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### 2001 Seniors from Kuranda High

(Left to Right) Cali Wright, Sonny Diamond, Amalie Bennett, Adam Watkins, Helen Coleman, Lexi Carroll, Rhiannon Woodbridge, Basil Brim, (Front) Melanie Jordan, Kristie Hale.



Kuranda Year 12 students have done very well. When the state wide final results were published just before Christmas, students from our very own Kuranda High school achieved excellent results.

Although small in number, (there were only fifteen seniors), the 2001 Seniors have gained O.P scores we can all be proud of. Of the fifteen, eight students chose to study towards Tertiary entrance scores. O.P scores as they are called range from 1 (the highest) to 25.

## Congratulations Kuranda Students!

Any score in the 1 to 10 range is considered to be a top achievement. With lots of hard work and the benefits of very small classes, six of the eight Seniors received scores

in the top range of 1 to 10. This is a result that all of Kuranda should be proud of and once again the talent of "Kuranda Kids" is proved. Congratulations to Cali Wright, Lexi Carroll, Rhiannon Woodbridge, Helen Coleman, Melanie Jordan and Adain

Watkins on their success. All are now off to University - Good Luck Guys !

STOP PRESS: Congrats to Cali Wright who has just been awarded the George Cominos Scholarship from the F.N.Q. Youth Assistance Foundation. (valued at \$2000)

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### RAINFALL

26/11/01 TO 31/12/01  
61 mm

**TOTAL YEAR 2001**  
1749 mm

01/01/02 to 27/01/02  
88 mm

**The lowest rainfall since**  
1992  
(1992 - 1526 mm)

**The return of El Nino?**

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Della Kahuroa 4093 7593

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Kuranda Paper

**Dear Kuranda Paper**

What happened to the public meeting on the merchants utilization of our footpaths in Kuranda, mentioned previously in this newspaper? How many others, besides myself, are disgusted with the arrogant way some shopkeepers have commandeered the public footpaths to extend the size of their retail exposure? Buskers who set up outside their store have the police called immediately. The merchants' footpath goods leave a lot to be desired, most of it being of offshore origin, and on "sale". This tacky trash that they can't get rid of, helps to give the town a "cheap" appearance and reinforces the "overcommercialised" feeling. This, coupled with the promotional advertising-bannered fences, that are sprouting up across the footpaths, delineating the cafe proprietors "ownership", have rendered the actual space for walking to less than when we had an old fashioned town! Why were millions spent to create a wide, relaxing, landscaped, people friendly space? Come on Chamber of Commerce, many of your members are these same merchants, it's in your interest to improve the image of this town. Aggressive merchandisers are doing us all a disservice. This is a pedestrian oriented town, give us back our footpaths.

K.Dumar Boyles Rd, Kuranda.

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**Wait-A-While** by Dr. Lesley Clark.

STATE MEMBER FOR BARRON RIVER

Happy New Year! I trust that you all had an enjoyable Christmas break enabling you to recharge your batteries for the year ahead. I had a great time supporting our local tourist industry by holidaying at home with the family as well as catching up on jobs around the house and garden.

My first official duty in the Kuranda District was a delightful start to the year – opening the Kuranda Myola Rural Fire Brigade "shed" to house their new bright yellow fire truck. The \$10,000 shed was funded 50-50 from a Rural Fire Service grant and Mareeba Shire Council's fire levy on rates. The Council also provided the land which is centrally located in the Myola area. The fires in NSW has given us all a new appreciation of the work of volunteer rural fire fighters and the contribution that they make to keeping us safe.

The Kuranda Myola Brigade was established in 1956 and I really enjoyed looking over some of the old correspondence from those early days and hearing stories from people like George Blakey who was a member for over 30 years and whose sons are carrying on the family tradition. Kuranda has a wonderful community spirit as was clearly demonstrated by the great turnout for the opening.

The brigade is always on the lookout for new members so if you want to do something for your community and enjoy the camaraderie of a great group of men and women, get involved!

The other good news is that the Council has started the necessary work to extend the Kuranda cemetery. This will bring peace of mind to many to know that the spirit of their loved ones will be close after they pass away. On that subject I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to June and all the members of the Grogan family on their sad loss just before Christmas. Findlay was an inspiration to so many, it was a privilege to have known him – he will be sorely missed.

I will be closely involved with the Kuranda

**Dear Kuranda Paper**

Council Call!

Once again the bike path along to the high school is littered with leaves and gravel. Would all those concerned like to give the Mareeba council a ring? It would be good to have a clean bike path before it rains and becomes slippery, or an accident happens. High school students have just started back to school. Let's remind the council to keep bikeways safe for them, and other bicycle commuters.

Cyclist, Myola Rd, Kuranda.

**Dear Kuranda Paper!**

To believe in evolution takes much greater faith, than to believe in a creator. Nobody claims that cars or airplanes, or even a push-bike, just evolve by blind chance and/or 'environmental pressures' from a pile of scrap metal. And yet the technology in living organisms is MUCH more sophisticated. Evolution is an academic fairy-tale, NOT science.

For more information contact Phil Woodstock ph:4093 9386, Oak Forest Rd, Kuranda.



New Kuranda - Myola fire station shed opens. with founding member George Blakey L-R Jax Bergersen, Keith Green, Paul McCorry, Dave Barron, Duncan Blakey, Geoff Van Koeverden, Andrew Horn

Aboriginal community this year as we work together to implement community action plans developed through a new process called a "negotiation table". This process was initiated in Cape York and will involve all government agencies sitting down with representatives of the key Aboriginal organisations and addressing a wide range of community issues. Housing will be one such issue and already we have achieved a commitment from the state government to redevelop the old units at Top Kowrowa and progressively replace them with detached housing.

I will also be putting time and energy into getting outcomes for the village from the remaining tourism levy funds. The two most significant outstanding projects are the bus parking station in Arara Street and the streetscaping of lower Coondoo street. As Chair of the Advisory Committee, I will be working with all the stakeholders to ensure that we see progress on these important projects because tourism activity should pick up this year with the commencement of the low cost Asian international service by Australian Airlines. The Premier has also been instrumental in securing an extra 6 direct flights a week between Cairns and New Zealand which should boost tourism numbers.

While there will be plenty of positives happening during the year, State and Federal governments must work together to urgently solve the public liability issue that is having such a detrimental impact on Councils, small business and community organisations. The collapse of insurer HIH, which had 40% of the public liability insurance market, the increasing tendency of people to sue, enormous court ordered compensation payouts and unscrupulous lawyers have all been blamed for the current crisis being felt in every part of our society.

Whilst there are conflicting opinions about the cause of skyrocketing public liability costs, there is unanimous agreement that it cannot be allowed to continue. Last year the Premier asked Queensland Events Corporation to form a Taskforce and report to him on steps that the state government could take to address the crisis. As a result, P&C Associations

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insurance scheme. The Taskforce will provide further recommendations to the Premier shortly regarding the best way to help other community organisations. Mutual insurance pools for non profit organisations exist elsewhere and in the US, arguably the world's most litigious country, immunity for volunteers from legal liability is tied to the implementation of risk management and compliance systems.

I am pleased to see that the Federal Small Business Minister Jo Hockey has this week recognised that escalating public liability costs is a national problem and must have a national solution involving both Federal and State governments. Minister Hockey has proposed a national compensation scheme administered by the government which would limit the amount of compensation that would be payable. This kind of scheme operates in New Zealand and while it has come under some criticism, I believe law reform of some kind is warranted and the Premier has indicated that he will consider Mr Hockey's proposal.

In my view, people must start to take responsibility if their own foolishness causes an accident, but if they are injured through no fault of their own they must be treated fairly. The difficulty is finding a system that provides justice, but which is affordable by the community. It is not helpful to blame the insurance companies or the lawyers - we need a national forum involving all the stakeholders to be convened urgently before community life as we know it grinds to a halt and more small business go to the wall.

I look forward to working with and for the Kuranda community again this year. Please feel free to contact my office on 40382800 where Cathy, Sally and I are always willing to help if we can.

## Kuranda congratulated on clear presentation

Far North Regional Electricity Council chair Tom Pyne has congratulated Kuranda representatives on their clear presentation of community views when the council met in the green tourist town recently.

Mr Pyne said the representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Kuranda Enviro Care, Kuranda Village Promotion program and Kuranda Visitor Information Centre met with the Council, and had emphasised the need for balance and sensitivity in the local development.

They had highlighted the importance of maintaining the high environmental value of the area, the economic importance of tourism and the need for a high-quality reliable electricity supply.

In addition to hearing about local issues, Mr Pyne said the Council had also been briefed about the progress of community consultation on the methods to augment power supply to the growing Cairns northern beaches area, and on Ergon Energy maintenance and

capital projects to enhance electricity supply to the Far North Queensland region.

Mr Pyne said the council's purpose is to provide advice and community feedback to Energy Minister Mr Terry Mackenroth, to the Queensland Energy Consumer Protection Office and to the government-owned electricity distribution and retail corporations. The next council meeting will be in Mareeba on Monday February 25.

Mr Pyne said the Far North REC meetings are rotated across the Far North region so that members could become informed about the wide range of issues affecting quality and reliability of electricity supply, and the needs, requirements and expectations of electricity consumers.

Requests to make a submission or presentation to the Mareeba meeting should be made by contacting the council's secretary Mrs Carmen Eustace on phone 4050 2741 by Tuesday February 19. Written submissions can be mailed to the Chairman, Far North Regional Electricity Council, PO Box 358, Cairns 4870, or faxed to 4050 2704 by February 19.

## KURANDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM INC

It's a good time to think about where we are going and to prepare for the highs and lows of the future, while tourism is at a low seasonal ebb.

Many of us feel we need to look more closely at domestic tourism and providing better for the local community. We need to talk about this.

We have a few things to catch up on because we chose to party and chat with Mike Hobbs, Head of the Primary School, instead of having a formal meeting in December.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 February at Billy's Garden Bar from 5-7pm.

I will be asking for meetings to be changed from Wednesdays to Mondays for a couple of good reasons. If you feel strongly about this, please be there to put your point of view forward.

Our AGM will be on either Monday 4th March or Wednesday 6th March 2002 at Billy's Bar, 5pm.

Jax Bergersen President 4093 8834, Joy Gordon Vice President 4093 8850, Milton Undy Secretary 4093 8488.

## Tourism companies join forces for North American sales mission

A delegation of sales and marketing managers from 14 major tourism companies in the Cairns and Great Barrier Reef region will embark on a seven-city sales blitz of North America, the first major Australian sales mission to visit this market since the events of September 11.

"The participants in this unique sales mission represent well-established tourism products in the region. All have made a real commitment in time and efforts to ensure that the Cairns and Great Barrier Reef region maintains and enhances its reputation as a preferred destination for North Americans," said

TTNQ chief executive Ian Kean.

The sales mission is a team effort which has been developed in conjunction with Tourism Tropical North Queensland as a Cairns, Great Barrier Reef regional promotion. Financial and logistical support are provided by TTNQ, Tourism Queensland, the Australian Tourist Commission and Qantas, as well as sponsorship from other businesses in the region.

"This initiative is seen as a worthy investment that will highlight the natural beauty and diversity of attractions that this region has to offer. The group will also be able to share and expand on their invaluable network of contacts with key travel and wholesale operators in North America,"

said Mr Kean.

Members of the mission possess a wealth of experience in the tourism industry, with more than 150 previous sales trips to the US. Collectively, the 14 companies have won 27 Queensland Tourism Awards, 17 National Tourism Awards and a handful of prestigious Global Tourism Awards.

"The idea of a joint sales mission to North America was born a year ago, in order to make a collective impact. The tragic events of September gave the mission more meaning and made us even more determined to see the plan through," said spokesperson Rob Bastion, director of sales for Quicksilver Connections.

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#### Dear Kuranda Paper

The Kuranda Mud Slingers (Kuranda Pottery Group) extend a huge thankyou to all who helped make 'The Blue Moony Event' a lot of fun. Some people have gone so far as to call it "the silliest thing that has happened in Kuranda". Especially, we want to thank David (Captain Zero) Jones for the Inspiration and much of the effort behind the night. Read Davids full report in this edition of The Kuranda Paper.

Thanks, Ian Whittaker

#### Dear Kuranda Paper,

I'm writing to fill you in on two more developments at the Kuranda Medical Service. From January 2002 we will be having a podiatry service on a monthly basis. This service will be free of charge to our patients but will require a referral from one of our GPs. To keep this service we need to give it plenty of use, so please speak to a GP if you have any feet problems and we can set a referral in motion.

Dr Lindsay Eccles has returned to work at the Kuranda Medical Service. She started work 14th and will be working here every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the foreseeable future. Dr Lindsay will take special interest in mental health problems.

Yours truly, Dr Dave Cummings.

## Update: A Federal Gov't initiative to improve Television Reception.

Background: The Federal government set aside \$35 million in 2000 from the partial sale of Telstra with the aim of eradicating between 200 to 250 black spot TV reception areas nationally. After some revisions of the guidelines for applications for communities to benefit from this program, it was decided to give funding to local councils to prepare applications on behalf of communities within their boundaries. Hence, the Mareeba Shire Council lodged several applications in October 2000, which included two for the Kuranda area, namely; Speewah and Top of the Range.

Our local Federal member, Warren Entsch has been very active in ensuring that residents in his electorate of Leichhardt will be beneficiaries of this program. He was successful in having the guidelines for the eligibility to apply changed from communities consisting at least 100 residents to communities consisting of at least 50 residents. He recognised that small remote communities would miss out if this was not changed. Warren and his staff have been, and continue to be supportive of our efforts to be successful in having reception upgraded.

#### Progress to date:

Applications lodged in October 2000 have been considered and the two in the Kuranda area have been included in those for upgrading.

#### Where are we now?

Solutions to reception difficulties have proven to be much more complex than originally thought. The major problem was to find enough available frequencies (or channels) to allow the re-transmission of programs in difficult reception areas and still have enough frequencies to be ready for 2004 when it is planned to continue broadcasting analogue signals as well as to simultaneously broadcast digital signals in the regional areas of the nation. This effectively doubled

the demand for frequencies.

A technical solution was further complicated by the need to choose frequencies that would not interfere with existing transmissions from other transmitters in the far north already in operation, as well as for 2004 when digital transmission would commence operation from these existing sites.

Consultants were engaged by the federal government to come up with solutions to these problems.

Consultants recommendations for Speewah.

Mareeba Shire Council were given details of how it was proposed to solve this area's problems and they were told to proceed to seek tenders for the implementation of this these recommendations.

#### The recommendations included:

\*Channels 58, 61 and 64 can be assigned to provide re-transmission of the three UHF TV services (SBS, Sunshine (7), and WIN (9) in the Black Spot area in Speewah.

\*The site for re-transmission be at the Telstra Exchange on Speewah Road.

\*The polarisation of the signal to be horizontal from a 30 metre high tower with a maximum ERP (effective radiated power) of 100 watts.

\*The proposed program source is off-air signals from Mt Bellenden-Ker.

When I was made aware of the recommendations, I requested the officer from council to ask Council to delay action in implementing the recommendations, as there were some concerns about whether the reception problems would be solved.

#### Concerns raised with Council:

\*Some residents of the Speewah area have difficulty receiving both VHF (ABC & TEN) as well as UHF (SBS, 7 & 9). As a result of this, if a solution is to be found it must include the re-transmission of all five free-to-air stations.

\*The Telstra Exchange site is not considered suitable if

coverage is to extend to those residents who currently experience poor or no reception. Consideration should be given therefore to the siting of the re-transmission facility on the high area north-east of Speewah, which can be accessed from Windy Hollow Road (the old Kennedy Highway). This location was nominated by technical staff of the Cairns office of the Australian Communication Authority as being a suitable site for consideration.

#### Mareeba Shire Council's consideration and support:

Council supports the residents of Speewah who have concerns about the current solution to reception problems. The residents appreciate this support. Council has written to the instrumentalities of the Federal Government responsible for the project and have stated that they want to have further discussions with the residents of Speewah before they act on this matter.

They have pointed out the need to consider having all five free-to-air channels available and want a re-examination of the siting of a re-transmission facility.

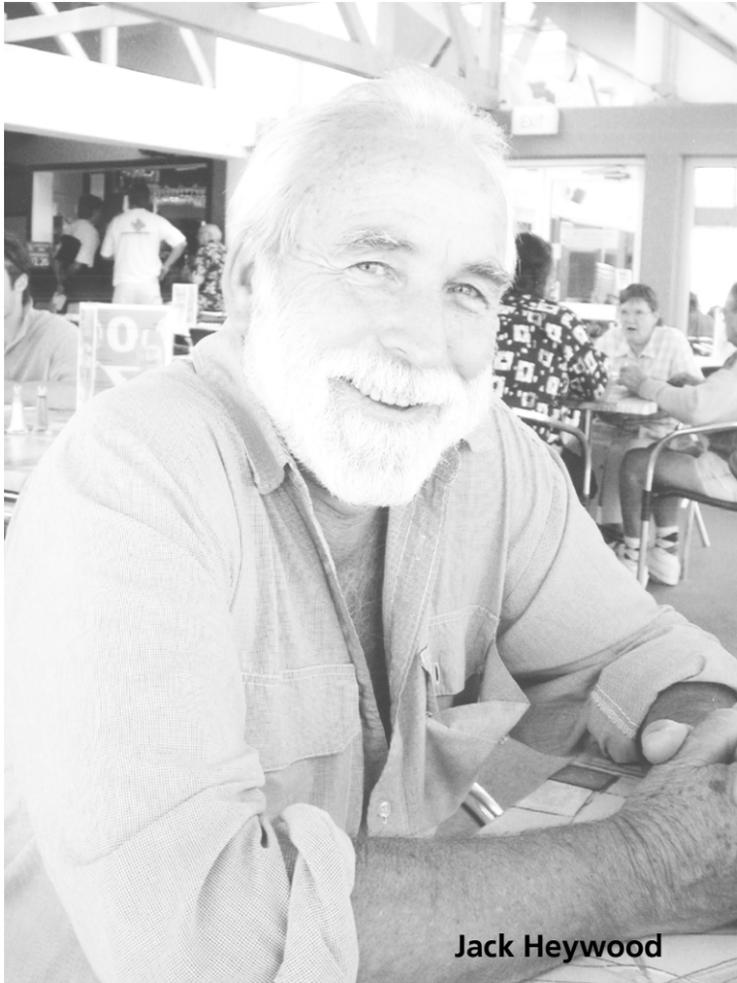
#### Residents appreciation of the support of Mareeba Shire Council:

Residents are keen to have a permanent solution to TV reception problems and Council shares their concern. The community may need to convince Council that some residents cannot receive VHF signals. Residents may soon be contacted George Hudson who is keen to substantiate the existence of this problem and give Council written proof of these VHF blind spots.

#### Top of the Range solution:

Whilst it is recognised that Top of the Range residents have reception problems, it is attributable in part to the presence of dense vegetation which inhibits reception of the Saddle Mountain signals. Council has not yet received a report on possible solution/s for this area.

Prepared by Bob Madden, Speewah



Jack Heywood

## ◆◆◆Introducing JACK HEYWOOD◆◆◆

Artist, Actor, Writer, Cook, Jack Heywood answers to them all.

Now living in Kuranda, it's cooking that's on his mind.

Picking up the challenge by Una, owner and hostess of Billy's Bar and Grill, to create a menu for locals wanting a bit of change to their routine dining, Jack has to call on all his talent and experience.

This experience includes eight years in Port Douglas during the seventies, setting trends in the Nautilus Restaurant, taking a twenty-one year old cafe to Port's first licensed restaurant. The Nautilus offered the 'tropical experience' in food and atmosphere.

Jack also worked as providore, cook, and decky for Barrier Reef Seafaris charters and managed the kitchen at the Central Hotel.

Jack is in north Queensland to pursue his interest in the visual arts, after eating his way through an acting career in Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane theatre, and film and TV on the Gold Coast.

"Billy's," he says, "offers an opportunity on the weekend to cook some special tucker. There is a lushness and a certain magic in the tropics that captures my imagination - in painting and cooking."

Jack will be putting some of this imagination to work Saturday and Sunday evenings at **Billy's Bar and Grill, Kuranda, commencing Sat 16th and Sun 17th February.**

## SPEEWAH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Firstly let me wish you all the very best for a fire free 2002. After what has happened in New South Wales we can only count ourselves lucky that nothing like that has happened here. We are starting a new year and by the apparent lack of rain that has fallen so far we must all look to our properties to ascertain how safe we are. The following is a simple check list that will give some indication as to the state of your properties

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|---|--------|
| 1. Do you have two metres firebreaks on your property boundaries?               | yes/no |
| 2. Are you aware of your legal obligations if fire escapes your property?       | yes/no |
| 3. Do you have a plan to stop a grass fire threat to your neighbours?           | yes/no |
| 4. Will you speak to your local Fire Warden to arrange a burn off?.             | yes/no |
| 5. Can a garden hose from your supply reach all parts of your structure?        | yes/no |
| 6. Do you have a reliable water supply when the 240v power is lost?             | yes/no |
| 7. Is the area around your petrol water pump clear of fire hazards?             | yes/no |
| 8. Are your poly water pipes buried, safe from damaging radiant heat?           | yes/no |
| 9. Do your wood heaps and mulch dumps have cleared areas on all sides?          | yes/no |
| 10. Are your vehicles (including caravans) parked in a cleared area?            | yes/no |
| 11. Have you cleared regrowth six metres away from your structures?             | yes/no |
| 12. Are all your flammable liquids stored and labeled in sealed containers?     | yes/no |
| 13. Are all gas cylinders and pipes well clear of natural or stacked debris?    | yes/no |
| 14. Do you make sure there is no combustibile material under your house?        | yes/no |
| 15. Are your roof gutters cleaned of leaf fall every three months?              | yes/no |
| 16. Are electrical installations, repairs and alterations done professionally ? | yes/no |
| 17. Do you ensure permanent live leads are not coiled or lying on ground?       | yes/no |
| 18. Are your multiple power adapters used on loads of less than 10 amps?        | yes/no |
| 19. Have your frayed or damaged power leads been destroyed?                     | yes/no |
| 20. Do you make sure nails are not used to support power leads?                 | yes/no |
| 21. Do you make sure rugs are not used to cover power leads?                    | yes/no |
| 22. Does your family know where, to meet in the event of a house fire?          | yes/no |
| 23. Are lighters and matches out of reach of children?                          | yes/no |
| 24. Do you make sure nobody in the household smokes in bed?                     | yes/no |
| 25. Is your wood or electric heater well away from soft furnishings?            | yes/no |
| 26. Could you extinguish a cooking oil fire on your stove?                      | yes/no |
| 27. Do you keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket in the house?              | yes/no |
| 28. Have you installed and connected a home smoke detector?                     | yes/no |

### Results:

If you scored yes to more than 25 - Your fire risk is low and you are well protected

If you scored between 20-25 You're fairly well protected but you must still do some work.

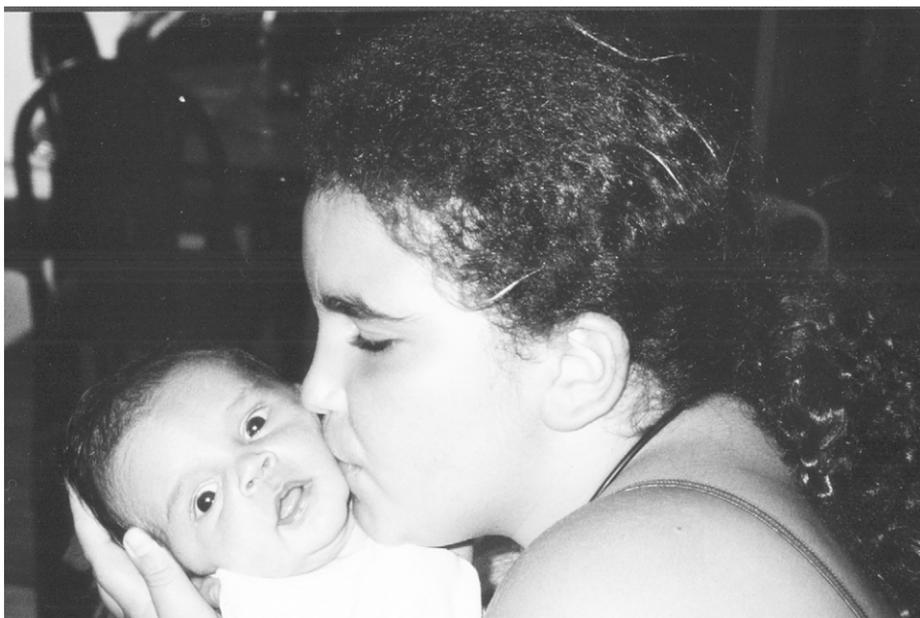
If you scored between 10-20 Your family and home are at high risk

if you scored less than 10 You can expect a major loss, being so ill prepared.

We hope you take time out to do this exercise as it might just make things easier if ever a fire happened on your property. It would also be prudent to say at this time that for rural brigades to be able to function properly they need more volunteers. If you have any feeling for your community and for your own properties safety please try to assist by joining your local brigade as the more hands the lighter the work



Maurice and Ana of "Windmill" fame are overjoyed at the arrival on Christmas Day 25.12.01 of Isabella, who tipped the scales at 3.750 kgs. A gorgeous sister for Ashley and Nicholas. Well done.



Toby Brim arrived on 12.01.02 weighing in at 3985 grms (8lb.12ozs and 52 cms long. Here he is receiving a welcome kiss from sister Tanique. Congratulaton Willy and Nova



Elisindra Janaya Luchjenbroers 6lb 12oz. Born on 14.01.02 To delighted parents Megan and Tim. Congratulations.

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9.30 am Family Eucharist  
9.30 am Sunday school  
5.00 pm Afternoon Worship  
First Sunday Holy Communion (Feb 3rd)  
Informal Worship (Feb 24th)  
all other Evening Prayer

### Thursday

10.00 am Holy Communion

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7.30 pm Family Eucharist  
Wed 13th Ash Wednesday  
Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

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## A Thought for February

On the 6th of January we celebrated the Epiphany. The first event of the Epiphany or, to use a simple phrase, the 'revealing', is the showing of the Child Jesus to the Wise Men in Bethlehem

Wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' Matthew 2

Probably it does little for the ego of western society to reflect that while we were still living in primitive conditions, sophistication and learning had progressed a long way in the East. We do not know how these sages had come to a knowledge of Jesus. Was it from their calculations and observations, or through revelation? But here they were, to worship a King of whom his own nation was still unaware.

They would return - and perhaps as a result of the news they took with them, many more foreign dignitaries would hear, and be encouraged to seek the truth for themselves. Yet the Magis' visit to the Child was so unexpected, that the Jews in general ignored it. Strangely, however, it is Matthew, the presumably Jewish writer of the First Gospel, rather than Luke the Gentile, who records their visit. But, perceived or not, the episode was an implied reminder to the Jews that God was the God of the world beyond their realm : that he could operate through other nations; and that people of other creeds, colour and culture could exceed his 'Chosen Race' in their response to revelation, and in obedience to his will.

Christmas is a time for reaching out. With our technology, we can reach out further and faster than the Eastern sages. Today, Jesus is not only

being born in a Bethlehem manger, but in hearts and homes the world over; yet there are millions who as yet have not been told. What can we do to redress the balance? He lay in the manger, he played in a house, while the humblest and wisest, came to him. He lies unknown, unrecognized, in hearts and homes, waiting to be wakened into love by the love of the Holy Spirit we bring to those hearts and homes. Are our hearts on fire for Jesus?

Or have we carefully wrapped them in non-combustible blankets - to keep ourselves warm while others shiver spiritually in the icy blast of unbelief? The sages came to give of themselves and their treasures to Jesus. They made no requests, plied him with no questions, bombarded him with no woes or troubles or complaints. They asked nothing of him: nothing that a Child could not give. Yet they departed content. Their journey had been everything that they had hoped for. How often do we simply bring our love and our treasures to God? Not as frequently as we could, or should.

Part of our spiritual maturing is to learn to relax in God's presence: to enjoy him, to fellowship with him, and to experience the intimate joy of silence that really close friends have on earth. Then he will speak - and we shall be able to hear, because we shall not be cluttering up the airwaves with an interminable monologue of petitions and pleas. Had the sages not been quiet on the night of their visit, they might not have heard God's still, small voice saying: 'Leave now, but take an alternative route home.'

God wanted them to make the return journey safely - for a reason.

## News from St Saviour's

St Saviour's has been very active over the Christmas New Year period with wonderful Christmas and Epiphany services.

Sunday school will commence for the New Year on Sunday the 3rd of February at 9.30am. New faces are very welcome.

On Friday February 1st The Eucharist

of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) will be celebrated in St Saviour's commencing at 7.30pm.

Again this year the service will be held by candlelight.

Like to know more about the Christian faith? Is it irrelevant, boring, without foundation? Come along to an Alpha course and find out. Alpha is a basic introduction to the Christian faith, a course will be starting at St Saviour's soon.

## Easter Cantata Celebrates Ten Years

This is the tenth year that a special musical presentation of the story of Easter has been performed by a Tablelands choir. The first one in 1992 was prepared by Pat Duffy and Ruth Beasley and performed only in Mareeba. It resembled the Nine lessons and Carols so traditionally popular at Christmas. Over the years, except for 1994, the format gradually changed until in 2000 "God With us", a totally original work by Audrey Francis, Ruth's sister and Ruth was performed in five locations.

This year "God With Us" will be performed again in Mareeba, Atherton, Kuranda and Cairns and possibly Innisfail.

Rehearsals started on Tuesday, January 29th from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Uniting Church, Mareeba and will continue on subsequent Tuesdays. It is not too late to join in. The only criteria for belonging to this choir is that you enjoy singing. Performances are proposed for March 20th, 22nd, 24th and 27th. These dates are subject to confirmation. It is desirable but not essential that all choir members attend all performances so come and enjoy this musical experience. For further information phone 4093 0303

## Words of Wisdom from OSHO Ro. 82 Life

The moment the child is born, you think, is the beginning of its life. That is not true. The moment an old man dies, you think, is the end of his life. It is not. Life is far bigger than birth and death. Birth and death are not two ends of life; many births and many deaths happen within life. Life itself has no beginning, no end: life and eternity are equivalent... Life begins at the point of your past life's death. When you die, on the one side one chapter of life, which people think was your whole life, is closed. It was only a chapter in a book which has infinite chapters. One chapter closes, but the book is not closed. Just turn the page and another chapter begins. The person dying starts visualizing his next life. This is a known fact, because it happens before the chapter closes... Buddha has a word for it, he calls it tanha. Literally it means desire, but metaphorically it means the whole life of desire. All these things happened: frustrations, fulfillments, disappointments, successes, failures...but all this happened within a certain area you can call desire.  
For more words of wisdom from Osho  
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# A Loony Blue Moonie Bent Event.

## Full of Bravardo....

The Fundraiser that became a riotous fun-raver. To thank by name all the competitors and all the entertainers who had to perform over the nights hype is too hard! Fun Junkies.... We know who you are!! THANK YOU from Ian Whittaker (the President of The Mudslingers Pottery Group).

Ian's job on the night required some concentration to handle the masses of potential contestants. He kept a night of variety and entertainment happening from Mud-wrestling to poetry, fire juggling to song. The meeting of mud, mind and muscle.... Who said pottings dull?? The crowd warmed up as soon as the mud started flying encouraged by two very entertaining commentators: Peter Mc callit Cabe and Doctor, Medic on duty Andrew. Both these commentators flowed with Troppo humour.

Doc Andrews' detailed explanation of the various body parts being pounded in a flurry in the slurry.

Peter Mc cabs' explanation of the variuos holds, mudsplattering flips and falls. These two created howls of laughter from the crowd. With mud splattering, smoke machine happenings it was hard to tell which contestant was which, but Bonnie Harris' refereeing expertise shone with a muddy brilliance with her sheer determination for the fair go. This lead her being dragged into the pit more than once. "It's a filthy job, but someones got to do it" she said.

Tracey the round caller, whose parade walk displaying the round numbers

added more than just a touch of glamour to the evenings' mudsplatter, and the seconds, those volunteers who were not afraid of getting muddy....they cleared various body orifices allowing for the wrestlers to breathe, see and hear.

But the heroes of the night according to all the wrestlers, were the Myola Rural Fire fighting Brigade. With the use of their fire engine they hosed clean the contestants and quickly put a team together to contest.

Each and every bout had its own characters from Captain Zero the now passe Hero and Carlos the Dastard whose ability to get down and focus, left with the winners belt

The Beast and the Bilge Rat created one of the most entertaining bouts of the night. The Yin-Yang Swot team vs the Buddha-hood in the rag team were up next.

Then the lady potters' femininity was unleashed with Alley-cat and Ms Bliss, the first ladies up out of the many that took the risks and none of these girls seemed in a hurry to get out of the slurry....

As the night came to an end, the Beast (aka Gert Jacoby), donned the Bagpipes and brought the evenings entertainment to an end.

The Mudslingers want to give special thanks to Kuranda High School Principal Ms Jenny J Jenson-their apprehensive host.

It was best summed up by Doctors Andrews' parting comment and question.... "a very sucessful bent event, not a blob of bood in the mud!! is this the sort of thing when potters go potty??"

The Kuranda Mudslingers are now looking for new members to use up what remains of this Historic clay. Phone Ian 4093 9652 Thank you one and all for making this Fundraiser a sucess.

D. Jones



### Kuranda Mud Slingers

#### REGULAR EVENTS FOR 2002:

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Above: Ian Whittaker.



Right: Gert (MacBeast) Jacoby.

Below: The winning Mudwrestling Slingers



Above: Ms Bliss (Melissa) & AlleyCat (Star).

Left: Compere Peter McCabe.

Right: President Ian Whittaker



Soren, one of our fire men hosing down Star (aka Alley cat) from the Myola Rural Fire Brigade Onya Guys....

## STOP PRESS !!!!

Next Full Moon Loony Poets night at The Honey House Coming up on the 27 February (Full moon in Virgo) so get your creative juices flowing now and be in the loony mood we've all be hanging out for See you there to kick off the first full Moon poets party of the year....

### HYDROPONIC GARDENING By Jan Coulter

Well the holidays are over for another year. My tomato plants started to die off in early December. The tomatoes were mature but not ripe. I decided to try and keep them for Xmas. I checked on the Internet for storing tomatoes. The advice was to wrap each individual tomato in newspaper and store them in a cool place. I did this and stored them in a shed in the rainforest. I had my doubts that this would work as the heat was so intense. I gradually brought them out and ripened them and used the last ones a couple of weeks ago. If they are starting to ripen they colour up very quickly but if they are whitish green they ripen up gradually. They ripened to a rich red colour and the flavour would be hard to match.

I had beautiful capsicum plants absolutely loaded with fruit. My cucumbers are doing well. They have thrived in the last few weeks even with the heat as I kept the nutrient level high. I have watercress under the same system. I love different types of greens in a salad. Lemon balm is nice in a salad and also as a herb tea. I also grow Lemon Grass which apart from its use in cooking is a close kin to citronella and has many of the same insect-repellant compounds. You simply crush some and rub it directly on your skin. I had lettuce till Xmas time but the heat knocked them back a bit. You have to pick your varieties with lettuce otherwise they just bolt. I have planted another batch and also some wong bok. I make coleslaw with wong bok but use a light oil/vinegar dressing instead of mayonnaise. For Information 4093 0934.



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## NATURE STILL THE BOSS

**When it's wet we want it dry,  
When it's dull we want it fine,  
When it's cold we want it hot,  
Always wanting what is not.**

**But, regardless, we get what's going whether we like it or not!**

We proudly showed off the extensive tree planting we have done over the past three years to the bus load of Kuranda's volunteers on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Within 24 hours, fire had raced through the most visible section of our work, reducing about a hectare of it to a moonscape.

It was thanks to Laurie Moller, our bobcat hero, that more was not lost. Laurie saw the fire coming and used his bobcat to cut a fire break, stopping the fire in its tracks. We didn't realise what a green heart he really has. Many, many thanks, Laurie.

One reason the fire so effectively annihilated that section of planting was because it was heavily mulched. Mulching is a must to retain moisture in the soil and promote the underground micro-eco-systems that promote healthy plant growth. Without the mulch (and without constant watering in the hot, dry weather we've been having), we'd be losing many tree seedlings. However, mulching on a large scale also carries the risk of fuelling fire. We need to adopt better ways of laying the mulch so that the seedlings are protected without increasing the risk of fire.

### VOLUNTEERS SHOWING VOLUNTEERS

The bus tour of Kuranda which showed the volunteers what all the other volunteers were doing, went well. It was made possible by funding won by KURANDA **EnviroCare** under the International Year of the Volunteer program. We took off from the Council carpark at around 9am and sped out to Big Sands (Kowrowa), via the future Myola Shire (only joking), to see our tree planting. We left the bus on the bitumen and walked through the now young forest which had been a sea of guinea grass and lantana only 3 years ago.

By this time we'd worked up a thirst so we headed for the Kuranda High School for morning tea, stopping to inspect the new Myola fire engine in its purpose-built shed. But alas, as the door was thrown open in grand style to reveal the state-of-the-art machine, there was only a bedraggled ute to be found. The fire engine was otherwise occupied. So much for pomp and ceremony.

We enjoyed the morning tea of all morning teas put on by the High School's P&C volunteers and saw the fabulous facilities available to our local students.

The bus took us via the Fallon Road Ambulance Station where the features of ambulance travel were demonstrated, to the Amphitheatre. This was an eye-opener for many of us who had no idea about the extent of this community-owned and loved facility.

By this time, we were thinking about cool drinks and a CWA lunch, but we still had the new boardwalk through the Jumrum Conservation Park to test. This was no ordeal. It is an easy, pleasant stroll between Barron Falls Road and Barang Street, and led us to a sumptuous lunch provided for us by the volunteers of Kuranda's Country Women's Association.

The final leg was past the new premises for the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (beside the BP) en route to the Tourist Information Centre, where the volunteers explained how they meet, greet and tell visitors to the town what Kuranda is all about.

Star of the roadshow was Peter (Dr Gecko of FM88 radio) McCabe, our Master of Ceremonies. He was brilliantly witty and kept a racy pace via a roving PA system on the bus. Our bus driver was Ken Vievers who had that bus doing uphill-back slides and 3-wheel pirouettes on a 5 cent piece. This was no ordinary bus trip!

### REGULAR SATURDAY MORNING TREE PLANTING

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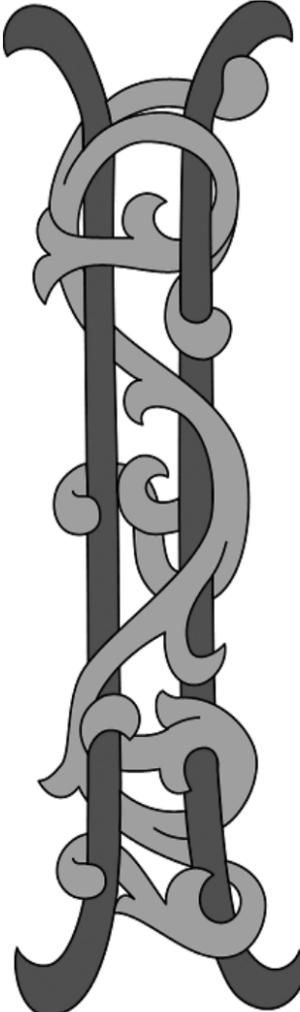
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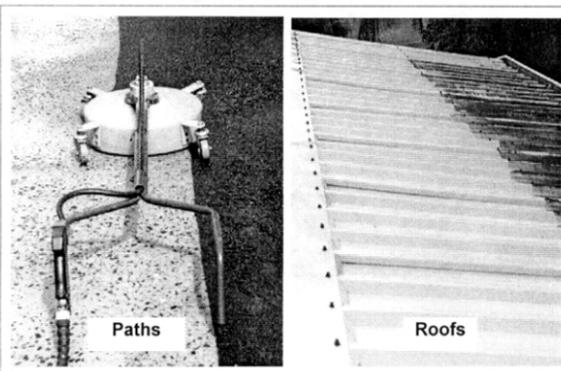
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Property owners are advised that the discount closing date is also the date on which rates are due and payable. Any unpaid amount will accrue interest at the rate of 11% per annum (compounded on daily rests) from the close of business on 20 February 2002.

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## The Charming Witch

by Merrili GETTING IN DEEPER

'Blue witch?' Calypso muttered under her breath. 'Is that what I get for wearing this shirt?'

Proceeding with caution along the hollow root tunnel, Calypso was startled by a sudden thump. Whirling around, with only the blue glow from her shirt to see by, she expected the worst. What was that silly lump of moss telling her to beware of?

'Jeremy!' Bursting out into laughter in sheer relief, she ignored the groans of the familiar figure sprawled in front of her.

'Some welcome! Here I come, risking life and limb to find you--' began Jeremy.

'Sorry! I thought you were a monster! I'm just glad it's just you.'

'Yes, well, 'just me' has a problem,' continued Jeremy groaning some more.

'You are a tangle, aren't you?' Calypso knelt down, and the blue glow from her shirt seemed to reach out and wrap itself around his body while she struggled to separate feet and knees from hands and elbows. Soon there was a human shape stretched out on his back, grinning up at her.

'You're getting quite good at this! At least that blue thing you've got on seems to know what it's doing. I feel much better, thanks,' Jeremy added, to be polite.

'Well you seem to forget who created this blue thing, but I suppose I didn't really know what I was doing, so just let's forget it.' Calypso blushed slightly.

'No, seriously, aren't we missing the point?' Jeremy sat up slowly. 'I've been out there climbing trees and trying to figure out what part I could play in getting your parents back. Here you are with a talent you haven't tried to use yet.'

Calypso felt herself growing more flustered by the minute. With her house, her parents, and most of her familiar world gone, her feeling of



personal dislocation was intense. She sensed a larger disorientation around her, with stress lines reaching far beyond her personal world. If the earth could be in pain, she was sure it was feeling just as miserably pushed out of shape as she. Nothing felt right anymore. Her blue shirt, reacting according to the rise of frustrated body electricity, began pulsing waves of color.

'What do you expect me to do!' She was shouting, not really at Jeremy, but at larger forces stretching everything out of shape around them. Her voice rose in a wail, almost shrieking with the load of pain and sorrow she'd kept pent up within her. The shirt seemed almost out of control for the second time since she'd put it on. Wild waves of color beat like an ocean of blue light against the sides of their narrowing tunnel, seeking some outlet. She was a wild dragon-child facing an insane opponent she couldn't understand.

'Why ask me! Ask the Earth to do something!' she screamed. She flung her full body weight onto the ground, as if to penetrate it with a deeper contact, outstretched and tensed with the high voltage energy flowing thru her.

'Make it Right!' As she screamed out her demand, feeling it echo thru Earth itself and all its creatures, she pressed the blue energy thru her body until she seemed to meld with an incandescent Earth, and the trembling started. She was the living blue electric spark igniting a vast conflagration of forces beyond her. She hung onto the sides of the huge root, feeling the shudder of gigantic need pass thru her, thru the tree. On it rolled like a great tidal wave of energy, releasing her from its grip. She stared wild-eyed at Jeremy, wondering what was going on. He remained crouched, palms pressed to the ground, and listening intently, while she slowly curled her body back into herself.

'Calypso, I think you've really done something.'

'Not just me, silly.' Calypso gathered up her yelping puppy who'd gone sprawling in the excitement. She was exhausted,

'Never mind who or what, let's get out of here or the others will never be able to find us,' he insisted.

Feeling their way along the root tunnel, they missed the friendly blue glow, which seemed almost exhausted now. They nearly bumped into a dark silky lump in their path.

'If it isn't the noisiest girl in the galaxy. I told you once, the whole sky could hear you. Now it seems the whole earth shakes to your little screams. How sweet!'

'Is that you Drakel? What are you doing here? Are you making fun of me?' Calypso wasn't in the mood to have anyone in her way just now.

'Not in the least, my precious. I just came to thank you for restoring my house to its proper part of the world. Pity me! I felt so out of place where you live. How do you stand it? Those people are so shabby! No sense of style! No dignity! No nobility! No sense of taste! Imagine! Cotton, when you can have silk! And cotton wrinkles so badly! They all look like peasants. I was having a terrible fit of nostalgia, so I flew to the place my house used to be, and it suddenly reappeared! Finding you was no problem. I just followed the wavy blue road.'

'Very funny, but we do have evening clothes too. Silk, and lace, and old black suits like you have, tho they're all so uncomfortable I wonder why people bother,' Calypso retorted.

'You're still blocking the path, your Lordship!' Jeremy was still in a hurry to get out.

'Wait a minute, young man! Have you no consideration for the finer things in life? I have a personal interest in your company.'

'And I have no interest in yours,' insisted Jeremy, trying to get by him.

'No need to get so rough! Delicacy! Delicacy! My very soul is delicacy! Really!!' Drakel was shaking with indignation.

'Drakel! Don't even think it!' Calypso was trying to guess what was going on in his sleek little black head.

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Nailer, Ration, Rental, Retail, Retain,

Retina, Tailor, Taller

5 letters (2points) Alert, Aorta, Later,

Leant, Learn, Natal, Renal, Talon, Tinea,

Tonal, Trail, Train

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You can set your system clock to a time server on the Internet. Double-click the time on your taskbar Click the Internet Time tab Check Automatically synchronize with an Internet time server Click on the Update Now button

You can change the picture that gets displayed for a particular user Go to the Control Panel Select User Accounts Click on the Account to change Click on Change my picture You can then browse to the picture you want to use

By default, WindowsXP does not show the QuickLaunch toolbar. To enable it again: Right click on an open area of the toolbar Select Toolbars Select Quick Launch Now you can add programs like with Wing8

WindowsXP has firewall capabilities built into the operating system. For your network connection to the Internet, select Properties Click on the Advanced tab Check the Internet Connection Firewall section Click on the Settings button to change the settings

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**Kuranda Business Womens December Dinner**

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The regular monthly dinner provides an informal atmosphere for great dining, socializing and features a guest speaker. Perth based motivational speaker Trish Taylor took the stage and proved to be very interesting and entertaining. The audience were impressed by her thought provoking presentation covering a number of innovative ways to deal with the pressure of living in the 21st century.

Trish looked stunning in her floral silk blouse with matching velvet purple pants and she took the audience on a problem solving journey taking a range of sensitive and personal questions from the audience. Trish also told a couple of modern day parables that had the ladies thinking and getting actively involved in the discussions that followed. Always on the ball, Trish concluded her presentation with a big crowd pleasing surprise, leaving the audience clapping for more.

Barbara Bartlett from Kuranda met Trish in 1997 at the Sydney launch of her popular book "Beyond the Immediate". "I was very impressed with Trish. She is always true to form." said Barbara. "Trish is one person who knows how to get to the core of issues and we were very lucky she found the time to talk to us here in Kuranda. I hadn't seen her for a long time and she remembered me from her book launch."

According to Trish, addressing a large crowd of women can be a challenge but she felt very welcome in Kuranda and was impressed with the forthright and honest questions from the audience. "I love Kuranda", says Trish. "The ladies here were just so supportive and they have a wonderful sense of humour. If Una from Billys who organized me to speak asks me back again, I'll be here with bells on! It is such a wonderful town and I met so many lovely people."



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on page 17



L-R Regina, Angela, and Therese (Cairns).



Guest Speaker, Trish Taylor.



L-R Bev (Kuranda), Norma (Brisbane), Della, Lisa and Tathra (Kuranda).



L-R Joan (Qld), Margaret (Cairns), Ziggy and Liberty (Kuranda).



L-R Jan, Tup (Koah) and Bev (Kuranda).



L-R Bonnie, Mary, Tina and Kathryn (all from Kuranda)



L-R Valerie (Kuranda), Irene, and Vivienne (Cairns).



L-R Claudia (Kuranda) and Bernadette (Mareeba).



Back L-R Nikki (Cairns) and Una (Billy's)  
Front L-R Bev, Kimberley (Cairns), and Irene

## AMP IT UP! Kuranda Amphitheatre Needs You!

### NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2002 AGM SAT.23RD FEB.2002

Dear Members and Friends, Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thankyou to Leah Kelly who has resigned as Secretary and moved out of the area. I am now in the position of Acting Secretary until the AGM. I would like to thank, on behalf of KAS, Alexis Carroll, Meghan Freeman & Rhiannon Skyrme for raising \$1000 at the Kuranda Spring Fair. This helped immensely to pay bills and get Insurance for Volunteer Workers. Alexis also led the Kuranda Youth in bombarding Mareeba Shire Council with correspondence regarding the Amps current problems. Thanks to Jacqueline Conroy for the use of her computer throughout the year, and thanks to Mark & Cathy Freeman for doing everything possible to make things easier for the Amp. There have been a few changes and much 'behind the scenes' activity since our last newsletter in October, in which we advised of KAS requests of Mareeba Shire Council (MSC). In response to this the Committee was invited to attend a Council meeting on 20/11/01. MSC were interested in our comments and were very supportive in attempting to resolve as many KAS issues as possible.

- KAS has accepted MSC's offer to amend areas under control of KAS, & will meet on-site in the last week of January to assess, discuss etc.

- MSC has lifted the 10pm curfew to 11.30pm, KAS to endeavour to keep noise emissions to a minimum.

- MSC has allowed for 4 'big gigs' per year, plus one 'Youth Rave'. NB. This is all well & good, excepting the fact that the Amp doesn't get these 'big gigs' anymore, & won't unless we have major works done to the main Amp area.

- KAS to pay full general rates, & will then be reimbursed by MSC by way of donation. The Committee feels all of the above are of assistance to the Amp & are looking forward to meeting with MSC on-site. Now, before you freak out, I'd like to explain a few things... KAS has agreed with MSC to have a Future Business Plan in place for the AGM. Our main aim here is to prove the future & financial viability of the Amp. (Naturally, this has raised many questions, ideas etc). This requires community consultation, & the Committee has decided on 3 realistic options for the Amp. A Community-KAS Survey is attached to this newsletter, to gain advice & priorities from the community. Please note that these are suggestions only and we ask you to give these your consideration & to comment realistically. To date, KAS has not been able to pay Public Liability Insurance, although we do have cover for up to 50 Volunteer Workers. It is unrealistic to think KAS can continue to be liable for areas outside the fenced area. It is also unviable for KAS to maintain & insure the entire area.

The Kuranda Amphitheatre is unique in North Queensland. A community venture created, built and operated by the people of Kuranda. It came into being in 1980 and has been operating since then as a venue for concerts, festivals, theatre, dance, seminars and workshops, as well as being used every day by many village community groups for classes, workshops, playgrounds and club nights,

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Area amendments: a few suggestions...

a) KAS to control inside fenced area only. This will lower insurance costs, but not to a manageable amount

b) KAS to control buildings only. This also will lower insurance costs, probably to a manageable amount.

c) MSC to control & maintain Skatepark, driveway access etc. The Committee has already posted a Disclaimer for these areas.

d) MSC to control & maintain Amp grounds.

As KAS owns the buildings, it would be ideal to go with b) & d). This will allow the Society to concentrate on community events etc & liaise with MSC in the event of a big gig. NB Whilst there is no Insurance coverage, the Executive Committee is liable. This is NOT a good feeling & nobody likes to think they could lose everything if an accident occurs.

#### **INSURANCE IS VITAL! NO INSURANCE - NO COMMITTEE - NO KAS.**

##### **Focus on Understage:**

a) sound buffer fence b) sound proofing c) air-conditioning d) build in rear e) build permanent bar at rear, apply for permanent license.

All of these require Capital Works. Planning via local knowledge, history etc. Funding via Council loans, grants, sponsorship, benefactor etc. Some labour & materials donated.

##### **Focus on main Amp area:**

a) Promote 'outside' hirer use b) Tap into Ecotourism via Jum Rum Walking Tracks c) 'Roll-out' terrace cover

These require large-scale Capital Works, community input & volunteer labour.

Obviously, there are many other options & ideas for KAS. After all the work & research this Committee has put in, we feel KAS has to be more realistic & less nostalgic. If the community really wants the Amphitheatre, we have to minimise the options and bring the Amp back to the community. After all, that was the aim of those hard workers who built a 'sound shell'.

#### **UGGH! Here it comes... the AGM. 3PM UNDERSTAGE SAT 23RD FEB. 2002**

Every year we're told "This is it! Vital you come!" etc, etc. Well, guess what? This IS it! You are aware that as of September the Amp has been uninsured due to financial hardship. This left the Executive Committee liable & we weren't prepared to go quite that far with our commitment to the Amp. Therefore, the Amp has become inaccessible & inoperable. At present we are seeking new Insurance quotes for all different areas of the Amp. Hopefully there'll be a quote small enough to be financially viable for KAS to raise. I'd like to stress at this point that if we can pay insurance, the Committee needs commitment from its members & definitely more positions to be filled. The Amp can NOT be managed by only a few people, & I think this is glaringly obvious to all concerned. Two or three people can't do the work of seven or eight others. Sure, you may say "I would help if I was asked." That's great, but you don't even get the time to ask for help when you're busy trying to do 10 jobs at once. We all know that the Committee is blamed for everything, but honestly, if there is no support from members & community, what's the point? This Committee suggests that every effort be made to fill the positions below, this will allow the Executive Committee to carry on with the business at hand, knowing that committed & reliable people are looking after the 'other stuff'. Executive Committee - President, Secretary, Treasurer Managers/Coordinators - Bar, Grounds(?), Bookings, Grants, Kitchen, Technical, Youth Arts, Promotions(?).

We feel KAS only has a future if these positions are filled, and a commitment of 12 months of volunteering is taken seriously. On the down side, if we can't pay insurance, is there ANYONE out there prepared to stand on the Committee & be liable??? Hope to see you all there!

Attached is a KAS-Community Survey. This survey is a major component of the KAS Vision Plan, which will play a part in the greater Business Plan of KAS. The survey items are suggestions only, to simply receive wide-spread communication to formulate a Future Business Plan. Ofcourse, to do this the Committee must obtain community comment. Please give this some consideration!

**Thanking you, Mandy.**



## Community Survey

Please number 1 to 6 in order of preference

- KAS to amend areas of control to MSC. Please refer to Newsletter.
- KAS Understage to remain predominantly used as a 'Live Music/Theatre' venue. Please refer to Newsletter.
- KAS to promote wider community use such as Youth Arts/Activities, meetings, workshops, fitness programs, social events etc. And to actively pursue funding of all varieties eg. Corporate Sponsorship, Benefactor, Grants etc. This requires Youth Arts, Grants & Bookings Officers.
- KAS to support the formation of our own Performing Arts group. This mostly requires promotional & financial backing, and volunteers.
- KAS to promote Ecotourism through daytime activities. Please refer to Newsletter.
- KAS to promote 'external' hire of the main Amp area. This requires further Capital Works & promotional funding on a large scale, but a possible good return financially. Also requires Bookings, Promotional/Marketing & Grants Officers.

RSVP 9TH FEBRUARY, 2002

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Kuranda Amphitheatre thanks you for your time & consideration. If you wish to discuss any of the above with a Committee member, please phone us on the numbers below.

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### Kuranda Community Kindergarten Assoc. Inc.

From the children, parents and staff a big THANK YOU to those who helped the Centre in 2001. To Bill and Tony for the upkeep of our Lawns; Mike Snell - our ever dedicated and efficient cleaner; for the continued and great support we receive from the Kuranda Foodstore and Country Bake. (Where would we be without their help and support?).

A big THANK YOU also to all parents, friends and helpers who supported our Fundraising and Working Bee efforts during 2001 without your assistance we would not have such a great Kindergarten

#### 2002 Thankyous

We would also like to thank the following organizations who have already donated support and or a prize for our 2002 Fundraising Activities.

They are: Sugar World, Quicksilver, Tjapukai, Skyrail, Big Cat - Green Island, Beaches Health Studio, Rainforestation, Hartleys Creek Croc. Farm, LJ Hooker - Kuranda, Cairns Villa & Leisure Park, Sunlover Cruises, Paronella Park, Kuranda Scenic Railway/Traveltrain, Yuruga Native Plants, Undersea World Aquarium

Kuranda Community Kindergarten Association is a community based organisation managed by a committee of dedicated parents. We are proud of our Centre which provides high quality early childhood education & development programs in a caring environment.

Waiting Lists are now also open for Kindergarten and Preschool for 2003 and 2004.

### Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Happy New Year to the Kuranda community! Let's make the year 2002 a great one! Hope those resolutions are still hanging in there! As for us at KNC, our resolution for this year is to really put the Centre on the map (locally speaking!) The dream of providing "a Centre run by the community for the community" is fast becoming a reality. The establishment phase is behind us and we are now fully operational. For those still unsure about what we actually DO, it goes something like this: information and referral, counselling and support, Book Exchange and second-hand Bookshop, community development activities, educational and support groups and courses, emergency food parcels, conflict resolution, mediation and advocacy, a comfortable venue for hire and if all else fails, a welcoming drop-in Centre when you just need some time out! No doubt locals will have noticed our large and colourful sign out the front ( how could you miss it!).

Heaps of thanks and appreciation go to the Year 8 Art class ( and their teacher Ian Whittaker) at KSHS. Thanks guys: what a fantastic job! There was great excitement at KNC when we heard of our successful bid for a Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant. This will help to provide additional furniture and office equipment for the smooth running of the Centre. Special thanks to the many local folk who contributed letters of support for the application. They worked!

Well what do we still need? Help with maintaining the huge corner block of land would be great, particularly as the grass is now growing with a vengeance! Once upon a time there were really nice garden beds at the front of the cottage which deserve some TLC. Are there any green fingers and thumbs out there who would enjoy this challenge?! Please give me a call if this is you! Ph 4093 8933. One last thing to remember is that we now have heaps of noticeboard space at the entrance to the cottage. If you have anything to promote or advertise, we'd be happy to display it for you. Till next time **Cherry Ferrari ( Centre Co-ordinator)**

### Kuranda Tennis Club News

Our AGM went well and we welcome the new club executive and thanks to our past committee for a job well done.

Our fixture presentation and Christmas party was a lot of fun. This year we would like to thank LJ Hooker, Zappo Electrical and Kuranda Real Estate

for their sponsorship of participation trophies for all fixtures players. We also need to congratulate our fixture winners and runner-ups...look out for the photos in the coming editions. We also need to congratulate all our young first time fixture players.

Remember kids, no fixtures in first school term but coaching will occur. Remember if you are interested

in coaching please ring Jacky Conroy on 4093 8218.

We look forward to a fruitful club year with hopefully a fully erected club house and continuation of junior and maybe adult fixtures. Our next meeting is Monday Feb 4th at 7.30pm. Existing and interested members welcome.

Phone inquiries as per notice board at the courts. Happy New Year.

### Kuranda 8 Ball News

Happy new year to all Kuranda residents from Kuranda 8 Ball Club. To all you lovely people who bought tickets in our Christmas raffle (a wheelbarrow full of all sorts of goodies), the lucky winner is John Strong, 1A Monty St, Kuranda. It came at the right time for John, as his old wooden framed wheelbarrow was ready to give up the ghost. Congratulations, John, on your win!

We have new Premiers in Tob Pubbers. Captain Gary Alston was ably supported by his team who are Fleur Hobson, Claude Hobson, Jeffrey Kaptayn and James Reilly. They played Pool Wizards, who are captained by Janet Hoye, and her team, husband Steve, Bill Anderson, Gordon Metcalf, and John Cloak. Although the Wizards played their hearts out, they were pipped by the Top Pubbers.

After the winner of our final had been decided, we all had a lovely meal and presentation of trophies.

Our premiers are Top Pubbers, runners up Pool Wizards, and our third team was Kaos Commons. Our best players of the season were Janet Hoye, ladies, and the mens was a tie between Steve Hoye and Gordon Metcalf. Well done guys!

Best and fairest players were: female, yours truly, Jo Lawlor, and male, Gerald Hobler.

Everybody who turned up to the finals and break-up had a wonderful time. We hope to see more of our players turn up next time, to give encouragement to their favourite team, and join in the festivities afterwards.

We then had our Annual General Meeting. Last years committee was unanimously voted back in for a

second term. We still have room for more players, so if you play 8 ball or would like to learn, we would love to have you join us for fun and competition.

We feel the 2002 season will be very exciting, so do come along and join us. We play our comps every Tuesday night. There are three venues - Top Pub, Speewah Tavern, and the Sports & Social Club.

Sign up date is 29th January at the Top Pub at 7:30pm. If you are unable to make it on the 29th, and you would like to play competitions, there are forms available at the Top Pub that you can fill out, and we will get back to you.

If you don't have a team, just turn up and we will find you a team to play with. Alternatively, if you know 4 or 5 other players you can make a team of your own. It costs each member \$10 for the year and \$2.50 each week for their games.

The committee would like to publicly thank Una for all her support and encouragement throughout 2001 (and the yummy sandwiches she supplies for the players each week). We look forward to working with her again this season. Good luck all.

### Kuranda Rangers Soccer Club 2002 SEASON

Well, here we are again, geared up ready to kick-off another season of soccer. We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas & New Year. During the last few months, the committee have been lobbying with our local council to upgrade Bartley Park (the only suitable oval in our area for soccer). The council, with assistance from the State's Sports and Recreation grant, have been successful in obtaining a grant for the installation of training lights. This facility can be used by all sporting and recreational organisations in Kuranda. We will be hoping to train our teams in the cooler times of the day and provide coaches with flexible training times. We will be starting training when school resumes and we would like to invite all Kuranda children and youth to gear up and come along. Whether you are male or female, tall or short, big or small build, there is always a position in a team. We, as a club, ask for good sportsmanship during training and games. Being on time, wearing appropriate gear, treating your fellow players and coach with respect at all times and having fun is all we ask for when you join our club. Mums and Dads can have fun too when they can see their children active, making friends, and you never know you might have another David Beckham. in the making. Kuranda has always been proud of the talent within our small club, with many players selected to represent Cairns & District, Zone and State sides. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to our AGM on Tuesday 12th February 2002 7.30pm at Kuranda Sports and Social Club. It is really not a big commitment to make if we can get a few more people involved to share the load. We need a local club for our kids, and the club is very financial with the help of our wonderful fundraising committee. We have been able to provide our players with new jerseys last year.

Training for all age groups commence Tuesday 29th January 2002 at Bartley Park. Under 6-9 from 3.30 till 4.30pm, Under 10-17 from 4.30 till 6pm. Please note, these times will change as players are allocated into teams and assigned a coach. If any interested player is unable to attend the initial training sessions for any reason, please contact Dian on 40930504 ASAP so you can be included into the team. All interested coaches, new and previous coaches are to contact Norman Guy on 40938803 with your preference of age groups.

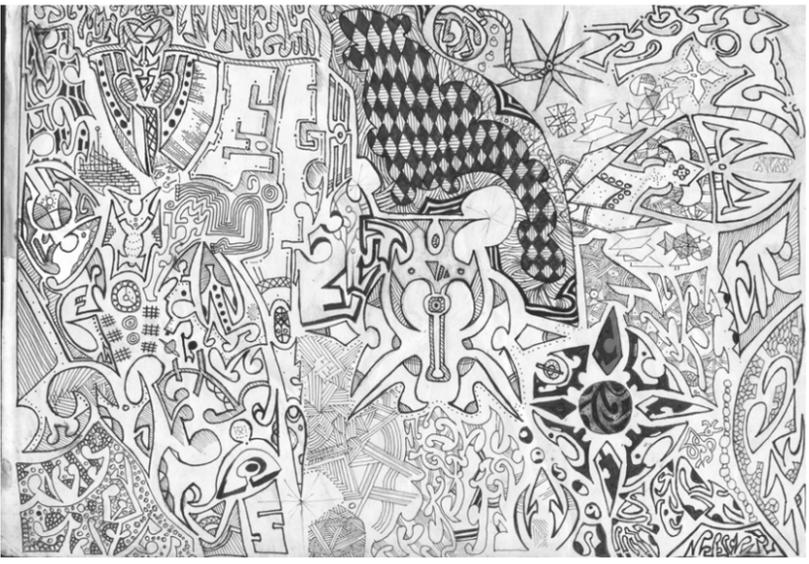
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8 Ball Runners Up - the Pool Wizards



8 Ball Premiers - the



Above art work by Adam



Above and Right: Artwork by Ahimsa



Photographs are the images of my memories,  
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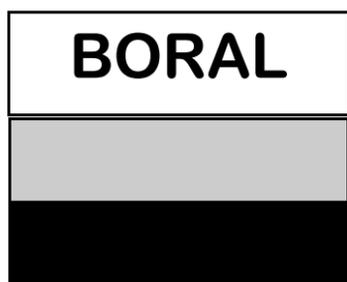
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### Brainteaser

1. Who wrote Poor Fellow My Country?
2. On what day and year did the first fleet arrive at Port Jackson?
3. Name a drinking glass that shares the same name as a musical instrument?
4. What is the colour of the gemstone, Jade?
5. Which river flows through London?
6. Name New Zealand's cricket captain?
7. What kind of creature is a hornbill?
8. Who is the Prime minister of Great Britain?
9. What is the capital of Fiji?
10. Name two league stars who converted to Rugby Union this year?

### AWOL by Ron Elgar

In World War I a soldier who went Absent Without Leave was in danger of being treated as a deserter, and shot. In World War II things were better. But my experiences with one soldier who went AWOL were far from enjoyable. In fact, those memories to this day are sharp and disturbing. Putting your country before your family is tough.

I remember my brother, back in England after being wounded the first time at the Battle of the Falaise Gap, telling me about his soldiers (he was a platoon commander, thirty-two soldiers) and the letters to and from their families. He said that having to censor his soldier's mail, in and out, was sometimes very hard to do; and he told me about one of his soldiers who showed him a letter from his wife who had cheated on him and had written to tell him not to come back. Then there were soldiers who never got any letters; or if they did, were unable to read them, or reply to them.

I was recently commissioned, a Lieutenant, awaiting posting overseas. The army filled in our time with unpleasant tasks. I was told to visit a soldier who was then stationed at Strensall Camp, as I was, but was currently in a nearby army jail, accused of being AWOL.

I remember being escorted to the prison cell by a Military Police corporal. That was bad enough. Then he stood inside the cell with me, a very threatening presence. I looked at the soldier. He was young, a bit older than myself, and it turned out was also awaiting a posting.

He stood as I entered and I asked him to sit down again, on his bunk. I asked the M.P. to leave, but he said he was not allowed to leave us alone. I sat down and asked the soldier to tell me his story, and he did so. It seemed he got fewer and fewer letters from his wife who he had married, according to war-time custom, after a very brief courtship. She now lived in Leeds. His behaviour suffered and he told me he got more and more depressed. He said he had got little sympathy from his superiors – "We are all in the same boat, laddie. Get on with it." You could never tell with the army, even in W.W.II.

Then, quite suddenly, the soldier burst into tears, and sobbed uncontrollably for several minutes. I was acutely embarrassed, quite untrained for counselling. The M.P. grunted disparagingly. Through his sobs he continued his story. The last letter from his wife said she did not love him, did not want to see him again, wanted to marry another bloke and was pregnant to this man anyway. So, he had asked for compassionate leave (of course, there were hundreds

of others like him, in the same situation) and was refused. Maybe he related his situation rather poorly.

Some soldiers spoil things for others by lying about their situation. This no doubt made the army suspicious of all applications. He felt, rightly or wrongly, that there was nothing left for him but to forget his wife and try to get on with life; or, go and see her and try to save his marriage. I found myself empathising with the soldier when he told me, still through his sobs, that he went to see his wife, without leave of absence, and was promptly guilty of being AWOL.

Rather naturally, the red-caps soon picked him up. His home was the first place to visit. He was not trying to hide. That was his story. He had gone AWOL; he had done so to try to save his marriage, and, as a result, had been picked up by the military; he was in prison; and he would be tried for this very serious offense.

The M.P. walked me back to the prison doors and my army truck. He said to me, scornfully, "Serves him right." I replied, "But he is so young, Corporal." It was pointless talking with him. No doubt his job had hardened him – he was an 'old soldier'. For me, young, single, only recently thrown into the maelstrom of the armed forces in wartime, it was a distressing experience. But worse was to come. I now had to defend the accused soldier before a general court-martial. Any court of law, civilian or military, is a forbidding place. I did not relish the task. But before going to court I got myself a 15-cwt. truck and driver and set off for Leeds. Nothing romantic about Leeds in 1945. After some incorrect turnings and choice of roads I arrived at the home of the accused and his wife. It was in the middle of a long terrace of houses, drab and characterless – more like a slum area than anything else. It was wet, drizzly and sunless; a typical summer's day in England.

Leaving the driver in his truck I knocked on the door and waited. An old lady answered, and, seeing an official-looking army uniform let fly at me. The old dear clearly wanted to keep the army at bay, guessing why I was there. The wife appeared and told her mother to leave us. We entered the 'front parlour', a depressing and scantily furnished room. I looked at the missus – a young woman with a tired and beaten-looking face. She told her story, how originally she wasn't going back to her husband. She said she had received no letters from him in ages, thought him dead or gone away. I thought, just what her husband said to me. Who was lying? She became angry. Have to look after myself, don't I? I have to pay the rent, don't I? No money from him, is there? What do you expect me to do?

Then the tears, sobbing as she told me how frightened and lonely she became, on her own (her mother only happened to be there; not usually there), afraid of the black-outs, the shortages of food and fuel and money – and a baby on the way, so she had just realised. A baby? I asked if her husband knew. She said he wasn't the father. It was not an unusual story. She was lonely, so she went to a dance; met this other soldier; and the rest followed.

I asked her about her husband when he came down to her, AWOL. She told me the truth now. How very sorry she was and wanted him back; didn't love the other man, and that they had had a wonderful, loving time until the Military Police arrived. She said her husband wanted to stay with her, help with the baby, and look forward to a life together after the war. They both knew quite well the trouble they were both in. They knew their story was very ordinary, very common. They had talked it over very sensibly, and she promised now she would be able to cope, whatever it took. She cried and begged me to help. I can picture the house, the front room, the skinny, frightened girl and myself, standing there, not knowing what to say but promising to try and help. I do not recall saying anything to the driver all the way back to the barracks.

So it was I found myself as the officer defending this soldier at a general court-martial. I think a major presided with two other officers on the bench along with someone from the army solicitor-general department. There was no disputing the facts. The only possible course I could (and did) take was to plead mitigating circumstances. I suppose my youthful exuberance and genuine sorrow for this couple must have helped. All this time the accused sat and stared straight ahead, but managed to remain in control of himself.

The court was cleared and the army, with its power to make or break, was left to deliberate upon the fate of this human being. The result: thirty days in the cells (less time spent already); fined part of his pay (don't recall how much); and lastly – I could not believe it – lastly, 6 (or was it 4?) days compassionate leave to sort things out. So the court had a heart, after all. As the court dispersed, one of the officers told me I had pleaded well for the soldier. I wished the soldier all the best, but never saw him again. He'd be a grandfather now, and I'm sure he would not have forgotten that time in his life. I hope he and his wife are still together.

I've never been back in court, civilian or military, and do not wish to. Actually, I err. I was court-martialled myself, for losing my army motorcycle in Italy in 1947. But that's another story.

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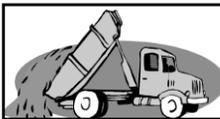
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February 12, 2002 is the first day in the Year of the Horse.  
It is Year 4699 by Chinese calendar.

As Chinese Astrology is based on the lunar (Moon) calendar, each Chinese sign (and therefore New Year) begins with the New Moon in the Sun Sign of Aquarius. Therefore the New Year can fall at any time between early January and late February in any given year. In 2002 the Chinese Year of the Horse begins on 12th February and lasts until 31st January 2003.

## Overview for the Year of the Horse:

Horse years are notorious historical turning points. Turbulent, untamed, and chaotic. Every 12 years the Horse comes around asking it's pinching question "Are you awake?"

The Yang force is at its peak during Horse years, requiring action and movement. Of the 5 elements, the Horse is accompanied by Fire. This can bring to a boil the Water element of 2002, which can flare-up when least expected. Rigour and severity are also chronicled with unusual excesses befalling governing forces. The oratory Horse leads crowds with convincing speeches and egotistic agendas - World War I (1918); World War II (1942); The Great Depression (1930) and the Chinese Cultural Revolution (1966) all occurred during Horse years.

The Horse governs a year where money flows too freely through the fingers, and where savings accounts dwindle. Travel, voyages and changes occur in Horse years, and most of us will prefer to be anywhere except home! This year may be polarized by a manic-depressive air of enthusiasm, followed by self-doubt. Always a competitive and avid sportsman, the Horse can bring sprains (especially knees and ankles) or lower body injuries.

Not since 1998's Tiger year have we seen this level of activity. Horse years demand independence and freedom - despite the costs. A "Decisive" year when many will strike out on their own. The Horse isn't known for staying close to home, preferring to be in the midst of social activities, debates and company. Impatient and talkative, Horses play offense in life, and 2002 will be an enterprising year when entrepreneurial efforts and small businesses can flourish.

Most signs will move both confidently and quickly in all endeavours. Romantic infatuation is the name of the game romantically this year, as the Horse falls very easily in and out of love. A marvellous year for the Goat, the Dog, and the Tiger, and for all who need more of the "Fire" element in their charts (the FIRE element being designated to the Horse.) Mid July through mid August is the culminating point in the year for Horses themselves, however the wet winter months of 2002 can be brought to a steamy boil by the Yang Fire of the year.

A narcissistic and self-centred year where even the most self-effacing people think of themselves first. Creative lending, money matters and intense competition, (especially in sports) takes the spotlight. Lively debates pepper Horse years as the steed is the supreme "orator" and speech-maker of the zodiac. Many could decide to change professions and especially established partners. However, the "other side" pastures of a Horse year, always seem greener than they really are!

Ceaseless motion, decisiveness and control flavour this active year. A spirited, fiery, heedless, time to move forward and to advance causes. Even the most avid procrastinators (Snake, Pig and Rabbit) will boldly move ahead with plans. The pulse of 2002 is fast and wildly variable. Non-conformists rule now. Love of social contact can be expected also even for the most reticent personalities. With all of this activity, insomnia could be the chief complaint to health care providers this year. Political muscle flexing, resignations, and fits if geological temper occur more often during Horse years.

In the Year of the Horse we must all think and reflect and "look before we leap". Seek a healthy balance between deliberation and action, and avoid excessive physical or emotional escapades.



## the moon and the stars in February: by the sidereal calendar which is based on the zodiac constellations and their planetary interrelations in the cosmos \*k.sta\*

**Full Moon:** Wednesday 27th Feb  
7:18 pm in Leo - grrrr!

**New Moon:** Tuesday 12th Feb 2:52 pm  
in Aquarius. A good moon for group  
activities - hold a séance or meditation  
circle. Aquarius is also the energy of the  
internet.

**Gardening:** Best days for transplanting  
on 5th to 7th, irrigating and fertilising on  
15th and 16th, sowing seeds from 20th to  
25th, and flowers on 24th.

**Weather:** heavy rain after the full moon.  
☉ **Sun:** moves from constellation of  
Capricorn into Aquarius on 11th. Rested  
by our holidays, we rejoin society for  
another year.

♀ **Mercury:** in Capricorn. Retrograde  
ends on the 8th, so communication starts  
to make sense again. Sort out any  
misunderstandings and bureaucratic  
tangles with the aid of cautious, not  
capricious, Capricorn. Mercury is the  
morning star now.

♀ **Venus:** also in Capricorn, so many  
may be feeling limited by their  
relationships. Channel this frustration in  
creative pursuits until the 6th. Venus,  
now in Aquarius, will spice things up - on

a sizzling Scorpio moon. And for the rest  
of the month.

♂ **Mars:** in Pisces. It may be hard to  
ground your visions, until 18th when Mars  
is in Aries. Then watch out - it's full steam  
ahead.

♃ **Jupiter:** in Gemini, excellent for all  
those just back to school/uni/tafe.  
Teachers will be feeling cheerful and  
benevolent, if you're in touch with the  
benefic Jupiter.

♄ **Saturn:** in Taurus. Slowly slowly  
catchee monkey. Happy Saturn return to  
those born in 1973!

**Best parties:** Leo (the party animal)  
begins to rise just after sunset. Therefore  
the full moon in Leo on 27th, would be  
the party night. 22nd and 23rd choose  
the arty party over the booze bash. 1st  
and 2nd are purrfect for getting together  
with friends.

**Most romantic:** Venus trines Jupiter on  
the 16th and 17th. A luxurious aspect!

**Chill out:** Saturn opposes the Moon in  
Scorpio around the 6th, so spend some  
time with relaxing company. Two lunar  
nodes, 10th and 22nd, may make you  
wish you'd changed your mind about your  
plans on those days.

**Special:** Meteor showers coming from  
Alpha Centauri all this month. We  
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within the graveyards of yesteryear  
Come open up your higher mind

Listen... can you not hear  
their hooves beating upon the bare  
earth

follow them in your souls' thirsty  
yearnings

Run with them, run now the door is  
wide open

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to untie your own imaginary knots  
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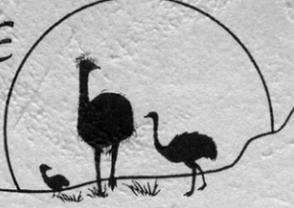
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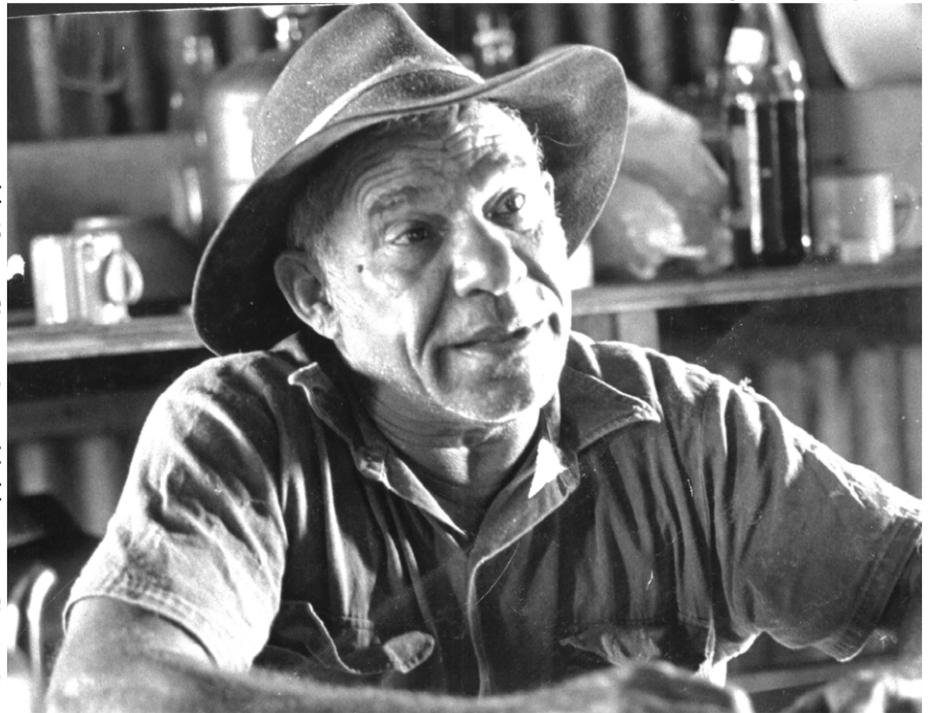
Finley believed that anything was possible, and that the only thing that would stop you from achieving in life, was yourself. It was for this reason that Finley Grogan was born at Mona Mona Mission to Harry and Rosie Grogan on the 18th August 1927, brother to Esme, Melva, Rose, Clarence, Harry, Hilary, Minnie, and Arthur. He will be sadly missed by his extended family and wide community of friends.

From an early age Finley's first job was to help his father drive the bullock team, hauling timber logs to the Mission sawmill. In 1949 he married June Assan. They were blessed with ten children, and in addition he raised a foster son, his granddaughter Claudia, a nephew and niece, and several other children. He supported his family by a career in timber-cutting in the Atherton, Rifle, Bloomfield and Whitfield ranges. He developed a great love and knowledge of the bush, or scrub, as he called it. He remains known as one of the best timber-cutters in the north.

During his busy home, social and working life, Finley still found the time to be involved in local indigenous issues. He supported the establishment of the Ngonbi Housing Co-operative and other social justice programs for his people. During the repressive years of the 'Aboriginal Protection Acts' many indigenous people escaping the restrictions of aboriginal Missions found safety at Finley's home. He wasn't afraid to stand up and be counted when it came to mercy and justice for his people. It was not strange for his household to take part in marches, sit-ins and rallies. Finley believed in the freedom of all human beings and that justice be upheld in the community and nation.

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Wednesday	11 am - 5 pm
Thursday	11 am - 5 pm
Friday	9 am - 12 noon
Saturday	9 am - 12 noon

**No Council services  
available Saturday**

## KURANDA TRANSFER STATION OPENING TIMES

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>	<b>to 10.00 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>to 6.00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>	<b>to 10.00 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>to 12.00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>to 5.00 pm</b>



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Regular Meetings in Kuranda

Date Claimer Kuranda Amphitheatre A.G.M. Sat. Feb 23 2002 3 pm  
 Every Sunday Soft Ball Hunter Park Fallon Rd 2.30 pm  
 Ph 4093 7113  
 Al-Anon 10.30 am Neighbourhood Centre, Cnr.  
 Coondoo & Barang Sts. Ph 4093 0462

Alcoholics Anonymous 10.30 am CWA Hall  
 Ph 4093 0462  
 Kuranda Bowls Club social games 1-5 pm  
 1st Sunday R.S.L. 5 pm Sports & Social Club Family Service, Uniting Church  
 St. Christopher's

2nd Sunday Kuranda Bowls Club Monthly Meeting 12.30 pm  
 3rd Sunday Free Pottery classes, The Mud Slingers, Myola Rd.  
 at "The Stables" 10.30am

Every Monday Life Span exercise QCWA Hall 9.30 am  
 Jungle Gym for Kuranda Kids, 3.15 pm 4093 0608  
 1st Monday Kuranda Horse and Pony Club 7.30 pm Mantaka  
 High School P & C 7.30 pm  
 Tennis Club 7.30 pm Sports and Social Club  
 Fallon Rd

Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm Sue Richers  
 Ph 4085 0065  
 2nd Monday KNC (was KISC) 7.30 pm Management & 8 pm General  
 QCWA 12.30 pm Ph 4093 8933

2nd & 4th Mon Kuranda Lions 7.30 pm S & S Club Fallon Rd  
 Ph 4093 7187

3rd Monday Kuranda State Primary P&C Assoc 3.30pm in  
 School staff room.

Every Tuesday Play group St. Saviour's 9.30 am-11.30 am  
 Ph 4093 0146  
 Dog training 7.00 pm Kuranda Pony Club  
 Taekwondo & Self Defence Kids 5.30 pm Adults 7 pm  
 CWA Hall 4093 8682

8 Ball 7.15 pm at Speewah Tavern, Fitzies  
 Tavern and Sports & Social Club  
 3rd Tuesday Rangers Soccer Club 6.30 pm. Ph 4093 8803  
 Norman Guy

Every Wed Craft classes at QCWA Hall 9.30 am  
 Cub Scouts 5-6.30 pm contact Clare Hensley  
 Ph 4093 9038  
 PLAYGROUP 9.45 - 11.30 am

1st Wed Kuranda EnviroCare, Sports Club 7 pm Ph 4093 7570  
 Chamber of Commerce 5 pm Frog's Restaurant  
 2nd Wed Q.C.W.A meeting 12.30 pm QCWA. Hall  
 Ph 4093 8218 or 4093 9600

Last Wed Sports & Social Club meeting 7.30 pm  
 Every Thurs Joey Scouts Meeting 5-6 pm  
 Rotary, 6 pm for 6.30 Monkey's Restaurant  
 Ph 4093 7428

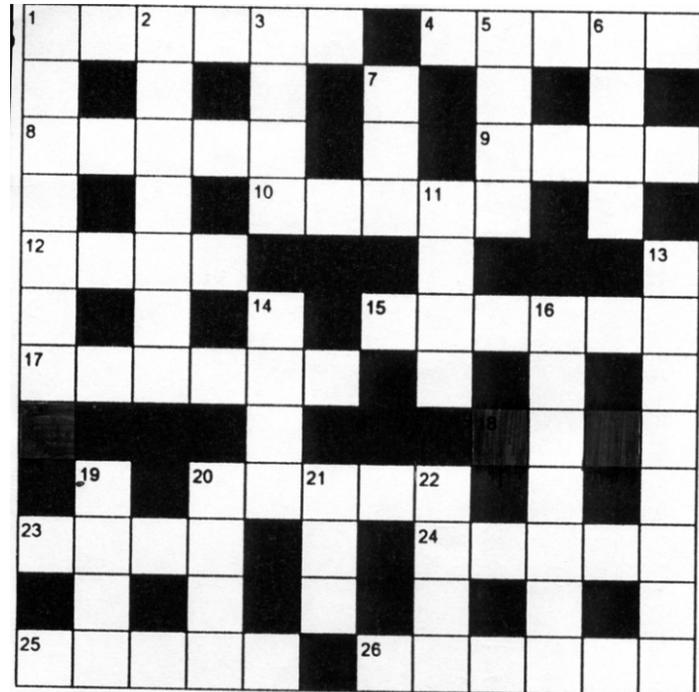
Jungle Gym for Kuranda Kids, 3.15 pm 4093 0608  
 Kuranda Bowls Club Night Bowls-Casual 7 pm  
 2nd Thurs Ambulance 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Rd.  
 Respite Care QCWA Hall 9 am-3 pm

8 Ball Comp. S & S Club 7.15 pm  
 Every Friday Rotary Top Pub Goose Club 6-8 pm Scouts 7-9 pm  
 1st Saturday Pottery Group (MUDSLINGERS) 10.30 am Stables  
 next to High School, Myola Rd.

2nd Saturday Kuranda Garden Group 2nd Sat 11 Aug 2 pm  
 Every Saturday EnviroCare 8 am-9 am Tree planting bees  
 Ph 4093 7570  
 3rd Saturday Ambulance Committee Stall - Outside St. Saviour's

Church (Bi-monthly)

PLEASE CHECK IF THE DAY, TIME AND PHONE NUMBERS ARE CORRECT.



Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No.28  
 Compiled by John Brooksbank.

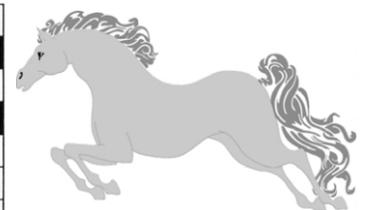
### Down

1. Horse & pony headquarters.
2. Work in another riverside settlement.
3. Served at the Sports Club.
5. Tuberous vines may grow back here in the tropics.
6. Madonna found in the valley.
7. Bill apparently has a long one.
11. The vegetable is good for you, mister.
13. See 21 down.
14. South American form of 11 down.
- 16 & 19. Northern building turned into this. (7,4)
20. Sometimes tied at St Christophers.
- 21 & 13. In other words the Kuranda potters!.(3,8)
22. An axe with a bit of wood on the side?

### Across

1. Fabricate an arts degree Miriarn's homelands music at the Green House?.
4. Dig over loamy area just up the Barron River from the village.
8. Stair part is almost a Cairns street.
9. Bottom pub denizens say the oldest is the best.
10. Despite the name none found on this local range.
12. In short Al is nameless.
15. Sounds like 10 across playfully take risks at the casino.
17. Acacia produce this Middle eastern gum.
20. Her kitchen is famous for its curry.
23. Sarn's is along Koah Road.
24. Rob Veivers can, and has one!
25. Were performed comically at the Ampitheatre
26. Egrets almost pharmaceutical white cousins?.

**Happy  
 Valentines Day  
 14 February  
 2002**



**Happy Chinese  
 New Year  
 12 February 2002**

<b>KURANDA - CAIRNS</b>			
<b>BUS SERVICE (KURANDA'S ONLY LOCAL BUS SERVICE)</b>			
<b>TO CAIRNS - MON/TUES WED to FRI SAT/SUN</b>			
<b>DEP. KURANDA</b>	0730	0730	0830
	1230	1010	1445
	1400	1230	1400
<b>DEP. CAIRNS</b>	0900	0900	0930
	1325	1100	1530
	1510	1325	1510
		1510	
		1700	
<b>DEPARTS BUS STOP "D" LAKE STREET,                  TRANSIT CENTRE. PHONE JOHN 0418 7 72 953</b>			

<b>WHITECAR COACHES PTY LTD</b>		
A.C.N. 010 553 527 PO Box 140, AATHERTON QLD 4883		
<b>TO CAIRNS:</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> (Except Public Holidays)	
<b>DEPART</b>	<b>SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS</b>	
RAVENSHOE	8.00am	
HERBERTON	8.35am	
ATHERTON	6.30am 9.15am	
MAREEBA	7.00am 9.45am	
KURANDA	7.30am 10.20am 12.45pm 2.10pm 4.30pm	
CAIRNS (Arrive)	8.15am 11.15am 1.30pm 2.50pm 5.15pm	
<b>FROM CAIRNS:</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> (Except Public Holidays)	
<b>DEPART</b>	<b>SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS</b>	
CAIRNS	8.30am 9.30am 1.30pm 3.15pm 5.30pm	
KURANDA	9.05am 10.10am 2.10pm 3.55pm 6.05pm	
MAREEBA	9.40am 4.30pm 6.40pm	
ATHERTON	10.15am 5.00pm *3.15pm 7.15pm 11.15am	
HERBERTON	10.30am 5.30pm *3.35pm	
RAVENSHOE (Arrive)	11.00am 6.00pm *4.00pm	
* School Days Only # MUST Book and Pay Ahead		
AIRPORT/TRINITY WHARF DROP-OFF AVAILABLE ON MOST SERVICES UPON REQUEST (Additional fare applies)		
HOSPITAL & DOCTORS SURGERIES DROP-OFF (Eastern side of Sheridan St only) AVAILABLE ON SELECTED SERVICES (Additional fare applies)		
N.B. NO SERVICES OPERATING ON CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY		
ATHERTON ATHERTON CAIRNS HERBERTON KURANDA MAREEBA RAVENSHOE	WHITECAR COACHES HEAD OFFICE, 6 McCONAGHIE ST PHILLIPS NEWSAGENCY, 48c MAIN ST 48 SPENCE ST (Pay Driver) HERBERTON NEWSAGENCY, 59 GRACE ST 15 THERWINE ST (Pay Driver) MAREEBA NEWSAGENCY, 125 BYRNES ST 80 RAVENSHOE	4091 1855 4091 1105 4091 1855 4096 2258 4091 1855 4092 1030