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The Kuranda Touch Competition, which was first established in 2005, has now successfully completed another season. The competition, which is affiliated to Touch Football Australia, ran for 18 weeks on Wednesday evenings at the local Bartley Park sports field. 125 registered players aged 14-50 years played in the Open Mixed Comp comprising of 9 teams.

Impressively, everyone "styled up" this year and it was great to see the array of uniforms that each team organized. It seems that most teams have managed big sponsorship from local business to get going in 2006. Congratulations to you all and thanks to you the sponsors of the teams; Venom Zoo, Kuranda Bakery, Kuranda BP Reliance, Jim, Kowrowa Store, Kuranda Medical Service.

On December 10th 2006 the "Mantaka Warriors" won the Kuranda Touch A Grade Grand final, narrowly defeating the minor round champs "Jets" in a drop off with the final score, 6 to 5. The inclement wet weather conditions on grand final day didn't stop the spectators and supporters numbering 180 plus, from coming out on the day but it challenged the players and their skills with the field being so slippery. In the B grade final the underdogs "KG's" also snapped victory from last years premiers "Kullaroo Gang" narrowly defeating them by 1 try in a 4 to 3 decider.

Congratulations to Warren Brim, who cleaned up most of the awards, not only being part of the winning A Grade side but he also took out Best on Ground and overall Best & Fairest Male for the 2006 competition. Evie Rose of "Top Kowrowa Walkabout" narrowly won the Female Best & Fairest award and junior player Stephanie Hobbler of "KG's" won the Best on Ground in the B Grade final. The Most Improved players of the competition were Chris Lovey of "Jets" and Delvene Richards from "Mantaka Hawks."

The Kuranda AusTouch junior players raised the curtain to the finals with modified touch games and then put all their training drills together by finishing with "the real thing" a 30 min full field touch game. The kids had been looking forward to this for the past 7 weeks during training sessions, which led up to the grand final day. There was a special AusTouch Awards Presentation where each participant of the program received a footy, hat, water bottle and certificate.

Kuranda Touch would like to thanks this years sponsors: Ngoonbi Cooperative Society, QLD Health "Smoking it can cost us the game", Bendigo Bank, QLD Government "Getting more people active through sport and recreation" and Touch Football Australia.

To all teams, thanks for registering to play in the Kuranda Touch 2006 Competition Season! Thanks also to our deadly volunteers and officials. There are too many of you to name, at least 30 adults and 15 kids and youth. You know who you are. The Catering Crew, all the new referees, our little rubbish collectors. Those who helped to set up and pack up, the AusTouch Leaders and the organising committee.



Pictured - "Kuranda Touch A grade Premiers Mantaka Warriors"
Inset (top)- 'Head to head', Jets Captain Renae Brim and Warriors captain Peter Diamond, Dennis Grogan and Chris Verevis receive their AusTouch awards

WARRIORS WIN TOUCH GRAND FINAL SHOWDOWN

COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

Announcing the Barron Catchment Community Nursery. In order to keep up the supply of native rainforest trees and plants to the community, I will continue to run a nursery at my place at 1 Pademelon Lane (off Fallon Road, cnr Kennedy Hwy, phone 4093 8834). With Envirocare shifting into new hands at a new location and going in a new direction, it will no longer provide plants, trailers or mulching hay to residents for the foreseeable future. I will no longer be connected to the organisation.

At the community nursery, we will continue to carry mulching hay (new load due in mid Feb.) and will happily swap seeds and seedlings and share knowledge and information. Hopefully, with a little help from our friends, we'll be able to assist residents with tree planting on their properties. This is such a good way to get the right trees into the environment for the benefit of all (people and wildlife). We'll share the same goodwill and service as always and no membership fees required.

Jax Bergersen - Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

A belated thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time for yet another year at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre. The year has been pretty frustrating with lack of space and brochures filling every square inch of the building, but the support, enthusiasm and encouragement has been terrific. They are all a marvellous group of people to work with and I would like to extend my thanks for all their help last year and look forward to a busy 2007 with them all.

Cathy Harvey, Coordinator - Kuranda Visitor Information Centre

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Well we have just had another truck accident on the Kuranda Range road. That's two in the past few months. Of course we don't mention the cars that have been involved in accidents during the same period. The Kuranda Range road was great about 30 years ago when there were only a few cars and trucks around. There has been millions spent on studies to upgrade the road but each time there is a change of government a group of people who bury their heads

in the horse and buggy era protest and a new study is commissioned. The road is fine for their horse and buggy as long as they miss all the pot holes left after Cyclone Larry. The anti-everything committee has a large number of emotional excuses to reason that nothing should be done. The reality is that more people are moving up this way bringing more traffic. Since I have been here the volume of traffic has skyrocketed. The Range road has been maintained given lots of band aid treatment with no substantial improvement. How about some reality, get the road upgraded to keep up with progress and the increase in population.

John W. Goss - Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

After reading the comments of Dave Howe in December's paper, I would like to point out that your claims and facts are as comical and fictional as the new movie "Happy Feet", but in your case it would be called "Foot in Mouth". Facts speak louder than fiction and the only way many of the "local Myola" residents knew of the development was by rumour and innuendo.

Meetings in Kuranda mean very little. After all it's not *their* backyard that is being developed. People in the direct area **should** have been directly consulted before this project was given serious consideration. Considering you live in Speewah makes me wonder, what's in it for you??

Now for some facts - there never was, has been or will be any offer made by the Tonkin family to buy the block of land in question !!!

As I have grown up in the area and do not wish to see the destruction and degradation of such a beautiful area of land, to pandy to self indulgent narcissistic people like yourself. As for your Foot in mouth condition, may I suggest you see your GP who may be able to help you with that.

Neil Tonkin - Myola.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

On Christmas Day Sir Robert Cotton died aged 91. He was born in Broken Hill, the eldest of six children.

Bob Cotton was a most successful politician and had the respect of both sides of politics. He was a minister in the Fraser Government, a Leader in the Senate and retired from

representative political life in 1978 after entering the Senate in 1966. He was awarded his knighthood for services to government and was later made an officer in the Order of Australia. He was our Consul General in New York and returned to Australia in 1981 and served on the Reserve Bank. He was then appointed ambassador to the United States in 1982. When Bob Hawke became Prime Minister he kept Bob Cotton on as ambassador in the US. I was privileged to be his secretary and personal assistant from 1981 to 1986.

He had a love for photography, in particular in the recording of history. He had exhibitions in the US and in Australia. A number of his photographs are held in the Smithsonian Institute. He encouraged me in my photographic endeavours and attended the opening of my exhibition in Sydney in 1997. I am indebted to Bob Cotton for his mentoring, and sharing his political career and his personal life and family with me.

Sir Robert Cotton is recorded as saying "I am not a sideshow politician, I am interested in the job of politics, not the appearance" and "I don't believe in Government by vested interests. You exist to serve the public interest of the greatest number of people."

I continue today to keep a watchful and interested eye on politics. Most of our current state and federal representatives could learn a lot from the example set by this fine man.

Toni Rogers - Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,
May I take this opportunity to respond to the letter regarding myself written by Dave Howe of Speewah (Dec. edition). Well Dave for someone I don't know you surprise me with your so called knowledge of my affairs. Firstly let me clarify some facts :-

Yes I am a Real Estate Agent, specializing in Business, Commercial and Industrial properties, an Auctioneer and also your LOCAL Civil Celebrant; let me not miss this opportunity, after all you brought up the subject.

The meeting that I (yes it was me) convened was directed specifically to **Myola** residents, germinated from the many conversations I had with people in the **Myola** area (not Speewah, not Kuranda, not Koah, not every other so called stakeholder

from the rest of the planet). It was in response to *their* concerns and feelings of disempowerment and alienation with this development that motivated me to call this meeting to enable them to express their concerns and give them the opportunity to ask questions and to ascertain its implications and consequences. These people are the immediate and first victims of this proposal, no matter how you try to disguise it, and I would have thought any sense of community and social justice would have given these people not only the consideration they rightly deserve of informing them initially and directly, but also in respecting their views on the matter. After all Dave it is **THEIR** lives, **THEIR** properties that are being fiddled with by mob rule. The notices that I placed in the paper, on radio and the notices I letter boxed dropped and door knocked with (sorry but as you are not in the area you would not have received one), to say nothing of the signs I **attempted** to place along Myola Rd.- that strangely were vandalized within hours- from the Owens Creek bridge out to Myola and to the end of Boyles Rd.. I didn't realize you either lived here OR had any interests here that gave you any right of input into the matter !!!!

As for "UnWelcome Pocket", for a development that will be undertaken with a great deal of public grants money and that will be unaccountable to that same public, the sheer size, scope and all encompassing nature of this development proposed surprises me, and all under the veil of a " non-profit" enterprise !!!! After all it's a well known fact that developments like these are in fact very profitable to their developers who are only too aware of the demographics. The only difference between "religious developers" and private developers is the accountability and taxation factors, after all the Anglican Church is one of the 10 biggest religious groups generating huge amounts of profits \$\$\$\$\$ from their developments and all carried out under the banner of "God's business".

No Dave, the Tonkin family never made any offer to the family to purchase the land, the only conversation I ever had with George regarding the

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

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block generated the reply that he was happy to leave it the way it was. As to the payment the family received for the property, I felt Chris Wright looked distinctly uncomfortable when I mentioned it.

After the meeting, several of those who had expressed their concern to me regarding their approximation to the development, (one woman even tried to express her views at the meeting on this proposed development, but no one gave her any consideration), told me of their disappointment and their plans if this project goes ahead - some are planning to get out, some saying they will bunker down and just cop it. How dare you and yours think you have the right to do this to people !!!

You see Dave, I am a strong believer in genuine community say on what goes on in people's immediate communities, and if those same people decide that the almighty dollar or certain groups' vested interests are not suitable for their area, I believe it is that community's right to not only have their say but to also have their will !!! It's called *true democracy*.

Cheryl Tonkin - Myola

Dear Kuranda Paper

Forget my letters about the idiots on the road having accidents that prove we need to upgrade the Kuranda Range Road. We just had a real tragedy. An Amethystine Python run over and killed just down the road from the Rainforest Station. That python would have been at least 7 meters long. An absolutely magnificent specimen. What we really need is the road bridges above the ground so these and other native animals can move around without the problem of cars. It is really past the time to even discuss upgrading the road. It has to be done now.

John W. Goss

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Re: Refold Development Road Group. About 70 letters were received by Mareeba Shire Council with concerns about the development. Council advised me that the concerns are being processed and it will be some time before the matter will be placed before a Council meeting.

Arch McArthur - Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

For more than a decade, Jax Bergersen has been the driving force behind Kuranda Enviro-Care Inc. Without her unswerving dedication, tireless energy, dogged determination and, let's face it, sheer hard slog, I doubt Kuranda would have an environment group, much less one as strong and robust as

Enviro-Care is today. Now, sadly, Jax is finally relinquishing her role and handing the reins over to new blood. She will be a very tough act to follow and, though her feet may be dainty, the boots they filled are formidable. Thank you Jax, you've put in many long years of honest, committed, diligent toil - and you've achieved miracles. I salute you!

Special thanks must also go to David Harris, who is retiring as Kuranda Enviro-Care Treasurer, after an eon of conscientiously counting the beans and balancing the dollars and cents. David, you are a true gentleman and a treasure. Salut!

Jan Fowell



Hot on the heels of its magnanimous pardoning of Galileo, the Vatican has now moved with even more lightning speed to recognise the truth of Darwinism.

Richard Dawkins

Forest Forum

From earliest times, humankind has sought its reassurances that life goes on beyond the grave. Reassurances that the journey from womb to tomb is not mere happenstance, that life's outcomes can be influenced and determined by appeals to higher powers, by sacrifices, charms, rituals and prayer. From the cave and rock carvings of Lascaux and the Kimberleys, the burial rites of Egyptian and Chinese dynasties, the sacrificial offerings and libations of the Israelites, Greeks, Celts and Romans, the blood rites of Mayan and Incan civilizations, the rise of Christianity and Islam, this yearning for another life and certainties is manifest.

Today, the same questions remain as to life's sometimes meaninglessness and uncertainties, the seeming randomness of tragedy and disasters, and death's unknown. Today, while facing the same questions, there is an increasing plethora of New Age nostrums and pseudo-scientific quackery promising, if not eternal life, at least control and influence over outcomes - from astrology, through crystals, every brand of Christianity and Islam, channelling, cryogenics, multitudinous Eastern gurus and seers, each with their promises of something added to, increasing control and ensuring happiness in this life and sometimes a chance for immortality!

Whether it's in the water, ley lines*, too much ganja, magic mushrooms, other mind altering substances or the overarching forest, some Kuranda residents seem only too eager to accept fairly uncritically each and every wave of the new, each promise of a better future, the "New Saviour(s)". Can anyone remember back to our own homegrown guru who each night retired to his hut to be taken up by flying saucer and yes he had his followers!

One of the latest nostrums is the Indigo Child* recognizable by his or her aura and by certain other traits, according to The Indigo Children website (owned by Kryon Writings). The Indigo Child concept was first popularized by the book, "The Indigo Children," edited by the former husband and wife team Lee Carroll and Jan Tober. Carroll also portrays himself as a channeler for "Kryon," a spiritual entity who predicted the coming of the Indigo Children - will wonders never cease?

The authors say that "the Indigo Child is a boy or girl who displays a new and unusual set of psychological attributes, revealing a pattern of behavior generally undocumented before." For example, they act like royalty, have difficulty with absolute authority unless given choices or explanations, are easily frustrated, e.g. when waiting in line, are not shy, have difficulty with guilt-based discipline, are non-conformist, may seem antisocial and prefer to be with their own kind, and may have social difficulties in school. Sounds like the making of a real brat here.

One can understand why many parents would not want their child to be problematic, labeled ADD or ADHD with the possibility of meaning the child is somehow "damaged." Understandably, emotions run high here. Medication of children with problems is a hot topic for the mass media, talk show hosts and others particularly not known for clarifying complicated scientific or medical matters. Many jump on the bandwagon and attack the drug industry and psychiatrists for overdrugging children. Opposition is fruitless, because few will listen to those who would defend those who "abuse" children. Fewer still will bother to investigate to see whether the critics know what they are talking about.

The National Institute of Mental Health (America) says that ADHD is the most commonly diagnosed childhood disorder. It affects some 3 to 5 percent of all school-age children. The hype and near-hysteria surrounding the use of Ritalin has contributed to an atmosphere that makes it possible for a book like *Indigo Children* to be taken seriously. Given the choice, who wouldn't rather believe their children are special and chosen for some high mission rather than that they have problematic behaviours

As for the attributed claims of psychic powers possessed by these children:- for the hopeful parent wishing to get seriously rich just take your precocious little psychic to The James Randi Educational Foundation which offers over a million dollars to "anyone who can show, under proper observing conditions, evidence of any paranormal, supernatural, or occult power or event." Similar organizations offer additional large sums of money, totaling about \$2.5 million.

Sorry but it also looks as if the Indigos are already last year's model what with the Crystal Children already coming in.

*According to Paul Devereux, it was the occultist Dion Fortune in her 1936 novel *The Goat-Foot God* who invented the idea that ley lines were "lines of power" linking prehistoric sites. A few years later, it was suggested that ley lines followed lines cosmic energy in the Earth and could be detected using dowsing rods. In the 1960s, ley lines, or "leys" as they were now called, became linked with UFO sightings)

*Curiously, *indigochild.com* says: "just in case you heard otherwise from other "indigo" sources, the designated word "Indigo" has nothing to do with the color of an aura! It is the result of scientific observations by a woman who has the brain disorder called synesthesia."

by The Fossil

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A Thought for February

This month we read from St John's Gospel Chapter 2 verse 1-11 the passage introduces us to a wonderful, beautiful, and mysterious moment in the life of Jesus. Perhaps it would be most helpful to see the wedding at Cana as a symbol of our own lives. After all a wedding is very much a symbol of life. Lives are joined; life and love are celebrated. Meetings take place, sometimes after many years; relationships are recovered, sometimes even begun. Families are bonded; new life is anticipated. A wedding is an immensely rich mixture. So let's look at the wedding in Cana as a symbol of life itself. If we do that, what follows?

"The wine gave out." At an eastern wedding that happening was a social catastrophe; it brought shame on the host and on the family. But, for us, what might it mean. There are times in all our lives when, in many senses, the wine gives out. If wine is celebration, joy, love, happiness, and then we know only too well that for many reasons wine can run out. It can run out of relationships, either between men and women, or among friends, or

among parents and children. Sometimes the wine of satisfaction with our job can run out. Life then can become meaningless and joyless.

At such times it becomes very important whether or not we have invited a certain guest to the wedding of life. John tells us that "Jesus was invited to the wedding"; we need to be sure that Our Lord's name is on our guest list! If it is, then we have someone to turn to when "the wine runs out."

"Jesus said... 'Fill the jars with water.'" Notice what Jesus does. He doesn't tear off frantically looking for new wine; he turns to the supply of water that is already there. What is the water at the wedding of our lives? Perhaps it is the taken-for-granted things in our lives, the things we have always thought of as ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill. Jesus suggests that we look at those things again. The ordinary person we are married to, the ordinary friends we have, the ordinary job we have, and the ordinary life we lead. Jesus tells us to check out if by his grace they can be turned into wine, into more than the ordinary, into joy and satisfaction.

The wedding at Cana can be a portrait of our lives: a lot of ordinary things are waiting to be changed by Jesus presence.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"The education and training of children is among the most meritorious acts of humankind. From the very beginning, the children must receive divine education."

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

Study Circles by arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

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World Religion Day 21 January.

Intercalary Days 27 February - 1 March

All enquiries welcome. Telephone 4093 7120 / 8499

From the Baha'i Community of Kuranda

"Religion is regarded by the common people as true, by the wise as false, and by the rulers as useful". Seneca the Younger 4 b.c. - 65 a.d.



ROTARY NEWS FOR FEBRUARY, 2007.

SHELTERBOX AUSTRALIA - What do we do when disaster strikes?

The Rotary Club answer is Shelterbox. These events happen worldwide on a regular basis. Floods, earthquakes, wars etc. - we read about them almost daily in our newspapers and see the resulting aftermath and chaos on T.V. Often thousands of people are left injured, displaced and homeless over a widespread area.

In an emergency, both local and international 'Relief Agencies' react with initial aid and assistance. How often, after this first response, have we heard the Aid Agencies asking for additional help in the form of tents and sleeping bags to accommodate and protect these displaced and vulnerable people? Often they need shelter and protection for many months until the local infrastructure is re-established and able to cope.

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All equipment is new and has been selected for its usefulness and quality and will have a long and useful life once distributed by local and international agencies. These multi-functional Shelterboxes are secure, easily stored and transported and once on site can be used in many other varied and useful ways.

The Rotary Club of Kuranda will be purchasing a Shelterbox so we can take part in any disaster rescue here in our area.

Yours in Rotary,

Valarie J. Birchall Secretary.

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Garden

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Things to consider this month:

February 2007. Already one month gone in the New Year and gardeners should be preparing for the onset of the Wet. Mulching and fertilizing are the order of the day. Attention should be paid to areas such as newly opened beds and any sloped plantings where heavy downpours may compact or wash away soil. Avoid bringing mulch right up against trunks of shrubs and trees to avoid rot – this is particularly important where citrus are concerned. Cuttings should be taken of favourite plants that are prone to rot in continued rain – coleus, impatiens and all of the gesneriad family are prime subjects here. Time is running out to maximize strike of Crotons (*Codiaeum variegatum*) and other warmth loving plants.

Plant of the month: Croton (*Codiaeum variegatum*) – Euphorbiaceae. These extroverts of the plant world are guaranteed to bring colour and zing to your garden. Originally from Java, through northern Australia to the South Seas, the genetic mutability of the plant has led to a multitude of leaf shapes and dazzling colour combinations. Requiring heat and good light, these plants are easily grown in the garden or potted. Soil should be enriched and fairly open with attention to good drainage. If too heavily shaded, plants will tend to give green foliage but some varieties may burn in full sun. Older varieties may grow in excess of 3m but newer varieties are more modest in height. Tip pruning will encourage bushier and more shapely plants and also increase foliage display as more colourful leaf is shown in new growth. Preferring somewhat acidic conditions, application in the warmer months of a general fertilizer or one designed for azaleas/camellias will see rapid growth. Recent introduction of Thai hybrids has seen dazzling variations in foliage shape and colourings. To whet your appetite, the following sites will show the many types of crotons available: <http://www.crotons.org/> and <http://www.croton-mania.com/>

Native: *Platycerium bifurcatum* “Elkhorn” and *Platycerium grande (superbum)* “Staghorn” - *Polyodiaceae*. *Platycerium bifurcatum* with its multiple fertile forked pendant fronds is often seen locally, spreading itself through wind dispersal of its fine spores and growing on trees and rocks, forming large clumps. The fig trees in Kuranda’s main street carry many fine specimens, which sometimes crash down when waterlogged in the Wet. With other endemic species *P. hillii* and *P. veitchii* and numerous introduced cultivars, these are of the easiest cultivation proving remarkably sun-tolerant when established on suitable hosts. Easily cultivated by detached pieces of parent plant.

The Staghorn (*Platycerium grande*) with its huge upright crown of sterile fronds and its two long (up to 2m) pendant and doubly forked fertile antlers is a gardener’s dream. However this gem may prove a little more difficult to establish as it is usually only available as small platelets and the transfer to a suitable host and rotting take their toll. It is possibly worthwhile to consider paying more for a larger established plant with transfer

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Over watering and too heavy shading of small plants quickly lead to decline. Dappled bright conditions with good air flow are important and considerable patience is needed as production of fertile fronds may take up to 20 years.

Rarely available in Australia but truly collectors’ gems are other “Staghorns” such as *P. andinum* – the only representative from South America, *P. angolense*, *P. coranarium*, *P. madagascariensis* and *P. stemaria* to name a few. A niche market here but a long and fraught term investment here for the keen plant person.

Q&A: Dear Alice, Welcome to the area and good growing. It will be important to think carefully about your new gardens and take time before you embark on major works. With the approach of the Wet, soil becomes unworkable and cleared areas, unless well mulched, may suffer wash-out. Note how the sun affects your proposed garden sites, remembering that this will change considerably as the year progresses. Also look carefully at surrounding tree growth and plan to remove or trim any potential hazards to house and outbuildings. Take things slowly, walk around your neighbourhood and see what is growing well – join the Garden Club, meeting and learning from experienced gardeners. It will be important to consider how much time and effort you and the family are prepared to spend in the garden. An easily made mistake is to open too many planting areas at once and finding that maintenance becomes a chore. With the marked difference of the Wet and Dry seasons, there will be need for cost considerations in mulching, fertilizing and watering as well as for plant material. Good basic plants and pertinent advice may be cheaply purchased through Envirocare and at local markets. Keep an eye open for what travels through your garden – will you need to fence or net? Large numbers of bush turkeys, orange footed scrub fowl, pademelons and bandicoots will mean a constant battle to preserve your gardens. Also alas, many of the plants you love and are used to will not thrive here, particularly the silver leaved Mediterranean types, and roses will require considerable effort to grow well. Vegetable growing is a mixed bag with many locals having success with cut down tank beds that provide good drainage, crop rotation and are easily covered to preserve crops from various munchers and chewers. Kuranda Library has an excellent range of holdings pertinent to gardening in the tropics and my recommendation, if purchasing would be Robert Lee Riffle’s *The Tropical Look* for its excellent coverage of landscape plantings.

Dear Robert, In selecting a creeper for your new structure it will be important to consider the structure’s strength and site considerations in regard to sun/shade and drainage as, in general, most creepers and climbers will require a minimum of 3-4 hours sunlight to flower well and need excellent drainage. Some of the more vigorous and exotic creepers such as the Jade vine (*Strongylodon macrobotrys*), Flame of the Forest (*Mucuna bennettii*) and Chalice or Golden Cup vine (*Solandra grandiflora*) may prove too vigorous and heavy – the latter would also require tying in. To be avoided are the red flowering Passionflower and the older Bougainvilleas with drawbacks of rampant growth and cruel thorns. Of somewhat more moderate growth but still vigorous is the Chinese Slipper vine (*Thunbergia mysorensis*) with its spectacular pendant inflorescences of brown and gold with its possible drawback of copious staining nectar flow if seating is planned under the structure. Of lighter growth are the Cardinal Creeper (*Ipomea horsfalliae* and its var. “*Briggsii*”, Queen’s Wreath or Sandpaper vine (*Petrea volubilis*). There is a plethora of flowering and foliage climbers and my recommendation is to read up well before selecting. Many are too vigorous and will require constant attention and also pose possible threat to the forest from escape. However this said, climbers, as well as providing needed vertical emphasis, give a mighty flowering in relation to ground space taken.

For plant identification/sourcing, general questions contact Alectura or email wortwoad@optusnet.com.au. Keep those questions coming in!

Kuranda Garden Group

On Saturday 9 December the Kuranda Garden Group held their end of year get together at the home of Graham Payne and David Sturge in Saddle Mountain Road. This year we were fortunate to have a number of people from the Cairns Garden Club come along. Graham and David each led a tour around their extensive garden, which used to be the Kuranda Palm Nursery. We then enjoyed an afternoon picnic in the dappled shade by a waterfall in the rainforest. Graham said “We did not know how many people to expect, and we were delighted with the turnout. It was great that so many people wanted to make the journey up from Cairns to see our garden. We were so lucky with the weather as it rained the day before and the day after.”

Arlene gave the thanks and said that she would be arranging the next meeting after the summer break for March. David said “Anyone who is interested in gardening should come along. It is a great way to meet like-minded people. Whether you have been gardening all your life or are new to gardening, whether you have a large garden or just a small patch you are just as welcome.” The group meets on the third Saturday of each month. For more information contact Arlene on 4093 7927 or David or Graham on 4093 9492.



the Arts page

KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

Members of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative would like to wish our readers a very happy New Year. 2007 already feels very well advanced, and many of us have experienced the long closures over the festive season of our personal 'essential services'. However, we are now head down and tail up again obtaining art supplies, receiving requested information and generally back working in the salt mine.

A number of our artists are already busy packing pieces for interstate exhibitions, restocking the Co-operative's gallery in Kuranda, preparing new artworks and some are labouring over written submissions.

Our regular artists will be manning the gallery again this year, but it would not be possible to keep the gallery open seven days per week without the extra help from our volunteers. They are so appreciated.

The Arts Co-operative is looking forward to new and innovative pieces from our artists with the fresh start of 2007. We welcome readers to come and browse in the gallery and talk to the artists. Our public internet facility is in high demand and available to the public at very affordable charges.



The Shell

As a hemisphere with extensive coastlines, the shell is a very common component of art works. A few of the Co-op's artists include collected shells in their work. Keith Scanlon has many varieties of shells in his interesting and colourful framed collages. Toni Rogers includes shells in her basket weaving and they also feature as photographic images on her greeting cards. Susan Doherty adds shells to the many other 'found objects' in her spectacular and very popular necklaces. Marcus and Tiffany Bulstrode (Denizen Designs) feature shells and seascapes on their exceptional and collectible

WANTED

Contributions:

If you're a professional artist, or just a beginner, our readers are interested. Please leave text, images, etc. at the Kuranda Video Shop, typed or preferably on CD.

little decoupage timber boxes.

Cowrie shells have an important pre-colonial history. Associated with female sexuality, the cowrie shells were a common currency before Western money became standard. Many slaves were bought for 'money cowries' (30,000 for a slave in the Congo). In Togo at the end of the 19th century, 4000 was worth one German mark. Today the cowrie shells are associated with traditional practices. In South Africa, sangomars wear them in necklaces. In the Afro-Brazilian religion shells feature in a ritual known as *jogo de busios*, when they are thrown to reveal the future. In Tasmania, the shell necklaces have been critical in the reformation of Aboriginal identity. In New Zealand, both Maori and Pakeha artists have found serious uses for paua shell in their jewellery and art.

What will be role for shells in the future? When the ultimate unstoppable computer virus hits, and the global commercial system crashes, will shells once again become the world's currency? Would this be the north's ultimate global comeuppance?

Kuranda Arts Co-operative

Settlement Building, Reb Veivers Drive.

(Look for the coloured flags, next door to the Butterfly Sanctuary)



TINA COOPER GLASS

"Exquisite", "unique" and "dramatic" are some of the adjectives used to describe Tina Cooper's glass sculptures, one of the leading figures in Australian Studio glass. Tina Cooper's creations are highly sought after and can be found in collections the world over, including Japan and the USA.

Australis Art has obtained exclusive right to her work in North Queensland and is featuring her Tribal Series - tribute to Mother Nature, timeless memories of an ancient past and Aboriginal heritage. Tribal Series honours the primal life force of man and woman and the forgotten sacred energy of our earth. The message Tina conveys is one of gratitude and praise for our own spiritual medicine, the unknowable mysteries that have been long hidden within human culture. May we now shift our consciousness to create a new reality. When we honour Spirit Earth, peace will once again live in our hearts.

The elements of our planet are represented in Tina's work: fire, water, air, earth, animals and spirit are on display. Each element is interpreted and captured in wood, paint, iron, glass and beads. Some pieces present ornately painted lizards and snakes clinging to their new homes. Other pieces represent volcanic energy of colour where the heat is tangible. Intricate bead work (Gary Isle and Kimmy-G) and artistic paint (Peter "White Cockatoo" Mulcahy) adorn the pieces. Around 30 pieces are on display. Also on display is a Series called "Sunrise" inspired by a sunrise on a mountain top in the Sunshine Coast.

"From Earth, to Fire, to Water, to Air through my breath I give you life".

Claudia Collingwood
Australis Art Gallery
www.AustralisArt.com.au



YOUNG ARTISTS TO WORK WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS THANKS TO MENTORING PROGRAM

Young regional artists will be given a kick start to the world of theatre making, thanks to a Spark Ignite grant from the Foundation of Young Australians.

Rounded Circles Theatre Company (RCTC) Artistic Director Amy Losiak, said the Generation B program will offer a unique and innovative creative development and workshop program, pairing emerging artists with professional artists in the application and growth of skills. Generation B is about providing emerging artists with a tool box of skills whilst giving them the opportunity to have a voice through theatre.

The project celebrates a 'BE' generation, where young people can celebrate themselves in a unique way whilst gaining amazing opportunities. Successful playwright mentorees 18-25, will work alongside a facilitator and award winning playwright Kathryn Ash, to discover the world of playwriting and develop a script. Acting mentorees will pair with Jim Gosden (from JUTE's The Boathouse) to explore and polish the playwright's ideas. It is more than just creating a script, Generation B will open the doors to the workings of the professional industry. Throughout the project participants will attend creative forums, professional rehearsal periods and play readings to further develop their understanding of the industry.

The project gives participants a hands - on learning approach which sets professional standards for tasks then allows the young people to get in and have a go, supported by their mentor.

Artistic Director, Amy Losiak, is also on the Ambassador Board for the Foundation of Young Australians, and completed a Youth Arts Qld, YAMP mentorship in Artistic Direction with JUTE's Suellen Maunder in 2005. "I believe young people have plenty of talent, it is just about giving them the opportunity to celebrate and showcase it." Careers in the arts are real, and RCTC is committed to building a sustainable theatre industry for young people in the regions.

Application forms can be obtained by email - roundedcirclestheatreco@bigpond.com or by phoning Amy on (07) 4093 8810 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. Applications close 30th June.

Cantata

A new cantata, "Holy Spirit, Breath of God" has just been completed by sisters Ruth Beasley and Audrey Francis, and will be performed at the end of March in four North Queensland centres, including Kuranda. Rehearsals have already started on Tuesdays, in the Uniting Church, corner of Walsh and Rankin Streets Mackay at 7.30pm but it is not too late to join in. Membership of the choir is open to anyone who enjoys singing and last year the ages ranged from eight years to ninety. "Holy Spirit, Breath of God" drawn on the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament to trace the movement of the Holy Spirit throughout time. "New comers to choral singing are welcome. In past years they have always enjoyed the experience", Mrs Beasley said. For further information contact 4093 0303.

Kuranda Amphitheatre What Happened, What's Next

As we approach the Chinese Year of the Pig, it is with pride that the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society announces that each event we hosted in 2006 was a cultural and financial success. With our expenses covered, our bank balance for last year now rests comfortably in the black. What a year, we turned 25, we had a run of members' nights, an alternative energy festival, hosted INXS, John Butler, Ash Grunwald and Shane Howard. Over a hundred volunteers donated their time, energy and passion and businesses both small and large supported us. Local musos from Juice to Zennith took to both the main stage and understage, Rounded Circles presented a multi-media show devised by local young people, Focus Theatre presented a contemporary 2-hander play. Kuranda's children danced, juggled and acro-balanced. The under-threes began their relationship with the venue early in life, with the Kuranda Playgroup hosting their inaugural Christmas Party in the top shed. All of these factors ensure that the venue remains for, by and about our community.

WORKING BEE SATURDAY 9am-12noon, Saturday 10th Feb, 2007.

"There is an army of Singapore Daisy encroaching from over the fence" (Paul-careaker). The weeds are taking over. We need bodies in motion...with whipper-snippers. "If you've never been to an Amphitheatre Working Bee, please come along, even just for an hour to prepare our venue for the coming wet season" (Brian Clarke, President).

UNDERSTAGE NIGHT FOR MEMBERS - Sat Feb 17th MEMBERS GET IN FREE

In recognition of our financial success, and to thank all of our hard working volunteers, we invite members to join us for our final Member's Night prior to the committee change over. Saturday, February 17th members get

in for free, non-members \$15 at the door. Be warned, numbers are strictly limited to 200 people. Arrive early, or you will miss out. It has been a busy few months at the Amphitheatre, this gig has been designed to give the workers and supporters a one off, well-earned party. Affordable drinks, door prizes and dance-all-night live music... Sat Feb 17th 2007, Understage, doors open 6.30, 7pm start.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Committee wishes to advise that the AGM is to be held at 3pm on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at the Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage, Barron Falls Road, Kuranda. Interested persons and members are invited to attend. Vacancies exist on the committee, and active members are sought. If you have thought you might like to get involved with the community, meet like-minded folk or contribute to the general running of our rainforest music venue, now is the time. The Amphitheatre is run entirely by volunteers. We rely on commitment, sincerity, skill and community spirit. By getting involved you have the opportunity to nurture Kuranda's artists, provide thousands of people with a unique music experience and you will find out what keeps members, audience and volunteers coming back year after year. "I love Kuranda and I love the amphitheatre, that's why I volunteer". (Long term Amphitheatre member, interviewed whilst working on a 2006 event.)

OUR RESPECTS

The Amphitheatre sadly bade Tom Sterling, our friend and member farewell in December. A committed active member, Tom's energy, presence and ongoing support will be sadly missed by the KAS. We extend our heartfelt blessings to Tom's family and friends.

Police Beat



Break & enters (year to date)	35
Stealing offences	35
Wilful damage (including graffiti)	26

These figures are for offences attended by Kuranda police, in & around the Kuranda area which includes Speewah & Koah.

Also if you've been following this column closely, you'll see there's no change since last month, Unfortunately, this is because I forgot to update the figures, not because all the criminals have left the area. Sorry.

Do I hear a wet season approaching? Or is that the drains? Wet weather means wet roads, means more traffic incidents. It also means that I need a new raincoat, but that's my problem.

We at the police station have long thought that the range crossing should be a 60km/h zone all the way. Not just because we want to catch more people speeding (which we don't), but because it would be a lot safer. People would still probably drive at 80km/h, but at least they wouldn't be allowed to, legally.

As you should all know, the faster you

go, the longer it will take to stop.

There are lots of blind curves & corners on the range & if you come round one at 80km/h & there's a truck broken down around that bend, then you could be in for a bit of panel damage. To say the least. Also, you'll probably find yourself being charged or fined by us.

All we can suggest to you at present is that you all take a bit more care on the roads. If there's some arrogant son-(or daughter)-of-a-something hanging off your bumper, then let the fool pass you - unless you're towing them, of course. One last thing - manners.

Now I know that some people get a bit prickly when we pull them over in their car for some reason. Usually, we don't pull people over for a laugh. Usually, there is a legitimate reason we do it. Usually, drivers are polite to us, as we are to them. If the police are not being polite to you, could it be something you said? An initial response of - "what now?" - might be taken as being impolite.

After all, most of us are human.

Tim THURLOW - Kuranda Police

LIBRARY NEWS

by

Maddie and Ros

First of all let me apologise to everyone whose name I haven't learnt yet! I am filling a position which you are all used to seeing Leanne in. I know how wonderful she was, and realise how hard it will be to fill those shoes. For those of you who haven't asked yet (and I love that most people have!) your new library staff member's names are Maddie and Ros. Ros is a long time Kuranda local (well, Koah) and I moved to Kuranda about two months ago. We are both loving the Kuranda library and getting to know the diverse and always interesting Kuranda people.

For the last six weeks we have really just been getting on our feet, but I think we are starting to get the hang of it. After a semi-successful (i.e. crowded!) first Storytime just before Christmas we had a fantastic January Storytime about frogs on the 5th of January. Hello to Jade and Summer who both were both great frogs! We have shuffled some furniture and re-ordered Storytime a little so that everyone should have plenty of room in the future. For your diaries, Storytime is the first Friday of every month (unless it is a public holiday). That means the next one is on the 2nd of February and will be about Wombats. Storytimes are aimed at kids around the ages of 3-5 years. However everyone is welcome. We do ask that parents stay with their children at all times in the library and, because there are crafts involved, old clothes are a good idea for Storytime.

There is a big Adult Fiction exchange happening this month so if you feel you are almost out of novels then this month is a good one for you. Ros and I are more than happy to make suggestions on reading material (although we don't offer any guarantees!) and have several resources available for helping you find your next good read. If you are out of ideas then pop in and we will see if we can help you.

These should get you started. They have all been popular with Kuranda readers in the last month:

Teenagers

- Bill Condon, No Worries

Junior

- Morris Gleitzman, Once

Early Childhood

- The Island, Peter Sheehan and John Heffernan

Adult Fiction

- *The Closers: A Novel* by Michael Connelly
- *Girl's Night in 4*, a book of short stories.
- *Grace* by Robert Drewe (which is based in the Kimberley in WA)
- *Imaginary Men* by Anjali Banerjee

There is also a lot of new non-fiction including lots of books on cooking, gardening and arts, new DVD's and CD's and some new audio books.

Libraries are no longer just places for quiet study. We encourage the community to come in and use the computers for the internet or Word Processing, use the DVD player or read a magazine or the Newspapers. Of course, the library is still used for study and reading and we do all need to be respectful of that.

I believe strongly that a town's public library should be a community project and a hub for any community events. This means it is *your* library! We have suggestion forms at the front desk at the moment and would really love any ideas or suggestions you might have (waterslide anyone?). We also have a community notice boards which can be used for Community events and notices (sorry, but no 'for sales').

Finally, Thank you to everyone who has made Ros and I feel welcome. I hope we can continue to watch the Kuranda Library grow and develop with the community. If you have any ideas on how to improve the service we offer to you please drop in and discuss it with one of us. We look forward to meeting you all.

Danger at Kuranda Weir

Local kids are taking their lives into their own hands with a dangerous game being played out at the Kuranda hydro-electrical weir. Authorities are concerned about recent reports of youths taking outboard motor-powered dinghies and other water craft up to the lip of the weir in order to have a look over the edge. In some cases they have even been witnessed to get out and walk along the top of the dam wall.

Maritime Safety Queensland's Cairns Regional Harbour Master, Captain Alan Boath, said the practise was a tragedy waiting to happen. "It is a very big drop off on the other side of the hydro weir and obviously a fall could result in serious injuries or even a fatality. The area has plenty of signs warning of the danger of approaching the wall and these signs need to be taken note of," he said.

Captain Boath said parents also had a responsibility to educate their children about dangerous activities such as this and about boating safety in general. "Kuranda Weir is a waterway that can be enjoyed by everyone, but it would be terrible to see a serious accident take place there because a few foolish people take unnecessary and silly chances. I ask that all boats, whether power or paddle, stay upriver of the line of white buoys and that power boats consider the damage their wash may do to the riverbank and how the noise may affect homes close by the river".

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HOME TREATMENTS: - FEET AND FOOT CARE

Although foot massage is quite beneficial, simply bathing the feet can freshen and revive the whole system. In hot dusty countries like India and Australia, bathing the hands, face, and feet is suggested upon waking, before eating or meditating, before sleep, and whenever you would like to revive and refresh yourself, or whenever a full bath or shower is not possible.

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 CALMING AND COOLING** – Prepare a cool bath with a handful of sandalwood powder or a few drops of essential oil of sandalwood. This soak cools the whole body and frees the mind of the troubles of the day. It is a wonderful help for restful sleep on a hot summer's night.
- **FOR INVIGORATING** – get a handful each of crushed juniper berries, rosemary, and lavender. Brew these in a pint of boiling water, strain after 10 minutes and add to a hot foot bath.
- **FOR DEODORIZING** – Place a small handful of sage, thyme, lavender, sweet marjoram, bay leaf, and a tablespoon of rock salt and brew them in one pint of boiling water. Strain and add to a warm foot bath. Leaving the herbs in will create a stronger smell for deodorizing.
- **MORE TREATMENTS FOR FEET NEXT MONTH.** *Valarie Birchall, Aesthetician.*

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February Astrology

Twice a year the sun passes directly over us here on the 17th parallel, or latitude 17degrees south. This year it passes overhead on 2nd & 3rd February with 8 of the planets travelling with it in close formation. This is also a time of a full moon in Leo. The moon at her most regal. The full moon and Saturn, the timers of the monthly and 30 year zodiac cycles, are circling the earth together exactly opposite to the sun and its 8 planet entourage, think of a clock with the hour and minute hand meeting at midnight and all the other planets swinging below like a giant pendulum. From the time of the full moon, about 3.30pm on the 2nd, and for about four hours, the line of planets around the sun will be setting in the west. At sunset, full moon and Saturn will rise and this pattern will continue around the globe. At midnight full moon and Saturn will be directly overhead with all the other planets below the earth. A very heavy pendulum. What might all this mean? Well, it will set up a powerful resonance exerting a magnetic pull on solar flares, oceans, continents, emotions, public opinions and all things which "float". Mother earth will rock, and we are a focal point here on the 17th parallel. A parallel which we share with Fiji, Bolivia and Madagascar. Sounds like a night to party with a heavy earth beat. On the 8th & 9th February, having recovered from this full moon party, Venus conjuncts Uranus in Pisces, and the sun conjuncts Neptune in Aquarius. Water, water everywhere a flow of magical, imaginative, artistic and creative energy comes flooding in and globally the focus shifts towards compassionate and idealistic agreements and decisions. Clear thinking, constructive energy patterns are flowing through to 19th February and ideals are taking form. Then the sun moves into Pisces on 19th and Venus crosses the zero Aries point (the archetypal beginning) into Aries on the 21st. Here is love in action! Venus takes the ram by the horns and leads him in a gentle Piscean dance. On the 26th and 27th Mars bursts into Aquarius as Mercury, in retrograde, steps back into the last degree of Aquarius. So the whole Aquarian energy field is flanked by Mars at the vanguard and Mercury bringing up the rear. A strong insistence on bringing

vision and high ideals to the negotiating table and putting together honourable, practical and humanitarian solutions personally and globally. A time to speak out and to match words with action. Watch for news of some outstanding scientific and technological breakthroughs. On the last day of the month Saturn locks into a serious opposition to Neptune. No chance of any illusions or deceptions surviving under the hard, clear focus of Saturn. More exposures and demands for accountability. The illusory barriers between the material and the spiritual are dissolving. So, no leap this year it's step by step, the timing is perfect and we are on track. The next set of eclipses are coming up in March along with the vernal equinox. More next month. Rob Hart

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"My strategy has been to keep my head down, build the product and let word of mouth do the rest. What we have now is a situation where the grounds look great, the feel of the place is inviting and friendly, the cocktails are sensational and the food is fresh and satisfying. We are seeing the discerning locals trying the restaurant and returning regularly. We see couples coming in alone to try the food, then 2 weeks later return with a group. It seems like it is a case of try before you bring your friends."

"We are seeing strong demand for groups and weddings. The enquiry level is strong and this is adding to the number of people who are visiting the area. It is hard to break the traditional thinking that Kuranda is a day trip. We are fighting a mind set but we are pleased with the progress we have made. There are more and more people who have chosen to stay with us and we are seeing the effect on the local area. There are more jobs, more purchasing of local products, services and tours. It can be as simple as grocery shopping right through to expensive souvenirs, artwork etc."

"We are investing considerable sums in marketing the region. We have done this on popular radio and television and in newspapers and magazines. Our website www.kurandaresortandspa.com, has also proved to be popular and we are seeing visitors travel on to other Tableland sites to check out the activities. This is great for our community."

"Locals are very welcome at the resort. We offer a 4 star product with a five star service and we are happy to offer our products and services to anyone who respects that. Locals can use the pools (for a \$5.00 surcharge), use the bar, restaurant and lounge facilities. There is a 10% discount on food for locals. The other facilities that are available are the Day Spa, theatre, tennis courts, conference and meeting rooms, wedding chapel and of course the beautiful rooms. We are also excited to be able to provide the community with a **car rental service.**"

"I have tried to employ as many local people as possible", Brent King said. "It was a great day for me when I was able to appoint a local 'lad' as General Manager. **Douglas Stephens** has taken up the role of General Manager and I am proud that we have a person with such high personal qualities and skills. Douglas and Diana Stephens were married at the resort last year so Doug has an understanding of the business from both perspectives, as a client and a Manager. Their wedding photos are simply stunning."

Douglas Stephens said "I have seen the resort go through a number of changes. It was sad to see how it has been mismanaged at various times. I am thrilled to be given the chance to work with Brent and the team and to bring the property up to the level it should be at. Brent has done some great things with the establishment and I admire the way he has met his goals. My challenge now is to build on that." **Watch this boy go!**

"With growth in the Tablelands there is also sure to be growth in Kuranda. We offer both tourists and locals a chance to enjoy a piece of paradise in the Far North. The Kuranda Resort and Spa will go from strength and I am sure it will provide a memorable experience for those who wish to enjoy its charms."

"Those who have savored the cooking of highly regarded **chef Eli**, or one of **Lorene's tantalizing cocktails** or a **rejuvenating treatment by Liza and Kelly** will testify that the Kuranda Resort and Spa is a warm and friendly place to relax, dine and unwind."



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Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949
- "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."
Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943
- "I have travelled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year."
The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957
- "But what ... is it good for?"

Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip.

- "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."

Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

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Bare Soil Erosion Problem in Wet Season

by Jane Page

Co-ordinator of Barron Catchment Care

The seasonal wet weather condition that prevails across the Barron Catchment at this time of year brings with it the definite threat of soil erosion, which, if left unchecked, will pose long term degradation for future generations in the Far North.

As the rainy season approaches, it's time to think about the potential of soil erosion and its short and long term effects. Once the rain falls in the Barron Catchment in the volumes that it does each and every year, bare soil is rapidly moved to somewhere else, creating problems throughout the river system and consequently the community.

Rills, gullies and moved soil mean problems for long term management. The fact is that fertility of our soils is in the top 10cm. Soil erosion is irreversible in that, once the soil goes, it can never be replaced naturally. As a catchment, soil erosion can affect everyone downstream, eventually reaching the reef.

Catchment Management involves everyone who uses the streams and tributaries and the main thread of the Barron River. Recreational fishermen, canoeists and kayakers are drawn to the area because of the good quality water. Murky and muddy water also affects

If you wish to become an active part of the Barron Catchment Care please contact us on 4048 4748 or visit our website www.barronriver.com.au.

River Pest Weed Attack

Aerial spraying and a resultant combined spraying assault by Mareeba Shire Council Pest Management Team, Barron Catchment Care and Green Corps team led by team leader Russell Keane and nine participants undergoing a six months traineeship in Land Conservation Management has been started on infestations of the waterways pest weed Hymenachne in the Barron River.

The Hymenachne infestation mapping and eradication has been made possible through an Envirofund grant. "This grant has enabled us to begin Hymenachne

aquatic life in the waterways. As we live in this environment we need to ensure a balance of aquatic life is maintained for the health of the river and the quality of our water. Landholders who pump water from the river are all affected by sediment in the water. Sediment has also been a contributing factor in decreasing the life-span of water storages.

Strategies to minimise water-borne soil erosion centre around keeping the water on the landscape where it falls for as long as possible and improving infiltration into the soil. The reality is that erosion is caused when the speed of water is so fast that it can pick up soil and carry it in the water. By reducing the rate that water flows across the landscape, the water has a chance to seep into the soil.

Techniques to reduce erosion include practices that basically retain as much vegetation cover as possible for as long as possible. This includes stubble retention, mulching, minimising cultivation and timing cultivation to leave the land bare for the shortest possible period... particularly around the wet season. On steep land and stream banks, plant roots assist in holding the soil together. These strategies can be adopted on a scale from a simple backyard garden plot to a broadacre commercial farm.

control, management and education processes which are under way at present," Barron Catchment Care Co-ordinator Jane Page said.

"Ideally, this current six canoe river control process will be supported by property owners who notify us of the infestations along waterways on their properties so that quick eradication can be undertaken."

A five day river bound eradication project started near Kuranda and then progressed along the Barron River on a daily basis from Mareeba to Kuranda. It is believed that the weed pest has been spread by various means including flooding, water birds and seasonal river flows.

Fit for Life HACC Clients Try Tai Chi

The Home & Community Care Program together with Ngoonbi's Sport & Rec Program offer "Gentle Moves" an exercise class held at Ngoonbi Farm every fortnight as part of the Centre Based Day Care Program. Sonya Barber from Your Body Coach Personal Training Studio

provides professional health and fitness instruction for the clients on Tuesdays. The functional strength based program is designed to help with falls prevention and to prevent physical and mental decline in the health of Older Adults. Since February 2006 the clients have been introduced to activities such as Aqua Fitness, Chairaerobics, light strength training under



Pictured below - HACC Clients introduced to Tai Chi at Ngoonbi Farm Centre Based Day Care.

the umbrella and schools of thought for "Active Aging" and the maintenance of functional strength for life's demands, mobility requirements and movement. To find out more about what HACC and the Sport & Rec Programs offer contact: The HACC Coordinator and Sport & Rec Officers at Ngoonbi Cooperative Society. Phone 4093 7177.



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Neighbourhood Centre News - Feb 2007

John Butler Concert - a big special thank you to Jade Seaton for all the work she put in to prepare for and organize KNC's sausage sizzle at the John Butler concert. Jade's efforts raised nearly \$500.00 to help support our community organization. Good on you, Jade! In addition, we were able to donate surplus sausages and rolls to the Mungalli Falls youth camp that took place for Kuranda youth in December.

Volunteer Reward Program - congratulations to Debi Seaton-Crowe for winning an award from the 'Medibank Private Volunteer Reward Program'. This award entitles Debi to an invitation for 2 to enjoy a Taipans home game from the Medibank Private Corporate box, including food and drink, and PA announcement in recognition of her efforts. Over the past 2 years Debi has miraculously transformed our somewhat tatty old op shop into the Rummage Boutique and improved our whole sales area beyond measure. Debi's long-term dedication and commitment to KNC coupled with her exceptional creative flair has worked wonders. Thank you so much, Debi!

New Premises - we have received confirmation that all funds required for the conversion of 6 Rob Veivers Drive for KNC are now assured. Plans are near completion, and building work should follow soon after, weather permitting. It looks like we could be in there by August or certainly before the end of the year.

Mah-Jong - our mah-jong group still meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1.00 pm. We have a regular group of 5-6. Come along and swell our numbers! It's free, they laugh lots, and eat delicious cakes and things with their tea.

Interagency Meetings - held on the 1st Wednesday afternoon of each month, our first meeting for 2007 is due on Wednesday February 7th. These meetings are opportunities for local agencies and individual community members to come together and exchange information and ideas with a view to focusing on community needs and identifying possible solutions. Come along if you've got the time and you're interested.

Cancer Self Defence Talks - I have received some information from the Qld Cancer Fund. Their Community Speakers Program offers 6 topic areas with information on prevention and early detection. Topics include:- skin cancer, breast cancer, cervical cancer, prostate cancer, testicular cancer, bowel cancer. I have yet to network with other local organizations to assess level of interest and/or what's already on offer. In the meantime, however, I would appreciate any feedback from you the readers of this article and your families and friends as to whether you would be interested in attending these talks. So give us a ring, pop in, fax, or e-mail us and let us know. Please note new e-mail address above.

Have a great month & Happy New Year!
Vicki

KURANDA HORSE AND PONY CLUB

Last year was a great year with many improvements to the club grounds with the upgrade of one of the arenas to a top quality sand arena and the installation of additional arena lighting, so we are all set for an even better 2007. Club members are currently undertaking the rearrangement and improvement of their top arena which will provide even better viewing for spectators and will enable them to host evening events and take advantage of the cooler evenings.

KHPC is boasting of its two new and eager instructors, Margot Warnett and Judy Pope, who will join Tanya Vickers. Our instructors will be encouraging good horsemanship and sportsmanship with a core focus of fun and safety. Membership last year consisted of as many adult riders as children. Many parents (and

even grandparents) took the opportunity to participate with their children, and this promotes a caring, almost family environment. All new (and old) members and spectators are made most welcome and are treated to some of Kuranda's best hospitality.

A sign-on for both riding and social members and families is on Saturday 17 February at 4.00pm. The formalities of the AGM will be followed by a welcoming BBQ. All Rally Days commence with a gear check at 9.00am and are held on the first and third Saturday of every month (unless notified otherwise) with the first to be held on Saturday 3 March 2007. Enquiries can be forwarded to any of the following contacts: Colleen Jackson 4093 8369, Tanya Vickers 4093 8887, Judy Pope 4093 7199 and Margot Warnett 4093 7337.

One diet fixes it all!



One Diet Fixes It All is a health and practical nutrition education course, which ran for 7 weeks in October to December in Kuranda. Over 40 people attended the program, which finished on the 1st of December at the feast of the "Heavenly Banquet."

The course was organised by Ngonbi Sport & Recreation Program in response to the expressed needs of, in particular, indigenous people in the community, to learn "how to cook healthy," since "3 times more Aboriginal people die from food & nutrition related diseases than non-Aboriginal People."

The program combined theoretical learning with practical food demonstrations and was designed to support the participants in finding out how to combat lifestyle disease and health problems starting with their diet.

Increasing the amount of plant-based foods (fruits and vegetables, seeds, nuts and legumes) in the diet was the primary

diets high in plant-based foods are the best to reduce risk of lifestyle diseases and health problems such as high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity and high cholesterol.

Kuranda participant Maria Richards can testify to the changes that have occurred since she and her husband have not only been attending the course but adopting its principle of increasing the amount and variety of plant based foods in their diet. Maria says, "It's been good, the program was an eye opener to show me different ways of eating and preparing food and it has changed my lifestyle. This is because of the type of food we (my husband Alf & I) are eating and how we are eating it. I don't feel as tired as what I used to be. My husband is off his blood pressure medication, I am more relaxed, I lost kilos in the first 2 weeks, I feel good and I feel good about life in general and I put this down to the changes in diet we have made and what we have been eating over the past 5 weeks. We've even started growing our own vegies at home and I'm excited about getting creative with recipes myself now. I look forward to going to the course every Friday and I'm gonna miss it when it's over."

If it has been on your heart and mind for some time to do something about your health starting with your diet, we would love to have you at our 2007 course. Contact Jane De Col, Ngonbi Sport & Recreation Officer on Phone 4093 7177 or our course presenter Eunice Winship, and Accredited Community Health Educator from the Home Health Education Service Cairns on Phone 40575765.



Pictured top - "Cooking demonstrators, Gina Coleman and Marian Jones with a healthy salad"

Picture above - "Sport & Rec Officer Jane De Col demonstrating at the One Diet Fixes It All program"

Picture left - "Alf & Maria Richards with the demonstrators of the "One Diet Fixes It All" cooking program"



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– Recommencement of Classes

Students from the Queensland Self Defence and Taekwondo Academy recently returned to training at the CWA Hall. Regional Instructor, Mr Jeff Dieben commended those students who have returned to training, and proceeded to teach the new material required for each student's preparation for the March quarterly grading. The Taekwondo club is currently encouraging new students to take advantage of the free uniform offer on joining.

QSDTA celebrates 30 years of providing quality taekwondo and self defence instruction to students of all ages and backgrounds throughout the State. Mr Graham Moulden, who heads the organisation, originally instructed students under the 'Rhee Taekwondo' banner. In 1996, the Queensland Self Defence & Taekwondo Academy was officially formed. Popularity for the club is based on its commitment to the teaching of traditional taekwondo, accompanied by the inclusion of straight-forward self-defence training that reflects the needs of modern society.

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Fun For Under Fives

With the unmissable opportunity of meeting at the Kuranda Community Kindy and a bit of publicity, our membership has rapidly grown. Now we have about 35 members and a regular crowd of 10 - 15 families meeting weekly. Each week brings new faces.

For many of us, our Playgroup is a lifesaver - a chance for our kids to have lots of fun, burn off some energy and not trash our houses, while we have a chat with friends. And we are a friendly lot - everyone with kids under five are welcome - and most of us didn't know each other until meeting at Playgroup. Some families even travel up the range weekly to catch up.

We have had a lot of local support and thank our supporters in 2006: Australia Post Kuranda, Cafe Kuranda, Djabugay Country Tours, Frogs Kuranda, the Green House, Kangazims Cafe, Kuranda Bakery, Kuranda Butchery, Kuranda Candy Kitchen, Kuranda Library, Kuranda Koala Gardens, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, Kuranda Trading Post Restaurant, Kuranda Scenic Railway, Nevermind Cafe, Queensland Health, terra firma associates, Top of the Range Health and Fitness, and Tropical Beach Babies. Extra special thanks to the Kuranda Community Kindy.

2007 promises to bring more fun for the kids.

We are planning more activities, including a Positive Parenting workshop with QLD Health, Library storytelling, and other great stuff. But what really works for us is the easygoing atmosphere at the Kindy. They have great toys and resources for the kids and have been so supportive - we can't go wrong.

So if you are at a loose end with your kids on a Wednesday morning from 9.45am to 11.30am please come along and have some fun with us.

Playgroup Membership

Kuranda Playgroup welcomes all families with kids under five. We meet every Wednesday at the Kuranda Community Kindy from 9.45am to 11.30am. Our Playgroup sessions are \$2 per family with all funds raised used to support our Playgroup. An annual membership to Playgroup QLD covers public liability insurance and entitles you to entry to other QLD playgroups and toy library use.

For new families joining Playgroup QLD in February, the membership fee is \$28 or \$20 (concession) which gives 14 months of benefits for the price of 12 months. Please see Lida or Lisa at Playgroup to join or contact: www.playgroupaustralia.com.au/qld or call toll free 1800 171 882.

Positive Parenting Workshop

Positive parenting is a bit of a catch phrase nowadays, but what does it mean? Find out more at a free two hour Queensland Health Triple P workshop. Kuranda Playgroup is planning the workshop for sometime in late February / early March at the Kuranda Medical Centre.

If you are interested please call Lisa on 4093 0038 by 9 February.



From left to right: Riley, Will, Mary and Kelly.



Hannah and her art

Friends of the Earth Kuranda

Good start to 2007

2007 has started on a good note. The environmental approval (or hopefully disapproval) process for the 4 lane Kuranda Range Highway had been delayed once again. The Federal Department of the Environment and Heritage is not satisfied with the reports it has been sent from the Department of Main Roads and has asked for more information.

It seems the support of concerned environmental groups like Friends of the Earth Australia, CAFNEC and the Wilderness Society plus the detailed submissions from many people both locally, nationally and internationally (from places as diverse as Japan and Finland) has made a difference, but we need to keep going.

- Tell Ian Campbell, the Federal Minister for the Environmental and Heritage not to give environmental

approvals for the proposed 4-lane highway (contact details at end of article)

A format letter is available online at www.foekuranda.org or use the following points:

- This project would forever degrade the beauty of the Kuranda Range.
- Endangered species such as the cassowary and northern bettong are already under threat due to habitat destruction and the release of exotic plants and non-native animals. The Kuranda Range 4-lane highway would increase these pressures both due to clearing during construction of the 4-lane highway and also through the development it would facilitate in the Kuranda area.
- The Kuranda Range being a

building site for one to two decades would discourage tourists from visiting Kuranda with resultant negative impact on ecotourism.

- 10-15 years of substantial traffic delays and even total road closures (e.g. for blasting and transport of bridge parts) would have economic impacts on the whole region.

Other options exist such as a limited upgrade, which can provide most of the benefits for a fraction of more than half a billion dollars the 4-lane highway is presently estimated to cost.

See www.foekuranda.org for more details or see below for our contact details.

Friends of the Earth Kuranda AGM 31 January

Do come along to our AGM, share a meal and support Kuranda's local action

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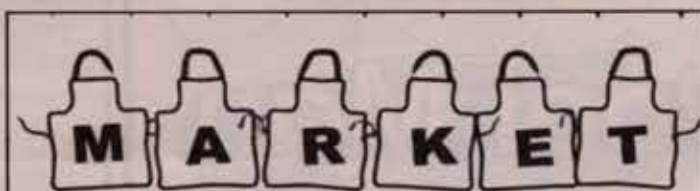
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Success for Kuranda Tourism Strategy

The final month of the 2006 calendar year continued a strong year-long performance for Kuranda's tourism sector, Kuranda Village promotions program chairman Fr Chris Wright said. "At the beginning of December, we looked likely to register a 30% growth in activities across the entire Kuranda destination and this is the desired direct result of our combined marketing strategy which caters for local, national and international markets."

The KVPP Chairman said that in the 2006 calendar year there had been well over 4 million "hits" on KVPP's Kuranda website. This level of interest augurs well for the 2007 season, particularly when considering that the February - April period is when the website's information activities increase dramatically in preparation for the mid-year tourism influx.

A number of local traders had commented that there also appeared to have been a significant and favourable growth in the number of locals who had visited Kuranda in the summer months, particularly during the traditional festive season.

"In view of the prominence Kuranda and environs has received, both in Australia and world-wide, there needs to be an even stronger network and support from local tourism operators and others so that the greatest possible benefits are obtained from our obvious created market potential."

"While promotion of one's own particular business and service delivery standards is paramount to the success of individual businesses, there is no substitute for a combined effort when it comes to promoting Kuranda as a diverse tourism location that offers scenic, cultural, dining, a diverse range of accommodation and shopping experiences that are truly unique to this region," Fr. Wright said.

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Property owners are advised that the discount closing date is also the date on which rates are due and payable. Any unpaid amount will accrue interest at the rate of 11% per annum (compounded on daily rests) from the close of business on 22 February 2007.

Payment of Rates can be made in person at any Australian Post Office or Branch or at the Council Offices. EFTPOS or Credit card Payments can be made in person at Council's office in Mareeba only or any Australia Post Office. Residents of the Kuranda area can make payments in person at any Australia Post Office or Branch or the Council Office located in the Kuranda library in Thooree Street, during Library hours, Tuesday to Thursday 11am to 4pm and Friday 9am to 12pm.

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Thanks to Jax
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www.envirocare.org.au

Growing with Envirocare

Ever wondered how to recognise the common rainforest trees, how to grow the seeds or turn a piece of weed infested land into a piece of regenerating rainforest? Now is your chance. Kuranda Envirocare is offering workshop sessions that will focus on the Kuranda rainforest area with an introduction to plant identification, seed collection and germination, general nursery practices, revegetation principles and basic rainforest ecology.

We're offering two workshop series - one held on 3 week days, one held on 3 weekend days. These are open to Envirocare members (Free) and members of our local community (\$10 for materials). Numbers are limited so please phone Margaret on 40 938393 as soon as possible to secure a place.

It's raining seeds

Seed collection and sowing has started again in earnest as many trees are now casting their seed in advance of the coming rains. All seeds are welcome but especially Candlenuts (*Aleurites rockinghamensis*) and Queensland Silver Ash (*Flindersia bourjotiana*) Potting out of seedlings towards the end of last year has resulted in nearly 4000 young plants being added to those available for planting out this wet season and there's more to come. You're welcome to come and join the volunteers on Tuesdays or Thursdays, potting up at 19 Kullaroo Close from 9am till 4pm. If you have seeds you're curious about, bring them in and we'll try to identify them.

Plants on the move

The Envirocare nursery is getting too big for its footprint and is on the move. A suitable area of public land has been offered in principle by council and we're seeking approvals to use this area for the new nursery.

to reflect on the unflagging dedication and prodigious amount of labour that Jax has put into conserving the environment through Kuranda EnviroCare over the past 10 years. She has given over her life and opened her private residence without reserve to community and Envirocare members. Jax is now standing down from the day to day running of Envirocare and more than one person will be needed to fill the Envirocare roles that she took on over the years.

We all appreciate the role Jax has played in "growing up" this organisation and hope she will watch on with some pride as the organisation continues to grow and the nursery is relocated on public land. We hope that as we continue revegetating the gaps in the EnviroLink Wildlife Corridor, a task which Jax embraced enthusiastically, she will be able to relax a little and enjoy her new freedom from day to day responsibilities. Thanks again Jax. Your energy and enthusiasm will be a hard act to follow. We wish you well as you move on to expanding another of your visions, the 4S's project.

Saturday at 8am - Environment Working bees

Our main site this season is **Bottom Korowa on Oakforest Rd**, just past Dismal Creek. We'll be alternating planting, watering and mulching. Follow the signs on Myola / Oakforest Rd showing the location and activity. Come and lend a hand or just come for a look and a cuppa. All welcome. Call Cathy on 40 93 9926 if you need transport.

AGM - Wed 7 Feb at 7pm

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Sudoku Rules

Place a number from 1-9 in each empty cell so that each row, each column and each 3 x 3 block contains all the numbers from 1-9.

Hard Answers on Page 19

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"Prag, v. To ask that the laws of the universe be annulled in behalf of a single petitioner confessedly unworthy."
The Devil's Dictionary

Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 84

Compiled by John Brooksbank

- Across**
- Find a record number of balls at the Sports Club.
 - Music to get stoned to ?
 - Crossword is one !
 - Bottle Fizzie might find under the bed.
 - Part of a bar yet stored under it at the Bottom Pub.
 - Vote for the right to say no.
 - In an acid test - it turns red.
 - Pants and breathes again.
 - A makes this knot positive.
 - Brush with thanksgiving rainforest bird.
 - Used to mean bright and colourful.
 - Implant and turn up the soil with 16 down.
 - Flexible armour in the post?
 - Plonk at the end of the village street.

Down

- The Bard is over being shabby.
- Caused by crash outside hospital.
- Worshipped in countries all over the world.
- Basis of local sweet industry.
- Is an exact reference with chapter.
- What cowboy did for nothing at this local annual event.
- United Nations sex is the real connection.
- Friend - may I proceed?
- Definitely I am subject for park or party.
- Nose is not us possibly.
- Sir spoke when it is dark.
- Doc Watson's Victorian creator.
- Body part things get stuck in.
- Mareeba or Cairns is the nearest.
- Sounds like this ruler is able to...
- University lock.

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Community Calendar

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

Every Sun **A.A. CWA Hall** 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599
Kuranda Bowls Club every Sunday social games 2 pm (reg 1:30pm)
 Speewah Country Markets 9am-3pm Down behind the Speewah Country Tavern. Phone: 4093 0361

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

3rd 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

1st Monday **Silent sitting/Meditation** at the Kuranda Retreat 7.30-8.45 ph. 0428 930 365 no charge
Kuranda Horse and Pony Club 7.30 pm Mantaka
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm
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2nd Monday **High School P & C** 5.00 pm

3rd Monday **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers. Dve. Ph 4093 8933
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 Kuranda Retreat 0428 930 365
Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults 7.00 pm
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Tai Chi Sports and Social Club 6 pm Phone 4093 8276
Kundalini Meditation Tuesdays 6-7pm at the Kuranda Retreat 40930615/0431142899
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Every Tues **Focus Theatre Group** 7pm Kuranda Amphitheatre, under stage
Kuranda Playgroup - Kuranda Community Kindergarten, 10am, Contact Lida on 4093 9882, or Anna 4093 8537

1st Wed
2nd Wed
Last Wed

Every Thurs

1st Thurs
2nd Thurs
Every Fri

2nd Sat

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

Baha'i "Spirit of the Forrest" 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St.
Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm - 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Yoga at CWA Kuranda Playgroup 9.45-11.30am at Community Kindy. Contact Lida 4093 9882 or Lisa 4093 0038
Kuranda Interagency Network at 2.00 pm @ KNC
QCWA meeting 1.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda Pool Committee 7.00 pm Neighbourhood Centre 40939594
Rotary 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206
Kuranda Bowls Club Night Bowls - Casual 7.00 pm [reg. 6.30 pm]
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682
8 Ball S & S Club 7.15 pm & RSL
Yoga at the Kuranda Retreat phone Eva on 0427 798 769/4093 0413
Kuranda Charity Bowls 7 pm (reg. 6.30 pm)
Ambulance 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road
Natural Instinctive Nutrition Workshop with evening meal at Speewah in Kuranda Jahl/Eva 0427 798 769/4093 0413
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Saturday	9 am - 12 noon

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#2.00pm	#2.30pm	2.50am / 3.30dep	4.00pm	4.30pm	5.15pm arr

Departs -	Saturday (not Public Holidays)				
Ravenshoe	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
#7.45am	#8.15am	8.30am	9.45am	10.20am	11.15am arr

Departs -	Sunday and Public Holidays			
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Saturday	CAIRNS	9.00am	-	11.00am	1.00pm	-
Sunday	CAIRNS	9.00am	-	11.00am	1.00pm	3.00pm
Public Holiday	CAIRNS	-	-	-	-	-

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10.00am	10.35am		3.00pm	#3.30pm	#4.00pm arr
3.15pm	3.55pm	4.30pm	5.00pm	#5.30pm	#6.00pm arr
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	11.15am/11.45dep	#12.05pm	#12.45pm
1.00pm	1.40pm	2.15pm	2.45pm arr		

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

Towns above serviced to/from Atherton by Kerry's Bus Service Ph 40977167 or 0419020370

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

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

LOCAL SHOW HOLIDAY IN NORMAL TIMETABLE
 (Cairns Show please check with driver/office)

ATHERTON	HEAD OFFICE	6 McConaghie St	4091 1855
ATHERTON	PHILLIPS NEWS	48c Main St	4091 1105
CAIRNS	48 Spence St	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
KURANDA	15 Therwine St	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
MAREEBA	MAREEBA NEWS	125 Byrnes St	4092 1030 (Bus stop is at old Railway Station - South of KFC)

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS
"THE LOCAL BUS"

	MON	TUES	WEDtoFRI	P/HOL & SAT/SUN
DEPARTS	#0730	#0730	*0730	0830
KURANDA	1330	1330	0930	1500
	1615	1615	1130	
			1330	
			1615	
DEPARTS	**0830	**0830	0830	**0930
CAIRNS	1715	1715	1015	**1600
			1230	
			1715	

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

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