can be grown in channels similar to guttering. I grow tomatoes in cut down 25L containers. Herbs can be grown in polystyrene boxes or any container with a reservoir in the bottom.

It is easier and less expensive to grow your own seeds. As they are raised in a medium similar to seed raising mix they come up very quickly.

Actually the plants grow so quickly it is very exciting to watch.

Hydroponics has other advantages including having your containers at bench height so there is no bending and there are very few weeds.



Members of The Kuranda Garden Group

## KURANDA GARDEN GROUP

At the May meeting of the Kuranda Garden Group, Graham Payne presented Arlene Wienert with an Anthurium pot plant, to thank her for three years of good work organising the Group's meetings.

Arlene took over from Marjorie Spear, whom many old-time Kuranda residents will remember starting this group. In those days only fresh home-made cakes were accepted for tea, but now the emphasis is more on gardening.

After the presentation, we enjoyed an afternoon looking round the forest garden of Margaret Humphrey and Max Moulds. Margaret explained to us how they have been clearing their overgrown garden, removing 'wait-a-while' that infested most of the surrounding forest. As entomologists they are keen to plant trees and shrubs to encourage butterflies into their garden.

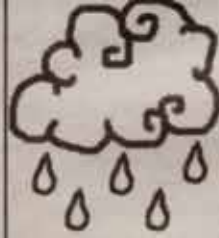
Over tea Graham and his partner David Sturge, who have taken over the organisation of the group's meetings, led a lively discussion on the future direction of the group. We suggested that there should be more information about gardening in this spectacular area at our regular meetings, and occasional outings to more distant gardens,

including to Whyanbeel near Mossman. It was also suggested that the name is changed to 'Kuranda and District Garden Group', in order to encourage residents of Speewah, Koah and Myola to feel welcome.

The next meeting will be at Village Herb Farm in Greenhills Road where Linda Snart will show us how they grow herbs hydroponically.



Arlene presenting Graham with an Anthurium



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## Kuranda Pool Update

The Pool has been a long time in coming but finally it will become a reality. The Committee recently contacted Council as to the progress of the pool as we had not had any feed back for quite some time. We received a letter in response in early May, which states **the pool will be finished and ready to go for 2008.**

We are really happy to hear this news especially after receiving a parcel from a previous Pool Action group. It contains records that showed what enormous efforts were made at that time (1993 - 1995) by members of the Kuranda community. And we believe that there were others before them. All of these combined efforts are now coming to fruition.

Some of you may not be aware of the fact that Council successfully applied for a State Government Sport and recreation Major Facilities Grant of \$592,000. This was allocated to the Council in July 2006 and, according to the rules, must be spent on the Kuranda Pool by the end of December 2007. Obviously the time line is tight so we all await action soon.

Thank you to everybody who supported the Committee and the pool project. From donations and fundraising efforts we have a small amount of funds which we hope will be the foundation of the future Kuranda Swimming Club.

*The Pool Committee.*

## Kuranda

So green, so alive, so green,  
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Yellow bellied sunbird so sweet.  
Swallows flitting in and out  
All along the street.

Oh what a treat!

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Joanie



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### PETROL PRICE COMPARISON

One of our readers asked the paper if we would like to publish a chart on petrol price comparisons for every month starting from April 07. We readily agreed so our readers can get a better understanding of the situation and here is the first chart.

The Bowser Browser doesn't attempt to provide the cost of the "Petrol Rip Off" in monetary terms and presents his result in percentage above inflation to keep things simple.

The first line of the chart shows the important part, the price barometer. The remainder of the chart is the method of calculating the comparison.

Your comments on the chart are welcome.

### PETROL PRICE COMPARISON

Summary		Submitted by "The Bowser Bloke"				
End Mth	May'07	Price Barometer	"RIP OFF"	21%	above Inflat.	
See below for details April'06 costings are used as the base for comparison						
WEEK	Barrel \$US	Rate Exch.	\$A/Ltre	Avrge Pump Price	Mark Up	Index
April'06	64.0	0.72			2.52	100
Apr'07 4						
May'07 1						
2						
3	63.16	0.835			3.14	125
This comparison is based on the assumptions below e.g.						
1. A US barrel is approx. 190 litres thus \$US/litre is known						
2. Rate of exchange gives cost/litre in \$A						
3. Mark Up is cost \$A/litre divided into pump price (Note: This figure is of no importance it is the index that shows the relative mark up increase compared with the base)						
Inflation/yr less than		4%		Price above inflation in		
Index		100			21%	
Index Avge	May'07	125	Should be	104**	** Index 100+4%	
<b>SOURCES</b> (Cairns Post Thursday edition)						
OIL-----"Commodities" London price						
RATE EXCHANGE---- Exchange Rates "Buy"						
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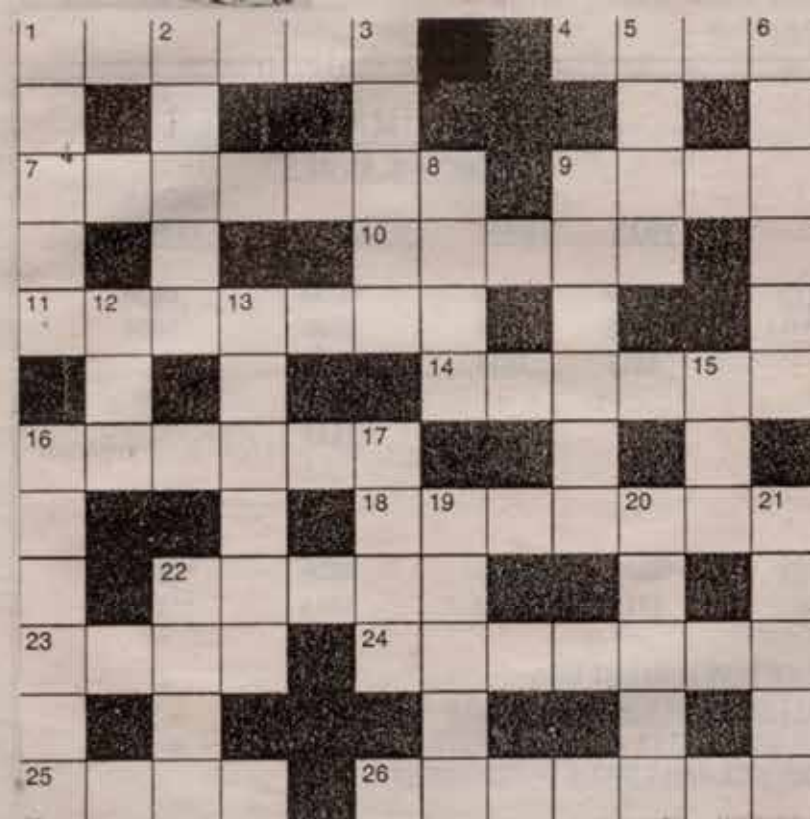
**Kuranda Media Association General Meeting Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am**  
**Fire Station Training Room**  
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**Ngoonbi Co-operative Society** is inviting any indigenous person interested in starting a community project of any kind, (environmental, cultural, educational etc.), or small business, to come in to Ngoonbi and talk with us. We may be able to help get funding to get you started!  
**Contact: Elke Nagy at Ngoonbi on Thursdays from 10am. Ph: 4093 7177, or e-mail elke@thecobaltdog.com**

**Quotes To Start The Day**  
God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question. I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.  
**Every morning is the dawn of a new error**

**Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 88**

Compiled by John Brooksbank



- Across**
- Sign of cows in following field.
  - Rainforest spa resort owner is no Queen!
  - Local communist crustacean.
  - Beer to be proud of at Bottom Pub.
  - Connection from the sun.
  - The Asian but no Englishman in this tribe.
  - Ducks commonly found on the Barron? 16. 12 down all at sea in the Ukraine.
  - Upgrade Queensland Rail skills? 22. Insects tan Gordons' back. Leave it out, Tommie - not me! Bone is strict maybe - ask Dr Cumming. Great mix to make an entrance. Early care is not what it appears.
- Down**
- Young insect sounds volcanic. Never mind the quality - feel this! Cary is willing to give freely.
  - Almost a Paddy, she is found in the garden.
  - Good for gardens, bread and beer.



- Answers to No. 87
- Odd to lose his tail across the Barron.
  - Timber can be a burden sometimes.
  - Lawmaker also found on the lawn?
  - Backside posted in agreement.
  - Old Testament character in Rainforest Resort kitchen.
  - aka black dragon at the Kuranda Cafe.
  - Kuranda cooperative venture.
  - She's well known to Hillary at the Pharmacy.
  - She's gone to get her sidearm!
  - Grey ones visit the village regularly.
  - Miss Piggie is golden.



# Community Calendar

**Bowls Club** AGM Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 2pm at the Sports Club on Fallon Road.

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

**Every Sun** **A.A. CWA Hall** 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599  
**Kuranda Bowls Club** every Sunday social games 2 pm (reg 1:30pm)

**1st Sunday** **R.S.L.** 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.  
**Kuranda Film Society NO MOVIE THIS MONTH** 4.30pm at 19 Kullaroo Close, ph Cathy 4093 9926

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** **Bowls Club Meeting** 1.00pm **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.  
**Silent sitting/Meditation** at the Kuranda Retreat 7.30-8.45 ph. 0428 930 365 no charge

**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  
**Dive Deeper Long Meditation** (2hrs) 7-9pm Kuranda Retreat 0428 930 365

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** **The KCCT** meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
**Craft Classes** at QCWA hall 9 am  
**Kuranda Playgroup** - Kuranda Community Kindergarten, 10am, Contact Lida on 4093 9882, or Anna 4093 8537  
**Baha'i "Spirit of the Forrest"** 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St.

**First Wed**  
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**1st Thurs**  
**2nd Thurs**  
**2nd Sat**  
**Every Sat**

**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm - 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Yoga** at CWA  
**Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** at 2.00 pm @ KNC  
**QCWA meeting** 12.30 pm starting from May 9<sup>th</sup> at Hall Ph 4093 7016  
**Kuranda Pool Committee** 7.00 pm Neighbourhood Centre 40939594  
**Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206  
**Kuranda Bowls Club** Night Bowls - Casual 7.00 pm [reg. 6.30 pm]  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682  
**8 Ball S & S Club** 7.15 pm & RSL  
**Yoga** at the Kuranda Retreat phone Eva on 0427 798 769/ 4093 0413  
**Biodanza Sports & Social Club** 6-8pm. Welcome or phone Catherine 4093 8626.  
**Kuranda Charity Bowls** 7 pm (reg. 6.30 pm)  
**Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road  
**Garden Group** 2 pm Phone Graham or David 4093 9492  
**Kuranda EnviroCare** 8-9 am. Tree planting bees Ph 4093 9926

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5.30pm	6.05pm	6.40pm	7.15pm arr		

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