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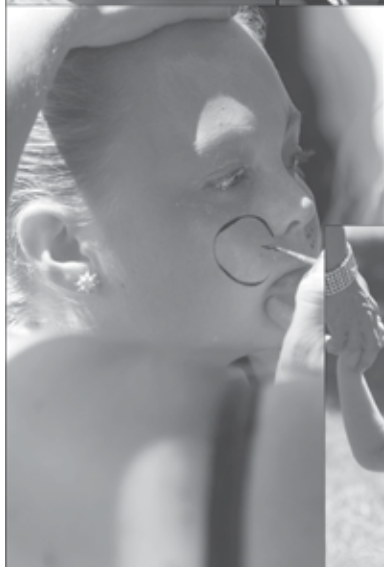
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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

Yuki's Dream

Yuki had a dream of helping her country folks in the earthquake and tsunami torn region of Japan so she rallied a few of the stallholders and workers to knit or crochet squares that she could then make into much-needed rugs. Even management at the Heritage Market has come to the party and chipped in for the postage as have other stallholders. If you wish to assist there are donation boxes at different points in the market. Thank you to all from Yuki – much appreciated.

Erica Struber, Kuranda



Yuki is the lass second from left

Not Local?

Back in January, Kuranda artists received notification via e-mail from Cairns Regional Council re its Tourism Product Awards 2011.

Two Arts Co-op artists submitted applications for the four categories: The Tanks Art Centre Award, Cairns Botanic Gardens Award, Cairns Regional Council Corporate Gift Award and Tourism Industry Award under the stated judging criteria: Winning entries will

- illuminate the special character of the place
- be original and innovative
- be of high productive quality
- be suitably priced for the tourism market
- be suitably packaged and presentable for the tourism market.

Entries closed on 30th March. These artists' applications and artworks were delivered to the Tanks Art Centre as instructed.

On 11 April, one artist received an e-mail stating "I wish to thank you for entering the CRC Tourism Product Awards. The entries are now on display at the Tanks Arts Centre and the judging has begun!"

However, Paragraph 3 of the same communication read: "The competition drew 46 entries by 22 artists, designers and a novelist. Some of the entrants were ineligible for an award as they were not local artists – as in living in the Cairns local government area, but we have exhibited their work anyway and they will be considered for suppliers of giftware in the Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre shop when it is completed."

Apparently, Kuranda's inclusion in State Barron River and Federal Leichhardt electorates, and our permanent connection by the metal umbilical cord (Skyrail) is not enough to consider us 'local'. A spokesperson for CRG said the criteria "had not explicitly explained 'local' fully and in future it would be made clear." He admitted "expectations had been dashed and it was hurtful."

It is considered a very disappointing and petty attitude by Cairns Regional Council towards all our Kuranda artists who contribute so much and so often to the region.

Toni Rogers,
Publicity Officer Kuranda Arts Co-operative

April Fools :-)

Well done to you guys. We heard some comments on the pricing of the toll for the proposed tunnel (*Kuranda Paper, Issue 220, Page 8*). After reading it, I started laughing and told them to turn the paper upside down. You scored with a few people, who were just outraged until they saw what was going on.

Carolyn Day



Note: The views expressed in these letters are not necessarily held by the management committee of this paper.

Kevin Rudd in Kuranda

On the day Kevin Rudd came to Kuranda my son's friend Clayton got a tip-off on his phone, from his little sister Rhiana, that Kevin Rudd was in town. My son always wanted to shake Mr Rudd's hand and so we took the opportunity and drove the short way from Myola to Kuranda. Rhiana pointed us toward the Anglican Church where Mr Rudd just came out. We approached him and he introduced himself with a handshake and started a conversation with my son and his friend. Mr Rudd was very easy to talk to. All the shops were closing and there was only Kevin Rudd and his driver. Kevin Rudd is truly a great man and we were very privileged to have met him.

Kornelia Sures



Left to right: Fabian Hudson, Kevin Rudd, Clayton and Rhiana Ganley

Social Housing Progress?

The State Minister for Housing and Communities announced on March 11 "funds of \$5.6m for 31 new and extended houses" at Yarrabah. The Government must have learned something from its 2010 completion of five four bedroom houses at Top Korowa for \$3.8m!

In January last year the Minister announced a "massive roll-out of social housing across the state... planned social housing build to 2012 by region...Far North Queensland 260".

We are nearly half way through the construction period and I have not see any announcements from Steve Wettenhall or the other three FNQ MPs lauding the progress of this "massive roll-out". Why are they all so coy? Or has very little progress been achieved? Or are they too preoccupied with the re-branding of Anna Bligh as a "Can Do" Premier?

Barry Hodson, Kuranda

Have you seen Declan?



Declan Crouch has not been seen since 4pm Wednesday March 9th at Machans Beach when he got off the school bus and went home.

But someone must have seen him since then.

He is 13 years old nearly 14.

His hair is now brownly purple.

**If you have seen Declan
please call Crime Stoppers
on 1800 333 000.**

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Village in the Rainforest

Marc's Tourism Tweets

Kuranda's Dinosaur a Star

Word got out about Kuranda's life-size dinosaur last week and people have been flocking to the Emu Ridge Gallery's Fossil and Gemstone Museum at the Original Kuranda Markets to see it.

The 9m long Allosaurus is a favourite with kids wanting to have their photo taken with a "real" dinosaur and is a drawcard for the museum's collection of fossils and gemstones at the bottom of the stairs which wind down around the Carnosaur or meat eating dinosaur.

Emu Ridge Gallery owners Chris Maaten and Shane Hebbard say the Gallery has been busy every day since the media picked up the story of their Carnosaur.

"It's been as busy as a shopping centre sale with people wanting to have their photograph taken and telling us how amazing it was to touch a life-size dinosaur skeleton," Chris says.

Tourism Kuranda Executive Officer Marc Sleeman says the whole village has been benefitting from the dinosaur's media exposure with an increase in the number of visitors spending the day in Kuranda.

Chris and Shane spent three days assembling the late Jurassic replica skeleton which was cast from an original fossilised skeleton at a museum in China.

"The cast is so well done that when it arrived in pieces in a box in Australia, Customs called in palaeontologists from the Brisbane Museum to check if actual dinosaur bones were being illegally imported," Chris says.

It is believed to be the only Allosaurus replica in Queensland and Chris chose that species after visiting the site of the Lark Quarry Dinosaur stampede at Winton where a Carnosaur caused a stampede of two herds of smaller dinosaurs the size of emus and turkeys.



Chris Maaten (left) and Shane Hebbard with their Allosaurus at Emu Ridge Gallery.

Kuranda Included in Diplomatic Mission

Kuranda is also the flavour of the month in the political world with Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd revealing he had visited the Village in the Rainforest during previous holidays.

In the largest diplomatic mission in Australia's history, Mr Rudd took 60 foreign ambassadors to Kuranda on April 8 to dispel myths that the region was too damaged by disaster to visit. The entourage travelled to Kuranda by coach, walked around the village and had lunch at Frogs before travelling to Cairns on Skyrail.



Kevin Rudd and Senator Jan McLucas are guided by Marc Sleeman during their walk through Kuranda.

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Holiday Spirit Alive

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Our Official Map & Visitors Guide details Kuranda's many attractions and where to find them or pick up the newly launched Kuranda Public Art Trail brochure for a walk on the creative side.

To celebrate the school holidays Tourism Kuranda will be running activities designed to keep the kids happy every morning at 10-11am in Centenary Park beside the Visitor Information Centre.

Peter Jarver Gallery Heads to Berlin

The landscape photographs of the late Peter Jarver will be seen by tens of thousands of people at a solo exhibition in Berlin during September.

The invitation to exhibit is the first for an Australian artist and was made by Michael Juhra, a representative of the Volkswagen Group in Germany after he visited the Peter Jarver Gallery in Kuranda.

"I was so impressed by the charisma of Peter's photos, capturing the beauty and the unbridled energy of nature in a quite unique way. Immediately I felt the desire to share these beautiful photos with my friends and fellow-Berliners in Germany. Meeting Deborah Jarver in the Gallery, the idea of an exhibition in Berlin was born," he says.

The exhibition's theme will be "Australia" showcasing Peter Jarver's stunning works of art including a series of black and white images that has never been shown to the public before.



Peter Jarver's Black Lightning.

Exhibitions held at the Volkswagen Group in Berlin attract between 50,000 and 80,000 visitors from Berlin and tourists from every country of the world. Berlin is a hub of European culture and the arts, with previous events featuring significant photographic, art and science exhibitions of a world-class standard.

E-Newsletter to Spread the Word

The first edition of Tourism Kuranda's monthly e-Newsletter has been sent far and wide letting people know the Village in the Rainforest has a diverse range of experiences and some very talented people living and working here. If you have any contributions please send it to news@kuranda.org or ask for your email address to be included on the E-Newsletter database.

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Neighbourhood Centre News May 2011

Family Day in Centennial Park Scheduled 20th April 2011 Cancelled: Apologies are made to everyone who was expecting to attend or to contribute to the April Family Day. The event was cancelled by request of community and family out of respect for the passing of a local elder. We anticipate that we will just go ahead with the Family Day scheduled for 6th July 2011 (second Wednesday of the June/July school holidays).

Lifeline Counselling: Counselling by Lifeline is available at KNC on Wednesday afternoons. Appointments can be made directly to Lifeline (4050 4955) or through the Centre (4093 8933). Please note that all referrals and sessions are strictly confidential.

Kuranda Playgroup: Meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 at KNC. Please come along with your pre-school aged child(ren) and be part of this lively group.

Step Forward: Step Forward is a relapse prevention program that identifies the change cycle to assist people modify behaviours that are causing ongoing negative consequences in their lives. The program is held by Ceri Hughes and myself with face to face counselling available through an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service (ATODS) counsellor upon referral. The next program commences on Wednesday 4th May from 10.30–12.30 weekly for four weeks. Referral is necessary – please contact us to find out more or fill in a referral form. The program is strictly confidential and we do not even need to know what behaviour you are seeking to change.

ITEC Employment: ITEC rents rooms at KNC to see their job network clients. Generally this is from Tuesday to Thursday, however you will need to check with the remote team about appointments, as there are days they are not here, on 4044 1078. All of our reception staff are volunteers and sometimes there are days that we do not have someone at the front desk. Thank you for your patience.

Women's Group: A women's group has started and is meeting at Kowrowa Community Hall on Monday mornings around 10.30am. It is being coordinated by community women and there is a request for donations of art/craft/painting/beading etc items for the group. If you want to know more about it please contact Ceri Hughes (4093 8933) to be put in touch with the group. All women welcome.

Family Support Items Needed: Thank you to those who have generously donated items recently. Ceri and I have been unusually busy and so pick up for some items has at times been delayed. We apologise for this and can assure those who donate that the items are indeed needed, it is just that there are only two of us. We are looking for a volunteer who will be able to drive the Centre vehicle, towing the Centre trailer for pick up. The person would not be required to lift heavy items. This program is growing with the support of the local Kuranda District and we have been able to assist families in need of essential household items. Right now we know families who need: double or queen beds/mattresses, washing machines, freezers, lounge suites/sofas, dining table and chairs, fridges and baby items. If you have any of those items that you no longer need, please give us a call.

OUTCOMES Adult Numeracy and Literacy: OUTCOMES from Atherton are delivering courses to improve numeracy and literacy for adults – this is helping with learning to read, write and manage numbers. Please contact KNC or OUTCOMES directly on 4091 4277.

Lifeline Financial Counselling: Lifeline financial counseling sessions can be arranged at KNC on Monday mornings with experienced counselors who can help you sort out how to manage financial problems, debts and budgets. So if you find yourself in a pickle with money troubles, someone is there to help work out the best way forward. Appointments are necessary, so please call or come in to make a time.

Marg Yandell, Coordinator

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winning entry
on page 17*



Gardening in Kuranda



With cooler weather on the way, there is a gradual slowing down of plant growth. Many weeds are making seed set and should be carefully removed before seed dispersal. A general rule of thumb for taking cuttings is stop when you need the doona and commence again when you take it off. Now is a good time to cut back the rampant growth of summer taking care not to hack into the shrubs and trees that will flower in Spring. With the major rains passed, application of general fertiliser to garden beds to renew fertility leached and the application of mulch to conserve moisture are jobs to catch up on.



Plant of the Month: Cordyline fruticosa (formerly terminalis), known as Palm lily, Ti or Hawaiian good-luck-plant is the other tough plant giving big-bucks bang, verve and colour to the tropical garden. The word *Cordyline* comes from the Greek 'kordyle', meaning a club, referring to the club-like stems of some species and, with the many colourful leaf forms and growth habits in the plethora of its hybrids, there is virtually a plant here for most situations including pot display.

Cordylines, previously in the lily family (Liliaceae), are now placed officially in the Agavaceae family. This genus has leaves arranged spirally around the stem, usually in pairs.

With near twenty species identified to date, ranging from large tree-like plants down to small shrubs, and one epiphytic, Australia has eight endemic species: *C.cannifolia*, *C.congesta* – listed

as rare, *C.fruticosa*, *C.manners-suttoniae*, *C.murchisoniae*, *C.petiolearis*, *C.rubra* and *C.stricta* and although mainly all green although some interesting variegates of these are eagerly sought.

Propagation is very easy and can be done from the tops of plants, from stem cuttings and from seed.

With a wide choice of named cultivars in a range of plant form, leaf shape and colouring from green to deep maroon and variegated, some of the more recent introductions such as "Baby Doll", a small-leaved cultivar with maroon leaves trimmed with a pink edge, give an idea of the wide diversity available. Color intensity appears to be controlled by temperature, light and fertilizer levels. Levels of carbohydrates are low during summer when night temperatures are high and



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poor color often occurs during this period. Low light intensity, especially during summer, and high fertilizer levels also reduce color intensity. Light levels can affect appearance of multi-colored ti cultivars.

Preferring a medium pH and soil of good tilth and average drainage, Cordylines are relatively pest free, and give great value in introducing colour and form to the garden. Top prune to reduce leginess and promote branching.

Q & A: Dear Peter. The Cairns Garden Show usually held Mother's Day at Glencannon Racecourse has been cancelled this year. A significant number of exhibitors suffered setbacks in Yasi.

Q & A: Dear Judith. For that evening perfumed shrub near your patio, I would suggest Brunfelsia Americana or Cestrum nocturnum. Both share the common tag of "Lady of the Night". Both may be potted and kept shapely by trimming. Some find the Cestrum scent overpowering and I have concern regarding its seed set and dispersal. Another idea would be potted and trellised plant(s) of Ipomoea bona-nox "The Moon flower". With its large glistening white salver flowers and heady perfume, this is certainly stunning but again poses risks in its seed set and threat to rain forest. I would certainly advise against open garden planting of this beauty.

For plant identification, plant and seed sourcing and general questions, contact Alectura at kurandamedia@bigpond.com or wortwoad@optusnet.com.au

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Due to intense rainfall experienced in the region over the past several months, road conditions have necessitated the following changes, effective immediately and in place until further notice:

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Change of speed limit to 60km/h

- Chewko Road, Mareeba, from Bryde Road to Narcotic Creek Road
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Book Exchange

We have just completed a Book Exchange which means that we have 600, new to Kuranda, items in the library including fiction, non-fiction, DVDs, Books-On-CD, etc. The Book Exchange happens every two months and helps to keep our floating collection fresh.

Graphic Novels

We have a great collection of graphic novels and have put them in a special section so that they are easier to locate.

Readers Recommend

We are setting up a section in the library specifically for recommended items. If you have read a book or watched a DVD that you really enjoyed and would like to recommend it please let us know!

Outside Craft Area

As the weather gets nicer we will use this area for crafts after storytime.

National Simultaneous Storytime

On **Wednesday, 25 May 2011**, at 11:00am we will be participating in national simultaneous storytime. The book for this year is "Feathers for Phoebe" and we will have a special craft to do as well. Please call us and let us know if you would like to attend so we can plan accordingly. This storytime will replace the regular Friday storytime for the week.

Community Feedback is very important to us – so please let us know what you would like at your library!

*Cheers,
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The driver was issued with \$933 worth of fines and also 8 demerit points were taken from his license.

This effectively means that this driver will have his license suspended for a period of 12 months.

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the Arts Page



Helen, Tom, Cathy, Steve and Henri at the Art Trail opening.

Kuranda Art Trail



Mayor Tom Gilmour and local member Steve Wettenhall were at the opening of the Kuranda Art Trail. For the full story on this initiative see the Arts Co-op article on page 15.

Another Easter, another Anzac Day gone. We're all a little older, and a little wiser, hopefully. But I still hear the battle outside raging. I wonder who will win the next war, and why. We could do with some peace. But it's always THEM,



the other side that starts it. It's not US because

ALL IS ART

we're the good guys. It's the same whatever side we are on, it's THEM that are causing the trouble. I think somehow we are starting to realize that we are all US. There is no THEM! What then? The mind boggles...

Happy Easter,

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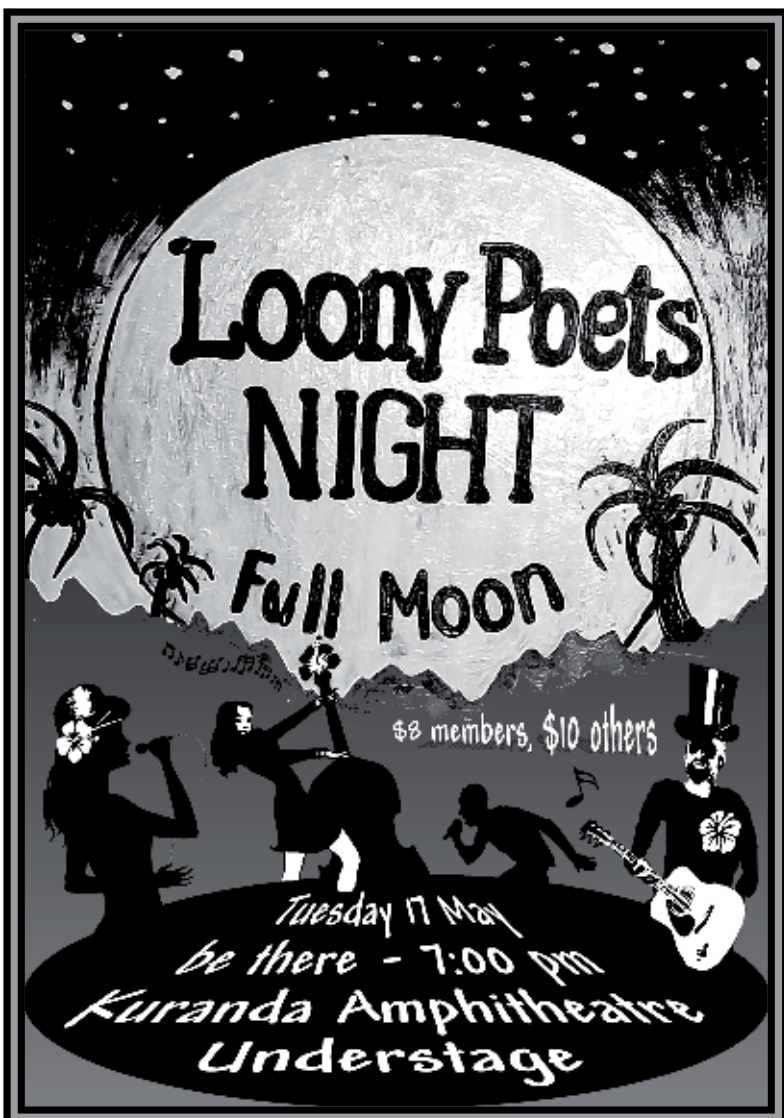


Bosko & Honey team up with Gwain

Loony Poets' Night



Lulu La Bent - pic by KEZ



Kali at Loony Poets



Kevin & Diana



President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,

The new 2011 Management Committee has settled in and is working hard on many projects for the Amphitheatre. We've had Team Leader meetings, Constitution workshops, Members' nights, Loony Poets and much more!

The mains electrical power supply upgrade to the venue is now finally complete with 250kva coming into the Amphitheatre. This now allows us to begin the upgrade inside the venue with plans for permanent outdoor lighting, power supply etc. Many thanks to John Thurlow of TRC, and Russell Slater of Bomatu Electrical for your major input to this project.

The kitchen extensions are moving along at a fast rate and thanks to the team who continue to give up their Sundays to help with this. KAS Kitchen volunteers will notice a huge difference at our first outdoor event.

Our new 'draft' Constitution is almost complete and will be ready for member approval in the very near future.



A date has been set for the Amphitheatre's 30th Birthday Celebrations! 17th and 18th September. This is a very exciting time for the Amphitheatre. We are unique in Australia, being the only voluntary not-for-profit group with its own Community Arts venue, (built for the community by the community), and still continues to operate voluntarily 30 years later.

We're collecting memorabilia to display over this exciting weekend, so if you have anything to share please do so.

Naturally we are seeking assistance of ANY kind; sponsorship, funding, performers, local community group involvement, and any help we can get really. Tourism Kuranda are the first to throw their hat in the ring, so if you're keen to assist in any way please contact the Secretary - kuranda_amp@bigpond.com or leave a message on 07 4093 7633.

As we missed Volunteer of the Month in the last issue, we're doubling up this month. Pete Billam and John Lindsay are KAS Volunteers of the Month, many thanks to you both for the assistance you give to the Amphitheatre. Pete keeps slogging away on the kitchen project and John just seems to find everything we need!

Our first General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 15th May at 4pm. Please come along and participate, member input is highly necessary and appreciated.

Don't forget our next Members' Night on Saturday 30th April. We're in for a delightful evening of entertainment. Become a member at KAS events and entry at that event is free. Membership forms are available at the door or at the Honey House.

Keep your eye out for Working Bee signs as we are continually working on the maintenance of the Amphitheatre and gearing up for the season.

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June Graham



We often see our local Kuranda-ite musicians busking at our village cafes, including the likes of Joon Graham, Dave Hart, David Breeze, and Bosko (Bosko & Honey). So it was truly wonderful to see our streets filled with musicians, clowns, horse & buggy, to greet the thousands of visitors who journeyed to Kuranda to enjoy the Easter festivities last weekend.

Local musicians add colour and pizzaz to Kuranda Village



Zac

Photos by Kez



Trish

Trish Molloy, busking together with Zac, outside the Windmill Cafe, on Easter Saturday. Trish was also chosen as the 2nd Prize Winner in the Nevermind Cafe Open Mic Competition later that day. 1st prize went to Astrid Erika.



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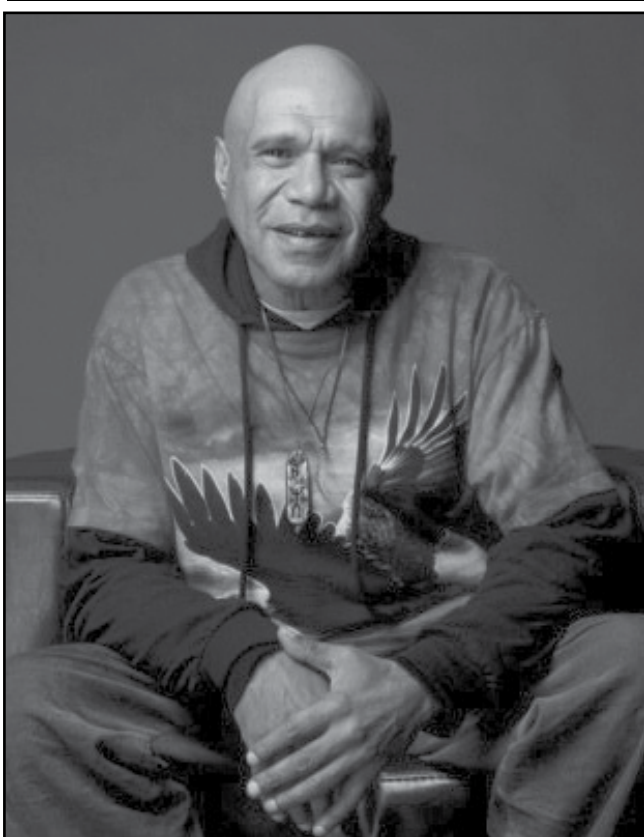


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Archie Roach

Australian music legend

Archie Roach, a philosopher and storyteller in the tradition of his ancestors, relays and retells intimate real life stories through song that has touched the hearts and souls of audiences around the world.

Archie Roach is a truly gifted and inspiring talent. Born at Framlingham Aboriginal mission, Warrnambool in south western Victoria, Archie was taken from his family at an early age as part of the notorious 'stolen generation'. Institutionalised, and then fostered, the Archie Roach story has been well documented. A former homeless alcoholic, Archie Roach recorded his first record, Charcoal Lane, in 1990 with Paul Kelly as producer.

The album contained "Took the Children Away", a song that dealt with Archie's personal experience as one of what is now called the 'stolen generation' of Aboriginal people.

The album won two Aria Awards and a Human Rights Award - the first time a Human Rights award has been awarded to a songwriter. It was also in the US Rolling Stone's Top 50 albums for 1992 and

achieved gold status in Australia.

In 1992 Archie recorded "Jamu Dreaming". Released in 1993, this album was recorded with musical assistance from David Bridie, Tiddas, Paul Kelly, Linda and Vika Bull, Ruby Hunter, Dave Arden and Joe Geia. "Jamu Dreaming" was nominated for an Aria Award in 1994 and was in Australia's Top 40. Released in July 1997, "Looking for Butter Boy" was recorded on his traditional land at Port Fairy in South-Western Victoria. This album won three Aria Awards in 1998.

Aside from his recorded offerings and many awards, Archie has also performed with some of the top names in the entertainment business - including Paul Kelly, Crowded House, Billy Bragg, Tracy Chapman, Suzanne Vega, Bob Dylan, Joan Armatrading and Patti Smith.

Archie was awarded Album of the Year for his "1988" album at the Deadly Awards 2010.

For more information on Archie, and to check out his music go to www.archieroach.com.au

Archie Roach will be appearing at the Kuranda Roots Festival, Kuranda Amphitheatre, 2 July 2011, www.kurandaroots.com





MUSIC PAGE



'Whats On at the Amphi' May 2011

Come and join in the fun on Saturday 30th April for a very special evening of local acoustic & folk music, featuring 'In the Wild Wood', trio, Trish Molloy, Theo Felici, and Nick Emtage, (original old time swing, blues, deep folk & burlesque), and story telling and



Bosko & Honey, Loony Poets Night, March 2011

performance. The amazing talented **Astrid Erika** (Harpist/Vocalist), a new sensation in the far north, and **Lunar** (acoustic roots & folk singer/songwriter). Licensed bar, chai & food available, doors open 7pm.

Also coming up we have the **Loony Poets** Night on the Full Moon in the Understage, on Tuesday 17th May... an informal evening featuring guest musicians and artists, presented in open mic style - and all are invited to take a turn at the microphone! Dinner & light refreshments available, starts 7pm.

Be sure to check in regularly at www.kurandaamphitheatre.org to stay informed of upcoming events!

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Neil Murray has since become one of Australia's most original and respected singer/songwriters and has enjoyed a solo career since 1989, and has released ten albums. His work collectively describes an inner landscape to the heart and soul of Australia. In 1995, Neil was awarded the APRA song of the year for "My Island Home" originally written for the Warumpi Band and re-recorded by Christine Anu. "My Island Home" has become something of an unofficial anthem and featured in the closing ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

In 2005 Neil Murray received an environmental achievement award by the Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority in western Victoria for his efforts in instigating "Healing Walks" along watercourses in the region and for being the inspiration behind establishment of the annual Lake Bolac Eel festival.



In 2007, Jailanguru Pakarnu- (Out From Jail) a song he co-wrote in the indigenous Luritja language-with fellow Warumpi Band co-founder Sammy Butcher was honoured by the National Film And Sound archives- "Sounds Of Australia" series- as a significant recording in Australia's musical heritage. In 2010 his iconic song "My Island Home" was published as a children's book.

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Elbow: "Build a Rocket Boys" Again Elbow deliver a world of surprises. Guy

Garvey, whose high sweet sad voice dominates the album, is a musical genius, taking his music in ever-more fascinating directions. As with their 2009 success "The Seldom Seen Kid" Elbow loves the grandiose and the anthemic - choirs, multiple harmonies, horns, strings. Dizzying and theatrical, but there's also space, dark and moody with complex rhythm patterns lacing together unfathomable journeys through life's rich poetry. Not an album to breeze through; each listen adds to the appreciation of its complexities,

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but it takes off; soars and has real magic.

And talk about atmospherics! It was recorded variously at Galford; Bath; Isle of Muse; The Barn, Chesire, and in Elbow's rooms. Put together it is vast; spooky; medieval and empty - a gorgeous mix. www.elbow.com.uk

Iron and Wine: "Kiss Each Other Clean" This might already be album of the year. It scores perfect tens in just about every category. Sam Beam sings like a prophet; image after image and vision after vision flow effortlessly through his lyrics and each song segues perfectly into the next.

Remember Dylan's lyrics at his most visionary, the master of imagery? Sam picks it up where Bob left off. God knows how many times you'd have to listen

to this album before you got familiar with all the words and images. It'd be a lovely journey though.

And the music: gorgeous complexities of rhythm; tribal percussion; floating harmonies. The production is crystal clear with sweet sax; flute; piano; acoustic bass and hand drums all drifting in and out of the mix with perfect separation. Funk: tribal rhythms; chunky rock with a touch of the apocalypse around the edges.

Puts us in mind of Paul Simon's "Graceland" where all the above came together to create a rare masterpiece. Well, here's another. Even the cover artwork is sensational - check it out, you'll love it.

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Monthly Committee Meetings every second Monday

Tuesday: Eight Ball and Darts 6.30pm start (contact Janet 4093 7104)

Wednesday: Tennis, 6.00pm-8.00pm

Thursday: Available for opportunity bookings

Friday: Social Night, Pool, Lawn bowls, Darts, Table Tennis and Tennis. Meals in Sandra's Kitchen, Bar.

Saturday: Available for opportunity bookings.

Sunday: Yoga, 10.00am-11.00am (contact Aileen 4093 7401), Tennis, 6.00pm-8.00pm

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Kuranda Recreation Centre

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Autumn Brings the Cool – Warm up and Enjoy Changes

With the weather becoming cooler as the seasons adjust to the change, what better time to get the body moving and stay fit and warm! The latest activity to take up residence at the KRC is Bushikai Karate!

Bushikai Karate comes to Kuranda with the opening of the Hybrid Dojos Kuranda club at the Kuranda Recreation Centre Fallon Road under the tutelage of Dai Sempai Darryl Griffiths (Sandan Ho), teaching Self Defence, Respect, Discipline, Courage and Self-Control in the Japanese based style of Gojo Karate.

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6.00pm till 7.00pm and Saturday mornings from 10.00am until 11.00am with both senior and junior students training at the same time with families encouraged to train together.

Lawn Bowls: Social lawn bowls is played weekly at 7.00pm Friday night, weather permitting, only heavy rain will limit play as the rink has the fastest drainage characteristics in the tropical north! More information, please ring Lorraine 4093 9583.

Soccer: Junior Soccer training has started. More information please ring Gary 4093 8399.

Swim Club: The swim club will use Centre for presentations and fundraising when it cannot operate at the pool. Autumn is here – so is the Kuranda Pool, great way to exercise and get some sun while socializing with other aquaholics. More information, please ring Gary 4093 8399.

Volleyball: All ready to move but the precipitation still lingers. Please ring Leo 0405 116 066 or Lisa 4093 9659 for further updates.

Netball: We have quite a strong interest base registered so all those awaiting to bounce into some social games and hone their goal shooting skills, please contact our coordinator for information. Juliet 4093 0067.



Eight Ball: Tuesday will be regular competition nights but any night is okay to try the tables and test your eye. Don't be shy. For more info contact Janet 4093 7104.

Aileen's Yoga class strikes a pose



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Kuranda Aquatic Centre

It is wonderful to see some cloud-free skies for a while around Easter and we look forward to some mild, clear Autumn days for the near future.

The water remains around 29 degrees with the blankets now back in use for nights. and early next month we'll turn the heaters back on for that extra bather comfort.

Our regulars can maintain their schedules without disruption and the swimming lessons will continue right through second term for nine weeks to finish near the end of June.

We are currently taking bookings for the little ones on any of the Tuesday, Thursday or Friday mornings from 9.30am to 11.00am.

Also, Learn to Swim, Stroke Development and Squads are available five afternoons a week after school, Monday to Friday.

Enquire also about the two mornings a week of squad training for anyone at 7.30am.

A way off yet, but during August Poolrite and Magnapool are hosting a big conference in Cairns and will spend an entire day at the Kuranda Pool checking out the water, generation plant and filtration system, as well as the general workings of the largest public pool of its kind in Australia.

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— Gary Davis

RADF Professional Development Grants

TRC Regional Arts Development Fund encourages applications from all types of arts practitioners to develop their skills through attending workshops and conferences, whether local, regional or interstate.

Toni Rogers, from Cantata Studio, Kuranda, recently attended the 2011 Biennial Basketry Gathering in Port Sorrell, Tasmania, with assistance from RADF.

She reported that 'Tassie was just wonderful. 160 delegates attended over the four days. I had great workshops, and my evening presentation on the Far North was a success – no nerves – and nice words of thanks written in the book. Got to MONA in Hobart. It is a *must see*. It is the most incredible private collection and a great gift to Tasmania. Unbelievable.'



Toni Rogers with a student in Tasmania

Woodford Folk Festival opens expressions of interest

Expressions of interest are now open to Artists and Presenters for the 26th Woodford Folk Festival.

Held annually between 27th December and 1st January, the Woodford Folk Festival is one of Australia's largest outdoor music events.

The festival invites interest from musicians as well as artists, presenters and speakers for specialist programs such as circus, vaudeville, high profile environmental and health programs, comedy, traditional folkloric, spoken word, workshops and visual arts.

All artists and presenters wishing to be part of the Festival must complete an online Expression of Interest, now open online via the Woodford Folk Festival website: www.woodfordfolkfestival.com and will close at 5.00pm on Friday 20th May 2011. Applicants cannot be considered without a complete online application.



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Is Water from the Barron River Safe to Drink?

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH KURANDA have some serious misgivings over this question and for good reason!

Anthony Amis, spokesperson for Friends of the Earth Australia, said drinking water must also be tested for the host of agricultural chemicals that are used within water supply catchments. If the tests are not being done, he said that he would be "far from confident that the water is safe."

Anthony Amis is also a Member of the Community Consultative Committee for the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.

Tests in Victoria have shown unsafe levels of pesticides in rivers where catchments are used for intensive agriculture and major mitigation measures are not in place to prevent chemical water pollution. This is similar in most respects to the Barron River situation.

In Victoria, drinking water quality is a State Government responsibility with water authorities responsible for testing, however, in Queensland it's left to local councils who test primarily for bacterial contamination and not pesticides including insecticides herbicides and fungicides.

Friends of the Earth Kuranda, a not-for-profit community group affiliated with FoE International (present in 77 countries worldwide), sees water quality as one of the major local issues of concern. Apart from the health issue, the waters of the Barron River will ultimately affect the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage area.

Other FoE local issues include:

- Concerns that the Tableland Regional Council has ongoing intentions to urbanise the Myola valley as a dormitory suburb of Cairns, despite the FNQ Regional Plan 2031.
- The widespread use of the chemical "Strike-Out" on banana farms and the decimation of native Australian animals and pollinating bees as a result.
- Curbside rubbish recycling.

If you have an interest in environmental or social justice issues you are welcome to attend FoE's next meeting scheduled for Sunday May 22nd, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. Membership is just \$5.00/year. You can also make a donation.

To contact Friends of the Earth Kuranda and for further information see www.foekuranda.org, phone Sarah on 4085 0054 or email info@foekuranda.org.

Right now the Earth needs all the Friends it can get, and you can make a difference.



Pat Daly of Friends of the Earth (FoE) Kuranda at the FoE National meeting in Victoria




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From Kuranda to an Island Paradise and Back

There is a jewelled Island in the Indonesian Archipelago that I first started visiting in the 1970s – a jewel both scenically and culturally, inhabited by beautiful people.

On a recent trip to the Island I found that, sad to say, it is losing some of its lustre. As I walked along the beach from Kuta north for some considerable distance in the early morning, it was a scene of environmental degradation. Rubbish of all kinds, from whatever source, covered much of the shore.

It took a number of cleaners most of the day to clean it up by hand to an acceptable standard, only to be replaced by a new lot of rubbish the next morning. The adjacent seas must have been contaminated, fed by the rubbish and dirty streams.

The sight of jogging European tourists, picking their way through the rubbish, said a lot. Maybe the water current was in the wrong direction, maybe the rubbish was from different sources, but it was still present in large quantities and was continually being augmented.

Then there is the traffic. Narrow, twisting roads are clogged by innumerable motor scooters and cars. There are traffic jams and pollution. You do not see many locals walking these days. Largely gone is the sight of traditionally clad women, their heads piled high with offerings as they walk to the temples.

Their Hindu religion, strong as it may be, seems to be coming under attack from Western influences – materialism, consumerism, hedonism, etc. Small offerings are still made daily in many places and there are ceremonies, but their gods may be slowly deserting them. In their place are an ever-increasing number of small shops and touts, increasingly offering imports for sale rather than local arts and crafts, although no longer at low prices. Traditional arts, crafts and architecture seem to be being eroded.

The contrasts are stark. Whereas we might have

stayed once in an inexpensive bungalow or cottage and be submerged in cultural delights and local foods, now we see more expensive gated palaces, patrolled by guards, surrounded by extensive lush gardens and pools for tourists only.

But step outside and you see lack of public infrastructure and maintenance, overcrowding and uncleanness. The population may be increasing beyond its sustainable capacity on a small Island.

There is evidence of increased disease. Many dogs have been eliminated, but rabies can now be carried by the remainder. It is unsafe to come into contact with animals. The Newspaper reported the death of a young girl from rabies while I was there. And luxury resorts spray toxic chemicals in the air regularly.

The concern over the environment is no secret. Even the latest issue of a local tourist magazine had an article "What a Load of Rubbish", very critical of the position. The local motto was said to be "out of sight, out of mind", but the article pointed out that on a small Island, nothing stayed out of sight for long.

It may be that there are some more remote parts of the Island that are as yet less adversely affected, and some beaches that are not too bad, but if one extrapolates into the future from present trends it is possible to see serious concerns developing. Nobody wants to see the Island descend into a trash heap.

There are scientific and technical solutions available at a cost. But vested interests would seem to impinge the other way. It is a "catch 22" situation. The real barriers would seem to be those of lack of will power, conscience and spirit, properly informed. It is like a microcosm of the wider world, where all the issues are much more concentrated because of the scale. In this sense, we all share some of the responsibility.

May the Island of Bali yet be saved.

Graham Nicholson

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He was the dearly loved husband of Iris, loved father, father in law, grandfather and great grandfather of Nancy, Robert, Richard, Coral, Larry and their families. He was privately cremated.

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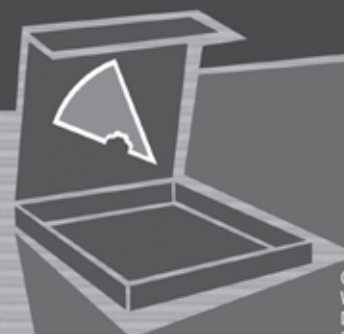
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Lest We Forget Jack Fink

IN FEBRUARY we lost a true gentleman and heroic WW2 veteran, Jack (John, William) Fink. Jack was born in Yandina, Queensland and joined the army in 1940 as part of the 2/15th Battalion. He was involved in the Bengazhi Handicap, in which allied troops raced back to Tobruk after losing 2/3 of their men as POWs due, in part, to having "little armaments and hardly anything to fight them with".

His unit also became part of the 9th Division and "For the first time in the history of the 2nd World War the Germans were stopped by the Australian and allied troops". Jack's battalion made history and became known as "The Rats of Tobruk". Jack told us he'd experienced some of the heaviest fighting in El Alamein where "the ground trembled", before eventually being part of the defeat of the German Army. He also made the point that "We can be proud of those Australians, that they never mistreated their prisoners; as soon as the battle was over they ceased to be enemies and were taken into custody".

He continued to serve in the Middle East until in 1943 when he was transferred to New Guinea. After five months his battalion was sent to Borneo where eventually they heard the news that the war was over. Jack took the time to tell his story to some children at Kuranda State School back in 1995 and he recounted to them one of his most vivid memories of the war: "At El Alamein there was a terrific battle going on: Absolute chaos. Dive Bombers were bombing, our own artillery were shooting. This went on until about 9pm. Suddenly everything went quiet. In the middle of no man's land you could hear the weird lonely cry of a curlew – crying out to its mate. No-one lives there – it's all desert. I hope to this day that the descendants of those birds are still there. It just showed that there are other things in the world than killing."

Jack went back to his trade after the war and never spoke much about his war experiences until talking to the Kuranda students, but he felt it was important to let them know that "No-one wins in war". He wanted them to know that war was nothing to glorify, he saw many young lives lost on both sides and the destruction that was created.

Jack spent approximately 30 years in Kuranda (as far as I can make out) and during that time he continued to serve others. He was often looking after people, horses and other animals and could be seen near the Kowrowa shop walking with horses or dogs. He had humility and a spirit of generosity and self reliance, of a rare distinction. In Borneo he gave some of the local children his medals because they liked them and he wanted to see them happy. To those of us who had the privilege to know him, it is an honour to have met such a man, who embodied the 'spirit' of a gentle warrior.

May you rest in Peace...

Aside from the tribute planned on Anzac Day (at the Kuranda cemetery) it would be wonderful to hear from people who knew Jack and would like to gather in his memory in Kuranda next month. If you are interested please contact Lily on 4093 8053.



Book Review

"Admiral Arthur Phillip: The Man"

by Lyn M. Fergusson

(Pilar Publishing, 2010)

ISBN 9780 64654 3352 \$32.95

Phillip is a seminal figure in Australia's post Aboriginal history, the first Governor of the new British Penal Colony of New South Wales and the commander of the First Fleet to that Colony. But studies of him have been fairly limited. The reasons for this are not entirely clear, but may in part be due to the relative absence of his personal papers and the lack of focus on the man rather than on our early history generally. Given the importance of early Australian Governors in our foundational history, this book fills an important gap.

As the book describes, Phillip had an interesting life that reflected his character. He is described as a bit of a loner, accustomed to commanding men, practical, competent, honest and sensitive. He engendered respect. He had few friends, but those he did stayed loyal to him.

He was born in London of uncertain but humble lineage. His childhood goes unrecorded, but then he seems to have had some harsh schooling as he prepared for a life at sea. He began on whaling ships before joining the Royal Navy. He soon saw naval action against the French, rising from his lowly status through the ranks. He then married a prosperous older widow to join the landed gentry, but the marriage only lasted 6 years. Phillip went back to the Navy to become involved in espionage. He was then assigned to the Portugese Navy as a captain, and saw more action. On returning to England, he rose to the rank of captain. Then in 1786 he was appointed Governor of the new Colony of New South Wales, a task to which he dedicated all his efforts.

The book described the voyage of the first Fleet. But given the volume of existing literature on the subject of the birth of the new Colony, once New South Wales was reached, the book only touches upon aspects of the next five years of Phillips command. It was a period of great hardship, and Phillip was in indifferent health. Eventually it caused him to resign his post, by which time the fortunes of the small settlement were beginning to turn. Phillip had achieved much, securing the future of the new Colony.

Returning to England, Phillip married again, and resumed service at sea with the Navy before taking on a position of Commander inspecting shore based sea defences. He rose to the rank of Admiral. He then retired in Bath, where he passed away in 1814. His death was little noticed and the cause of death unrecorded. Rumours of suicide are unsubstantiated. It took 160 years before a memorial was erected near his birthplace. Another was unveiled in Bath Abbey in 1937. The Australia Chapel was dedicated in Bath in 1975.

The book records:

"Arthur Phillip was not your average eighteenth century person. Long before he left English shores he showed an amazing sense of foresight when he visualized how convicts could be repatriated and a society successfully built. To visualize is one thing, to succeed is quite another. Phillip succeeded in a short space of time and one can only imagine what he could have achieved had his health not let him down."

At a time when it seems fashionable to record the severe brutality and crudeness of Australia's convict-based birth, said to have left a stain on our national character, Phillip stands out as displaying many contrary characteristics – compassion, understanding, tolerance, determination, courage, honesty, etc. We owe him a debt. The book concludes:

"His determination that this country be free of slavery and his hope that people would choose to travel from other corners of the world to make this country their home, has all come to fruition."

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The Kuranda Public Arts Trail Brochure was launched at the Arts Co-operative Gallery on 12th April. This brochure was the initiative of the Kuranda Arts Co-op and the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre and was a RADF Community project and funded by Tablelands Regional Council RADF and Arts Queensland.

The launch was attended by many Kuranda locals, including businesses and artists. The Arts Co-op members would like to thank those who attended and supported this launch, including Tourism Kuranda, Mayor Tom Gilmore and Member for Barron River, Steve Wettenhall. In particular, congratulations go to Cathy Harvey, Helen Douglas and Henri Hunsinger for their project development.

The brochure, showing a short history of the village from 'long before the train' to current day public artworks, is available at the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery in Coondoo Street, the Visitor Information Centre, and will be distributed through the village and in art outlets in Cairns.

Kuranda, with only 2% of the FNQ population, is the lifestyle home to 16% of the region's artists – more than four times greater per capita than Cairns. Visitors will now be able to follow the public art trail easily through the village centre and enjoy the streetscape of Kuranda and the wonderful expression of local creativity, where artists have brought their own sense of place and community to this small village.

Kuranda is an outdoor gallery showing contemporary sculptures and artworks with pride. Pick up a brochure, follow the route and walk the walk.

From left: Helen Douglas, TRC Mayor Tom Gilmore, Cathy Harvey, Member for Barron Gorge Steve Wettenhall, Henri Hunsinger



Photographing Artworks Workshop

Mollie Bosworth will be holding a **Photographing Artworks Workshop** at the Arts Co-op gallery on Saturday, 30th April. All Co-op members are encouraged to take this opportunity to learn the very positive aspects of producing the best images for publication of their artworks. Artists are reminded to advise Mollie (4093 9063) or the Arts Co-op (4093 9026) before this date of their intended attendance. Do not miss this opportunity (see page 19 for details).

Around the traps

Foreign Affairs Minister and former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd called into the Arts Co-op gallery this month and admired the work by our local professional artists. It was greatly appreciated that he should take time out of his busy schedule to spend some time in the gallery.

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The Way it Was (Part 7)

by Peter Ryle

This is the seventh instalment of the article "The District of Cairns" from The Cairns Post 13 August 1890.

The District of Cairns

By our own reporter
(Mr. Russell's selection continued)

The whole of the 40 acre clearing is enclosed with a post and rail fence. The acre and a half spoken of is planted with fruit and vegetables. There are a thousand or two pines, about 300 lemon, lime, citron and orange trees, and there is ginger, English peas, corn, grape vines, mangoes and paw paws. As Mr. Russell says, the proper time for planting all these products has to be found out every man for himself. Each tries different months, and so in time the best seasons will be proved. In cultivating English potatoes, Mr. Russell has found that it is better to only let one eye grow as the vegetable then flourishes much better. The grape vines planted look fine and healthy and show good canes. Magpies are a source of great trouble about here. There is a great deal of work put in this selection which has improved with manifold disadvantage.

At the back of Mr. Russell's land Mr. Haren has erected his dwelling place on his selection situated on Owen's Creek. The difficulties of settling in this part of the district cannot be overestimated. The chief and primary drawback is the want of means to get to and from the outside world. The selectors here have to scratch their way through the scrub to the Middle Crossing or on to the road as best they can. The least said about the surveyed road the better.

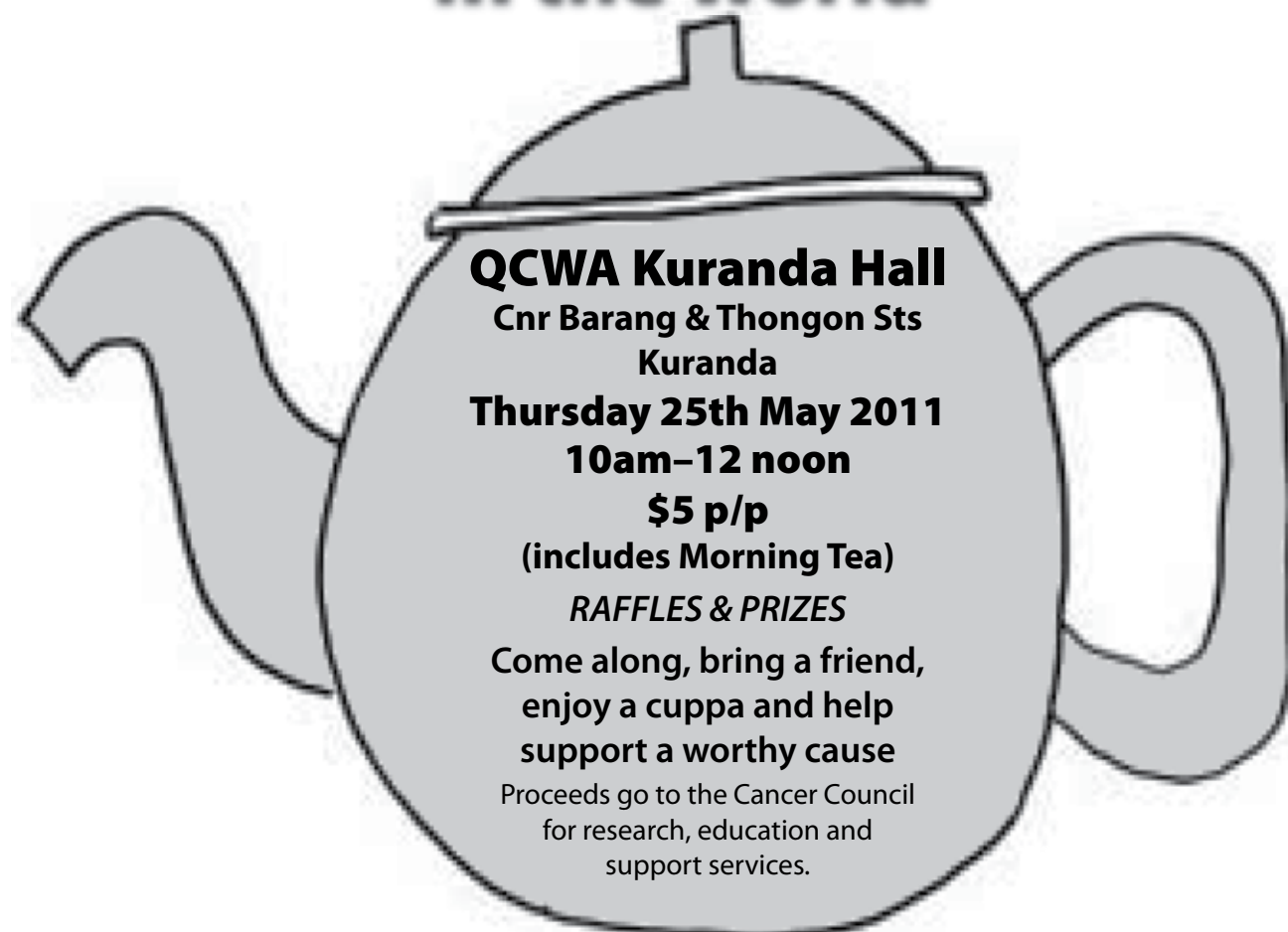
The Divisional Board are aware of the fact that endless trouble and expense will be encountered in trying to bring roads to the selectors. The Government should give some encouragement to help the selectors make their land useful. Some time ago a petition was sent to the Board with 22 signatures praying for a road up to Myola. The selectors there are crying out that no attention was paid to this petition and blame the Board bitterly for keeping them cooped up without a track to get their bit of beef to their homes/ the Board has, it must be confessed, a multitude of works to attend to, and the pressure of its business and the low state of its funds should be taken into consideration.

This road the selectors are so anxious about is not wanted on to the main Thornborough road, in fact it would be most impracticable to find a road over the mountainous country which lies in the way, but all they want is the means to get to the Middle Crossing which a road from Owen's Creek to Myola will allow them to do. They want to be able to get their little bit of tucker and their letters without the difficulties they have to contend against now for the want of a track. The country here is all taken up and fairly thickly settled, and this road, which would

touch six selectors besides giving ingress and egress to more, surely demands some consideration by the Board. The road proposed would not be a main road for any amount of traffic from the outside, even when the railway is opened. It will simply be a road for the use of the selectors inside and is absolutely necessary; therefore the sooner the Board get a report on the best route and get it done the better. To return to the selection under notice. A dividing fence between Russell and Haren has been erected with post and wire. A clearing of fifteen acres has been effected and devoted to cultivation. Mr. Haren has planted leeks, turnips, celery, English potatoes and paw paws. These trees are six months old, are wonderfully well advanced and will soon be bearing. The progress the vegetables have made must prove conclusively that the soil contains every element required for plant life. It seems almost everything will grow and hardly any crop yet tried has turned out a failure. Mr. Haren has a small alluvial flat on the banks of the creek which is inundated in the wet season, and from the patch, which is an acre and a half in extent, one of the best crops of corn in the district was obtained. That flat is a most valuable piece of land, as almost any crop could be grown there during the wet season.

Higher up the river and situated on the route of the third section at Welcome Pocket is the selection of Mr. Joseph Koch. The country is mostly forest abounding in she-oak and coarse grass. This grass when burnt springs up afresh and forms a valuable feed for cattle and horses. About half of Mr. Koch's selection of 80 acres is of this forest, and the natural grass is green and beautiful in the wet season. There are a lot of cattle running in Welcome Pocket, and a great quantity of fencing has had to be done by this selector. There is about a quarter of a mile of split post and rail fencing already erected. A lot of this land is now ready to plough. The soil is a yellow one for two feet down and the subsoil seems good. All of the selection is level, and therefore most easy to plough. Six acres were ploughed last year and a lot more ground will be treated similarly this year. The forest land has yielded 30 bushels of corn per acre.
(To be continued)

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River Days

The river had many faces, Jesse realised, as he gazed down through the foggy window of Dad's 4WD. Today, in the intense rain, it was an angry, orange bully of a thing, glowering and barrelling its way under the bridge. In the dark hours of the following morning, it would certainly swallow the bridge altogether, as Jesse remembered occurring five weeks ago. Mum had turned the corner above the river in her little sedan and come to an abrupt halt. Both she and Jesse had peered in quiet fascination at the lapping water on the road, and the massive, swollen body of the river that filled the valley. That day, the river had a visage of serious determination, ready to do business with the range and the ocean beyond.

"No school today," Mum had said, conducting a three-point turn as Mrs Catteli's car pulled up behind, the three Catteli kids pointing and cheering at the unexpected spectacle and the sudden reprieve from books and drudgery. The only way out was shut, and the river kept watch. No bridge in evidence, no give-way sign, no road, just water and water. The drowned casuarinas whipped and struggled against the current, gesturing to Jesse in silent panic.

That was the wet season. In the dry, the river had a remarkably benign countenance. It cleared to a dark green-blue, and withdrew its clutching fingers from the banks. Small beaches appeared, warm grey rocks designed for sunbathing surfaced, and the small trees and river plants could finally rest and stretch their battered branchlets upwards and outwards. The river in the dry was nature's gift to little kids. They swarmed over the grey rocks, dug holes in the sloppy mud and splashed in the eddies and side pools.

"Stay out of the main current!" The parents would holler, while fishing from the roadside (dads) or perched on towels swaddled in sarongs and floppy hats (mums). Unlike the other kids, Jesse could see what drew the alarm – even with the newfound placid contentment of the river, it retained a swift and smouldering temper. The central core of it slid solidly down the thalweg, even as its flanks moseyed along. This was the angry heart of the river that sulked during the dry season, waiting for the onset of monsoonal rains, when it could claim the landscape again as its own. It ill endured the intrusion of frolicking children, and waited again for the days when none but the confused or the foolish ventured into its depths.

"That's it," he seemed to hear it gurgle. "A little more this way, away from the bank." Its hands hungrily grasped his skinny legs, until he dog-paddled back to the sandbar, gasping and wide-eyed.

In the mornings, the river could be exceptionally beautiful. It breathed upwards a vast mist that sat in the valley, hiding trees and hills and houses. At the bottom of the white blanket, the river crouched, thoughtful and muted. All manner of critters – bandicoots, scrub fowl, pythons, cane toads and pademelons – crowded the slopes around, jostling for position and resources in the precious riparian strip. One morning, the mist concealed a bush turkey crouching in the grass of the verge until Mum's car was alongside. Jesse watched as the alarmed bird exploded from the brush and hurdled the hood in a second, a clatter of beak and claws and a chaotic mess of black feathers and indignant squawking until the river-breath concealed it again. Then there was the confused giant white goose on the bridge another morning, washed downstream during the night rains. The huge bird perched dripping and swaying as they drove close by, too tired and disorientated to budge. Was she someone's pet? It nodded compulsively like a fearful subject to its king as they passed. In the afternoon, the bird was gone.

As Jesse grew older, he no longer built mud-pies on the riverbanks and flopped around in the shallows. He crossed the bridge every day. But the river was just there, at the periphery of his awareness, until those few times it was up here and all around, in your face and blocking the way out. It no longer figured greatly in his mind until

it intruded into his day. When the river flooded, he missed a birthday party and then a movie. Then milk ran out and no-one could go buy more. The river was no longer a caged animal at these times, but a petulant child, desperate for attention. Jesse sometimes frowned at the sediment-laden waves pounding over the bridge, at the branches and leaves surfing past. Then he would skim a stone futilely across the rolling surface, watching as it was quickly swallowed into the opaque nothingness.

Sally loved the river. As soon as Jesse drove her over the bridge she was sighing and cooing at the sight of it wending its way through the valley, reflecting the dying rays of the sun. He shrugged, glancing only momentarily at the magnificent vista.

"We can have a picnic there!" She exclaimed, all round brown eyes and flashing white teeth.

So he took her there, to the familiar mud-sand beach where he had tottered as a baby. They ate spinach quiche and chocolate cake. When the stars finally peeped out, Sally was entranced, her city-worn eyes opening to the busy night sky. Microbats wheeled over the water surface, chasing tiny moths and gnats. The two skinny-dipped in a deep pool, splashing each other and teasing, while Jesse pretended he wasn't looking.

"You must love it here," she insisted, her hair dripping and shoulders shining in the white light. "The river is awesome."

He floated in silence in the cool waters of the pool. Around him, the river seemed to be relaxing, a slight smile on its face as it settled into its nightly slumber. The plovers chattered and fussed on the far bank, while the casuarinas overhead whispered in the light wind. Everything was soft-edged and lulling. You could forget that this was a river that snatched cars and kids, consuming trees, and geese and daily plans with comparable ease. Jesse allowed himself to drift, and accept the moment. He studiously ignored the eternal clutch of the main current, sliding up his calves.

"The river isn't awesome, or pretty, or bad, or annoying," he finally said. "It just does its own thing." Seeing that she was confused, he grinned and rounded off his proclamation with an almighty splash at her, and she giggled, returning the favour. When the moon rose, they dried off and trudged back to his parents' house, the sibilant call of the river trailing behind them in the blackness.

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The Tongue of the Serpent

EVER WONDERED why snakes often poke their tongues out? Well, contrary to popular belief, it isn't a threat display or used for intimidation. Another mistaken belief is that they deliver venom via their tongues. The truth is actually quite simple. Snakes use their tongues to smell with and they have evolved an excellent sense of smell using their tongue in this way. It is far more sensitive than the sense of smell they have through their nose. Their sense of smell is also very important, particularly because snakes have relatively poor eyesight, and no external ears.

Snakes have very specialised tongues which are different to those of most other animals due to their use as smell receptors. Only monitor lizards (goannas) have tongues similar to snakes and use them in much the same way. Snakes have delicate forked tongues that are very soft, and taper to fine points. Whenever a snake wants to check out its surroundings, it pokes out its tongue and performs a series of quick up-and-down flickering movements with it. By doing this it collects the airborne particles and chemicals that we know as smells. A snake's tongue doesn't process the smells directly - there is a second stage involved. Once the tongue is retracted back into the mouth, the chemicals are transferred to a special organ on the roof of the snake's mouth called the Jacobson's organ, which interprets the smells. The opening of this organ has two pits which the snake inserts the tips of its tongue into. Having a forked tongue has an advantage here. Collecting scents on each of the tips may allow the snake to determine which way the smell is

coming from due to the scent being stronger on one side than the other.

Different species of snakes are attracted to different kinds of prey and are excited by different animal scents. Some are so focussed on the scent of certain prey, that they will totally ignore other animals right in front of them. Species such as the local Freshwater Snake are particularly attracted to the smell of frogs and lizards. Taipans on the other hand are attracted to the smell of small mammals and will forage around poking their heads into nooks and crannies flicking out their tongues as they go looking for the small rodents. This specialised tongue also works under water! File snakes in the swamps of northern Australia flick out their tongues to locate small fish to eat.

Snakes don't always actively pursue their food though. Many pythons prefer to sit and wait for their food to come to them, but their tongues are just as important in this strategy. They will move around until they detect an area that has a strong scent of their prey (such as a well used bandicoot track). They will then position themselves beside or hanging above it, and wait. When prey comes close to snakes their vision comes into play and they will strike out at the movement.

The forked tongue is a feature that snakes couldn't do without. It is essential for them to find their food, detect danger and find a mate.

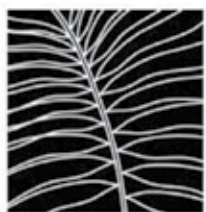
*Alan Henderson
Minibeast Wildlife*



A local Scrub Python collecting scent particles with its forked tongue.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN HENDERSON

This month we welcome a new contributor to the paper. Alan Henderson will write a regular column focused on nature and illustrated with his own photographs. Alan is an author and professional wildlife photographer and we are extremely fortunate to have someone of his calibre contributing to the paper. Alan and his wife operate a nature education business named Minibeast Wildlife and have worked at the Melbourne Museum for the last twelve years as specialist animal keepers. They have recently come to live in Kuranda, falling in love with the area on bug collecting trips over the years. We're delighted to welcome them and wish them well.



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Mollie Bosworth

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Pat Chong and the Divine Mother

We profile this month the local identity **PAT CHONG**, well known for the meditations she has run over many years in the Kuranda region and beyond.

Pat has lived in the vicinity of Kuranda since 1987, when she and her husband purchased a nice property with a partly built house on it. She has seen the many changes in Kuranda since then, and enjoys her life here.

Pat was born and brought up in Melbourne in a Catholic family. After school, she trained as a secretary. She recalls having strong spiritual intimations at an early age and then began yoga. As a teenager she was greatly influenced by a Professor Raynor C. Johnson, a teacher in comparative religion, who introduced her to other religions. She was a seeker for spiritual truth and was not happy with the answers provided by the Catholic Faith, nor later by the Methodist Church. She was a part of a group that clamoured for deeper answers.

In Melbourne she met and married her first husband and had one son of that marriage, Stephen Chong. But the marriage did not last. Stephen now lives in Kuranda on his mother's property. He is an author and conducts seminars and other events in the region.

After the end of that first marriage, Pat met her second husband, a young Chinese man, when he was studying at RMIT. She went to Singapore to marry him where he was living at the time. He qualified as an aeronautical engineer and later became a manager, working with Singapore Airlines. He had various overseas postings, many of which Pat accompanied him on – China, Paris, Hawaii and Brunei. In many of the places Pat was able to work. She also started yoga and meditation classes.

In Hawaii, Pat's visa did not allow her to work. It was here that she first came in contact with the person known as the "Divine Mother", a woman born in Hawaii in 1914 to a large, poor Japanese family and who showed spiritual tendencies at an early age. She in turn had a large family. She claimed that in 1972, a divine messenger came to her and told her that the famous Indian teacher, Sri Ramakrishna (1836-1886), had sent her to show Divine Mother how to give God's message for the age. Divine Mother accepted the message, and taught that God is love, peace and compassion and that in divine realization we can know our divine nature, transcending all religions. She died in 1992.

As an aside explanation, Ramakrishna was an ascetic Hindu teacher from Bengal who formed the Ramakrishna Mission. He married a child who later became known as the Divine Mother. His most famous disciple was Swami Vivekananda. Ramakrishna's message was very tolerant, proclaiming that all the religions lead to the same God. Many



of his followers believed him to be an "avatar" or incarnation of God.

Pat spent seven years with Divine Mother, her spiritual mentor, in Hawaii. Pat describes it as a painful but uplifting experience. She gave away yoga and had a vision of opening a spiritual centre somewhere. She had a stopover in Cairns and found a Cairns beach property that she thought would be ideal for this purpose. But she was advised that it would be too expensive. She returned to Hawaii, disillusioned as a result, as the area reminded her of Hawaii. She consequently gave away the idea of a centre. But then Stephen won a prize holiday to Port Douglas. Her husband came down from work in China and purchased the property in Kuranda where she now lives. Pat moved here in 1987 and started improving the property.

At that time, Kuranda was a "hippie" centre and to Pat a spiritual place with spiritual people. Pat began her meditations gradually from about 1989, and they mushroomed thereafter, becoming almost daily events. They usually take the form of a morning practising Qi Gong (Chinese healing art) and an evening of silent meditation on a story or myth that Pat delivers to trip the mind. Many locals and others were attracted to them, seeking

some form of spiritual self realization. They are now held about twice a week at various venues. For some time Pat was very taken up with the care of her husband during a long illness. He passed away in 2010. She still lives with son Stephen and her daughter and their partners on the property.

Pat has also taken many meditation tours to various parts of the world – Mt Kinabalu, Myanmar, Brunei, Germany, Ireland, Fiji, Hawaii, USA, with Fiji, Hawaii, USA, Germany and Slovenia planned this year. Each person pays their own costs. Many locals have participated as well as people from other parts of the world. They last for a week to 10 days at a time. There is no socialising or sight seeing (although there is some free time). They are not conducted by any organisation as such.

It is difficult for me to say what Pat's purpose is in conducting these activities – she ascribes no purpose or goal to them and seeks no change. When her philosophy of life is sought, she merely replies "God is real!" She says she has no particular religion or belief. She is a charming woman, clearly dedicated to her family and others, contributing to the community in her own way.

Graham Nicholson, Hidden Words Bookshop, Kuranda 4093 7120

Australian Etiket you should know...

General

- Never take an open stubby to a job interview.
- Always identify people in your paddocks before shooting at them.
- It's tacky to take an esky to church.
- If you have to vacuum the bed, it's time to change the sheets.
- Even if you're certain you're included in the will, it's rude to take your ute and trailer to the funeral.

Dining out

- When decanting wine from the box, tilt the paper cup and pour slowly so as not to bruise the wine.
- If drinking directly from the bottle, hold it with only one hand.

Entertaining in your home

- A centrepiece for the table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist.
- Don't allow the dog to eat at the table, no matter how

good his manners.

Personal hygiene

- While ears need to be cleaned regularly, this should be done in private, using one's OWN ute keys.
- Even if you live alone, deodorant isn't a waste of money.
- Extensive use of deodorant can only delay bathing by a few days.
- Dirt and grease under the fingernails is a no-no, it alters the taste of finger foods and if you are a woman it can draw attention away from your jewellery.

Dating

- Always offer to bait your date's hook – especially on the first date.
- Be assertive. Let her know you're interested: "I've been wanting to go out with you ever since I read that stuff on the dunny door two years ago."

Theatre etiquette

- Crying babies should be taken to the lobby and picked up after the movie ends.
- Refrain from yelling abuse at characters on the screen. Tests have proven they can't hear you.

Weddings

- Livestock is a poor choice for a wedding gift.
- Kissing the bride for more than five seconds may cause a drop in your popularity. (Excessive use of the tongue is also considered out of place)
- For the groom, at least, rent a tux. A tracksuit with a cummerbund and a clean football jumper can create a tacky appearance.
- Though uncomfortable, say "yes" to socks and shoes for the occasion.

Driving etiquette

- Dim your headlights for approaching vehicles, even if your gun's loaded and the roo's in your rifle sight.
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NEWS

Community gives feedback on cyclone operations

Community meetings on the recovery efforts after Cyclone Yasi have provided Tablelands Regional Council and the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) with helpful feedback on operations prior to, and following the event. The forums – held at Malanda, Millaa Millaa, Ravenshoe and Mt Garnet where the cyclone had its greatest impact in the region – were attended by a good number of residents keen to tell authorities what was done well and what things they believe could be done better next time.

Issues raised at the forum, such as a desire for designated cyclone shelters and improved communications networks, will now be passed onto the LDMG for consideration.

Another key issue raised at three of the meetings was the need to upgrade Nettle Creek Bridge at Innot Hot Springs due to its crucial role as a freight link to the coast when the Bruce Highway is cut south of Innisfail.

Residents still have an opportunity to give feedback to authorities by completing a community survey aimed at giving authorities ideas for improving their ability to deal with disasters and building a stronger community to withstand future events. The survey can be completed by going to Tablelands Regional Council's website (www.trc.qld.gov.au) or it can be accessed at all Council libraries and service centres throughout the region. The survey finished on Friday 22 April.

The Tablelands Recovery Group, chaired by Cr Shaaron Linwood, is working through the recovery effort, with working groups in four crucial areas – social, economic, natural environment and infrastructure – now formulating action plans to progress action on the ground.

Cr Linwood said 48 jobs for Operation Clean-Up had now been lodged with the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI), but progress on the jobs had been hindered by poor weather conditions and gaining access into properties needing assistance.

"One of the big issues we have heard from property owners is the need to extend the clearance corridors around fence lines from 10 metres to 20 metres," Cr Linwood said.

"As it stands currently, those properties that have registered for Operation Clean-Up have been given approval by the Department of Environment and Resource Management for a clearance of 20m for the next six months, but we know that the clearing work will not be done by that time and will be putting a submission to DERM for an extension of that period.

The other anomaly is that the 20m clearance approval is only for those properties registered for Operation Clean-Up and for those who are not taking part in this program, the 10m clearance corridor still applies - we want to change that and will be putting a submission to DERM to have this extended to those other properties."

The Recovery Group has also moved to clarify that property owners can utilise fallen timber for new fences on their own property.

The clearance of debris from waterways remains an issue due to the fact that funding cannot be issued to the region. "This is an issue for us because the Tablelands does not have a River Improvement Trust which is automatically covered for clearing waterways under the NDRRA Guidelines," Cr Linwood said. "Council is seeking sources of alternate funding but if residents have concerns with fallen debris in waterways, please contact DEEDI on 132 523 or Council on 1300 362 242 to lodge the details."

Cr Linwood said some residents on small acreage or hobby farms had so far been unable to qualify for financial assistance being offered through DEEDI or the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal, but hoped that Round 4 of the appeal, which is yet to be announced, may provide an avenue for them to access some financial help to clear their accesses and their properties.

"It may be that Blaze Aid or the newly formed Heart Army may be able to offer assistance. Blaze Aid can be contacted by calling Kevin Brown on 0408 701 226 and the Heart Army can be contacted by calling Justine Christerson on 0432 303 582.

To arrange an interview with Cr Linwood: please call her mobile (0437 933 187) and leave a message as she is travelling between meetings and will get back to you.

Council moves to improve disaster capabilities

Tablelands Regional Council has approved in principle a number of recommendations aimed at improving its capability and that of the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) in managing future disaster events.

A post-Cyclone Yasi report identified areas that could be enhanced for future disaster events, resulting in a number of recommendations including upgrades to generators powering Council buildings; the purchase of additional resources required for the local disaster coordination centre (LDCC); identifying, encouraging and training staff to be volunteers in the LDCC post-cyclone events; improving the process for sending out Emergency Alerts; and boosting funding to stage disaster management training and exercises to ensure the LDMG and Council is prepared for future disaster events.

Council also approved a new structure for the LDMG which included implementing six sub-groups that will concentrate on specific areas such as Social Support Services, Built Environment and Infrastructure, Community Resilience, and Public Health and Environment.

Council has also endorsed the recruitment of a temporary disaster recovery coordinator for a three-month period to assist with activities related to recovery after Cyclone Yasi.

Assistance for clean-up after Cyclone Yasi
Tablelands Regional Council will provide \$3980 from its Financial and In-Kind Support program to Tablelands Home Assist Secure to recover costs expended assisting some of their clients after Cyclone

Yasi hit the region on 2 February.

Home Assist Secure is a Queensland Government funded service provided through Council and the Tablelands Home Assist Secure Association which provides subsidised assistance to clients (who are over 60 years, or any age with a disability) with minor home maintenance, repairs, modifications and security that relate to health and safety. Home Assist Secure requested the \$3980 to assist the committee covering costs incurred assisting clients post Cyclone Yasi moving green waste from yards and placing it on the footpath for collection by Council.

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Teams set to run for a good cause in 2011 Great Wheelbarrow Race

Thousands of dollars have already been raised for underprivileged children in Fiji by two teams from Freshwater Christian College. The two teams, Pinnacle and Tilo (pronounced chee-low, a Fijian word which means "excuse me"), made up of Year 12 students from the Cairns-based college, have been busy fundraising for months, accumulating \$12,000 to date. College chaplain Oswald Smith said the money would be used to pay for a group of Year 11-12 students to travel to Nasomolevu Catholic School on Matakawalevu, an outer island of Fiji, and bring them equipment such as sporting gear, sports uniforms and fishing gear for the children at the local primary school. The school has 95 students in Years 1-8.

Some teams go to remarkable lengths to raise money for their nominated charity during the lead-up to the race. Last year, competitors from 16 teams raised more than \$87,000 for a range of charities. The Great Wheelbarrow Race is one of the major events on the Tablelands calendar and this year organisers are expecting a large field to take on the challenge. The 2011 event will be held from May 13-15, starting from Mareeba and finishing at Chillagoe!

Race Organising Committee Chair Cr Pedersen is calling for nominations for the race which is run in three stages – the first stage is from Mareeba to Dimbulah (50km), the second is from Dimbulah to Almaden (65km), and the third stage is Almaden to Chillagoe (34km). Categories include Teams (female, male or mixed) or up to 10 people, Solo competitors, Over 40s, School Students and Services (Police, SES, Firefighters, Defence Forces). *Continued on page 29*



Living in Kuranda

Oh joy! Sunny weather again and the Easter/Anzac extra long weekend was a welcome bonus. Kuranda Range had a constant stream of happy campers, boaties and holiday makers heading up this way.

In the backyard gardeners were busy too. I could hear the hum of lawnmowers, chainsaws and happy insects buzzing around the flowering rainforest trees.

You may not be a budding entomologist, but have you noticed after all this rain more ants and cockroaches? They've been hiding in their favourite dark, warm spaces, ready to produce the next generation. Now is the time to control them.

If you see cockroaches in your home during the day, (the smaller nymph or darker adult cockroach) you may have a serious problem, because they are normally nocturnal feeders out searching for food or mates.

Cockroaches rest during daylight hours in dark, warm, undisturbed areas, especially in kitchens, bathrooms, laundries, under cabinets, ceilings, and in cracks and crevices in the walls. They also hide in electrical appliances, ovens, dishwashers, refrigerators, microwaves and air conditioners. Yes, it's not uncommon for cockroaches or geckos to contribute to expensive repairs to kitchen appliances or air conditioning.

Other evidence of cockroaches are brown hard egg sacs stuck to the sides of walls and cupboards, also on newspaper and cardboard boxes. Cockroach droppings look just like small black pepper-like specs in, on or around your crockery, fruit bowls, on bench tops, or inside cupboards, drawers and containers.

Cockroaches cannot live without water and as we head toward the "Dry Season", now is a good time for an autumn clean, de-clutter and pest control.

COCKROACH CONTROL – WHAT CAN I DO?

Toxic Remedies: If your house is badly infested you need heavy duty treatment, possibly pest control or cockroach bomb! But these can be a health hazard to people with compromised health systems.

Cockroach baits & mats: suitable only for dry season control, but, in the wet season these go mouldy, so they'll need replacing more frequently than instructions given on the packet.

Surface Sprays: spraying bench tops, skirting boards or floors with these toxic chemicals are dangerous to you and your family; especially babies, children, elderly, and housebound people. Also very dangerous to your pet cats, dogs, birds, fish, and reptiles too!

Knockdown sprays: spraying toxic chemicals may be satisfying, but natural remedies are healthier for you and the environment.

www.choice.com.au has a good article on chemical treatments...<http://tinyurl.com/4udwbtl>

Elimination of all cockroach breeding habitats particularly the kitchen, bathroom or laundry areas, is the most effective treatment. If you've completed the heavy duty treatment, all that's necessary is constant vigilance, eradication and good house cleaning habits.

During a pantry de-clutter, check the inside of open food packets for cockroach faeces and skid marks then toss out the product. Check packet use by dates, inspect your spices for evidence of mould and toss out unhealthy food products.

Any bottles, jars or packets wipe clean to destroy the cockroach trails (ditto for cutlery drawers and open containers around plumbing).

Healthier cockroach remedies range from expensive electronic sound wave devices, sticky traps, attractants, or deterrents. Sprinkle, spray or bait, using these home made remedies and keep a record of their seasonal effectiveness.

Spray a mixture of liquids:

- Beer, stout, soup, water, vinegar, water and dishwashing liquid around food areas, bench tops, pantry cupboards and shelves.
- Eucalyptus oil & water, skirting boards, under doors, inside wardrobes and around bathroom and laundry areas.
- Sprinkle neem leaves. Neem is non-toxic to birds, animals and humans, but highly effective against insects. Sprinkle bay leaves, wormwood, tansy, and pyrethrum or try fresh cucumber peel. Ineffective if dry apparently! Sprinkle non-toxic diatomaceous earth in crevices, behind all large kitchen appliances (dishwashers, refrigerators, ovens) and in dark cupboards.
- Dab a few drops of these oils onto cotton wool: Lemon, Citronella, Peppermint, and Pyrethrum oil then repeat when the scent has gone.

These oils have a strong smell and may not be suitable for food cupboards, around sleeping areas or near people with allergies or perfume sensitivities.

• Purchase or make sticky paper traps - <http://tinyurl.com/3qa4xn8> or <http://tinyurl.com/44qr7br>

• Make Cockroach container traps (deep NOT shallow containers) - by smearing Vaseline, oil, butter or margarine around the top or inner neck of any type of container (plastic bottle or plastic food container). Make the container too slippery for cockroaches to escape the trap. Only use the lid to trap them inside before tossing them in the rubbish bin. **Continued on page 23**



Mercury and Venus both move into Taurus at around 9.00am on Monday 16th May. Mars crossed into Taurus a few days earlier and the full moon in Scorpio (with Sun in Taurus) falls on Tuesday 17th.

So, we can be sure that the 15th to 18th May will be a very, very fertile time. A richness of ideas and communication; beautiful and creative inspiration, along with the passion and confidence to take action and get positive results. Look on it as a time for planting seeds in fertile ground and getting spectacular growth. And this can relate to almost any aspect of life that you feel passionate about: prosperity; love; physical; creative; artistic etc. etc.

Neptune is also in the picture at the beginning of Pisces, forming a very harmonious, opportune aspect to the Taurus planets. This might suggest dipping very deep into your own fantasy world and letting go of some seemingly practical limitations. Seeding and nurturing dreams seems to sum it up.

With the Mars input and with Uranus buzzing away in Aries, the magical currents are electric. Just plug and use this window in time to earth the magic. This is such a potent time that I suggest we focus our intentions during the 15th-17th May and use the resources and abilities we have to initiate whatever we would seek to sustain. No limits apply, but being as close to the earth and as simply sustainable as we can be will bring the most satisfying results.

This is the essence of Taurus, the earthy of the zodiac signs and the key to a satisfying life.

Next month, after Gemini kicks in, things will be a little different, and we might just sneak a preview: on the Gemini new moon at around 7.17am (E.S.T) on the 2nd June there is a solar eclipse tracking across East Asia and North America. The eclipse occurs at 11 degrees 2 minutes Gemini and, if you like playing with numbers and symbols, this is really interesting combining Arabic and Roman numerals and Astro symbols, it can be written 11:11:11. Mirror images; dualities and palindromes.

So, this solar eclipse ushers in a time of reflection in every sense of the word. Welcome to the infinite hall of mirrors! As the ancient wisdom had it: everything we see is a reflection of self; everything. There is no us and them; only us. Even the path of the eclipse links "east" and "west" and 11:11 is the wake-up call. Let's dance!

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- If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
- What hair colour do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?
- I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use? Toothpicks?
- You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
- No one ever says, 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.

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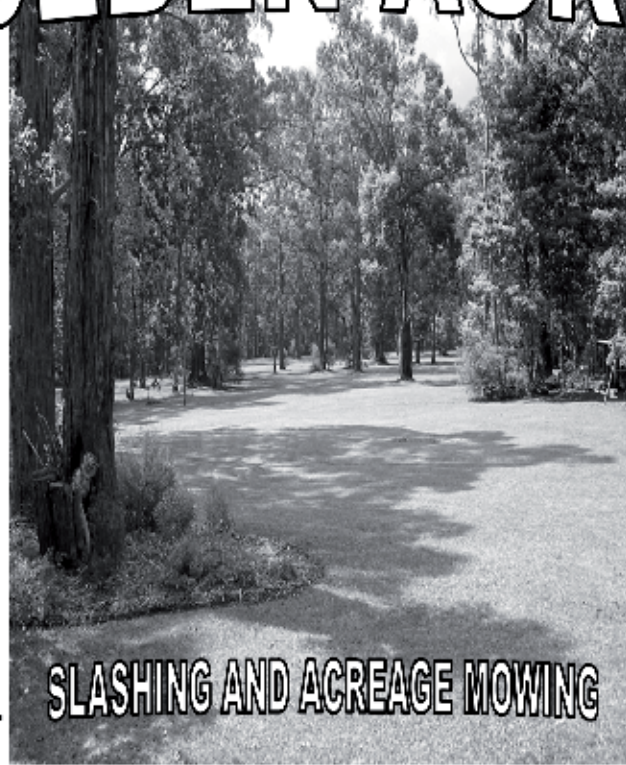
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Make these attractants out of:

- Liquids – soup, water, beer, stout
- Vegetables & fruit – banana, potato
- Other food, cakes, biscuits, sweets, bread.

Place these baits in the priority areas at night, around

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When: Thursday 12 May

Time: 10am

Where: TRC Mareeba Boardroom

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- Paddy was in New York. He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, 'Okay, pedestrians.' Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk. After the cop had shouted, 'Pedestrians!' for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'
- An Irish priest is driving down the road and gets stopped for speeding. The officer smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, 'Sir, have you been drinking?' 'Just water,' says the priest. The officer says, 'Then why do I smell wine?' The priest looks at the bottle and says, 'Good Lord! He's done it again!'
- Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the bartender, 'Pour me a stiff one – just had another fight with the little woman.' 'Oh yeah?' said Charlie, 'And how did this one end?' 'When it was over,' Mike replied, 'She came to me on her hands and knees.' 'Really,' said Charles, 'Now that's a switch! What did she say?' She said, 'Come out from under the bed, you little chicken.'



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

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

At Easter, pure life touches the world again with the absolute shock of resurrection. Were it to happen today, in Jerusalem or any other place, there would still be disbelief, antipathy and the cry that somehow it had been stage-managed. It takes no more to shock humanity today than it did two thousand years ago, but there are simply more folk around to make their views heard. Jesus meets us this morning, as he met Mary - perhaps in an unexpected form, a fellow worshipper, a child on the street, a stranger on the road, a barman, bus driver, doctor or policeman.

And, as he told Mary, he tells us: 'Go – and tell my brothers and sisters, and anyone who will listen. Tell them of the Man who could not stay dead. Tell them of the wounds that survived a resurrection. Tell them, there is no one in the grave.' And will they shrug their shoulders? Will they laugh? Will they make a fuss? Or will they disdainfully walk away?

Well, some will do one thing, some another. But a few will listen; and they may be encouraged to ask further about this Man who is so very much alive. They may be able to take on board the fact that he has lived for two thousand years since it all happened. He has outlived, and will outlive, any grave that has been or will be dug – for death and the grave were in the cup that he drank in Jerusalem on that fateful Passover weekend.

Can we, then, obey the Easter command, and tell folk all this – and more, if they request it? Mary obeyed her Lord's command. She probably felt very frustrated when the disciples didn't believe her - but she had fulfilled her role as the first bearer of the resurrection news. She has carried that wonderful title ever since, and no one will ever be able to take it from her.

We may not seem to have a high profile, in current terms; but remember how Jesus said: 'There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents' (Luke 15:10). Can you imagine the pleasure of those angelic bands when they observe one Christian - for each one of us matters - telling the resurrection news to someone who has yet to be convinced? How the angels will wait in expectation and hope, for the commitment to be made - and how the Man who could not stay dead, and who now stands as Advocate and Mediator between humanity and its God, will plead and intercede on our behalf? Let us then be up and doing, in the joy of resurrection day.

Thought of the month from the Baha'i Faith

"In this day no regard is paid to loftiness or lowliness, to poverty or wealth, to nobility and lineage, to weakness or might. Whosoever recognizeth the incomparable Beloved is the possessor of true wealth and occupieth a divine station... It is for this reason that the one true God – exalted be His glory – hath in all His heavenly Scriptures praised those who observe His precepts and bestow their wealth for His sake." (Baha'u'llah)

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- ➔ Dept Employment, Economic Development & Innovation (DEEDI)'s Ian McKirdy (Principal Regional Development Officer) and Paul Fagg (Principal Tourism Development Officer) will give a presentation on services provided by the Dept.
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Please keep dogs under control.

Cassowaries can die from being fed. They are not equipped to eat pizza, bread or any of the scraps from your plate.

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Wildlife Care and Rescue volunteer, Di Daniels, hands over frugivore food trees from our nursery to local residents at Mission Beach to assist with returning the landscape flattened by Cyclone Yasi back to viable wildlife habitat.

Let's know if you are troubled by feral pigs and we can arrange to get a trap set up for you. JUST CALL: 4093 8834

Thank You TRC

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Thank You Pet Carers

We wish to acknowledge Tablelands Regional Council (and Mareeba Shire Council employees before the amalgamation) for their helpful and speedy response to community requests for dog control.

Not a decade ago, dogs (and cats) were a common sight on our forested streets. Many wildlife attacks were reported and we can only guess at the unreported carnage that likely took place.

Council mounted a campaign of door knocking to inform pet owners of their legal responsibilities. Then, and now, the law is (for good reason) that pets must remain within the boundary of their owner's property unless constrained on a lead or "under the control" of the owner. Animals found wandering outside their property boundaries are deemed feral and may be dealt with accordingly. Cats, due to their disastrous impact on small wildlife, are under curfew from dusk till dawn and must remain indoors and, as for dogs, must not venture away from the owner's property boundary.

By and large, the community has been responsive. Dogs let loose to run through forested areas after being confined all day while their owners were at work, is no longer such a common sight.

We have become aware of the care people are taking of their dogs as cassowaries move back into residential areas. Most often, residents report that the dogs in the area are well trained and under control and unlikely to be a threat to the birds.

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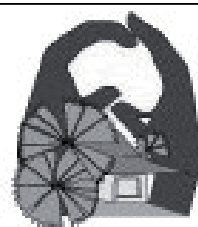
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"Cassowary Coming to a Place near You?"

The whole of Kuranda was once cassowary country, covered in rainforest and even now, as people have built houses on the subsequently heavily cleared farmland, there are gullies between streets and along water courses that are largely connected and rainforest corridors are regenerating. Several cassowaries (one maturing with bright colours and small casque, one sub adult and one with several chicks have been investigating humans and rainforest tree fruiting since last year, in the area of Weir Road and Barron Falls Road. Now at least one is checking out Kuranda Crescent residents. It's entirely feasible to think that, given there are sufficient connected areas with fruiting cassowary food trees, these cassowaries, on the hunt for new territory and food sources, could roam across the bottom of Kullaroo Close, into the Jum Rum Conservation Park and along the esplanade below the railway station. Within the last 5 years a

cassowary scat was reported under the Kennedy Highway Kuranda road bridge on the river bank walk, a cassowary was seen swimming the Barron from the Black Mountain Road side to the Kuranda side and a cassowary was seen on the edge of the bush at Kuranda resort. So it's a viable roaming route. Please keep watch for these curious creatures as you walk along the river in this area, there could be a cassowary watching you. For those who run their dogs in this area without a lead please consider leashing up, just in case your dog scares up one of these big birds. We'd hate to see them scared off or harmed via a panicked run to escape through the bush. Let's try to show that Kuranda is a place which cassowaries and people can share. (I'm not so keen on sharing with brush turkeys though). If you'd like to plant even one cassowary fruit tree for the future, contact Envirocare nursery on 4093 8393 or Kuranda Conservation nursery.

Community Planting Field Day

Sat. 28th May 8am - 1pm

We're having a special planting day on the last Sat. in May when we plant another GROW project site with 500 trees, donated through private sponsorship. GROW sponsorship has grown since the first planting of 250 trees, 3 seasons ago. Sponsorship pays for the plant and the maintenance for 3 years till the planting achieves canopy closure and fire risk from guinea grass has been eliminated. All holes will be dug and fertilized so you'll just need to plant the seedlings! Bring a hat and trowel if you have one. Park at the nursery and we'll walk to the planting site.

Following the planting we'll have morning tea at the Envirocare nursery. We'll follow this with a talk on soil erosion control techniques, a demonstration of a "cold" composting technique called Bokashi with some hints and tips for the tropics, an explanation of the nursery reed beds construction, and the significance of Warril Creek, finishing with a field walk through a 3 season old Envirocare site and a barbeque at the nursery.

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Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters. Your opinions are always welcome.

Anzac Day 2011: Once again, Anzac Day was well attended. It was particularly good to see a small crowd at the Dawn Service and the Cemetery visit. Thanks to the RSL for their work in staging the services and the March. Lest we forget!

Disaster Planning: A Review Report on the TRC management of the recent Cyclone event was recently presented to Council. A number of recommendations were adopted and these will be put in place before the next wet season. The key issue of Evacuation Centres will be addressed.

Community Plan: Meetings in Kuranda: The Community Plan is progressing well with consultation across the whole region in all centres and districts. The TRC Community Plan will set the direction for the next 10 years. (a requirement of all Councils to guide Council plans and budgets over the next 10 years). Kuranda Meetings as follows: 9–1pm Monday 16th May: Stall at Post Office, 9–1pm Friday 10th June: Stall at Post Office, 10.30am Tuesday 14th June: Indigenous Community Workshop; 6pm Tuesday 28th June: Community Workshop. More information and a summary of the workshop ideas are shown on the TRC Community Planning Facebook page. You can still contribute your comments and ideas either via Facebook (search “Tablelands Regional Council” on Facebook), or by emailing joyw@trc.qld.gov.au.

Budget 2011-12: Budget preparations are currently being finalised with Councillors and staff involved in a number of Budget Workshops. Once again, the budget will be tight. The Budget will be officially presented at the Council Meeting on Wednesday June 15th. I welcome any requests.

Extension to Kuranda Visitors Centre: The architects have met with TRC staff and Visitors Centre staff to finalise the designs for the new centre. These plans are on display at the Visitors Centre if you are interested. Works will be funded through the Kuranda Infrastructure funding program.

Kuranda Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian Study: The brief for this project has been developed and tenders are expected to be called next month, with final report due in December. There will be community consultation. More details will be available from the successful tenderer. The major outcome will be improvements in the current arrangements for parking, traffic and pedestrian movements within the Kuranda Village area.

Road Works: Now that we finally have some sunny weather, road works to Speewah Road and Barang Street are expected to commence soon.

Community Consultation for Kuranda Community Precinct: Surveys and Background information was recently mailed to all properties in the Kuranda District. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Please have your say on your vision for the use and direction of the old school site. If you prefer, please use the online version. <http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/my-community/kuranda-community> There is an article in this paper with full details from the consultants Engagement Plus. Contact: pat@engagementplus.com.au or phone 3368 3008. The survey is not the only form of consultation; a wide range of consultation methods will be used so that everyone can have their say.

Kowrowa Playground and Walking Access Track: Recent meetings of TRC staff and Community

members at Kowrowa have finalised designs for the RLCIP (Federal stimulus funds) projects to construct a walking access from Kowrowa to Big Sands corner and a playground near the community hall.

Welcome Pocket: A number of residents have contacted me recently regarding the development application. The application has not yet come to Council for decision (expected late May or June). The public submission period has already closed. However, please contact me if you wish to discuss the development application.

Easter Celebrations in Kuranda: Tourism Kuranda has done it again with a very successful event on Easter Saturday, which saw many “locals” visit the village. With so many activities and so many Easter eggs on offer, it was bound to be a great day!

Council Meetings: Council Meetings in May will be held on Wednesday May 4th in Mareeba and Wednesday May 18th in Atherton. Any resident is welcome to attend meetings. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor’s Office.

Councillor Contact Details: Ph: 0417 002 046 (mobile is best) or 4093 8601 (all numbers have voicemail; please wait for the message) Email: jennyj@trc.qld.gov.au Also check out Facebook www.facebook.com/Cr.JennyJ.

Vale Ted Jordan: Sad news last week with the passing of Ted Jordan. At 101, Ted was a true “icon” of Kuranda and will be sadly missed by many.

Vale Milton Brim: Also sadly missed, Milton Brim passed away last week. Milton was a true gentleman and much loved member of our community.

Anzac Day 2011 in Kuranda

Photographs by Seren



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Nominations close no later than close of business on **29 April 2011**. Nominations forms are available from Council's website at www.trc.qld.gov.au or from your nearest Council Service Centre. Teams are

encouraged to register and pay online by going to Council's website and clicking on the Wheelbarrow icon on the home page. Then click on "Online registration".

Council would also like to hear from businesses who might like to help sponsor the event. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor should call Stacey Maisel on 4043 4114.

Submission highlights urgent need for aged accommodation

A submission from Tablelands Regional Council to the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing has highlighted the urgent need to boost the number of aged care accommodation facilities within the region.

The submission outlines the current situation facing the region's ageing population, with information gathered over the past two years by Tablelands Regional Council which has carried out extensive consultation with the community, seniors, aged care providers, developers and health care professionals on the need for more aged care facilities and services in the region.

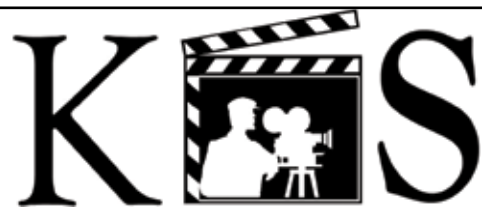
This has resulted in a substantial body of quantitative and qualitative evidence that there is an urgent need for more aged care beds, community aged care packages and associated aged care services on the Tablelands.

Information outlined in the submission includes:

- There are currently 9 people awaiting placement for high care residential aged care who are occupying beds in the Mareeba Hospital (as of 14 March), there are 13 people awaiting placement for high care residential aged care who are currently occupying beds in the Atherton Hospital (as of 14 March). Some of these people have been waiting for over six months for placement, some for over a year.
- In February, 6 people were relocated from Mareeba Hospital to a residential aged care facility in Cairns as there were no vacancies in any of the residential aged care facilities on the Tablelands. This relocation to Cairns causes distress to the clients and their families.
- From a 2008 survey conducted by Council, 98 families reported that they had an immediate need for a place in a nursing home within a year, while 353 families reported that they could foresee a need for a place in a nursing home within the next five years.
- The population aged 70 years and over in the Tablelands Regional Council area has grown by over 1000 people over the last five years, yet the number of aged care beds in the Tablelands region has declined by 37 beds, with the closure of the 15-bed Fred Leftwich facility and the reduction in number of beds from 80 to 58 at Mareeba Garden Settlement and no newly funded beds coming on-line.

The Tablelands region falls within the Far North Aged Care Planning Region (FNACPR) Queensland, which covers the whole of Cape York, Cairns, Tablelands, Croyden, Etheridge and Cassowary Coast. Analysis of the existing aged care beds and community care places funded by Department of Health and Ageing compared with the target allocation of 113 places per 1000 population over 70 years and per 1000 Indigenous population aged over 50 years in the FNACPR shows that the number of places falls below the target by at least 500 places.

Tablelands Regional Council has secured government funding to build 38 new independent living units for the aged in 2010-12. These will be built in Malanda, Atherton, Mareeba, Kuranda and Mount Molloy. TRC will have a total of 172 units for the aged by 2012. People eligible for these units are disadvantaged seniors on an aged pension or people with disabilities. The waiting list for these units is around 118 people.



Kuranda Film Society

Sunday 1st May at 4.00 pm

at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road
Bring a plate to share.

Subscription for 2011 is \$20 per year, commencing February, or \$5 for a one-day membership.

For more information ring Hans at 4093 8393

Donations gratefully received

Many thanks to those who organised and attended the curry night fundraiser for the Queensland flood victims in the aftermath of Yasi in February. The QCWA has gratefully accepted the donation and passed it on to needy families.

Thanks also to those who attended the Japanese tsunami fundraiser last month, to the Amphitheatre for donating the Understage venue and to the Sushi working bee. Together we raised \$1,054, which has been sent to the Japanese Red Cross via the Japanese Consulate in Cairns.

The Japanese Consul and his family attended and enjoyed the film night and he wishes to convey his gratitude to our community for the concern expressed regarding the Japanese people most heavily affected by the disaster.

This month's films are:

Ladies in Lavender (2004) 100 mins.

Set in picturesque coastal Cornwall, in a tight-knit fishing village in the 1930s, Ladies in Lavender stars Judi Dench and Maggie Smith playing the leading roles of sisters Ursula (Dench) and Janet Widdington (Smith). Andrea is played by Daniel Brühl. A gifted young Polish violinist from Krakow, Andrea is bound for America when he is swept overboard by a storm. When the Widdington sisters discover the handsome stranger on the beach below their house, they nurse him back to health. However, the presence of the musically talented young man disrupts the peaceful lives of Ursula and Janet and the community in which they live.

Journey of Dreams (1988) 50 mins.

This docudrama is about the great South African acapella group, Ladysmith Black Mambazo. This group came to prominence in the West when they accompanied Paul Simon on his Graceland album and subsequent world tour. Journey of Dreams unfolds the aspirations of a people to whom music is much more than entertainment. To black Africa, music is a voice, a rallying cry, a mode of worship. On every one of those levels, Ladysmith Black Mambazo are a yardstick by which other vocal ensembles are measured.

Retirement Village Approved

Tablelands Regional Council has given the go-ahead for a 7-hectare retirement village on Golf Links Road, Atherton. The project, which will be developed in stages, will feature 138 two-bedroom, self-contained, single-storey, detached, independent living units plus a community centre and open space. The other part of the development application was for a 118-residential lot subdivision.

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Kuranda Community and the Kuranda Primary School Site

The Tablelands Regional Council is undertaking a comprehensive community engagement process surrounding the future use of the old Kuranda Primary School site now known as the Kuranda Community Precinct.

Council have commissioned community engagement firm, Engagement Plus, to undertake this consultation process with the purpose of ascertaining what the Kuranda community wants, needs, and what is economically feasible and sustainable in relation to the site.

The Council is committed to developing a master plan for the Kuranda Community Precinct based on thorough consultation with the community.

To gather a comprehensive and balanced view of the community's vision for the future of the site, Engagement Plus is engaging the Kuranda community and interested stakeholders through the following:

- Mail distribution of a community survey to over 2000 residences in the Kuranda, Speewah, Koah and Myola areas. The survey is designed to identify the community's views of, and aspirations for the site. The survey is available electronically at www.trc.qld.gov.au/my-community/kuranda-community. Hard-copy surveys are also available at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, Kuranda Library, Kuranda CWA Hall, Kuranda Post Office and Ngoonbi. Responses close 5 May 2011.
- One-on-one discussions with critical stakeholders. A number of these have already taken place and have provided valuable insight into not only the future development of the site but also the diverse nature and needs of the Kuranda community.
- Consideration of what other community facilities, services and programs exist for the Kuranda district.
- Determination of possible funding strategies for the capital and operating costs.
- Determination of possible governance models.
- Generation of a number of options for the site which will be presented to the community for their comment via another survey to be distributed in late May 2011.
- Holding of a deliberative forum with invited stakeholders to (a) critique the future options for the site to be developed, and (b) review the recommended direction before it goes to the TRC.

To date Engagement Plus has had a strong interest in the project from members of the community. The input provided has been much appreciated and has proven to be insightful and constructive for the consultation going forward.

People from all over the Kuranda district including Myola, Speewah, Koah, Kowrowa, Mantaka, Mona Mona and Kuranda village are encouraged to participate in this consultation process by completing one of the surveys, or contacting Engagement Plus on 3221 7443 (Michelle Feenan), or email michelle@engagementplus.com.au.

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Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost 'in a series of small fires'.

The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued and WON!

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous.

The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed

that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable 'fire' and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars that perished in the 'fires'.

After the lawyer cashed the cheque, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!

With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

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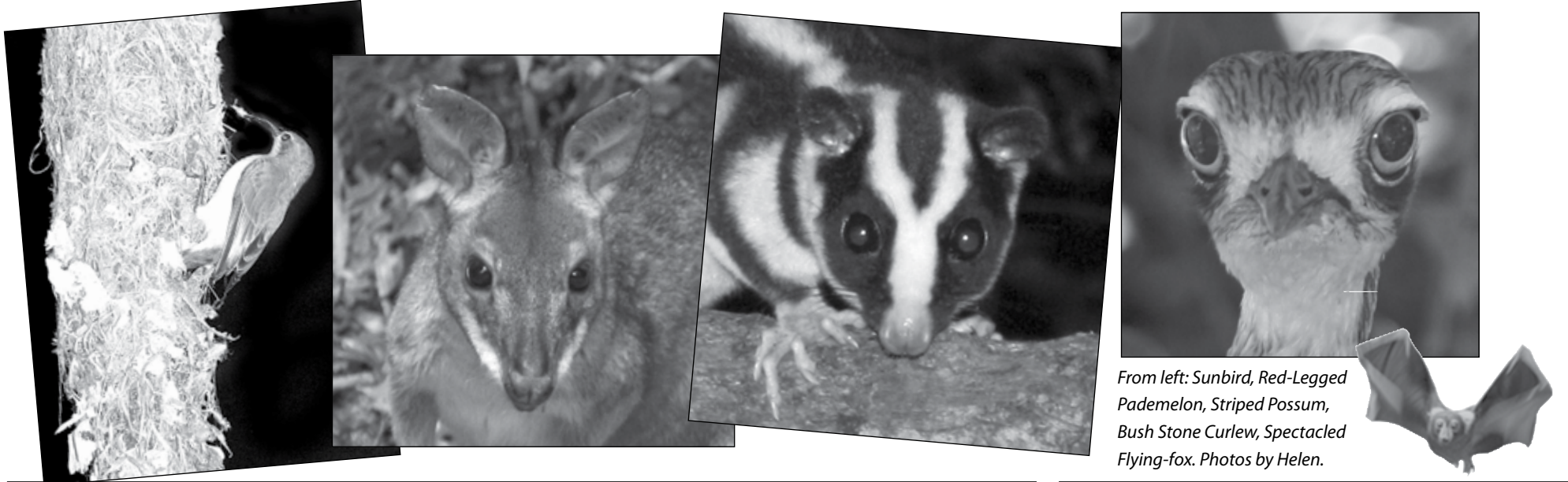
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Some of the little critters in our area to watch out for...



From left: Sunbird, Red-Legged Pademelon, Striped Possum, Bush Stone Curlew, Spectacled Flying-fox. Photos by Helen.

Why I'm Divorced . . .

Last week was my birthday and I didn't feel very well waking up on that morning.

I went downstairs for breakfast hoping my wife would be pleasant and say, 'Happy Birthday!', and possibly have a small present for me.

As it turned out, she barely said good morning, let alone 'Happy Birthday.'

I thought, 'Well, that's marriage for you, but the kids... they will remember'. My kids came bounding down stairs to breakfast and didn't say a word.

So when I left for the office, I felt pretty low and somewhat despondent.

As I walked into my office, my secretary Jane said, 'Good Morning Boss, and by the way Happy Birthday !'

It felt a little better that at least someone had remembered.

I worked until one o'clock, when Jane knocked on my door and said, 'You know, it's such a beautiful day outside, and it is your birthday, what do you say we go out to lunch, just you and me.'

I said, 'Thanks, Jane, that's the greatest thing I've heard all day. Let's go!'

We went to lunch. But we didn't go where we normally would go. She chose instead a quiet bistro with a private table. We had two martinis each and I enjoyed the meal tremendously. On the way back to the office, Jane said, 'You know, It's such a beautiful day...we don't need to go straight back to the office, do we?'

I responded, 'I guess not. What do you have in mind?'

She said, 'Let's drop by my apartment, it's just around the corner.'

After arriving at her apartment, Jane turned to me and said, 'Boss, if you don't mind, I'm going to step into the bedroom for just a moment. I'll be right back.'

'Ok.' I nervously replied. She went into the bedroom and, after a couple of minutes, she came out carrying a huge birthday cake – followed by my wife, my kids, and dozens of my friends and co-workers, all singing 'Happy Birthday'.

And I just sat there... on the couch... naked.

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Kuranda Camera Club - Photo Shoot 2.30pm, (see Art Pages for this month's location)
Garden Group 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599
Yoga 10am Recreation Centre Contact Aileen 4093 7407
Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361
Kuranda Film Society 4.00pm to 8.00pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club 7.30pm Mantaka
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
KNC Management Committee Meeting 6.00pm Rob Veivers Dr. Ph 4093 8933
Every Tue **Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30 pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537
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1st Tue **The KCCT** meets at Malcolm's original markets at 4.30pm.
2nd Tue **Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St. Saviour's Church.
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2nd & 4th Tue **Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30–9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.
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Aquafitness 8:30 am Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109
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Aquatronics 11.00 am Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109
Zumba. CWA Hall. 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Contact Bryony 4093 7298

Contributors: CHECK THAT ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT



Kuranda Amphitheatre May Events

Sat 30th April: Kuranda Amphitheatre presents Membership Drive Night with ‘In the Wild Wood’, Astrid Elika & Lunar, The Understage, 7pm till late, great food, great bar, great chai, great mob, Entry \$10 members, \$15 guests

Sunday 15th May: General Meeting, in the Understage, starts 4pm

Tuesday 17th May: Loony Poets Night, The Understage, family friendly, unlicensed Entry: \$10/\$8 members, meals, chai, tea & coffee, and light refreshments available.

Sun 22nd May: Working Bee, 10am start, lunch & light refreshments provided.

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CAIRNS (Central)	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.10pm
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.15pm	2.15pm	4.05pm
KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE					
Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.20am	9.55am	1.10pm	2.55pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.25am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	8.32am	10.02am	1.17pm	3.02pm	4.55pm
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CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.15am	11.20am	5.20pm	8.15am	11.20am	11.20am
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	11.25am	5.35pm	8.35am	11.25am	11.25am
CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS						
Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.30am	3.15pm	5.30pm	8.30am	3.15pm	3.15pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	3.20pm	5.35pm	8.35am	3.20pm	3.20pm
KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.10pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.40pm	9.45am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON	10.20am	5.10pm	7.15pm	10.20am	5.10pm	5.10pm
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OPERATE ON SUNDAY TIMES						
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