

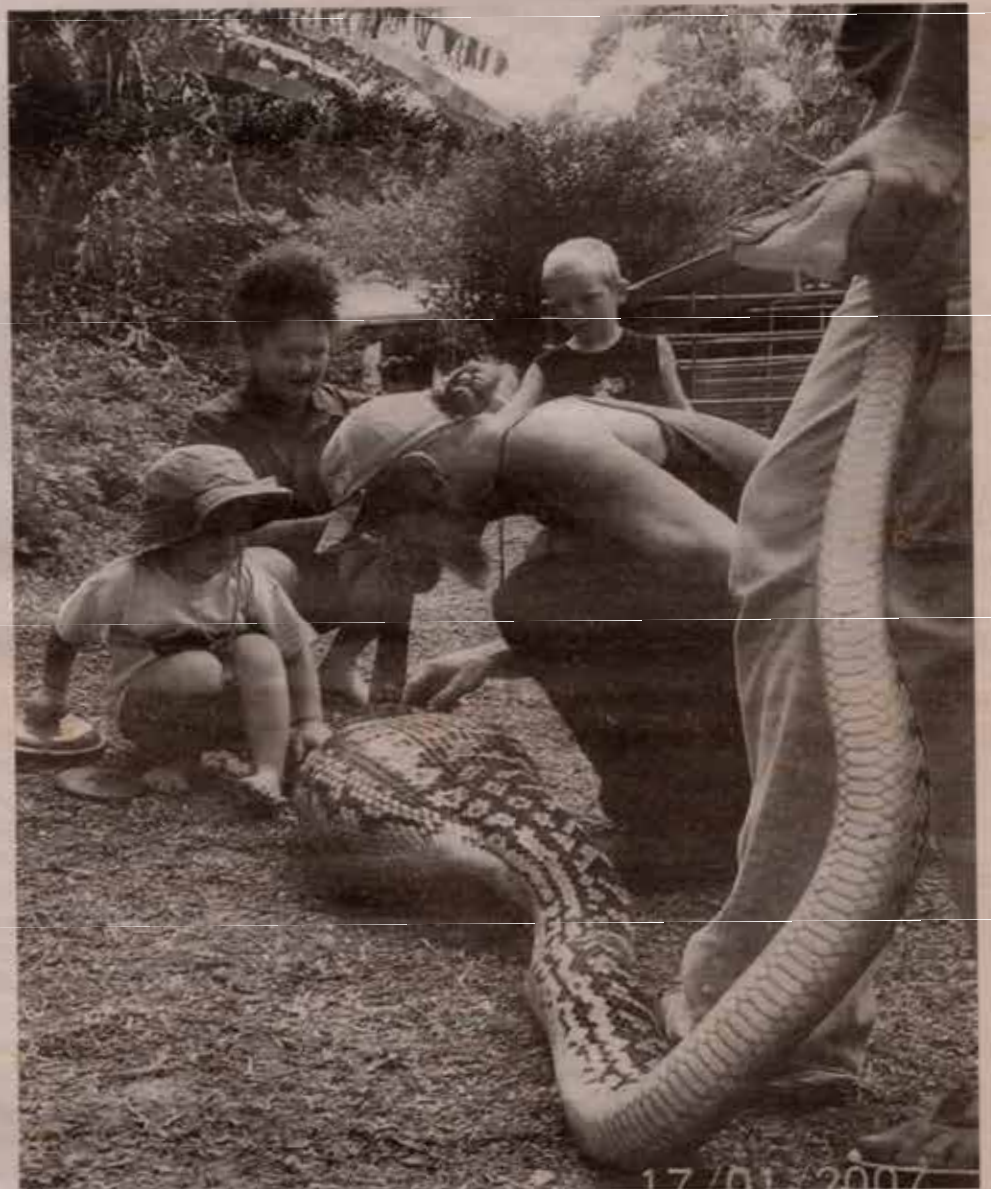
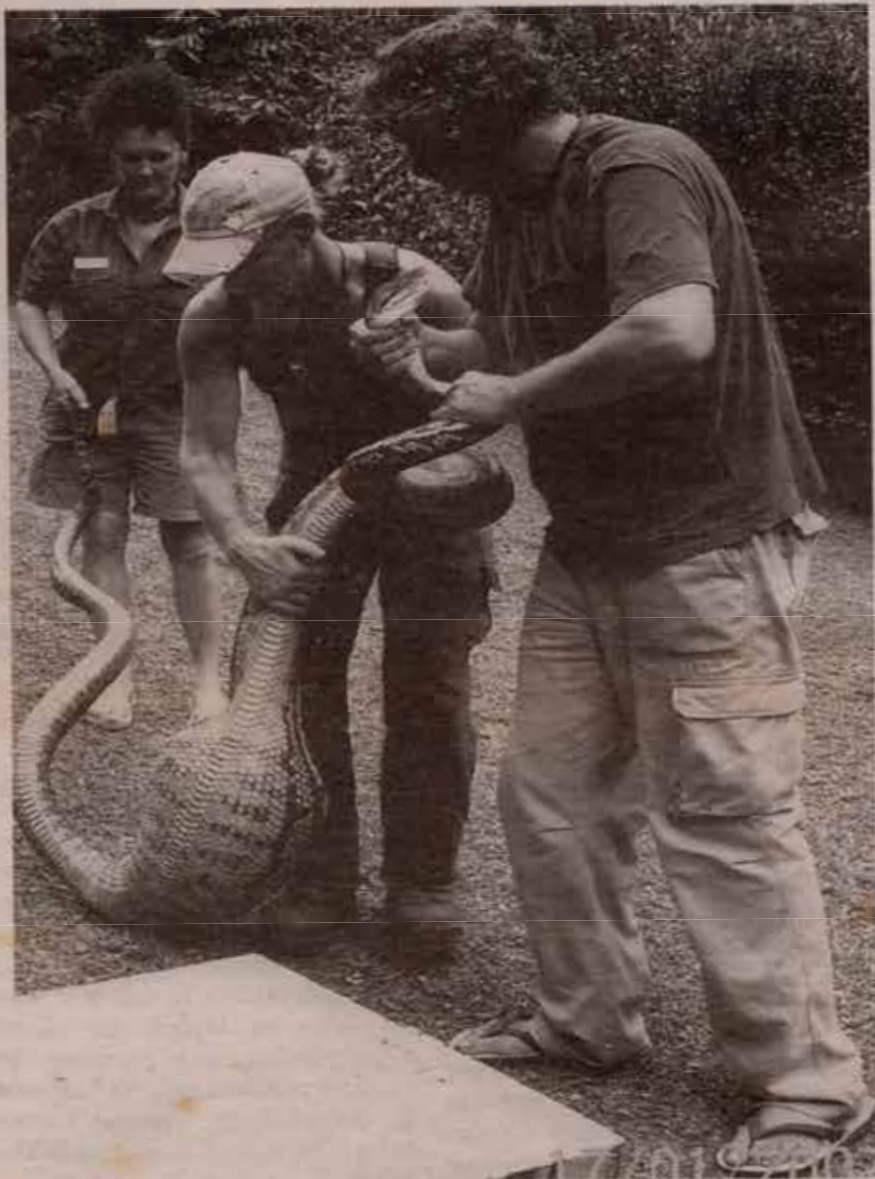
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Left to Right Debra Woods Wild Life Kepr of Kuranda Koala Gardens, Noah Madgwick, and Greg Watson Wild Life Keeper at Hartleys.

Young Lucas Kohn and Jonah Madgwick in the Kohn's garden.



Debra taking out the kinks.

## SNAKES ALIVE!

Wild life keepers Debra Woods and Greg Watson came to the rescue in Louise Kohn's garden. This big python digesting lunch came up close and personal with Lucas and Jonah. What a great experience! How cool was that. The snake was released elsewhere unharmed, the digestive process churning unabated. These native snakes are extremely strong, Debra is pulling with all her might to not much effect as you can see. Not a good idea to try this if you are inexperienced.

Black snakes of assorted sizes are also on the move at this time, quite a number of sightings in and around Kuranda; they are not aggressive unless annoyed. They do tend to lurk under cover so be aware if you lift and shift, you are probably not looking at a hosepipe.



A Bit of Indigestion?

# COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4881

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**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

I wish to comment on the article titled - Forest Forum - by the Fossils. To submit an ill-informed missive such as this without having the decency to put your name to it suggest lack of intestinal fortitude in those involved. Anyone can hide behind a veil of anonymity to get their point across.

As the previous chairperson of the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and a committee member of the Kuranda Village Promotion Program, it is obvious from your comments that you have never taken the time to attend any of the meetings.

There are in Kuranda a small number of dedicated people who give an enormous amount of their time to ensure that our unique part of Australia remains one of the most sought after destinations to visit.

To continually see negative and derogatory statements such as published recently is very disappointing to these committee members but will not stop them from continuing to promote Kuranda.

To you I say. Take time to find out the facts before submitting your ill-informed comments and have the decency to put your name to any future articles.

To the Kuranda paper I suggest. Don't publish any letters that don't have an author's name supplied. This only damages your credibility.

As you can see below, I am willing to submit my name unlike "the Fossils".

**Ross Breadsell - Kuranda**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

I am writing to disassociate myself from the radical proposal for a Kuranda republic, put forward in your previous edition by a totally irresponsible baby-boomer father TJ Socrates.

First of all, he fits snugly into that very demographic he so cruelly lampoons - that of the godless, weed-smoking, brain damaged detritus of the 60s. Secondly, my wife (who he disparagingly refers to as my "little wood nymph"), and my late-lamented mother (who grew out of her experimental stage) would take offence at his demeaning attitude towards

women, aka they must be restricted to 50% participation, to "prevent them from running everything".

Thirdly, his proposed autonomous economy, that would not only financially support but deify no-hopers, bludgers and dole-cheats, could very well have been born out of his up-coming court case, in which he will be charged with environmental concerns - to be taught under his proposed new education system - this same person has recently installed an illegal septic system that will seep into the Barron River at the first drop of rain.

Finally, as my wife and I live in Speewah, we are greatly offended that he now seeks to exclude us not only from his paternal responsibilities but from his proposed Utopia.

Be assured that we will be at the Amphitheatre meeting, and if the old fart dares show his face we will not only de-nut him, but encase him in waita-while and exile him across the river to his sycophantic mates (and their illegal card games) at the Top Of The Range.

**Socrates Jnr. Speewah**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

To the gutless people, that shall remain nameless, for you know who you are, that couldn't come to see me rather than annoy our Council. Please accept my sincere apologies. It must have been very difficult for you to make ends meet, with my bakery sign, which was at the B.P. for 6 months. Yes! From the second day it opened. I didn't realize it would upset your business so much.

I do hope you are now flourishing and are now very happy. Once again I'm sorry it had such an incredible impact on you.

I'm still here and I'm staying, so you had better get used to it.

**David Lorenzo.**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Congratulations Rob on your spirited defence of Astrology. However your attack on the Fossils and their perceived "same old witchcraft mentality" appears contrary to the thrust of their "Forest Forum" which invited more rationality, questioning and proofing of popularly held positions - hardly witchcraft mentality!

The mere assertion of personal experience and an assertion by any individual (Newton) and the appeals to some of the (unnamed) finest minds on the planet and to astrology's antiquity are not proofs or veracity of astrological claims. The invalidity of these arguments appears in that one could equally claim that one has proof that astrology does not work and that other fine minds on the planet claim its fraudulence.

The article *The Truth of Astrology - Competition Entries Illustrate Faulty Reasoning - Correlation 1997* 16(2), 45-56; and an abridged updated version [www.astrology-and-science.com](http://www.astrology-and-science.com) will illustrate my point of how prone astrologers are to faulty reasoning and use of artifacts. To be fair, Debunkers of Astrology also often make these errors of logic. Further to the attributed Newtonian riposte, studies seem to challenge its application to astrology. See: <http://www.phys.uu.nl/~vgent/astrology/newton.htm>

Another excellent and challenging article is by Geoffrey Dean, long-time astrology researcher, and Ivan Kelly, professor of Educational Psychology and Special Education, University of Saskatchewan in: *Is Astrology Relevant to Consciousness and Psi?* Journal of Consciousness Studies, Vol. 10, No. 6-7, June/July 2003 and yes it does look at the Gauquelin - Mars correlation study (Gauquelin, M. *Spheres of Influence, Psychology Today* [Brit], No.7, Oct. 75, 22-27).

As to the defence of the "New Age" child, again using your own parenting experiences to justify the evidence of their existence is not any proof. In fact your argument does not take into consideration that your own parenting may have changed - not to mention the unique parenting responses made to the individuality of each child. There is also possible danger in conflating ADHD, a diagnostic condition with the other terms. I find it interesting that you see it as a positive that these children "do not submit to any of the old patterns of parental or societal control" and that we are required to make huge shifts in our consciousness - to accommodate or understand them? Rob, similar claims were made in the "Age of Aquarius!"

And to the Fossil Forum, without a reading, I suspect that the authors may

be throwing out challenges to galvanise readers to question, argue and debate, to take pen to paper and not just sit passively and accept everything told (or not told) to them. I would certainly hope that you continue your column and the Fossils (probably not of the Root Race) are not too rooted to continue their efforts to irritate and infuriate. **Peter North, Kuranda**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

On Saturday 10 February, I attended the Community Cabinet meeting in Atherton and was interested in hearing Premier Beattie espousing the fiscal virtues of Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Paul Lucas. On Wednesday 14 February, I heard Minister Lucas on local Cairns talk-back radio answer a question on the inefficiencies and absurd waiting times being experienced by local residents at the Queensland Transport office in Kenny Street, Cairns, as being unfortunate.

To taxpayers it is most unfortunate to see the absolute waste of hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars annually on an empty building leased by the State Government in Cumberland Street, adjacent to the Smithfield Shopping Centre.

It would seem just commonsense for the Minister to simply acquire and transform this Government-leased empty building of approx. 400 square metres into a Queensland Transport Customer Service Centre to accommodate FNQ residents from Kuranda, the Northern Beaches and from Port Douglas to the Daintree. An additional advantage of this would be a reduction in vehicular traffic numbers travelling into the City from Smithfield, not to mention residents having to wait for up to three (3) hours at Kenny Street for their number to be called.

Perhaps Minister Lucas could also explain to Cairns residents the reasoning behind his allegedly commissioning and purchase, with taxpayer monies, a piece of 'art' valued in excess of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) sited at his Brisbane office.

**Selwyn Johnston Kanimbla**  
(Independent Candidate)  
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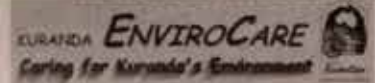
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### Trees as more than just a green backdrop

Conservation on private land is a vitally important element of biodiversity protection in Australia. Due to the limited availability of public land for habitat protection and the expense associated with acquisition, private landholders hold the key to the survival of many flora and fauna communities. There are a number of programs through which landholders can voluntarily conserve areas of ecological value on their properties. They range from non-binding, temporary agreements to binding agreements that are attached perpetually to the title of the land. To find out more about how these agreements work, come along to a presentation on April 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith Smith of E.P.A. who will explain how various agreements work and the levels of habitat protection available.

### Land for Wildlife

We are looking for a volunteer to undertake training for the position of Land for Wildlife assessor in the Kuranda area. Land for Wildlife is a voluntary, non-binding program which encourages and supports landholders to provide habitat for native plants and animals on their property. It is a free program, and landholders can leave at any time. It offers a variety of benefits and more information can be found at [www.greeningaustralia.org.au/GA/QLD/OnGroundAction/our+projects/landforwildlife/](http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/GA/QLD/OnGroundAction/our+projects/landforwildlife/)

The assessor's job would suit someone with a love of the environment, likes meeting people and has a few hours a month available. They will need to be able to recognise the dominant species of the various forest types around Kuranda. Training can be given in this area. - maybe a retiree with a native garden under control (does it ever happen?) looking for a new challenge. If interested or for more information, Ph: Andrew Horn on 40 938223 or e-mail: [exec@envirocare.org.au](mailto:exec@envirocare.org.au).

### Tree of the month

This month's tree is *Aleurites rockinghamensis* or the Candlenut. Presently in flower all over the range road and on the slopes above Cairns, it is noticeable both because of its large white bunches of fragrant flowers and because the new growth leaves which accompany the flowers are dusted with a waxy white bloom. The old nuts have now dropped, almost covering the ground below the trees and are perfect for collecting. Candlenuts have very large leaves when young, providing lots of shade and growing rapidly to five or six metres within a couple of years. This makes them a great tree for rainforest revegetation and we can do with all the seeds we can get. There are two species commonly planted around Kuranda, one with a single seed or at most two, and the other with 3 to 4 seeds. This latter one, *Aleurites rockinghamensis*, the local species, has broader leaves than its close relative *Aleurites moluccana*. We'd be happy to collect any you have, especially of the 3 or 4 seeds species, or you could drop them at the nursery at 19 Kullaroo Close.

### Green Corridor (Greening the Barron) community plantings

We've had 2 community planting days at Myola and put in 700 young trees each time, working for an hour or so then having a scrumptious morning tea. How do we manage to plant so many in a short time? The holes are dug by Conservation Volunteers of Australia (CVA) the day before, and the plants are laid out in the holes. All you have to do is use a trowel to knock the plant from the pot, place it in the hole to the correct depth and backfill soil around the seedling root ball. That's it. CVA will water the seedlings in and we get a big effect in a short time! On April 21<sup>st</sup> we move across the river to **Freemans, opposite Myola site for our next community planting. See you there.**

**Every Saturday at 8am - Land care Working bees at Bottom Kowrowa and Big Sands**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, Green Corridor community planting at Freemans, opp. Myola Road site.**

Just follow the signs on Myola Rd. Call Cathy on 40 93 9926 if you need transport or directions

**Sneaker Keith Smith from E.P.A. Nature refuge covenants, other covenants, Land for Wildlife and how they all work**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7:30 - 9pm Venue: Sports and Social Club Fallon Road

Refreshments available. All welcome

**Weed of the Month - *Miconia calvescens*** and related species, introduced exotics with unlimited invasive potential. Next month, the library will be mounting a display on this pest. Report of any sighting should be made to Sid Clapton, Mareeba Shire Council on 4030 3900 as this plant may wreck irreversible havoc on our rainforests.

## Letters cont. from Page 2

### Dear Kuranda Paper,

It has been reported that staff at Kuranda were being laid off due to a downturn in visitors.

My wife and I used to visit Kuranda regularly for lunch until our last visit when we realized how overpriced the products were in relation to other areas around Cairns.

On one occasion, we were charged \$13 for a XXXX Gold and an average milkshake in a plastic cup. Not only is that price outrageous but if we had known beforehand, we would never have ordered them.

The fact there are no prices listed for any items for sale indicates that they are targeting the unsuspecting tourists and, in our case, locals.

Kuranda businesses should look at their prices before they start blaming the downturn in trade on the close of the railway line.

**Matt Juniper, Manoora.**

### Dear Kuranda Paper,

I would like to thank the Wildlife Keepers who removed the large and dangerous snakes free of charge. I have relied on them many times.

**Louise Kohn**

### Dear Kuranda Paper,

On a trip to Tasmania last year I stumbled upon an exciting new essential oil produced from a native shrub in the State's northeast. Farmer John Hood of the DuCane Estate put 13 years of research into investigating the oil's properties after he noticed a particular shrub was keeping one of his wartime wire fences from rusting in the salt-laden ocean winds. After many trials, the potent DuCane Kunzea Oil has been found to contain several anti-inflammatory and anti-asthmatic components and antiseptic, antibacterial and anti fungal compounds with a recent test having a 99.996 per cent kill rate on the resilient Golden Staph bacteria (Staph. Aureus).

John Hood says it can be used on arthritis, rheumatism, migraines, rashes, eczema, muscle aches and sciatica, leg ulcers, gout, shingles (Herpes zoster), tinea and undernail infections. In my own household, I have found it instantly takes the itch and redness out of mosquito and midge bites, and even killed the persistent scrub itch which can appear after gardening. For me this is an all round first aid kit, and even more exciting because it is Australian grown. Nature has so many healing qualities - it just takes someone's perseverance and insight to bring it to light. **Sheree Scott - For further information phone 4093 9490.**

**Ed. Opinions expressed are not those of the K.M.A.**

### Dear Kuranda Paper,

In reference to the letter in last Months Issue of the Kuranda Paper by one of Kuranda's many Astrologers, I would like to submit the following in defence of real science and the promotion of truth for the benefit particularly of the young and ill informed:

The following anecdote is often quoted: when the astronomer Edmond Halley (1656-1742), of comet fame, once spoke depreciatively on the subject of astrology, Newton is said to have berated him with the remark: "Sir Halley, I have studied the matter, you have not!"

How much value may we store in such a

testimony? The first questions that should be answered are: what is the source for this statement and what evidence is there that Newton ever "studied the matter".

### The Evidence from Newton's Writings

During the past few decades, an enormous amount of studies have been published on Newton, reaching a high-water mark during the tercentenary of the publication of Newton's *Philosophiæ naturalis principia mathematica* (1687). Many of his hitherto unpublished papers, notably those from the so-called 'Portsmouth Collection', have been edited and commented on.

However, none of these studies have turned up one shred of evidence that Newton ever conducted any research on astrology. One of the foremost Newton scholars, the English historian of science Derek Thomas Whiteside has stated that he never found any reference to astrology among the 50 million words which have been preserved from Newton's hand. Moreover, the claim that the Bodleian Library at Oxford possesses a rare treatise on astrology written by Newton has also proven to be completely unfounded.

Beware of glib quotes from purveyors of such pseudo sciences as astrology, the occult and quackery, the only certainty coming from any dealings with such people is a reduction in your hard earned money.

**Hugh Crowther Kuranda**

### Dear Kuranda Paper,

I just wanted to put in a short note to thank the Speewah Country Kitchen for the fantastic night we had for my 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. I started off with a guest list of 25 to 30 people but 2 days before the event it had grown to 56, so I was a bit panicky but fortunately Matt was most helpful and said no worries we will handle it. And DID THEY!!! The food was awesome it was just like the food you get at a 5 star Resort all laid out smorgasbord fashion with heaps of different dishes and it all tasted fantastic. Everyone who came was so impressed. So my compliments to the chef Steve, thank you the food was amazing, and thanks to Matt for being such a great host and thank you to team at the Tavern for being so friendly & making my birthday such a great night. I Totally recommend if you want to have a great party give the guys a call.

**Tanya Hodge Cairns**

### Dear Kuranda Paper,

I saw Rob Hart at the markets recently and, in conversation, remarked he should keep writing his column. He exclaimed, "Don't tell me - write to the Paper". Oh well, okay, so here goes.

First I reread the Forest Forum pseudo-non-editorial which got Rob's knickers in a twist. Apart from lambasting everything spiritual from Astrology to Zen, I still don't understand why the article was written. I've never heard of the Indigo Children, though Kuranda has attracted alternative people for decades - remember the Children of the Light? They come, they go, life continues. I'm not on the net, by the way, my only websites are all occupied by spiders. However, I did watch a fascinating programme on ABC TV about Synaesthesia, which is actually being seriously and scientifically studied internationally.

So, Rob, don't throw in the Tarots, don't stop Astro-surfing, just because of the snarky writings of some petrified old fossil who believes in nothing and won't put his name in print. I for one enjoy your column - and the Stars did accurately predict the Quinella in the last Melbourne Cup...it was up to us mere mortals to correctly interpret the signs! **Jan Fowell - Kuranda**

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**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**  
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**Invites you to Worship**  
**SUNDAY**  
 8.00am Holy Communion  
 9.30am Sung Eucharist  
 9.30am Sunday school  
 5.00pm Afternoon Worship  
 Holy Communion (April 1<sup>st</sup>)  
 Informal Praise (April 29<sup>th</sup>)  
 all other Evening Prayer  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**9.30am Holy Communion**  
**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 12.30pm Holy Communion  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7.30pm Stations of the Cross**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 9.30am Holy Communion  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday)**  
 7.30pm The Eucharist of the Last Supper  
 and Washing of Feet  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)**  
 9.30am Family Service  
 2.00pm The Liturgy (Holy Communion)  
 6.00pm Evening Prayer  
**EASTER SERVICES**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> (Easter Eve)**  
 7.30pm The Service of the Light  
 Easter Vigil Eucharist  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday)**  
 8.00am Easter Communion (BCP)  
 9.30am Easter Family Eucharist  
 11.30am Easter Communion  
 5.00pm Easter Communion  
**CAKES BOOKS AND OTHER GEAR**  
**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
**8.30am to 12.30pm**  
**ACTIVITIES**  
 Home Groups  
 Alpha  
 A life Worth Living  
 Sunday School

This month we open our Bibles and read from St Luke's Gospel Chapter 6 verses 39 to 48

We are listening to the heart of Jesus' public ministry. Every word of this passage, and of what comes before and after it in this chapter, will be relevant for human life for all time. Here Jesus communicates a vision of human life and human relationships which challenges all our normal levels of acceptance.

"Love your enemies, do good ... bless ... pray for those who abuse you." This whole passage stands like a mountain peak in the moral and ethical imagination of humanity. It is a statement of the ultimate: it is not possible to reach above or beyond it. Perhaps that is why he repeats the challenge in image after image. Loving, doing good, blessing, praying, offering the other cheek, offering one's shirt, responding to begging, - each one of these images repeats

**A THOUGHT FOR APRIL**

the demand for the ultimate moral response not merely to friend but also to enemy, to the attacker, the abuser, the thief.

The question we must ask ourselves is can we respond to this demand? All of us are quite safe in saying No! Then why does this seemingly impossible demand haunt us. Why does it continue to shine like a light in all the darkness of human experience? For two reasons. Jesus did not just say these things to us; he lived them among us. To give oneself totally? He did. To pray for those who abuse us? He did. To love one's enemies? He did. This is why this passage can never be dismissed as idle dreaming for human life. We cannot dismiss something as unreal and visionary if it becomes real in front of our eyes and walks among us as Jesus did.

The second reason this vision of human response will not go away is that there is something

in us that responds to it even if we cannot reach its ultimate heights. That something is perhaps the most wonderful and valuable element in our human nature. Saint John once spoke of it as "the light that lightened every man that cometh into the world."

It is a light that, though it can be brought very low by our own will and our own self, can never be extinguished. It is this lesser light in our lives which reaches out for the greater light which is Christ. Jesus light blinds us but we are attracted to it like a plant bending towards the light. As Isaiah said centuries before the time of Jesus, "The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light." Who are these people? We are.

Jesus shares his vision of human behaviour totally obedient to God. We cannot live this vision but it will be light and grace to us for ever.

**New Archdeacon - His Heavenly Duties**

Chris Wright Anglican priest in Kuranda has recently been appointed Archdeacon of North Queensland. It means that Chris who still will be based in Kuranda will have some more responsibilities in the Anglican Diocese that stretches from South of Sarina to the PN-G border and from the coast to the Northern Territory order

What then is an Archdeacon? In the Anglican Church the Archdeacon shares with the Bishop's (Chief Pastor) ministry of oversight in the Diocese. The Archdeacon holds a brief for the Bishop in the policy making committees of the diocese. The Archdeacon is therefore generally occupied in practical issues such as clergy housing, reordering of church interiors and the wellbeing of Clergy. An Archdeacon is a senior priest who has experience of the Diocese and who brings his knowledge of local situations to the notice of the Bishop.

The Archdeacon shares the Visitatorial powers of the Bishop. The Archdeacon also assists the Bishop by visiting the parochial clergy to encourage, challenge and support clergy and lay leaders in the continual development of their ministries and the effectiveness of their mission. The Archdeacon represents the Bishop and Diocese.

**CHRISTIAN:** *n.* One who believes that the New Testament is a divinely inspired book admirably suited to the spiritual needs of his neighbor. One who follows the teachings of Christ in so far as they are not inconsistent with a life of sin.

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Every morning is the dawn of a new error

**MIRACLE,** *n.* An act or event out of the order of nature and unaccountable, as beating a normal hand of four kings and an ace with four aces and a king.

**HEAVEN,** *n.* A place where the wicked cease from troubling you with talk of their personal affairs, and the good listen with attention while you expound your own.

**THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH**

*"All the virtues must be taught in the family. The integrity of the family bond must be constantly considered. The earth is one household and the nativity of all humanity."*

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

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## Australia Day Awards

By Sue McArthur, Recipient

I received a letter from the Australia Day committee, advising that I had been nominated for an award at the ceremony in Mareeba on Australia Day. Why? And who nominated me? Council advised that the award was the Senior Community Service Award. It finally twigged that the little green ticks I put on financial accounts of volunteer committees were responsible.

SO - I AM PROUD TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD ON BEHALF OF ALL THE KURANDA VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES. THIS IS YOUR AWARD, NOT MINE. I AM HAPPY TO ACCEPT YOUR THANKS FOR THE LITTLE GREEN TICKS, I WOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT IF YOU WEREN'T OUT THERE, VOLUNTEERING YOURSELVES, NOT ON A YEARLY BASIS, BUT EVERY DAY.

My little "Green Ticks" go to the Koah Fire Brigade, Speewah Fire Brigade, Chlosey Region Fire Brigade, Kuranda Media, Kuranda Amphitheatre, Speewah Residents Association, Cairns Dutch Club, Kassowary Circus (keeping our kids fit), Kuranda Bowls Club, Sports and Social Club, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Please be advised that the Senior Mrs. McArthur has now retired from the position of Approved Auditor.

I am happy to advise Committees on how to have unqualified but experienced persons represent them to the Office of Fair Trading, and may your future 'green ticks' be benign.

## Forest Forums - by the Fossils

Looks like the Forest Forums are working judging by the correspondence and interest being generated. The purpose of the Forest Forum is to ask questions, challenge and galvanize readers' response. In reply to a rather splenetic letter from an interested and concerned reader, the Fossils would be interested in what specific statements in the March Forum, he takes umbrage with. YES, we do try to verify our sources and facts and NO, the Forum's authors will remain anonymous as their effort is collaborative and sources for its ideas expect confidentiality. It is interesting to note that neither Chamber meetings nor KVVP meetings are advertised in the Community Calendar!

Passing odd how the super-heroes of screen, sport and song dominate our media, public recognition and civic awards. Shades of ancient Rome when whores renowned and killing-machine gladiators were the names on every citizens' lips and bought the public to their feet when entering the Coliseum. O tempora, O mores!

However we wish to sing the praises of the unknown, the unrecognized, the sinews of our society - the ordinary folk who toil unnoticed and give their time and energies to so many causes

Here's to the Mums and Dads that contribute their time and energies to their children's schools, tuckshops, extra-curriculum activities and fund raisers This not only for their own children but for the benefit of all.

And to the volunteers who play such vital roles keeping alive so many organizations that benefit so many. The SES, CWA, Ambulance, Sports and Recreation Clubs, the Arts Collective, the Neighbourhood Centre, the Information Centre, Envirocare, the Garden Club, Possums Op Shop - the list goes on.

And to individuals who through their own efforts galvanise and grow and inspire the efforts of others - Jax so long the driving force for Envirocare and Pam at Batreach.

These folk are the true heroes! Rather tragic then when persons who seemingly contribute little in way of time or energies to any community activity sit on the sidelines and criticize. One has only to listen for anytime at Kuranda coffee shops to hear the dirt dished on the efforts of people who have made the effort to become involved, to give time and energies to projects that benefit all. Next time, ask the speaker to share their contribution to the community. You'll probably be deafened by the silence!

### THE UNDERSTAGE ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

In the blackest of our forest nights  
The leprechauns came out to dance  
And when they paused to take a rest  
The builder did his King Kong prance  
'n the beret swayed behind her pert breasts;  
Others went barefoot or donned silly hats  
Like the wood-smith and his German muse.  
While the village rose wore blue shoes  
And the cute sandwich lady dressed in red  
Were more of those who paid their dues.  
And the band played on to steal  
The show with an energy matched only  
By the exchange of gossip 'n pick-up lines  
Or roll-your-owns wafting through the throng  
Of loosed inhibitions primed on cheap red wine.  
And when gills were finally green as clothes  
The music stopped to send everyone home;  
And the leprechauns, witches and goblins few  
Begged for rides and reunions, to rekindle  
This magic night that just grew and grew.

G. I. Blewitt



## ANZAC DAY 2007

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 0500 Service at the Kuranda Railway Station
- 1015-1030 Marchers assemble in Thongon Street in front of the Post Office
- 1030 March to Centenary Park via Coondoo Street
- 1030 ANZAC Day ceremony in Centenary Park



Members of the public are invited to attend both ceremonies and are invited to lay wreaths in Centenary Park during the ceremony. Both schools and community groups etc. are invited to march in their respective groups at 1030.



Lend a Hand

### WHAT ARE ROTARY'S GOALS?

Every year the Kuranda Rotary Club takes part in the BOWELSCAN Project. Through this one project lives have been saved by early detection and treatment of Bowel Cancer. This project will again be part of our agenda this year, look for the posters and information at Kuranda Pharmacy.

Rotary is also working together with International organizations to

eradicate POLIO FROM THE PLANET. Unfortunately there are still four countries where outbreaks occur. These outbreaks are due to several reasons: hygiene, dirty water, lack of community awareness and the accumulating of slums and garbage.

Our Kuranda Club is still forging ahead with the purchase of a Shelterbox to contribute to any disaster relief, such as in New Guinea a few months ago, violent civil unrest in Timor Leste, cyclone Larry in Innisfail etc.

Customer Service Awards will be announced after Easter. Yours in Rotary,  
Valarie J. Birchall  
Secretary.

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# Garden Jottings

by Alectura

## Things to consider this month:

**April 2007.** With continued heavy rains some gardeners are reporting deaths of various plants particularly recently planted trees and shrubs. Check for drainage as planting holes in heavy to clay soils take considerable time to drain and roots drown. Planting in these areas, it may be better to loosen soil with mattock or crowbar to allow easier root penetration and then build up mound above broken surface and plant into raised mound. Remember that more rapid drying will take place in these plantings and watering will be required until planting is established. Care also needs to be taken with potted plants as exposure to heavy rains may pack soil leading to death of plant. Prolonged rains with high humidity makes it next to impossible to hold Mediterranean and many South African plants so beloved of incomers from the South. These plants coming from areas with hot, dry summers and cold wet winters and are often silver/grey leafed such as the lavenders, Proteas and Leucadendrons.



The wise gardener will have already mulched so soil compaction and erosion should be minimal. Hopefully with rains tapering off towards the end of the month, consideration should be given to application of a good general fertilizer to all plantings as leaching of nutrients and trace elements is extremely high.

**Plant of the month: Brownea - Leguminosae.** These shrubs and small trees to 7m are gems of the plant world. Coming from tropical parts of the Americas and usually of sprawling habit, their slow growth, poor seed set and particular requirements lead to their relative scarcity. They require warm, frost-free sheltered, well drained spots with attention to watering during the drier months. Their beauty lies in the magnificent flushes of translucent pinkish-brown new growth and the huge rounded clusters of flowers on trunk and along the branches. Sometimes available are *Brownea grandiceps* and *B. latifolia*. The former may have leaves to nearly a metre in length in 5 to 11 pairs with long clustered tubed flowers deep pink to red. Careful staking and pruning to shape will allow better viewing of the pendant flower clusters. *B. latifolia*, somewhat smaller in growth and with more pendant growth habit. flowers Any species available are worth growing and their slow growth habit makes these something to plant now for future enjoyment. *Browneopsis ucalina*, a close relative but possibly not yet available in Australia, has even more spectacular new leaf flushes and will prove a most desirable introduction. New Growth may be seen at: <http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/load/tropical/msg0520030818874.html?5>

**Native: Phaleria clerodendron** is a desirable upright columnar tree to 7m with small glossy green leaves and pure white tubular highly perfumed flowers emerging from trunk and branches followed by large glowing red fruits, unfortunately not edible but highly relished by cassowaries. Moisture loving but fairly hardy when established this small tree will take full sun but prefers some shading with flowering usually in flushes following rains. Seldom seen but as desirable is the smaller to 2m shrub *Phaleria* with clusters of white fragrant flowers and dark red showy bunches of fruit. Easily grown and a useful under-storey planting. Sometimes known as the Native Daphne, these two should not be confused with another native **Pittosporum undulatum** also called the Native Daphne -. a good example of how a "common name" may lead to confusion in plant selection. The latter has considerable weed potential as its berries are eaten and spread by birds with seed germinating very easily and is an opportunistic, aggressive coloniser of disturbed areas enriched by run-off, and outcompetes other native plants. *Pittosporum undulatum* may grow to 12m and has larger dark green glossy leaves, somewhat pungent and flowers in spring with large terminals of creamy white fragrant flowers, followed by reddish berries each containing 20-25 orange red seeds.

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

## Green Memories

Gone to the Great Garden in the sky is Harold Austin who worked as porter and gardener at Kuranda Station from 1974 to 1979. His untiring efforts, not just confined to working hours, helped develop the gardens at Kuranda Railway Station to worldwide renown. Harold died recently aged 92 at Gordonvale Hospital. He leaves behind his daughter Lyn Nesbit and son John and many great and great grandchildren.

Harold's memory lives on in the place and plants he so loved.

## Open Garden

Mark this in your diary!- An artist's garden! For the first time, **April 14-15<sup>th</sup>** the Bosworth garden designed by famed Kuranda porcelain artist, is open to the public under the Australian Open Garden Scheme. This garden with superb tropical plantings and many different Anthuriums is at 36 Butler Drive Kuranda and is open **10am -4.30pm** both days. Admission \$5.00. On site refreshments, plant stalls and a display of local art. Definitely worth a visit.

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## Kuranda Group Starts Certificate Course



A group of Kuranda residents have started the Certificate II in Community Services course at the Kuranda QITE facility on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

The training will give them a range of employment opportunities in and around the Kuranda community.

"Participants do not have to be registered with QITE to access our professional training programmes," QITE CEO Katrina Spies said.

Ms Spies also said that "QITE's Training Services provides a wide range of training courses that are accessible to local communities."

"Participants in the Kuranda Community Services Course have undertaken the training in order to have qualifications for more job opportunities.

"Our participants have shown that they want to learn more and reach goals including training and completion in courses that could lead them to employment in

various positions."

QITE Training Services co-ordinator, Natasha Taylor, said "Participants also improve their self esteem and sense of achievement once they have completed the QITE training courses which offer a whole range of personal and community benefits."

"As one of the largest training entities across the region, our offices can provide personal training for job seekers and those people seeking to improve their skills and employability as well as training for business and industry."

Ms Taylor added that, "QITE works closely with business operators and industry across the region to develop training programs to suit specific needs."

"Our industry specific courses can be arranged to take place at our premises, or on the premises of local business."

"Enterprise operators who wish to further develop their staff's skills should arrange training courses by phoning (07) 4092 9700."

**KURANDA GROUP PIC CAPTION:** Participants in the Kuranda based Certificate II in Community Services Work are keen to progress their skills.

They are (back row, from left) Vivienne Donahue, Noela Donahue, Sherral Snider, Lynette Deshong (front row) Esther Williams, Delena Riley, Narelle Cannon, Sheila Brim and course instructor Jakki Bird. Other participants Maria Richards, Andrea Donahue and Leandra Cannon were absent from this photograph.

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# QCWA KURANDA

Here it is - almost April - where do the days go? Our branch is busy with various projects including weekly craft and social mornings, community projects and preparing for a busy time from June through July once again.

In March, we hosted a morning tea for the Atherton Seniors Assoc. 57 hungry people who climbed out of their bus, enjoyed platters of freshly made sandwiches and home made cakes, biscuits etc. then clambered back onto the bus for a trip to the Australian Bird Park. This group booked a morning tea with us last September so apparently they were happy with our service.

We also held a Rummage Sale in March and we thank those people in the local community who come along to support and help us to keep our Treasurer happy! Fund raising is always necessary in order to maintain our Community Hall in good condition and also for our community projects.

Our craft days have been well attended with a nice number of people coming along each Wednesday morning to learn a craft, show a craft or just socialise for the morning with a cuppa, a biscuit or two and a natter with friends. The last week in the month is a full day lesson in a selected craft - February's lesson was fabric weaving and a ripping (literally) good time was had by all. March lesson day dealt with Shadow Trapunto with interested crafters enjoying a class in this pretty craft. Other crafts being taught are beading, card making, various embroidery stitches, patchwork, naïve appliqué to name a few.

Despite the rainy weather, our members have been driving up and down the range to attend Division Handcraft meetings and lesson days, Executive meetings and other branch activities from Tully to Mossman - including Division Cent Sale, Irish Day Concert on March 17. Our QCWA year will get progressively busier for members as July approaches with International Day in May, Divisional Finals in June and then QCWA displays at Innisfail and Cairns local shows.

Why don't you come along and join our friendly group - learn a craft, teach a craft or just come along for a bit of social time - have a cuppa - we would like to see you. Our Rummage Room is open to the public on these days.

For further information phone: 4093 7016 or 40937393.

The QCWA hall is available for hire both on a regular basis and for those "one off" occasions please contact our Hall Convener, Sarah MacPherson on 4093 7599. (catering is available at a reasonable rate for meetings, seminars etc.)

## Tourism Rail Closure Will Have An Effect

News that there would be an enforced two months extension on the closure of regular tourist train services from Cairns to Kuranda was disappointing and could pose some considerable detriment to the economy of Kuranda township. Kuranda Village Promotion Program chairman Fr Chris Wright said.

However, the KVPP chairman was quick to point out that while the tourist passenger train services suspension for three months following a major rockfall on the scenic rail route last month, safety was of paramount importance and there should be no compromise to the safety of the travellers.

The stark reality is up to 700 passengers per day who normally visit the world famous mountain destination by train now would have to find alternative means of transport. On behalf of Kuranda's tourism operators and the community, I would like to recognise the efforts of Skyrail and the many bus operators who have made every effort to ensure that visitor numbers to Kuranda have not been drastically reduced.

He also praised the efforts of Queensland Rail. The construction of a tunnel to traverse the section of line offers a good long term solution. The Cairns-Kuranda Scenic Railway is one of the worlds greatest short train journeys, a closure of regular services will have some detrimental impact, however, all parties should be commended highly for their focus and efforts to work together to overcome the current difficulties." Fr Wright said.

## Chamber of Commerce

The Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Annual General Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007 was well attended and I thank all the participants.

Gary Young, from Queensland Railways was a guest speaker and stated the Qld Railways' commitment to have the train "back on track" in the shortest possible time, taking into account the difficulties of safety regulations and engineering challenges.

Thank you to the Mareeba Shire Councillors who attended the meeting: Cr Mick Borzi AM OBE, Cr Evan Mc Grath OAM, Cr Gaye Taylor, Cr Elayne Bird, Cr Vince Randazzo. Cr Mick Borzi congratulated the outgoing committee for the constructive relationship between the Chamber and the Council, mentioning in particular the outgoing President Ross Breadsell for his positive contribution.

The new KCCT elected Committee is:

President: John Collingwood  
Vice-President: Barry Smith  
Treasurer: Steve Dominikovic  
Secretary: Peter Stein

The KCCT Executive Committee will endeavour to give total commitment to the Kuranda Businesses and to project a long term vision of unity towards a successful future for Kuranda and the region.

Every business is presently going through difficult times and we are working with the Mareeba Shire Council towards presenting a submission to the State and Federal Governments for any help that they may be able to provide. We will keep you informed as progresses occur.

We encourage businesses that have not yet provided their email and business details to the Chamber of Commerce secretary, do so at their earliest convenience, as email is a quick and effective way to communicate. The email address is: kcct@kuranda.org. We thank you in anticipation.

We welcome to Kuranda some new businesses: Gifts from Kuranda managed by Fiona Lane; The Opal Cave managed by Brad Remmer; Made by Man managed by John Travers and Tantrika managed by Richard Watkinson and Candice Walsh. We wish them a great success.

With kind regards,  
**John Collingwood President**

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# Astro-surfing with Rob Hart

Many thanks to all the people who contacted me through the month asking me to keep writing the column. Lets hope the gremlins are restrained this month and it remains readable. Finally, after several months of intense Astro activity April is relatively peaceful. Sighs of relief all round.

The 6<sup>th</sup> April is a great day for any water sports or water action. Anything from skin diving to clearing the storm drains will go well today. On another level focused actions of forgiveness and tolerances will have a powerful effect. Love in action is the key.

On the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> April the stars are aligned in a grand fire trine, so any fire rituals or celebrations will have a powerful impact. A time of cleansing re-energizing and earthing spirit-fire. Fire-centred gatherings should be enlightening. Over the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> the energies are perfect for putting creative ideas into action. Fire up!

Then on the 11<sup>th</sup> its high powered communication time. Phone calls, visits, emails will be firing off full of energy and enthusiasm. If you want to get your point across, today's the day, but be prepared for some vigorous debate.

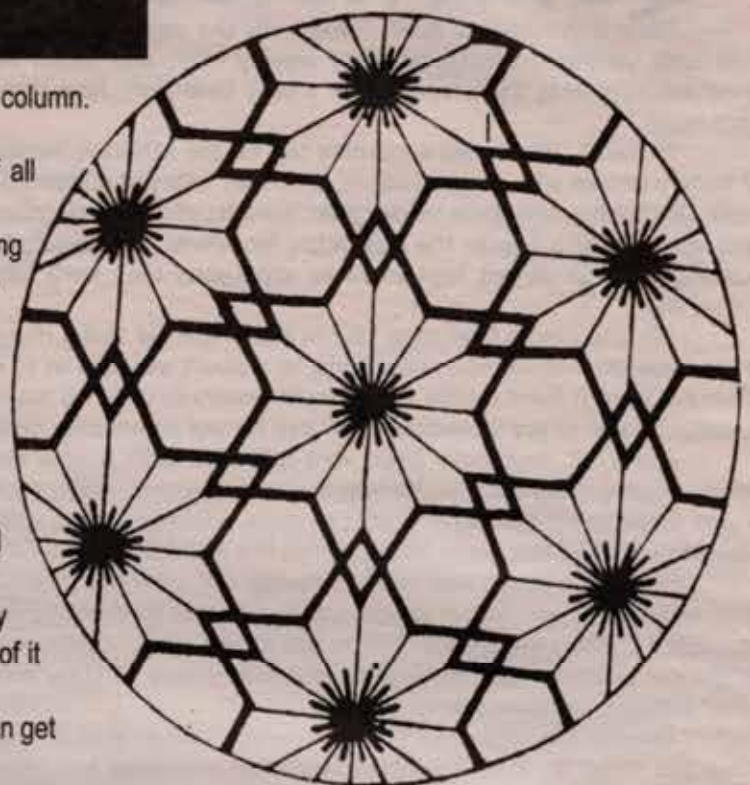
Next day, 12<sup>th</sup> April Venus dances into Gemini. This is sparkling, love, fun, beauty. All the really good things. It's a dancin' day, a party night – seductive, poetic and romantic. Just don't take any of it seriously. Keep it light and fun and you'll love what happens today.

Saturn starts to move forward again on 20<sup>th</sup> April, so any projects that have been stuck in the mud, can get moving again. At last!

So that's it. Nothing too serious or earth-shaking in April, let's enjoy the April showers and the nice cool weather.

Happy star gazing.

Rob Hart





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### HOME TREATMENTS: FEET AND FOOT CARE

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#### FOOT SOAKS:

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

- FOR A SOUND AND RESTFUL SLEEP – Massage the feet with warm sesame oil or ghee. Then soak the feet in a hot herbal foot bath prepared with warming herbs and spices, such as ginger.
- HEALING THE SKIN – Try a warm foot bath prepared with strongly brewed marigold.
- FOR HARD SKIN – Massage the feet with sesame oil, then submerge them in a hot foot bath of mustard or ginger tea solution. Prepare the solution by mixing a small teaspoon of ginger or mustard powder in one pint of boiling water. Add to the bath. Allow the feet to get bright red, then scrub them with a loofah or pumice stone. (For cracked heels, massage in a paste of nutmeg and milk or apply a castor oil poultice.)
- FOR SWEATY FEET – Submerge your feet in warm water with equal amounts of essential oil lavender and sage, or juniper and cypress. Use 6 to 9 drops per 21/2 pints of water.
- MORE FOOT TREATMENTS NEXT MONTH.

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3. Avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat by simply using the sink.

4. For high blood pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure in your veins.

Remember to use timer.

5. A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.

6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.

7. Have a bad toothache? Smash your thumb with a hammer and you will forget about the toothache.

8. Sometimes, we just need to remember what the rules of life really are. You only need two tools: WD-40 and Duct Tape.

- If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40.
- If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

And remember...

- Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
- Never pass up an opportunity to go to the bathroom.
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# Australian Tarantulas

Australian tarantulas are large, hairy and venomous. They live on the ground and are some of the oldest spiders in the world belonging to the Theraphosidae family.

Whilst many people call Australian tarantulas Bird-eating spiders they do not eat birds, they are ground dwelling and mainly insectivorous. Whistling spider, is a more correct terminology, as they can produce noise rubbing their mouthparts together. South American Tarantulas rub their legs together shedding off irritable hairs.

To date there has been no recorded deaths to humans, but the invertebrate world is still largely undiscovered. A new species may be discovered that does possess venom deadly to humans.

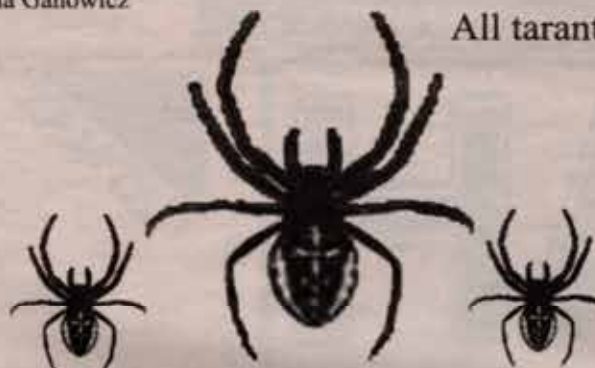
Tarantula venom is used in medicines that cure cardiac arrhythmia, heart palpitation and has an enzyme than can lessen the effects of stroke. This may seem like new technology, but the Chinese have their own type of tarantula that they have used its products in herbalistic medicines for 2.5 thousand years.

Come and see Australian Tarantulas at the Australian Venom Zoo, Kuranda and do a guided tour with one of our experienced venomous animal handlers.

Ania Ganowicz

All tarantulas have:

- sensitive hairs
- cluster of 8 eyes
- pair of fangs
- pair of pedipalps
- 8 legs with retractable hooks
- spinnerettes



## A Short Story by Robin Dods

### *DARK JUNGLE AND HAUNTING MUSIC*


This was at one of the smaller, yet beautiful temples, Tah Prohm, about a four kilometer walk from the massive Cambodian temple Ankor Wat. An American team had chosen Tah Prohm to make a night time film of classical Cambodian dancing. It was an excellent choice of site. Before the jungle took over this site was part of a courtyard with a stone balustrade running along the back, but now this balustrade was crushed at both ends by two silk cotton trees each twenty feet in diameter.

A large carpet was laid between the two trees and on this carpet two beautifully dressed dancers, a boy and a girl both in their early twenties, were rehearsing their dance. There was not much activity with the American team setting up sound equipment, lights and camera. A long way away was a generator, far enough away that the sound of it could not be heard where the filming was to take place.

And there were the music makers, about eight of them including the vocals. There was a man in the middle of a three quarter circle composed of small cymbal like instruments with dimples on the top, there was a man with a double ended horizontal drum that he was playing with his hands, there was another man with a flute and another with a squeeze box, and amongst them the vocals. Men and women. Suddenly there was blackness! The generator had ceased.

The Americans disappeared with their torches in the direction of the generator, and we were left in the dark. And when I say dark I mean dark, dark, dark. Not only was it dark but it was silent - for a while. Then one by one and quietly the singers started singing, and soon, also quietly, the musicians started playing. The music was classical to begin with, but after a while it started to change. They were improvising. Enjoying themselves. The result was a very strange, very haunting music. Helped by the utter blackness, the jungle and the sacred setting, I was haunted by it. It haunted me for weeks.

Like all good things this experience didn't last forever. The generator was fixed, the light came on, there was much movement, loud American voices, and I left. I returned in the dark to my "home" at the base of the massive Ankor Wat and climbed into my sleeping bag, where I lay for ages unable to sleep for several hours while I played back in my mind that strange haunting music.



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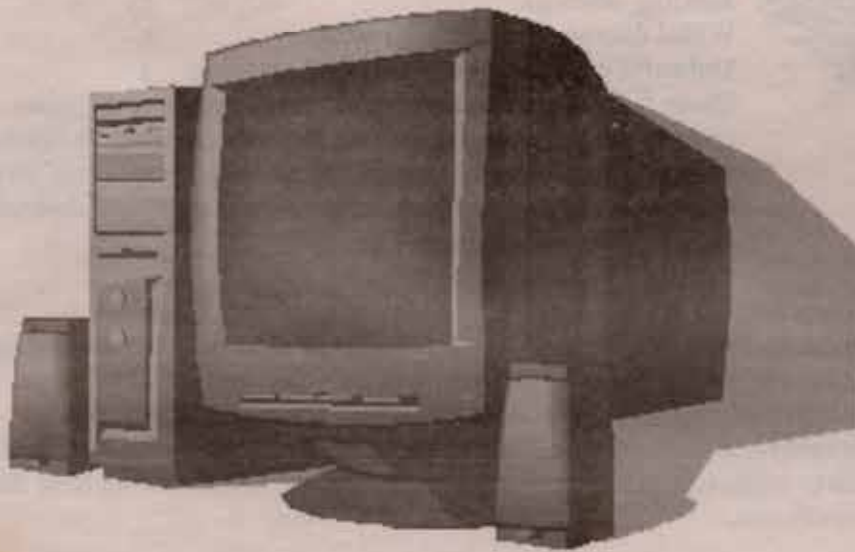
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THE WORD from Matty

Well Highlanders it's that time again to have a word with you about the **Speewah Country Kitchen**. We've had a great month meeting a lot of new faces who have come in to try our superb tasting lunches & dinners. We are getting to know our regulars better but there are still a lot more of you who we haven't seen yet, so get off your butts & get down here! I assure you it will be worth the effort. Our food is prepared by an award winning chef and as our patrons have said, "the food is excellent" and the service is "just dandy". There is a lot of effort being put into creating a new atmosphere & you will be pleasantly surprised with the changes we are making. Just recently we had the interior of the tavern painted & you can now sit along the front balcony & eat and not be disturbed by smoking—we still have the back area for the smokers with open air & the forest close by. I'd say one of the best smoking areas around! So, if you haven't been in lately, come & check it out.

OK, food talk. We've **started the Sunday roasts** again last weekend, which went down well (our food always goes down well...ha ha). And the day we started our roasts we **started our desserts**. So, not only are you getting those awesome dinners you can top it off with a delightful dessert & a choice of coffees. If you haven't heard we are also **available for birthday parties**, functions, weddings; you name it we'll do it! So, give us a call or pop in for a chat. We are very accommodating and I'm sure we'll be able to satisfy most of your wants.

We had a 30th birthday party a couple of weeks ago with 60 odd guests & put on a hot & cold buffet for \$18 a head and \$9 for kids. Everyone had a ball & was amazed at the quality & presentation of the food. The Tavern hasn't seen this type of quality & presentation before. We may be a country kitchen but I can tell you we put on a damn fine shin dig! It's what you should expect from the skills & experience of our chef, Steve, & our very likeable host (ha ha guess who's writing this article!) Matty.

So, Highlanders & others I hope to see you visit the Tavern for a beer & a feed in the kitchen. Bring the kids there's heaps of area to run around & play while you have something to eat & drink. As I said earlier we're making the effort to give you great food & an enjoyable place to hang out with friends or family, so you make the effort & support us with your patronage.

For those who didn't know the **Tavern has Accommodation** so call if u want to book a room.

Mary, our sweet **Cut 77 hairdresser** has been rather busy so make sure u book ahead if possible.

The **General store** will only be **open from 8 til 10 am on Good Friday**.

**The Tavern is closed Good Friday.** Cheers for now, See you at Easter or we will talk to you next month or when you come in for a drink & or a feed !!!!! Later.....

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Break & enters (year to date)	8
Stealing offences	13
Wilful damage (including graffiti)	5
Unlawful use of motor vehicle (car stealing)	3

These figures are for offences attended by Kuranda police, in & around the Kuranda area which includes Speewah & Koah. Unlawful use of motor vehicle can be either "joyriding" as some say, when you get your car back, or actually taking your motorbike & riding off into the sunset.

As you can see, we have a surge in vehicle theft.

Obviously, such a surge as this would be seen as a meteoric fall in Cairns, but we like to keep on top of things, as the actress said to the bishop. Or is that the other way round?

Just a little boring blurb coming up - go & make a cup of tea while I do this bit.....

Crime prevention is everyone's job, though some of us get paid a bit more for it than others. Anything you can do to make things harder (or less easy, in most cases) for the little darling criminals may be significant.

Lock your car - take the keys out, for Pete's sake (Pete compiles the crime statistics for us) - don't leave valuables in plain view - don't leave your car in the parking bays outside the police station ('cos I need a spot. Thanks).

Now for more "Beyond Tomorrow" stuff.

We now have a mobile DNA unit which we can take to crime scenes, just like in CSI Miami.

Obviously, we have a lot less murders here, but we do have plenty of palm trees. Apparently you put in bits of blood & bone & Voila! It prints out the name, address & picture of the criminal. And the name of the actor who they'd like to play them on TV. George Sanders in my case, I think. And if you don't know who George Sanders is then you can do a bit of detective work yourself. And he's no relation to Colonel Sanders as far as I know.

As you've probably guessed, that's my April fool bit, but if it doesn't come out on April 1st, that makes me the fool, doesn't it?

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**New Premises News:** As many of you will have noticed, building work on our premises-to-be at 6 Rob Veivers Drive has now started. We hope to be operating from there before the end of this year, and look forward to the opportunities that such an enormous improvement in our facilities will provide including for example: regular visiting services from Cairns/Mareeba providing information and advice; suitable venue available for local organizations and groups to use, group training room for talks and presentations; visiting counselling services; support groups; specialized cooking programs; children's play area and/or playgroup.

**Job Changes at KNC:** Although applications have now closed for the family support worker position, my decision to resign from KNC and return to crisis work within the women's sector in Cairns has resulted in a new hunt - this time for a full-time (38 hours/week) coordinator for KNC. The possibility of having a full-time coordinator has come about due to an increase in Dept Communities funding to provide KNC with full-time Centre coordination.

So, look out for all the new faces at KNC this month, and an overall increase in paid staff that will allow KNC's offices and community services to be open longer hours than at present.

**Rummage Boutique:** Still doing great business, thanks to the brilliant job our volunteers do at keeping all the stock organized, priced, and so attractively displayed. We've got plenty of new donations of op shop stock and books, so pop in and see what we've got.

**Thanks to All:** My last article for KNC, so just wanted to say a big thank you and goodbye to everybody that's supported the Neighbourhood Centre over the years and that I've had the pleasure to get to know in the last 3 years that I've been working here. I feel truly blessed to have met such interesting and amazing people. As wild horses wouldn't drag me away from Kuranda as a place to live (been here 17 years to date!), I'm sure I'll run into many of you again, so thanks again and see you around!

Have a great month!

Vicki Donovan KNC Coordinator

**It is with regret** that Management of KNC has accepted the resignation of the Co-ordinator Vicki Donovan.

Vicki has with her usual generous spirit supported the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre for over 3 years in various capacities, bringing us right up to the moment when we can see the new premises becoming a reality. Vicki volunteered on Management initially, then worked part time assisting the previous Co-ordinator. When this position became vacant she applied her wide experience and talents to ensuring that KNC was an effect team offering a supportive and creative service to the community. When all the new positions have been finalised we will announce a farewell dinner for Vicki to which all are welcome. In the meantime we wish Vicki well in her new endeavours.

Krishna Buhler (Pres. KNC.)

#### Up Before It's Down

**BEFORE:** the new Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre house renovations have begun. The house in the picture is positioned between the Butterfly Sanctuary and the Markets, directly opposite the Information Centre and park. The house has already been lowered and extensions at the back will begin shortly. An exciting time for Kuranda! This project is being funded by the State Department of Community Services.



#### SOLANUM/WILD TOBACCO STUDY.

This project was a partnership between the bat hospital, CSIRO, Tablelands National Park Volunteers, and Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service. With funding from Natural Heritage Trust and Environmental Protection Authority we were able to employ 2 volunteer coordinators, Lisa Dwyer and Ceinwen Edwards to simulate about 2500 'mock bat' foraging events. Spectacled flying foxes do definitely acquire ticks while feeding on wild tobacco bushes. A paper will be published in the near future.

Dennis, A.J., Maclean, J., Edwards, C and Dyer, L. (In Prep.). Complex ecological impacts on exotic weeds on native fauna: the case of spectacled flying-foxes, introduced Solanum and paralysis ticks in northern Australia for Conservation Biology.

The next step is a project to look at when solanum has ripe fruit over the course of the year, in its various microclimates across the Atherton Tablelands. This information will help us provide herbicide spraying recommendations to local government for this noxious pest plant. Unfortunately solanum fruit is an important food source for many animals, and so it is not a clear-cut solution to try to eradicate it from the Tablelands. Nor would it be easily done, as it occurs very widely and propagates itself very readily.

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# the Arts page

## street art?



Take the Kuranda ART tour and you can see at least 3 of these illuminating objects burning all DAY long in Coondoo St. just past the police station. Well they must be art, otherwise why would the people of Kuranda tolerate such a waste of electricity in these times of global warming. All our personal energy saving efforts would seem futile if this was not the case. Why burn electric lights all day long, when we can see abundant light pollution all night long in Kuranda. - seren

### PUBLIC ART IN KURANDA

BY JULIE WILSON-FOSTER

I am writing as a concerned resident of Kuranda and an artist who was involved in the refurbishment of Coondoo St, Kuranda.

Have you walked around the village lately? Or taken some visitors for the royal tour and noticed the condition of our Public ART? When friends or business associates arrive here in Kuranda for a visit, it always ends up with a hike around the village and an ART tour... I have to say; I am now becoming embarrassed to go on the ART tour.

Our PUBLIC ART is falling into disrepair...it is falling apart! No! I am not joking. The Artwork by Peter Potter, installed on the corner of Coondoo and Thongon Sts, just outside



The damaged artwork at Jilli Binna which has now been totally replaced by a cement slab

of the top pub, has a series of missing tiles, possibly replaceable at this time if attended to promptly, and if not, the work will only become a target for those who like and enjoy vandalising.

The collaborative artwork by artists Coralie Wason, Monica Brim, Stacy Riley, outside of Jilli Binna is now looking unrepairable.... Missing pieces in the ceramic work have been filled in with concrete and there are new holes with shockingly sharp edges on which one could cut him or herself...or trip upon. What we have here is the possibility of someone being badly hurt and suing our shire, thus costing rate payer's money to defend what could have been easily repaired.

Move down the same side of the Street to the collaborative artworks by Lynette Snider, Zane Saunders, Coralie Wason, outside of the Australis Art Gallery and you will experience the same thing. What started off as a few missing pieces creating a small hole in the artwork, has now turned into rather a large hole and it has been reported that there has been some kids helping to create a bigger problem by kicking at the damage.

The concerned Australis Art Gallery owners, Claudia and John Collingwood also reported the damage of the artworks to the Mareeba Shire Council, with no satisfactory response at this date, apart from an offer to cement the damaged area.

Even my recycled railway balustrade public artwork at the bottom pub is under debate as it has been allowed



Balustrade made from railway iron over 120 years old, being used as a support for a bare metal and canvas canopy!

to be used as a support for a canopy by the shire. Firstly the work was never intended for this purpose and secondly this is a defacing of public artwork.

I have also emailed Noel Briggs, the CEO for the Mareeba Shire Council telling him of my concerns, and I say with disappointment I have had no response thus far as we go to print. I enclose Mr Noel Briggs email address for those of you who also feel the need to respond to this deterioration of our public artworks. ceo@msc.qld.gov.au

At the time of going to print, the damaged artwork outside of Jilli Binna has been removed and replaced with cement. Let's hope that the remainder of our public artwork does not meet the same fate.

### KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

#### Annual General Meeting

The Kuranda Arts Co-op AGM was held at the gallery on Saturday, 18th February. There was a good attendance by members and in the usual Co-op fashion some good wine and delicious food was consumed along with the formal procedures. (Sometimes we wonder why the Co-op's artists don't go into the catering business as the artistic presentation of prepared platters at any of our functions always receive such accolades.)

The current office bearers were re-appointed unopposed :

- Mollie Bosworth, Chairperson;
- Jana Iriyardi, Treasurer;
- Robyn King retained the Secretary's position.

The members expressed their sincere thanks and confidence in these three hardworking members, together with the assistance given by Terry Eager, Toni Rogers, many of the members, and our volunteers.

#### 10 year Anniversary

This year the Arts Co-operative will achieve its 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Management Committee and members are preparing for a celebratory function sometime around July. This column will raise the awareness of the celebration in each edition of the paper prior to a date being set as we do not want anyone to say that they did not know that it was on. This is really a wonderful achievement for a Co-operative. The Kuranda Arts Co-operative is proud to say that we have outlasted many businesses in the village. We have travelled on many a bumpy road, and at times it has been wondered whether we would make the grade, but the proof is in the pudding, and we all feel very proud. Watch this space for updates on this anniversary event.

#### The Sad Passing of Brian Sager

The Arts Co-operative was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Brian Sager. Brian gave the Kuranda Arts Co-operative much attention and publicity in his regular column in the Tableland newspapers. We greatly appreciated his focus on the arts in the region, including the performing arts, publications and art exhibitions. Brian will be sadly missed and the members of the Arts Co-op extend deepest sympathy to his family.

#### New artist members

We are pleased to have welcomed a number of new artists to the Co-op in the past twelve months. A few have returned after a break away, some returning to live again in this little piece of paradise. Our newest member is Richard Mustchin, a basket weaver since 1980 and we feature Richard's talents this month.

#### Cantata Alert

This is the weekend for you to experience the new Cantata, 'Holy Spirit, Breath of God', having its premiere performance in Kuranda. The Seventh Day Adventist Hall is the venue for the performance at 8pm this Friday, 30th March. It is your opportunity to enjoy a large choir and also hear the superb solo voices of Peter Axford, Julia Brant, Maree Henriksen, Richard Holt and Ben Stock. Two flutes, clarinet and bongos support the piano to accompany the choir. There is no admission charge. A donation towards our expenses would be appreciated. For further information phone 4093 0303.

Richard's basketmaking career began in the early 1980's in New Zealand where he designed and wove heavy duty indoor/outdoor basketry for the handcraft and nursery outlets around that country. By 1985 he had developed a homebased industry employing neighbours and friends and supplying 150 shops and garden centers, craft cafes and cane specialists.

Over the next five years the imported cane supply varied in price and availability, so he travelled each year to North Queensland to harvest the 'lawyer cane' that grows in the tropical rainforest. With this larger material, he wove much bigger and spectacular baskets, often for a special order or requirement.

Since 2000 Richard has travelled Australia extensively and has produced several hundred woven pieces, many extremely large pieces and the smallest the size of an egg. He has used many native and exotic materials in his finished pieces, in particular, the 'calamus palm' of Queensland which is plentiful in this wet tropics region.

Over the years Richard has taught many people the principles of 'Traditional Stake Weaving', and as he now taken up residency in this area, Richard is looking forward to the opportunity to continue teaching basket weaving. Anyone interested in learning these wonderful handcrafted techniques should contact Richard through the Kuranda Arts Co-operative.

The Arts Co-operative gallery has a number of examples of Richard's baskets, made from varying natural materials, on display and for sale.

The Co-operative welcomes Richard Mustchin with his many artistic talents on board.



Richard Mustchin and his basket weaving



### FOCUS THEATRE NEWS

The month of April will be a busy one for Focus Theatre, preparing for a comedy event in May - "The Philosophers Stone: A Barrel of Laughs" (nothing to do with Harry Potter) giving our community members an opportunity to strut their stuff. This will be a night of comedy, music, wine, & song, including a competition for stand-up comedians and other comedy acts, with cash prizes. Application forms will soon be available at the Neighbourhood Centre and the Tourist Information Centre. If you would like to be involved please ring Peter on 0415 936 948, or Seren on 0409 499 168, or come along to the Amphitheatre Understage any Monday night 7:00 - 9:00 pm. and join in the fun. If you prefer to be back-stage, on-stage, or just want to up-stage, see you at the Understage!

Yours in theatre - Diana

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Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Andy Smith at the Mareeba Shire Council on 4030 3900.

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There is a lot going on at the Kuranda Library this month! We have seen the launch of two new programs, as well as all of the usual library activities.

Homework Help is a new program being run by the Mareeba Shire Council. It will run on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30pm - 5:30pm and any school aged children can attend. Bookings are essential so if you are interested please call the Kuranda Library on 4093 9185. We have lots of great resources for those who come, and you get stuff for free! Each person who attends can have free internet time plus ten free photocopies or computer printouts.

The State Library has begun The Big Book Club and The Little Big Book Club. They both have excellent websites that you can access at <http://www.thebigbookclub.com.au> or <http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au>. At either site you can find information on the book of the month, author information, reading lists and giveaways. Ask in the library for more information.

If a book club isn't your thing then perhaps we can help you find that perfect book in the library. We have great resources to help you find authors that you may be interested in. You can all access one of these from home at <http://www.literature-map.com/> or pop into the library and we can help you at the counter.

A quick reminder that the library doesn't only have books. If you would like to escape the heat then come in and grab a magazine, use the

internet or read a Newspaper. Thanks to recent donations of new titles we now have a great range of newspapers. We regularly receive *The Tablelands Advertiser*, *Cairns Northern News*, *The Australian*, *Tablelander*, *The Cairns Post*, *The Epoch Times* and *The Green Left* and, of course, *The Kuranda Paper*!

In addition to all of the great new events running in the Library, Ros and I have also been very busy organising Storytimes. The last session was lots of fun with four froggies hopping around the Library. With Easter appearing over the horizon, you can probably guess the theme for this month. The April Storytime will be at 10am on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

There are several exchanges happening at the moment. For those of you who like to read the biographies, you are about to be treated to a full exchange with the Mareeba collection. We also have an Adult Non-Fiction and a Junior Non-Fiction exchange coming up. Lots of new reading for all in this rainy weather!

Enjoy your local library; we are here to help the community. As always, please let one of us know if you have any suggestions. Happy reading to you all!



The member's night on St Patrick's Day made for a bloody good time!

### COMING SOON - MAIN STAGE -

April ???  
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### COMING SOON- UNDERSTAGE

MEMBERS NIGHT- - band to be confirmed

Sat April 14

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### Volunteer Info

If you have thought about offering some time to the amphitheatre but haven't quite known how, peruse the following list. It represents but a fraction of the volunteer positions required for each major event:

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around the house is to buy a replacement.  
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alive anyway.

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Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing  
again

All of us could take a lesson from the  
weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

In the 60's, people took acid to make the  
world weird. Now the world is weird and  
people take Prozac to make it normal.

How is it one careless match can start a  
forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a  
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Who was the first person to look at a cow  
and say, "I think I'll squeeze  
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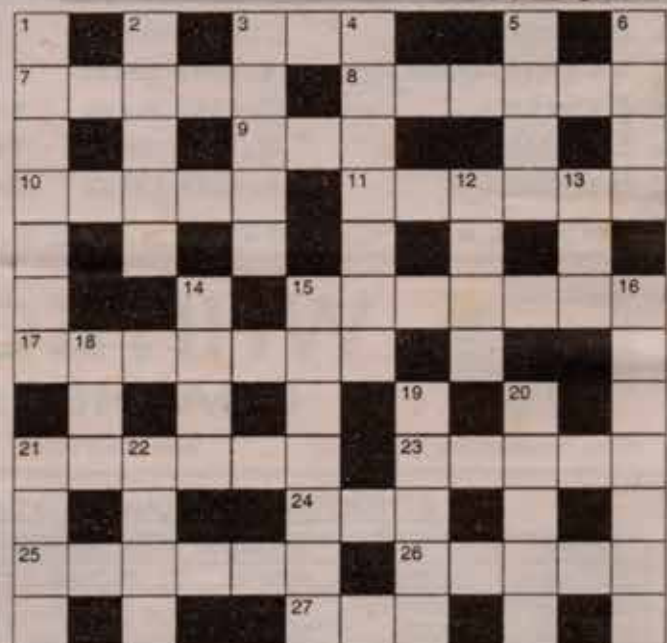
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## Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 86

Compiled by John Brooksbank  
**Across**

3. Ungulate policeman.
7. Submitted in order to get in.
8. Home brew could be used to fuel one  
its said.
9. Being almost good is sticky.
10. Addictive scent at Kuranda Pharmacy.
11. Rolex that improves one's sex drive?
15. He can bend it on the field.
17. Moth rules over all the others.
21. Happy Spanners could hit it or adjust  
yours at home.
23. Sat to look like a ferret.
24. You pay to have this dance.
25. A red head can take sport every  
Wednesday in Koah Hall.
26. Electronic security? (1-4).
27. Something a Cardinal never commits.

### Down

1. Do this puzzle again, to what purpose?
2. Boat ticket found at the top of the  
house.
3. Glider so small it has no vowels.
4. Kuranda Dog Studio Jane's profession.

5. Amphitheatre satire performance.
6. Agitate to be in prison.
12. Ask purpose for warm Asian drink.
13. Basques of Greek origin?
14. Ark's palindromic deck.
15. Band sounds like iconic German  
products.
16. Once Kurandas' suburban band.
18. Long dead Kiwi.
19. Colorado snake enclosure?
20. Intestinal punctuation says Dr. Dave  
Cumming.
21. To keep it in during this joint  
inhalation.
22. Cut down the two of them we hear.



**Kuranda Festivals Association Inc.**

ABN: 50903745718

The Annual General Meeting of the Kuranda Festivals  
Association Inc. will be held at 4pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2007  
at 1 Pademelon Lane, Kuranda. Phone: 4093 8834  
**ALL WELCOME**

**YOU THINK IT'S STILL A GOOD WAY OFF?** 'fraid not! Only 5  
months to go.

The 2007 Kuranda Spring Festival is to be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>  
September. The theme is:

**"We're a weird mob".**

It's time to:

- start thinking about building that seaworthy raft
- collecting debris for your Grand Parade float
- jot down that song or poem in your head
- lay down the foundation strokes for your painting
- practise those fancy steps with your mates for that dance  
routine
- organise a session in the garage with your noisy drummer,  
guitar and vocal friends.

Oh! What will you wear to be selected as the most eclectic  
dresser.

If you want to book a spot for a stall, call 4093 8834.

# Community Calendar

**Every Sun** A.A. CWA Hall 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599  
**Kuranda Bowls Club** every Sunday social games 2 pm (reg 1:30pm)  
**Speewah Country Markets** 8am-1pm Around Speewah Country Tavern car park between the palms. Phone: 4093 0361  
**1st Sunday** R.S.L. 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.  
**Kuranda Film Society** 4.30pm 19 Kullaroo Cl. "The Third Man"  
**3rd Sunday** **Bowls Club Meeting** 1.00pm  
**Every Mon** **Life Span** exercise QCWA Hall 9.30 am.  
**Fit For Life** 11.30 to 12.30 for 12 weeks CWA Hall contact Jane 4093 7177  
**Focus Theatre Group** 7 pm Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage  
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**Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm - 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**8 Ball** 7.00 pm at Speewah Tavern, Fitzies Tavern, S.&S.Club & RSL.  
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**1st Monday** **Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30 pm Mantaka  
**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30 pm  
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**3rd Monday** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933  
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**Every Tues** **Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults** 7.00 pm  
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**Tai Chi Sports and Social Club** 6 pm Phone 4093 8276  
**Craft Classes** at QCWA hall 9 am  
**Baha'i "Spirit of the Forrest"** 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St.  
**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm - 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380 **Yoga** at CWA Kuranda Playgroup 9.45-11.30am at Community Kindy. Contact Lida 4093 9882 or Lisa 4093 0038

**1st Wed** **Kuranda Interagency Network** at 2.00 pm @ KNC  
**Envirocare Meetings** Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov.  
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**QCWA meeting** 1.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016  
**Kuranda Pool Committee** 7.00 pm Neighbourhood Centre 40939594  
**Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206  
**Kuranda Bowls Club** Night Bowls - Casual 7.00 pm [reg. 6.30 pm]  
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**8 Ball S & S Club** 7.15 pm & RSL  
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**Kuranda Charity Bowls** 7 pm (reg. 6.30 pm)  
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#7.45am	#8.15am	9.15am	9.45am	10.20am	11.15am arr

Sunday and Public Holidays					
Departs - Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns		
9.15am	9.45am	10.20am	11.15am arr		

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**KURANDA - CAIRNS BUS SERVICE**  
**KURANDA SHUTTLE**  
 Ph 0402032085 B917901481  
**LOCALS, VISITORS & BACKPACKERS**

Depart						
Mon - Fri	CAIRNS	9.00am	#10.00am	11.00am	1.00pm	3.00pm
Saturday	CAIRNS	9.00am	-	11.00am	1.00pm	-
Sunday	CAIRNS	9.00am	-	11.00am	1.00pm	3.00pm
Public Holidays	CAIRNS	-	-	-	-	-

**SMITHFIELD: 10 minutes following Cairns departure**

Depart						
Sun - Fri	KURANDA	-	10.00am	12.15pm	2.00pm	3.45pm
Saturday	KURANDA	-	10.00am	12.15pm	2.00pm	-
Public Holidays	KURANDA	-	-	-	-	-

**BUS STOPS: KURANDA - 15 THERWINE ST CAIRNS - STOP "D" CITY MALL**  
 (# Conducted by Whitecar Coaches) ALSO HALT @ BUS STOPS ALONG SHERIDAN ST.  
 KST10\_HALF\_18-11-05 PLEASE PAY ON BOARD

**CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS**

Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)					
Departs - Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Herberton	Ravenshoe
*8.30am	*9.05am	9.40am	10.15arr/11.00dep	#11.15am	#12.00n arr
10.00am	10.35am				
3.15pm	3.55pm	4.30pm	5.00pm	#5.30pm	#6.00pm arr
5.30pm	6.05pm	6.40pm	7.15pm arr		

Saturday (not Public Holidays)					
Departs - Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Herberton	Ravenshoe
9.30am	10.05am	10.40am	11.15arr/11.45dep	#12.05pm	#12.45pm
1.00pm	1.40pm	2.15pm	2.45pm arr		

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

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**JOHN'S KURANDA BUS "THE LOCAL BUS"**

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

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

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

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

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

ATHERTON	HEAD OFFICE	6 McConaghie St	4091 1855
ATHERTON	PHILLIPS NEWS	48c Main St	4091 1105
CAIRNS	46 Spence St	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
KURANDA	15 Therwine St	(Pay driver)	4091 1855
MAREEBA	MAREEBA NEWS	125 Byrnes St	4092 1030 (Bus stop is at old Railway Station - behind KFC)