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The Barron Falls, Kuranda, March 1997 Photo R. Dod's

Kuranda was lucky to survive Cyclone Justin relatively unscathed although several houses sustained some damage and the forest and most gardens are still a little tattered here and there. One of the most impressive effects of Justin was the massive swelling of the flow of the Barron River and Falls, captured by the above photograph and elsewhere in this edition of the Kuranda Paper. The wild conditions made the journey out to Barron Falls Road to view the Falls in all their glory an adventure in itself. There was electricity in the air, the roar and shudder of the Falls and the sharp fresh smell of rain and crushed vegetation which covered the whole area. It was truly exhilarating to see, feel and hear the power of the Barron River released in what is, these days, a rather rare occurrence.

In the early years of this century, Kuranda was considered a place for rest and recuperation and was also known as the "Niagara Falls" of Australia - a favourite honeymoon spot. An early tourist promotion described the magic of a visit to Kuranda:

"there is reason for their wish that they shall never end their holidaying until they have rested a while beside the smoothly flowing Barron River, have stood in awed amazement before the cascading beauty of the Stoney Creek Falls on the rail-road to Kuranda, have wandered heedless of time along the romantic little Jum Rum Creek, or stood at the foot of the mighty, roaring volume of snow white water that pitches over the rocks into the gloom and grandeur of the Barron Gorge."

The Barron has undergone many changes since those times. It is well known that it already cannot meet the demands placed upon it by agriculture and the insatiable taps of Cairns. Changes to and increased production of commercial power generated from the Barron Gorge Power Station will create further demands. This month a meeting will be held in Kuranda. It has been organised by Member for Barron River Lyn Warwick to discuss the future of the Barron River at Kuranda. Also attending this meeting will be Minister for Energy Tom Gilmore and Mike Fewster of AUSTA, the power generating arm of the Queensland Electricity Generating Board and operator of the Barron Gorge Power Station. Recent low river levels, the environmental integrity of the River and the needs of the community will be discussed and you are urged to attend. This meeting will be held on Thursday May 15th 7pm at the Kuranda CWA Hall.

We need to protect the River in our area and to ensure it is properly managed.

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COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

Rumours have been circulating that the 'Rob Borbidge Memorial Lawn' represents the Village in the Rainforest concept. Home of the magnificent Ronald MacTourist Toilets which is world famous for providing the time in two different time zones, neither of which appears to be Queensland. Meanwhile, the Barron Falls Waterslide to Smithfield is unlikely to go ahead, as is the Feral Pig Trap Adventure in the Rainforest Mini Golf. The Cassowary Shearing Shed Rainforest Experience Park is in doubt. Likewise the .44 Magnum Rainforest Sugar-Glider Slaughter Tour. Now every compost reader knows that the answer is more jobs, more police, more prisons and longer jail sentences, but what was the question? And if the independent member of Oxley can drape herself in an Australian flag and expect to be taken seriously we all can. Fortunately Kuranda went its own way in the March 15th election and ensured that no resident represents us in Council for the next three years. Perhaps this co-ordinated approach is a backlash against the millions spent on the Borbidge Lawn and Toilet Block and the Village in the Rainforest concept. Maybe the next step is to build a ship in Coondoo street so that it can be launched onto the Barang street WaterWorld and Underwater Rainforest Tour.

Where do we go from here?

Bald-One The Barbarian Pete, Hee Haw Hydroponics, Boyles Rd.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

THANK YOU from Grace Hari.

I won a 70% scholarship to study as an exchange student in Japan through the Australian Institute of International Understanding and the Australia Japan Society. While I was very excited about going to Japan I had to raise a further \$6,000.00 in order to go. I achieved my goal and departed on March 26. I would like to personally thank all the people who supported my fundraising efforts to go to Japan. Special thanks to the following people:

Mark Freeman, Ju lie Dawbarn and Peter Thompson, Hillary Occlleston, June Crooke, Mareeba Shire Council, Chris Lewis, Cr. Oliver Gilkerson, Cr. Jeff Pezzutti and Cairns City Council, the Verandah Gallery, Kuranda Coffee Shop, Cracker Box Palace, The Reef Gallery, The Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund, Kuranda Lions Club, Jim and Olive Mealing, Kuranda Rotary Club, Warren Entsch, Pat McFarlane, Don Freeman and the Tjapukai Cultural Park, Terry Russell and Sun Lover Cruises, Dennis Boundy, Diane Rees and the Cherry Blossom Restaurant.

I would also like to sincerely thank all the people and local businesses who bought paintings, raffle tickets and made donations. I am really touched by how supportive the community has been and really appreciate everyone's kindness and generosity.

The winners of the raffle were:

- *Family reef trip on Sun Lover Cruises to Fitzroy Island: Peter Heim, Kuranda
- *Admission to the Tjapukai Cultural Park: Nevin, Kuranda
- *A 1996 collection of Australian Stamps: Lisa, Cairns
- *Dinner at the Cherry Blossom Restaurant: Niels, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Does anyone else feel the same way I do? Last week I walked past the Bottom Pub's footpath 'spruiker'. Tourists from the train and Skyrail grimaced once they'd passed him. His patter included "we're not like the other places further up trying to rip you off. . . .". As a local and not a tourist, I found it offensive; as a kind of verbal pollution especially when you could hear him below by the river. As a local I value the tranquillity and beauty of the river spot below the railway station. To hear this man calling out his sales pitch on a public path above completely destroys the ambiance of the river/parkland. Tourists trying to relax and look at the river and rainforest also didn't appear to like it. I think his manner and patter belong to the city, to used car yards or warehouse sales shops etc. Surely the last thing tourists and locals alike need is a reminder of what they've paid a lot of money to try and forget for a few weeks of vacation or as a lifestyle as a resident. Do the other businesses think it is helping their image either? What does everyone else feel?

Susan Meiwrath, Top of the Range, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Economists have got me "stonkered". For several years now we ordinary people have been told that we've got to have confidence and spend up big - this way business will flourish and there'll be more jobs. We are also told by John Howard in the midst of his "placid pleasure" that small business is the backbone of society and their prosperity will cure societies economic ills.

How come then, under his and Peter Costello's "able" leadership more and more small businesses are going broke? And the other day I heard a "reliable" Government economist saying on the radio that we are in danger of another recession like that after the boom of the Eighties - not because of wild speculators like Bond and his mates this time - but because we are spending too much money especially on housing! Doesn't it leave you speechless??

Barb Colley, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Thank you Oliver for your help as our Kuranda councillor. Please anyone having a complaint about their road etc. PESTER the Council by letter to do something and continue to agitate till something is done about your complaint. Letters can be slotted in at the Mareeba Shire Office in Kuranda. You can also phone Mayor Chris Lewis but letters are better.

Majorie Spear, Black Mountain Road

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ARK

ASSOCIATION for REGIONAL KURANDA

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Well, a lot of water under the bridge since the last ARK column, two public meetings and quite a number of committee and special meetings as well. And an election and a cyclone !!!

ELECTION RESULTS

A very disappointing result for Kuranda, with no resident councillor. Mayor Chris Lewis attended ARK's March 19th meeting and gave a personal commitment to ensure Kuranda receives its due attention. ARK has requested a review of the Shire electoral system to examine how the situation may be avoided in future elections. However, it needs to be pointed out that the same situation occurred in 1988 under a *divisional* voting system. In fact, the lack of a Kuranda councillor at that time was a catalyst for the formation in 1990 of ARK (known then as the Kuranda Consultative Group). Almost seven years and 90 monthly public meetings down the track our relationship with Council has steadily improved and become a more positive, co-operative partnership. Although we see that it will be a challenge to maintain a strong communication base in Council without a Kuranda councillor, ARK remains committed to working for a positive environmental, economic, social and cultural future for all in the Kuranda region.

ARK particularly wishes to thank former Councillor Oliver Gilkerson for his unflagging attendance at ARK meetings and assistance during his three years as Kuranda's council representative. Thanks also to former Division 4 councillor Dennis Rose, who worked for Kuranda on the Main Street program and who provided strong support to Oliver in Council.

In the current situation, ARK's value as a strong and aware resident's group has been highlighted, and a recent strong increase in membership reflects this. Welcome to all new members, we appreciate your support. ARK has now worked with four different Mareeba Shire Councils and there is a lot of experience and knowledge to draw upon: both from within the Management Committee and through the membership.

If you wish to be an active participant in the future of Kuranda please join us. Membership is \$10 per year (\$5 conc.) and forms are available at meetings (every third Wednesday 7pm Sports & Social Club, Fallon Rd), from the Management Committee or from The Green House Environment Shop 26 Coondoo St (Mon-Friday 10am-5pm). Our meetings are always open to the whole community. **NEXT MEETING: Wednesday May 21st 7pm Kuranda Sports & Social Club.**

PRIORITY ISSUES

As usual ARK is dealing with many issues of concern and interest to Kuranda residents. These are all covered in detail in the minutes sent to members. The following is an update of priority issues only.

BLACK MT RD CASSOWARY CONSERVATION

ARK's dedicated working group now has a title : CASS (Cassowary Alliance for Species Survival) which reflects the need for all concerned parties to work together and also the seriousness of the situation: we really are talking about the future survival of cassowaries in this area. Unbelievably, cassowaries although listed as endangered in Queensland are not listed as such Federally. With a lot of help from Lyn Warwick, Lesley Clark, Warren Entsch, Sen. Ian Macdonald, the Mareeba Shire Council and the Departments of Environment and Natural Resources and other community & environment groups, Federal listing appears imminent : at least it appears funding for the research to allow for this to occur has been identified. At the same time, negotiations regarding the future management of State reserves in the Black Mt Rd area is underway with a meeting of all interested parties to be held soon.

LOW RIVER LEVELS at KURANDA

Have been exacerbated by deposits of sand caused by flooding generated by Cuyclone Justin. The effect of these will need to be examined. R5th public meeting (see notice this page) residents are urged to attend the May 1

DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BUSES & COACHES IN VILLAGE

A draft code of conduct has been presented to ARK by FNQTOA head Gordon Dixon. There will be further discussion on this issue at the next ARK meeting. A code of conduct will form part of the regulation of buses.

FRUITS OF THE RAINFOREST RAFFLE

Was won by ARK member Rita Squire of Cassowary House, Black Mt Rd. Congrats Rita!!

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COMMITTEE:

Charlotte Doger de Speville, Bob Colefax, Ken Harley, Rob Mortimer



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We are sadly being forced to vacate our Coondoo St premises. Our landlord is replacing our shop with a coldroom, storage and more outside tables for his restaurant. We are currently seeking other options for a space to continue to serve you (even better) and thank you for your support over the past five years. We will continue to trade from the Coondoo St shop until June 8th and NEW TO YOU2 (next to Monkeys) will remain open for longer hours for your local shopping convenience.

PHONE 937 508

KURANDA 'RIVER DAY' MEETING

The first meeting to discuss this planned River Day for celebration and awareness was held way back in March. Some ideas generated were "river/water food" : spring rolls, dips, watermelon etc. River races, rallies, water games, costume and (recycled or natural materials) raft design competitions, figurheads, music, theatre, Cultural Tjapukai dreaming/ river stories, themes art & sculpture displays, water technology, water testing, ranger raves, live croc talks, childrens stories, face painting, craft making, freshwater fish tanks, pirate boats, "precious Water" and "Mother Earth", floating candle vessels at dusk: sending a message about cherishing and protecting the River, water tasting for politicians, information displays, latest water conservation technology, environmental protection, water based interest & sporting groups, enjoying the River: swimming, canoeing, rafting, rowing.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday MAY 1st at Monkey's restaurant 7pm. ALL WELCOME ! The first meeting established a tentative date for the River Day as a Saturday in October. Due to a number of other regional events we will further discuss the actual date at the May 1st meeting. October was chosen as the appropriate month because of warm weather (the idea is to get into the River: literally) and it is National WATER WEEK month.

LYN WARWICK, MLA

Member for Barron River

Invites you
to a Public Meeting
to be held on Thursday 15 May at 7pm
at the CWA Hall, Kuranda

This meeting will discuss water levels in the Barron River at Kuranda

Also Present will be the Hon. Tom Gilmore, MLA, Minister for Energy and Mick Frewster from Austa Electric who will be available to address local concerns about the present and future water requirements of Austa Electric.

For more information about this meeting please contact the office of Lyn Warwick on 382800

KISC (KURANDA INFORMATION & SUPPORT CENTRE) NEWS

At last! The KISC collection of books on a wide range of subjects such as relationships, parenting, womens health, and alcohol and drug use, are now at the Kuranda library - have a look over them the next time you're there.

KISC urges all Kuranda residents to become ambulance subscribers - you really never know when you may need one (as our secretary can testify after her husband's recent accident).

KISC DRUG AND ALCOHOL BULLETIN DRUG INFORMATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Parents in rural Queensland will find a wealth of practical information in a new guide to help cope with drug use by young people. The free booklet - entitled *Coping With Drug Use: A Practical Guide for Parents* - is one of a number of publications produced by Queensland Health's Alcohol and Drug Information Service. It provides helpful information and practical strategies to help parents deal with all levels of drug use, from experimentation to regular or heavy use. It also details how to access further help if required. Most young people are exposed to some form of drug use - usually involving alcohol, tobacco and marijuana - either through the media, peers or relatives and this often results in experimentation. This can result in problems for the user, their family or community generally. Queensland Health provides many counselling services for parents and young people experiencing problems relating to drug use. Its Alcohol and Drug Information Service, which last year received more than 3,300 calls from anxious parents, offers confidential and anonymous telephone counselling or referral to specialist treatment agencies. To obtain a free copy of *Coping With Drug Use: A Practical Guide for Parents*, or to contact the Alcohol and Drug Information Service, telephone Freecall 1800 177 833 or (07) 3236 2414.



HOW TO BE HEALTHY THOUGH ELDERLY

The midges and sandflies have been horrible for weeks - when walking or gardening for health they do not attack; but if you sit use a fan to blow them away or rub tea tree oil etc. on the spots they attacked. They love my knuckles, elbows and places that have thin skin - I use pawpaw ointment nightly on any dry skin.

I am still having 2 glasses of warm Bush Basil tea daily when out of bed, best when golden colour with a little honey - a great tonic. Kambucha tea is also good but I drink that at midday - I have the plants to give away. Ph.937205 Marjorie Spear

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YOUR HEALTH IN YOUR HANDS

A NEW WHOOPING COUGH VACCINE:

Australia has a scandalously low level of childhood vaccination, particularly protection against whooping cough - a bacterial illness caused by the Bordetella pertussis germ. There has been a big jump in the incidence of pertussis in Australia, with almost 4,000 cases in 1993 and 5,600 in 1994, with quite a few of these on the Tablelands, including Kuranda.

This prevalence is quite a worry since the illness is very unpleasant, particularly in infants and younger children. The "whoop" is an attempt to inhale some air after extended periods of repeated or "paroxysms" of cough, through swollen airways and thick secretions. The disease is associated with significant mortality which can be as high as 1% in infants. Protection against pertussis is provided by the pertussis component of the Triple Antigen vaccine (which also contains diphtheria and tetanus toxoids). The pertussis component is a "whole cell" vaccine which has minor but frequent side effects, particularly fever, swelling, redness and crying. Concerns about these side effects have certainly contributed to the lowering of the community's protection and general vaccination rates. The recent release of a new Triple Antigen vaccine with an "acellular" pertussis component sees the long awaited arrival of a much less "reactogenic", but equally effective alternative. The new vaccine has a much reduced incidence of side effects and will certainly be later adopted as a replacement (to the old Triple Antigen).

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KURANDA PENSIONERS' AND SUPERANNUANTS' LEAGUE

We have been meeting on the first Monday of every month at 1.30pm in the C.W.A. hall as usual. We have been discussing the problem of Euthanasia and a person's right to manage their own life and death. Also the dangers for older people in the current raising of fees for Nursing Homes as well as some serious anomalies in the Mental Health Act.

Because we all need some fun too we have decided to start a regular BINGO AFTERNOON at 1.30pm in the C.W.A. HALL every Saturday. Come and join us for some fun and games!!

Barb Colley, Secretary 937170

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KURANDA GARDEN GROUP

The Kuranda Garden Group had a lovely March visit to Gummows Palm Nursery - their rainforest garden is delightful. In April we visited the Oyster Mushroom farm in Scenic Drive. It was a fascinating home business and the products (which we tasted) were delicious. On Saturday May 10th, 2.15 we will be at Fronds Nursery, Boyles Rd. We will have smoko there so please bring a plate as usual. Questions will be answered while sitting for smoko. Everyone is welcome to attend but children are better left at home. There is no sub. or charge. Phone me 937205 for any enquiries. Marjorie Spear

ORGANIC GARDENING

Marjorie Spear

The sun is shining and all my plants are rejoicing - flowering, fruiting and growing. Celery and Mignonette lettuce which I planted before the cyclone are very healthy. I planted the lettuce in 2 different places - the place with more fertility has lettuce ready to eat - the other plants with less compost are well behind. My compost is made of fruit scraps and weeds (with no seeds) and some manure. Weeds that have seeded are pulled out put in heaps, some manure added and covered with black plastic. The black plastic should kill the seeds - but if the seeds are mature I cut them off, bag them and bag and seeds go into the wheelbin. If you have questions or want some gardening knowledge do come to the Kuranda Gardening Group May 10th. Cucumbers did not like the cyclonic weather and drizzle but my tomatoes elevated in boxes and drums are starting to bear. They are big cherry varieties. Sucking moth time has arrived. I intend trying covering my citrus with colourless plastic shade cloth so the wretches can't get at the fruit.



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CASSOWARY CONSERVATION

Residents have reported sightings of young cassowaries around the outer reaches of the Kuranda region, and there is a lot of interest in knowing more about their habits and their ecology. Guest speaker, Les Moore, addressed our April meeting and shared his wealth of knowledge on cassowary numbers, their range and interaction with each other and with humans, their dogs and guns. Residents who are hand feeding cassowaries need to be aware that their natural food is the fruit of the rainforest. Cassowaries have little resistance to a fatal fungal disease called *aespilloglossus*. The fungus is carried in bread, cheese and prepared food. This fungus builds up in their systems when they are regularly fed unnatural food, and ultimately kills them. Hand feeding develops their dependence on unnatural, nutritionally deficient food and may introduce disease. The birds may become aggressive if the hand that feeds is empty, putting the well meaning feeder at risk. Hand feeding encourages familiarity with people, dogs and roads, which threaten their very survival.

If you insist on feeding them, please offer only fresh fruit, leave it out for them, move away and watch from a distance.

If a joint funding application by Kuranda Landcare and Kuranda Environment Association succeeds in securing funding from the Natural Heritage Trust, this rainforest community will have an opportunity contribute to cassowary recovery across the region.

THE SAGA OF THE VANISHING WEIR WATER

The drainage of the weir in early November 1996 was due to maintenance work being undertaken at Chalumbin substation (via Raven-shoe). This meant there was a shortfall in power to FNQ. This shortfall was met by the Barron Gorge power station. The drain on the water supply was longer and heavier than anticipated due to the heavy call on energy resulting from air conditioner use in the hot weather. Consequently, water was taken from the Weir faster than it was replenished from the reduced, dry season natural flows.

The delay in getting water from Tinaroo was in part due to Austa's delay in ordering the water and in part due to the four to five days it took for the released water to travel the distance from Tinaroo to Kuranda, filling water holes along its way.

During construction of the new 275 kVA line from Chalumbin to Woree, the Barron Gorge power station will be heavily utilised. This will occur during May to October 1997 when marked fluctuations in the water level of the weir could be expected. Austa will try to maintain the weir level at 4.5m but it may reduce to 2.5m at any time. Austa will notify Mareeba Shire Council when this is expected. Upon completion of the new line, the reliance on Barron Gorge will cease.

However, from September 1997, electricity supply will be deregulated and Austa will compete with other power providers for a market share, optimising its use of the Barron Gorge power station to achieve this. Austa is presently negotiating with the Dept. of Natural Resources for a supply of water to support its power generation.

Premature over allocation to any user before "environmental flows" are fully quantified is likely to result in the expectations of users falling short later in the dry season. This could have implications for the agricultural industry, Austa, tourism, Cairns City and the environment.

If Austa cannot secure the water it requires from existing supplies, it, along with Cairns City, will press for greater water storage along the Barron River. A large storage at Flaggy Creek or a series of smaller weirs between Flaggy and Kuranda are options being considered.

Blilwon Weir: DNR engineers have come up with a storage option which is a dam separate from the Barron River. This solution may enhance the environment and please everyone. More in EnviroNews.

FERAL PIG TRAPPING PROGRAM

While the pig trapping program is working well with our new portable traps, other options are being canvassed to augment the trapping program, including controlled shooting. The Kuranda Environment Association will be included in discussions and trials concerning this option.

Next meeting will be chaired by birthday septuagenarian, Cliff Stevens, so we'll be celebrating. Come and join us.

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY
THE KURANDA RAINFOREST RESORT MEETING ROOM AT 7PM.

Full report on the *Doggy Do* in

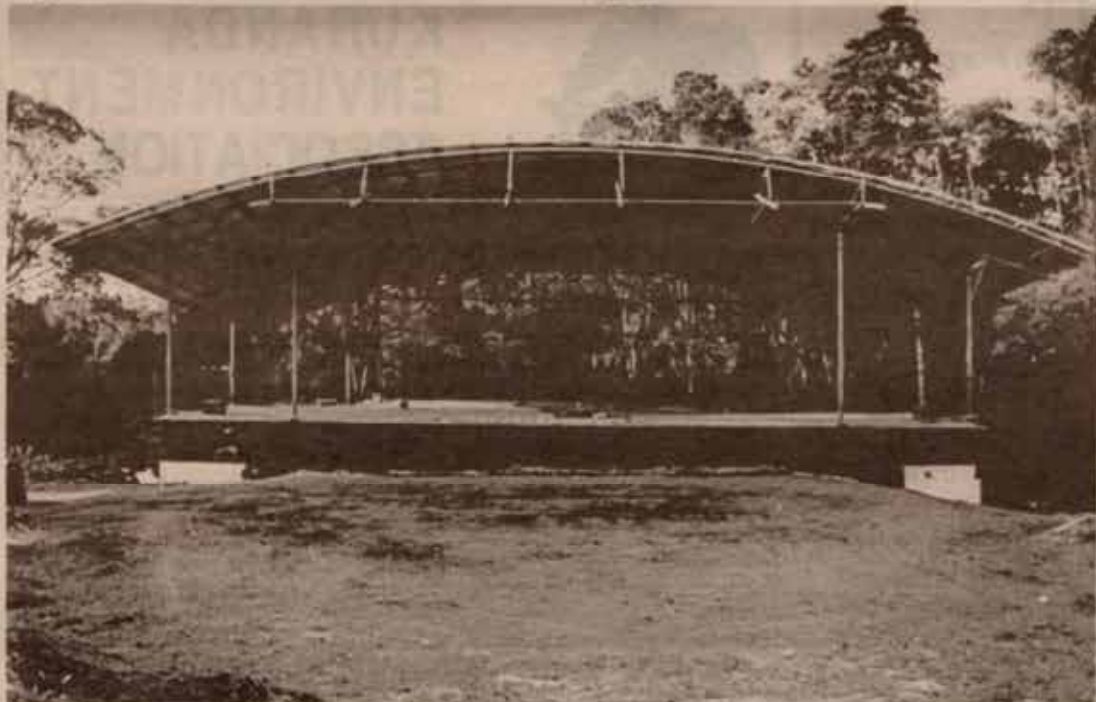
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Kuranda Environment Association's Newsletter

Available at Kuranda Newsagency for 20c

Enviro-dog owners use pooper-scoopers





First event on the newly completed Kuranda Amphitheatre stage will be the Multicultural Music event "Outright Cure". The photo shows the new roof and the newly levelled dance area.

"OUTRIGHT CURE"

MULTICULTURAL MUSIC EVENT

Mareeba Youth and Youth Support group have fundraised hard to present a multicultural youth music day (12 noon to 6pm Fri 25th April Anzac Day) at Kuranda Amphitheatre's brand new stage. This idea formed as a result of the rise of promising new bands that exist in the region and to highlight appreciation for the other cultures.

"There is not a lot of things going on for young people in the Mareeba area, and we wanted to feature youth bands, the diversity of cultures in this area and have fun!" said Nicole Brewer, committee president.

Appearing will be 7 bands including Expression's *Underbelly*, *Manseed*, *Neurotic Kitchenware*, *Hot Rubber Glove*, *Shunt Shovel* and local Aboriginal bands *The Originals* and *Tribal Junction*.

Local performance artists will add a festive sideshow along with some market stalls. Costs \$6.00 youth concession, \$8.00 adults.

"The bands will benefit from the gate takings and we will be trying to raise funds towards similar events."

Sponsors include: The Youth Bureau, Families Youth and Community, Regional Arts Development Fund, The Gaming Machine Benefit Fund and local sponsors Coles Supermarkets, Mareeba Information and Support Centre, Kuranda Information and Support Centre, Mareeba Regional Development Organisation, St Thomas's Youth group and Fernados Music.

For further information phone Dave Franks 937633.

This is an alcohol and drug free event promoting "100% in Control".

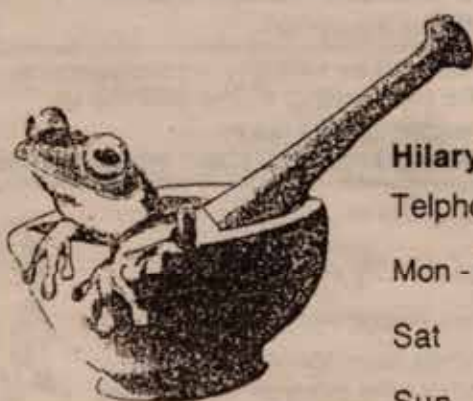
MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL

REVIEW OF SHIRE'S ARTS AND CULTURAL POLICY

The Mareeba Shire Council is conducting a shire wide review of its Arts and Cultural policy. A one day workshop will be held at the Mareeba Shire Hall on Saturday May 31st. 8-00am to 5pm. Attendance is free of charge and catering will be provided. All persons with an interest in arts, culture and heritage of the shire are urged to attend. Facilitating the workshop will be Kuranda artworker Eve Stafford. For more details and to register for catering and to receive your pre-workshop information pack please call the Mareeba Shire Council on 303900.

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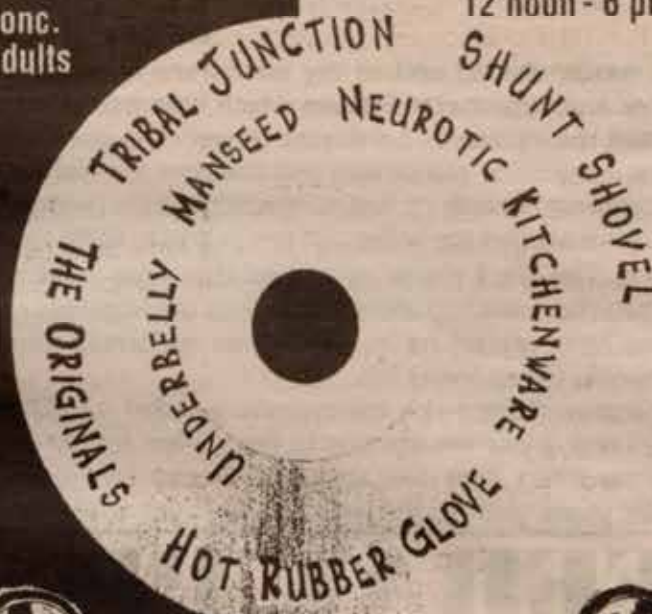
Multicultural Music Day

7 YOUTH BANDS

Kuranda
Amphitheatre

\$6 conc.
\$8 adults

Fri 25 April
ANZAC DAY
12 noon - 6 pm



Drug and Alcohol Free



Sponsored by: Youth Bureau, FYCC, The Gaming Machine Benefit Regional Arts Development Fund, Coles, St Thomas's, Mareeba RDO, MISC, KISC

MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL RADF APPLICATIONS

The Mareeba Shire Council advises that applications are invited from individuals located within the Mareeba Shire for the next round of grants, closing on Thursday, 15th May 1997, under the Regional Arts Development Fund. Application forms can be obtained from the Council Offices at 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba, and must be lodged with Council no later than Thursday, 15th May 1997.

Council Offices
65 Rankin Street
Qld 4880

C.C. McDowall
Chief Executive Officer Mareeba
April 1997

NEW R.A.D.F. COMMITTEE FOR '97

The following people have been elected to the community committee for Mareeba Shire's Regional Arts Fund:- Cr Linda Rudd (chair), Shirley Leswell (Mareeba Arts Soc), Dianne Aroa (Mareeba), Francis Utzinger (Mareeba Library), Terry Eager (Kuranda) and Kathryn Edwards (Kuranda). This committee assesses applications and makes recommendations to council for funding. Closing date for the next round of grants is MAY 15th. Application forms are available and may be lodged at the Kuranda Sub-office of the Mareeba Shire Council in Thongon St (939185). Guidelines for RADF Grants (& Arts Qld & Australia Council) are accessible at the Kuranda Artists Co-op in Coondoo St (939026), prospective applicants are strongly advised to discuss their application with local reps (Terry Eager 937492 or Kathy Edwards 937297) before lodgement. RADF will be holding a workshop to review Mareeba Shire's Arts and Cultural policy on May 31st in Mareeba (see advert this issue for further details). Local Arts groups are advised to send a representative as are other relevant community groups, local artworkers and interested members of the community. This policy guides council decision-making and in particular allocation of RADF funds. Help make this policy an accurate representation of the community's needs and priorities!

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SWIMMING

with Pam Elgar

After many farewell parties Gerda Williams left Kuranda in early January and is now likely to live and work in Darwin. We will all miss Gerda - a lovely person and a brilliant swimmer. She was the mentor and swimming guru for Pam and Ronnie Elgar six years ago when she persuaded them to take up Masters swimming and we will always be grateful to her for her friendship and patience. Hopefully we will meet regularly at future championships and elsewhere. Suddenly we have eight Kurandaites all swimming/training madly at the 50m Smithfield pool under the watchful eye of Kate, the trainer/coach for adults. Kate is able to train swimmers at every level and also teach complete adult beginners. Ring Pam on 930195 for details of training times morning and evening. You are never too old to learn to swim!!

INNISFAIL CARNIVAL - 1.2.97

Donna Pierce of Speewah (one of the new swimmers at Smithfield) has joined the Cairns Mudcrabs and joined nine other swimmers at Innisfail for their February Carnival. Her breaststroke is fast and elegant and she is now improving the other strokes to reach the same standard as her breaststroke. She won three first ribbons, Ronnie won 4 firsts and Pam won 5 firsts - all in their respective age groups. We then enjoyed some Club relay races.

CAIRNS MUDCRABS CARNIVAL - 22.2.97

For the first time in years this was held on a perfect day and the Carnival was much enjoyed by the 60 or more swimmers competing. Donna Pierce won the bronze medal in the 45-49 age group. Ronnie Elgar was just beaten into first place and won the silver medal in the 70-74 age group; and Pam Elgar won gold in the 65-69 age group. More fast relays followed so most of us swam seven races. This was followed by an excellent meal at Ghekkos (the training restaurant in Lake Street) attended by 35 swimmers - a great evening.

LAKE EACHAM SWIM - 2.3.97

On 2nd March Pam and Ronnie joined some Atherton swimmers and swam across and back the delightful Lake Eacham which was pleasantly warm. A very enjoyable and easy swim of about 1.5kms. This was followed by a late brunch by the lake.

SMITHFIELD POOL - SUNDAY MORNING

At 9am various members of Cairns Mudcrabs and visitors meet at this pool for fun, fitness and friendship. Various distances are swum - anything from 50m to 800m in various strokes. Hints and help are given on dives and turns and strokes if required. This is usually followed by coffee and muffins at Mr. Muffin at Smithfield shopping centre so a fun time for everyone of differing abilities. Come and join us??!!

The Kuranda Rangers teams have contested the Cairns & District Soccer competition in the pre-season trials with some outstanding results and cliffhanger games!! All very exciting for all those involved, players, coaches and parents alike. These games are mainly for teams to be graded into their respective divisions and for teams to sort themselves out and get a feel of the competition.

Kuranda has entered teams in the Under 7, 8, 9 & 10 age groups, as well as 2 teams in Under 12's and a Colts team, (Under 13-16 combined). This is a fine representation from our town and it means a lot of kids participating and having a great time, at the same time acquiring many skills and making friends.

Three players from Kuranda have been selected to represent FNQ at the State Talent Identification Series this year and stand for selection in the State teams. Congratulations to Adric Rusch U14, and Aaron Hill and Neal Walters U12. The U14 tournament will be played in Cairns while the U12's will travel to Yeppoon. The boys will train over the next few months and will then test their form against teams from all over Queensland. Good Luck!!!

Thanks to the Kuranda Paper and the Kuranda people for their continued support of the Club.

Correspondence to The Secretary P.O. Box 828 Kuranda 4872 and General enquiries ph: Dian 930340 or Tracy 937816.



TENNIS: Mr. W. Soenario (Tennis Director) reports a positive growth in social players and a keen nucleus of beginners in coaching classes. Jean is keeping a close eye on certain Juniors with potential to do well. A practise wall has been approved and should be in place by this issue thanks to a kind offer from Mr Larry Haddock (Committee).

POOL COMPETITION: The new pool room will be opened with a 16 player competition on Wed. 14 May at 7.00pm.

Conditions of entry and applications may be obtained from Mark Freeman. Entries to be in by Monday 12th May.

THURSDAY NIGHT MEALS: Beginning Thursday 1st May (May Day) meals for Bowlers (5.00-6.00) has been extended to later diners. The same provisions as Friday night apply. Bookings with Neville on 937143. Bar Open.

Night Bowls will continue 6.00pm - 9.00pm. More players needed (new or old).

SOFTBALL: The back netting for softball should be in position at the time of publication.

Anyone wishing to take part in softball or contribute to its development in Kuranda should contact Mark Freeman.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE: On Friday 9th May, 7.30-9.30pm, the 50 winners for the Bowls Club Raffle will be drawn. This is to provide funds to maintain the Green and surrounds.

The 50 winners names will be announced on the new P.A. system being installed by Bob Moule and Mark Freeman. Thanks Guys!

MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON: Sunday, May 11th 12.00 - 1.30pm

KURANDA BOWLS CLUB

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

50 Prizes (50 Draws)
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TO BE DRAWN FRIDAY MAY 9, 1997 between 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. at the Kuranda Sports & Social Club Fallon Rd Kuranda

Meal Bookings Essential by Wednesday May 7 - Ring 937.143 (Neville)

All winners will be notified. Results will be published in the June Edition of the Kuranda Paper.



BINGO IS BACK IN KURANDA

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May 10th 1997



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MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday May 11 1997

Door Prize (Mothers Only)

Raffle: Opal Phial Pendant

Prepaid Bookings Essential
Phone Neville 937.143

AMBULANCE UPDATE

STATION NEWS

The cyclone didn't seem to increase our work load, maybe everyone was sensible and stayed indoors or took extra care when they were out, but even so we have been fairly busy during March and April. We have completed another two First Aid courses with all participants passing and telling us that they enjoyed the course.

Unfortunately we won't be able to run anymore until later on in the year. If you are interested please phone and leave your name and number and we will contact you as soon as we are able to conduct another course.

RAFFLE NEWS

The Easter raffle was quite successful thanks to the magnificent support of our locals. Both the business community and the residents have once again provided tremendous support for our local Ambulance. The raffle was drawn on Easter Sunday at Kuranda markets.

- Results were: 1st. Les O'Donnel Kuranda (Billycart)
- 2nd. Kathy Freeman Kuranda (Hamper)
- 3rd. Peter Syme Cairns (Clock)

Billycart - made by Gary Stewart.

Clock -made and donated by Eda Pedersen.

Hamper -donated by Hilary (Kuranda Pharmacy), Tomson Builders, Louise Thorpe (Hairdresser), Nick (Bottom Pub), Cliff & Betty (Kuranda Tropical Fruit Ice Cream), Kuranda Seven Day Store, Beryl & George Blakey, Jim & Olive Mealing, Kay Moule.

Lets hope that as they see fit to support the local Ambulance which assists locals, the locals will see fit to support these people.

On behalf of Kuranda Ambulance THANK YOU to everyone who helped by selling, buying or donating. We hope to purchase new PAIN RELIEF equipment with the proceeds.

FUNDRAISING:

We received an unexpected bonus in April when Kuranda Rotary donated sufficient money to purchase a new infant resuscitation mannequin. This will be put to good use in future First Aid Course as well as training for the Ambulance Officers.

More in the future about this when we have the official hand over of the equipment.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

It is very encouraging to see a rise in the number of subscriptions in our local area. A lot of people are realising the benefits of cheap insurance against the increasing costs of Ambulance treatment and transport.

However it is quite surprising to see and hear the number of people who still believe that nothing will happen to them. I can only hope that they are right.

Remember if you change your address please let us know so that we are able to send your renewal to the correct address and thereby maintain the continuity of your subscription.

TREVORS TIP:

BLEEDING: - or haemorrhaging is the loss of blood from the blood vessels. Profuse bleeding may lead to collapse or even death depending on how much and how quickly it is lost. Bleeding may be external (visible from a wound) or internal (into tissues, organs or body cavities)

SIGNS: Bleeding from the wound - Coughing up blood or passing dark bowel motions - Pallor of the skin (may become cold and clammy if bleeding continues) - Rapid and feeble pulse - Sighing breathing - Patient may become dizzy, faint, or even unconscious.

TREATMENT: * Sit or lie down as necessary. * Elevate the wounded part if on a limb and there is no fracture. * Remove any loose foreign bodies. * If possible press edges of the wound together and apply firm pressure tot he bleeding part. * Apply dressing and firm bandage, maintaining pressure. * If bleeding continues apply another pad and bandage firmly over the previous one. * If bleeding is serious seek URGENT AMBULANCE MEDICAL HELP - 000

CHAMAEDOREA ATROVIRENS

'CASCADE PALM'

Originating in Mexico it is found naturally growing as an understorey plant in damp mixed forests.

Unusually for a palm it only grows to about two meters in height, in a tight clump. The black trunk becomes multi headed, dividing just above soil level. Flowers are followed by 6mm black fruits.

Full sun has not been a deterrent in Kuranda, but a plentiful water supply is required to keep the dark green foliage looking lush.

Ideal too as an indoor plant in a tub, but again regular watering is a must. The bottom fronds on all palms die off, so to keep your plant looking clean and healthy regularly remove dying fronds completely from the base.



BLISSFUL EXISTENCE

by Nicki Joffray

Reminders of my Birth Vision take hold,
seizing my Temple - a rupturing of the senses,
I remember. . . . I remember. . . .

No clear thought pattern, no memories like movies in my mind,
just the strongest most unshakeable feeling ever to be felt.
I AM HERE TO LOVE. ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING -
I LOVE YOU.

I have no time for business meetings, trashy food or pointless attempts to climb the corporate ladder, for they will take me nowhere.

I live in no illusions

The only power I seek is the powerful feeling of love.

To love and be loved. It's free you know

I accept the faults of my brothers and sisters - their intentions were as good as mine. The need to lock away the fear and anxiety into the closets of their minds, by hurting others and committing horrendous crimes, just overwhelmed them. . . .

OUR WORLD IS DECAYING, FROM THOSE WHO ARE SAYING;

"You are nothing unless you have power! You are nothing without the high powered job, bills, the two storey house, car, diplomas/degrees, la dee da, la dee da!"

To value your health instead of your wealth
To eradicate fear and see your Birth Vision clear
To love all mankind with a wide open mind
THERE IS BEAUTY IN ALL CREATION

from

your worst enemy to the divine
Strengthen your spirituality, you're running out of time.

It's a blissful existence. Blissful because you chose it. Every second of every minute is your chosen opportunity in which to evolve.

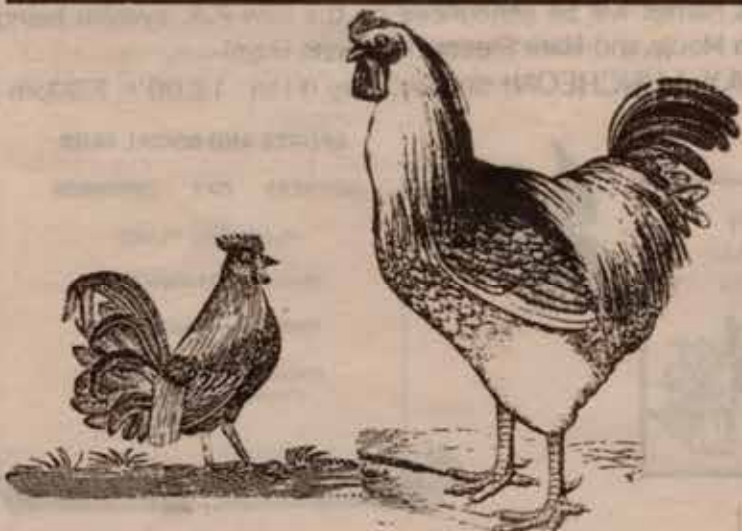
WE SHALL EVOLVE TOGETHER AS ONE UNITED FORCE,
VIBRATING TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL WITH LOVE.

This is my dream, held forever within my being , sent from the heavens above.

1997 SPRING FAIR MEETING

THURSDAY MAY 8TH

KURANDA COUNCIL OFFICE 7PM



SCOUTS

Joey Scouts is about to start. Cubs are growing and scouts have linked into Northern Beaches until we find a new leader. District Scout Camp is to be held in The Kuranda area on the Barron on the 3,4,5 May. Venturers are off to an Initiative Camp also on 3,4,5, May. It's all happening! Yours in Scouting. Grant Ph.937288



JOEY SCOUTS

Joey Scouts will be commencing on Thursday, May 1 at 4.30 pm at the Kuranda Scout Den. Children aged between 6 and 8yrs are eligible to join. For more details ring Derek Scotney 938700 after 8pm.

JILL VEIVERS - KURANDA LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Jill Veivers, who, at a dinner function on Saturday evening, 8 March, was selected as Kuranda Lions' Youth of the Year. All of us were very proud of our three entrants who included Jasmine Ward and Marcus Freeman. Judges Mrs Joan Dods, Reverend Chris Wright and Mr Barry Johnson confessed that they had a difficult task in selecting the winner. Jill represented Kuranda District in the zone judging at Atherton on Saturday 22 March and was well supported by a contingent of Kuranda Lions. Jill came first in the public speaking section on the night. The overall winner was Rachel Triers of Malanda, congratulations!

The meeting on Monday 24 March was our club Visitation Night. Regional Chairman Andy Walker and his wife Betty were club guests and spoke about the leadership of the club in the community. Office bearers for 1997/98 were elected. The club executive will be President - Bob Hammond, Secretary - Yvonne Dighton, Treasurer - Ken Veivers, First Vice President - Werner Drescher and Third Vice President - Brent Hammond. Welcome back to Jenny Scholte who was inducted into the club by Andy Walker.

Thank you to members of the Kuranda community who have supported our Easter fundraising - the Booze Basket raffle and sales of chocolate Easter bunnies. The winner of the Booze Basket was Norma Woodbridge.

The club's Changeover Night will be on Saturday 31 May 1997.

Augustin Soliva, President of the International Association of Lions Clubs has urged Lions to "Build bridges in caring for our environment." Lions everywhere need not look far to discover an area in which they can become directly involved - recycling and solid waste disposal are two suggested areas. The growth of high technology and man's continuing encroachment on nature have made environmental issues critically important. Augustin reminds us of a saying whose meaning should be a driving inspiration for more than 1,400,000 Lions worldwide to become partners in assuring a safe and healthy environment today and into the future: **TREAT THE EARTH WELL. . . IT WAS NOT GIVEN TO US BY OUR PARENTS. IT WAS LENT TO US BY OUR CHILDREN.**

THE BURNING ISSUE

Oops - February's deadline came and went so fast that the paper was out before I realised I'd missed it. So for all of you that waited with burning anticipation for that month's installment, I do apologise.

Although March has been quiet for call outs - a total of one - we have been very busy around the station. Early this month we hosted the quarterly Auxilliary meeting here at the station. The Saturday morning prior to the meeting was consumed with a frenzied working bee and the result was a credit to all staff involved - a special mention for Fiona Coleman's little garden.

Nathan Waters finally completed his Breathing Apparatus course and achieved a commendable 99.5 percent in his theory examination. Captain Ray, Fiona and Nathan also successfully completed their First Aid course with Trevor and Ross at the Kuranda Ambulance Station - well done team.

The Regional Auxilliary Firefighters competition is on again on the 10th and 11th of May in Mareeba. Kuranda station will be entering a team for the first time - the team consists of Fiona Coleman (Captain), Glenn Cartwright, Robert Sharp, Karen Davies and Captain Ray Wintour. We have been undertaking some fairly serious training with training being conducted on both Tuesday nights and Saturday mornings. Progress so far has been very good. After the past few months rain and now the onset of sunshine again, no doubly you gardeners are out and about cleaning up after the rampant growth period. Please remember if you wish to burn off and the area will exceed 2m x 2m x 2m you must obtain a permit from Captain Ray. Please don't hesitate to phone on 937203 or 937375 to make the arrangements. For those outside the Kuranda area please contact your local Fire Warden.



We Serve



In March 1967 The Barron River was **over** this Railway Bridge at Russet Park. The river that year was in magnificent flood.

Photo K Buhler

50 YEARS AGO NEWS OF MARCH 1947

- Tue 4-France: Britain and France sign a fifty-year alliance.
- Wed 5-New York: Andrei Gromyko accuses the US of seeking a monopoly of nuclear energy.
- Wed 5-Sydney: Australia win the fifth test by five wickets, taking the Ashes Series 3-0.
- Thu 6-London: MP's approve the Government's plan to quit India.
- Mon 10-Moscow: The Big Four meet to discuss the future of Germany.
- Tue 11-Canberra: William McKell, a former boilermaker, is sworn in as Governor-General.
- Thu 13-London: The Government announces a ban on midweek sport to try to boost productivity.
- Fri 14-Manila: The US signs an agreement for a 99-year lease of air and naval bases in the Philippines.
- Fri 14-Moscow: The USSR says it holds 890,532 German prisoners of war.
- Tue 18-UK: Prince Philip of Greece becomes a naturalised Briton.
- Wed 19-Palestine: Menachem Begin, leader of the Irgun terror group, is top of the British want list.
- Mon 24-Moscow: Marshall proposes a cut in the armies policing Germany.
- Sat 29-UK: Caughoo, a 100-1 outsider, wins the Grand National.
- Mon 31-Moscow: Marshall rejects a Soviet demand for reparations as the price of German economic unity.
- Mon 31-London: The Bishop of London blames Hollywood for Britain's high divorce rate.

Politics in the Pub

A great time last week with Cr. Linda Rudd from the Mareeba Shire Council. A wide range of topics were covered in a casual and informative atmosphere. Una supplied great nibbles. Next Month's Guest Speaker - Fran Clayton from the Voluntary Euthanasia Society.

Third Wednesday Monthly - This Month 16th May; Fitzzy's Lounge 6.00pm. Members \$5- Casual \$10-
Authoured M Freeman, 10 Morond Street Kuranda

SOME WILD NEWS

★ THE WILDLIFE PRESERVATION SOCIETY of Qld is currently reviewing its regional role in FNQ. A recent meeting in Cairns with Director Pat Comben (whom some may remember as Qld Minister for the Environment in a past life) attracted twenty people including several from Kuranda who are interested to see the Society taking a greater and more active role in the preservation of species and habitat. WPSQ is one of Qld's oldest, largest and most respected conservation groups started over 30 years ago by naturalist David Fleay, poet Judith Wright, artist Kathleen MacArthur and publisher Brian Clouston.

PUBLIC MEETING

The AGM of the Cairns Branch of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld, and discussion regarding the regional role of WPSQ and possible formation of a Tablelands branch will be held on Tuesday May 13th 8PM at Cominos House (Greenslopes Street near Centenary Lakes: turn right off the Cook Highway at the Red Rooster/ Tobruk pool intersection). A slide presentation and discussion on BATS OF THE CAIRNS REGION by bat expert Chris Clague will be a part of the night. Refreshments supplied. For more details contact Michele Sinclair on 321 746 or 517 397.

BATS OF THE CAIRNS REGION

In the immediate Cairns region, more than thirty species of bats are found. These vary from the highly visible flying foxes to the out-of-sight, out-of-mind Micro-bats. During 1994-5, the Australian Tropical Research Foundation (AUSTROP) conducted a widespread survey of the bats in this region. Chris Clague BSc (Hons) was employed as field researcher on this study and is currently conducting Doctoral research on a local bat colony. The bats in the region can be easily separated into two main divisions, the Mega-bats which include flying foxes and blossom bats, and the Micro-bats which are also known as insectivorous bats. After rodents, bats are the most numerous group of mammals in the region both in numbers of species and numbers of individuals. The Mega-bats are an important component of forest systems, acting as seed dispersers and pollinators. All the Micro-bats are primarily insectivorous with the exception of the Ghost Bat which is an animalivour. Both groups play an important ecological role in the region. This role will be discussed at the May 13th WPSQ meeting as well as the construction of bat boxes.



WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

This competition is being conducted by the Queensland Museum and the Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld (WPSQ) through its nature publication *Wildlife Australia*. Six categories with total prize money of \$3,250 (Photographer of the Year \$1000) including a Young Photographer Award of \$200. CLOSING DATE : 30th September 1997.

For more details call Qld Museum on (07) 3840 7614 or attend the WSPQ meeting on May 13th (see above). Winning photographs will be printed in the December issue of *Wildlife Australia* and will be displayed, along with a selection of the best entries, in an exhibition by the Qld Museum in February 1998.



ARTIST'S PROFILE

PETER THOMPSON - STUDIO POTTER

Newly elected chairman of the Kuranda Arts Co-op and affectionately known to all as "Potter"; Peter has matured in his practice along with this town. Since establishing his studio in Kuranda in 1975 as a self-taught potter, he has moved through formal training and study tours in Australia, USA and China to become widely acknowledged for his skills and aesthetic sense, particularly in the specialised field of wood fired ceramics.

Potter's work is strongly influenced by oriental aesthetics and explores the use of the most basic elements of wood fire and local clay bodies. These limitations are worked with, implicitly understood and thoroughly explored - ultimately allowing a spontaneity of expression in form and surface treatment.

The glaze effects are created naturally from ash falling on the pots and though these can be controlled by temperature, air circulation and wood type, there is always the opportunity for accidental effects - encouraged and hoped for but still an element of serendipity.

The pots are fired in a large tunnel-shaped 'anagama' kiln. Anyone who has witnessed the annual ritual of the 3-4 day firing, can sense in the pieces the aura of strength from the energy and sweat of nurturing the fire-breathing dragon.

The results of Potter's last firing were represented in the "View From Here" exhibition at the Cairns Regional Gallery recently and some of these pieces will be featured in the window space of the Kuranda Arts Co-op in Coondoo Street this coming month for those who missed it. Potter has also just completed a tour of the Cape as a tutor for the Flying Arts School.



Tunnel Kiln-Anagama type-with scrap wood offcuts ready for stoking. Fire duration 100 hours. It's all hands on deck to help Peter Thompson feed the beast.

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ART CO-OP NEWS

Thanks everyone for your recent support of our fundraiser at Frogs. The restaurant was booked out for a great night of eating, partying and dancing. A special thanks to Terry and Vicki for donating the venue. We raised nearly \$3000 which will go toward repaying loans, legal and administrative costs associated with forming the Co-op and completing the exterior. The process is now underway to become a structured Co-op, after the first AGM held on Fri 21st March. The inaugural management committee was elected with Peter Thompson chairman, Terry Eager secretary and Michael Gompert treasurer. A vote was taken on the most appropriate name for the organisation and it is now to be officially known as KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE LTD. We are beginning a program, commencing this issue of featuring a different artist each month, with a profile in the paper and a window space given over to the artist. We also have begun a small library of information on grant bodies, arts organisations and arts magazines. Feel free to come in, sit down on the verandah and have a browse. Artists not already updated for entry in the FNQ Regional Arts Directory organised by the Tanks Art Centre, we have forms at the shop for this. For those who haven't been in recently - drop in and browse around - much new work has arrived and is selling well. It has been encouraging to see the support of locals who are getting the idea of buying locally when gift-giving - thank you (it all goes round). With the support of the community, the artists and the La Baysse family (our landlords) we will continue to grow and be something of which Kuranda can be proud.



L to R Abby, Dina and Cathy at the Arts Co-op fund raising party.

FNQ Regional Arts Directory Update

In order to respond to the many inquiries we receive for arts workers (eg: flamenco dancers, jugglers, special painted finishes, new business identities, flower arrangements, production ceramics, banners for special events, actors, iron workers and sculptors to name a few), we are currently updating our Artist directory in the confidence of providing information to the many enquires that we receive for arts workers. If you are interested in being listed in this updated directory please complete the following information and forward to the Tanks Art Centre PO Box 359 Cairns QLD 4870.

This information will then be provided to potential employers who contact the centre, in the interest of receiving paid work and exposure for Artists.

Name	
Art Form	
Business Name	
Postal Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
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Are you available for?

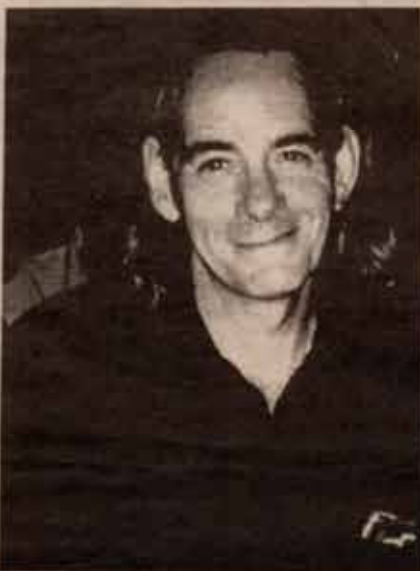
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commissions functions/specials events

Any other skills, services, expertise that you have to offer.

Any additional comments

Please attach to this form your credentials, references and any recommendations.



Brian Clarke partying for the Co-op.

Happy Mothers Day May 11



Annie Clarke and Jap Reed do their bit for the Co-op.

Arts, Entertainment & Events Calendar 1997

CROSS ARTFORM - CROSS CULTURAL - CROSS REGIONAL

April

- 25 Anzac Day Concert at Kuranda Amphitheatre with 7 Youth Bands in an alcohol and drug free event by Mareeba Youth Support. noon- 6pm ☎ 937495
- 26 General Meeting of Kuranda Amphitheatre Society at Kuranda Amphitheatre 3.30pm ☎ 937495

May

- Durer and the German Renaissance Printmaking exhibition continues at Cairns Regional Gallery until 11 May. ☎ 316865
- 3-25 View from My Verandah exhibition by Cairns Art Society at Cairns Regional Gallery ☎ 316865
- 10 Local Colour- a survey exhibition of significant works and movements in FNQ visual art including Kuranda's at CRG until April 1998. ☎ 316865
- 10-11 JUTE Weekend Workshop - The Actor Within with Velvet Eldred at Tanks Art Centre. ☎ 324470
- 10 Yuki Horiko exhibition at Cairns Regional Gallery. ☎ 316865
- 11 Cairns Youth Orchestra with Mothers Day Melodies at 2.30pm at Tanks Art Centre. ☎ 532630 or 322349
- 14 Cairns Classical Music Group with '18th Century Music' at Eisteddfod Hall Greenslopes Street Cairns at 8pm ☎ 532630
- 17 Rites and Rituals - first in series of multicultural concerts at 7pm at Tanks Art Centre with 7 piece PNG musicians band and PNG dancers. ☎ 322349
- 21 Steve Royster exhibition at CRG until 16 June. ☎ 316865
- 23-30 Cairns Little Theatre with the exotic serio-comedy A Perfect Ganesh directed by Kevin Shorey. ☎ 501777
- 24 Guitars Unlimited - Swedish Jazz Masters touring Australia and NZ at Cairns Civic Theatre. ☎ 501777
- 29 Australian Art Orchestra (jazz) tour with 19 jazz musicians led by Paul Grabowsky of Access All Areas at Cairns Civic Theatre. ☎ 501777
- 1 The Fureys Irish musical legends at Kuranda Amphitheatre ☎ 937495
- 30,31 and 1 June Traversing Sense II - Multi-arts contemporary performance event with Australian & European artists at 9pm at Tanks Art Centre. ☎ 322349
- 31 Poetry & Pasta readings and performance poetry works at Monkeys Restaurant at Kuranda ☎ 937451

June

- 1 The Fureys Irish musical legends at Kuranda Amphitheatre ☎ 937495

Changes to events may occur as the responsibility of the host body.

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on hair

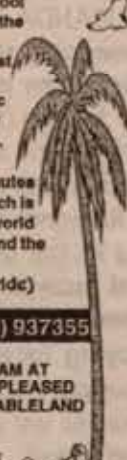
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Education views BOOST FOR SPECIALIST TEACHERS

New lease of life for centres

QUEENSLAND'S top tertiary graduates will boost the state's teaching ranks in a scholarship scheme designed to address the shortage of specialist teachers.

The Department has offered 60 teaching scholarships to graduates in areas such as maths/science, English, business education and information technology in a bid to stem the shortage of specialist teachers in state schools.

Following its success in the tendering process held before Christmas, the Queensland University of Technology is offering the scholarships to students enrolled in its Preservice Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) course.

The scholarships will include a HECS-exempt place in the course and a cash benefit of \$2000.

Human Resources director Jim McGowan said letters had been sent to selected students outlining the offer last week.

Students weren't required to apply for the scholarships, but were targeted based on their enrolment in a Graduate Diploma of Education at QUT in one of the four nominated discipline areas, and their excellent academic record, Mr McGowan said.

"We are hoping for a two-week turnaround for them to decide if they want to take us up on the scholarship," he said.

"We expect to have all scholarships accepted by the end of January."

Education Minister Bob Quinn said the scheme aimed

to sign up students who had already completed the bulk of their tertiary studies, rather than recruit school-leavers and then wait four years for them to graduate.

Successful scholars who completed their courses would also enjoy the benefit of guaranteed employment with the Department for a minimum of two years.

"That will mean we can confidently count on a significant injection of high quality graduate teachers into our priority subject areas by 1998," he said.

"Until now we've focused on our own school-leavers and experienced teachers interstate.

"These scholarships are an Australian first and will target our other major source of potential recruits — tertiary students who have already demonstrated academic excellence."

Mr McGowan said a major benefit of the scholarship scheme was that it recruited the top achievers now instead of waiting until the end of the year when they completed their studies. "I think what's happened in the past is that many of the top ones generally go to other job areas like non-state schools or they don't even go into teaching," he said.

The four discipline areas include: maths/science, English, business education, and information processing and technology.

QUEENSLAND'S Life Education Centres received almost \$400,000 in additional funding recently to continue their work with the state's primary school children.

At an official ceremony at Harris Fields State School, Education Minister Bob Quinn presented a cheque for \$390,000 as the first instalment of \$1.36 million allocated for Life Education over the next three years, subject to successful annual review.

Most of the funding will be used to provide specialist educators and programs in 22 classrooms around the state.

Delivered each year for Years 1-7 students, the programs cover aspects of health and self-esteem in the early primary years through to anti-drug abuse programs in the upper primary years.

"Earlier trials have shown it's possible to reduce smoking by as much as 50%," Mr Quinn said.

Life Education is based on the Gold Coast, with mobile vans at Brisbane, Logan, Pine Rivers, Redlands, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Caboolture, Sunshine Coast, Gympie/Nonsa, Maryborough/Hervey Bay, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville, Cairns and Mt Isa.

New preschool curriculum goes on trial

THE Preschool Curriculum Guidelines will be trialed by 30 teachers across the state during Semester 1. Teachers from state, independent, Catholic, community and child care settings will work with the trial version of the guidelines, developed last year by the Queensland School Curriculum Office.

They will operate in clusters located near Cairns, Emerald, Maryborough and Brisbane.

Project officer Nieke Groenenberg, said collaboration and consultation with early childhood stakeholders had been emphasised through the development phase of the project and would be an important part of the trial. "Cluster group coordinators involved in the trial will be drawn from the variety of systems and sectors operating preschools."

An external research agency will help evaluate the trial and a research officer will work with QSCO officers and cluster coordinators.

"The data collected will focus on identifying expectations and responses of teachers, parents and administrators," project officer Elizabeth Kable said. "Final revisions prior to publication in late 1997 will be informed by the report from the trial evaluation and feedback from the consultative groups."

The guidelines will be available for implementation by school authorities and other sectors in 1998.

Gayle Bill

New legislation for behaviour management

NEW legislation and access to departmental and privately provided education programs will give principals even greater flexibility in managing student behaviour.

Recent amendments to the Education (General Provisions)

Act 1989 give principals the power from Term 2 this year, to suspend consistently disruptive students for up to 20 school days without seeking higher approval, and to cancel the enrolment of post-compulsory age students.



Council workers Peter Diamond and Bevin Butler clearing the road to the Barron Falls lookout on the Sunday following cyclone Justin. Many people from Kuranda were able to view the Falls

Photo Max Butler



GREAT NEWS FOR 1997

Following in the footsteps of our successful Kindergarten we now also offer a Preschool program for children aged 3-6 years.

Session Times

Kindergarten	Mon Tues	9:00-2:30
Preschool	Wed Thurs Fri	9:00-2:30

We congratulate our newly elected committee & hope they'll enjoy a rewarding year ahead!

Please feel welcome to visit our centre at any time.

301-1, Barron Falls Road, PO Box 500 Kuranda, 4372. Phone (070) 938 087

KURANDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

It is anticipated that yr 8, 9, & 10 students will be able to enrol in Jan 1998, yr 11 students in 1999. The P&C Committee have been informed that the name of the new Principal will be given in the third term of this year. The administration / library and resource centre are expected to be operational in October. The Kuranda State Primary and High School Travel Committee is to address the problems of transporting the children around Kuranda. Anyone interested should contact Jackie Ph. 937529.

Adult package

A NEW literacy and numeracy package for parents — Hand-In-Hand — is being developed by QSCO.

The package is designed for parents of young children and will contain information that explains the nature of literacy and numeracy development from birth. It includes a poster, brochure (available in six community languages), six topic cards, a handbook and a video.

Early childhood educators will be able to use these materials as they include home experiences in their education programs.

The initial draft of materials is currently being revised by project team members before final production in March 1997.

The complete package will be distributed in late May 1997 to coincide with Under Eights Week and will be available for loan from key early childhood, health and community centres.

Inquiries: Belinda Macartney on (07) 323 54726.

Kuranda State School Celebrates 1997 Education Week

School Open Day

Next Friday, 2 May, 1997 - 11am to 2pm

It promises to be a day of sharing and fun!

KURANDA STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

The P&C Association will be holding their next meeting on May 20 at 3.30pm. in the Staff room at the Primary School. Arrangements have been made at After School Care for parents who need to leave their children there during the meeting. The cost will be \$4.00 per child. Rosemary Iloste, Parent Development Officer based at the Cairns School Support Centre, will be giving a talk on Leading Schools. Kuranda State School Student council members will also be attending this meeting. Don Pritchard, Teacher at Kuranda State School will be giving a talk on Peer Mediation.

*** Nature Bites ***

★ FOLLOWING on from Heather Smart's tip (Kuranda Paper February edition) to use essential oils (such as peppermint, rosemary & eucalyptus: diluted in water) to keep surfaces clean and deter cockroaches: recent research has also shown that this will also help to mask and neutralise the effects of pheromones (chemical signals) left on surfaces by cockroaches to mark territories and attract mates. These oils also are natural 'bacteria busters'. For a very comprehensive guide to the use of essential oils for this and other purposes around the house, garden, office and for family and pet care THE FRAGRANT PHARMACY by Valerie Ann Worwood can't be beaten (Bantam Books RRP\$19.95). Locally, its available from The Green House on Coondoo St.



★ CAIRNS BIRDWING butterflies are among the most familiar to Kuranda residents and a joy to behold due to their impressive size and vivid green wings. The food plant for these butterflies is commonly known as DUTCHMAN'S PIPE vine - a common name used to describe a number of *Aristolochia* species. The common name refers to the impressive, rather sinister looking, flower. UNFORTUNATELY, most people will not be aware that many vines sold are an exotic introduced from places such as South America, the planting of which amounts to a DEATH WARRANT for our birdwing caterpillars. The exotics are indistinguishable from native species to the butterflies. In fact, egg counts in south eastern Qld (where the Richmond Birdwing, Australia's rarest birdwing, is facing extinction) show that butterflies lay more eggs on the exotic vine than on natives growing nearby. When the caterpillars hatch out they eat the leaves which are poisonous to them and die.

Recently a group was formed to raise awareness of issues regarding Australian insects, including butterflies. The Australian Insect Breeders Association can assist with queries and advice. Call the Secretary Sue Hasenbusch on 633 860. The advice regarding the dreaded Dutchman's Pipe is to pull it out NOW and replace with two native vines. For expert advice on the appropriate native species for your garden (there are several & each has its own site preference) call Yuruga Native Plant Nursery on 933 826.





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Photo below shows the Barron falls in flood during cyclone Justin.



THE KURANDA PAPER COMPUTER USER

Did you know that Kuranda is mentioned over 500 times on the Net?

Here are a few examples of the main ones (Let me know if I missed your

Kuranda Xpress Home Page

<http://nicewww.cern.ch/~henk/www/kuranda.htm>

Kuranda Promotions, Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~kuranda/> OK

Kuranda Rainforest Resort Accommodation Kuranda Far North QLD Australia

http://www.oztravel.com.au/travel_mall/hotels/Kuranda_RainforKuranda.html OK

Kuranda Tourist & Visitor Information

<http://www.cairns.aust.com/About/kuranda.htm>

Carrowong Fauna Sanctuary's Tropical Rainforest Experience

<http://www.internetnorth.com.au/travel88/carrowong.htm>

Kuranda Scenic Railway

http://www.webcom.com/~castaway/wet_tropics_rainforest/train.html

Rainforest land for sale in KURANDA AUSTRALIA

<http://www.home.aone.net.au/ronbruce/>

Kuranda's Studio Complex

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~bennys/>

Backpackers. MRS MILLER'S KURANDA BACKPACKERS HOSTEL

<http://www.backpackers.com.au/bpmmkqld.htm> OK

The Kuranda Mona Mona Aboriginal Dance Troupe

<http://www.musicwest.com/MW/Artists/K/Kuranda/kuranda.html> OK

Tentative Nests Kuranda via Cairns Australia

<http://www.cairns.aust.com/accommodation/tentnests/index.html>

Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

<http://www.anzac.com/aust/qld/skyrail.htm> OK

The Kuranda Aviary

<http://plato.bitme.com.au/aviary/> OK

Production Book FAR NORTH CREWS

<http://www.pb.com.au/pb/homes/18132.htm> OK

Cultural and Historical - Markets - Tropical North Queensland Region

http://www.qttc.com.au/pfm/menu/attracts/01_07_05.htm OK

BushNet Users at Kuranda State School

<http://www.bushnet.qld.edu.au/people/people-KurandaStateSchool.html> OK

Kuranda Rainforest Tours Home Page

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~krts/> OK

A picture of the Kuranda Train in Queensland, Australia

<http://www.topend.com.au/oztravel/kuranda.html>

Kuranda's Finest Botanical Garden... L. J. Hooker Kuranda

http://www.ljh.com.au/homes/qld/kuranda/0926_1.html

Tjapukai Dance Theatre

<http://tourism.gov.au/publications/talent/tjapukai.html>

HANDMADE PUBLICATIONS. THE KURANDA TOWNSHIP'S HISTORY

<http://203.23.131.20/handpub/KURANDA.HTM> OK

Rhythms Blues Feature - George Thorogood

<http://www.aussiemusic.com.au/rhythms/june/blues4.htm>

These were all correct as of April 2nd

TIP OF THE MONTH

If you use Windows 95 and you are in Windows Explorer. Right click on a file and you should see an item called "send to". On my machine I have the following options.

3 1/2 Floppy (A). Which copies the file or files to your disk in that drive.

Desktop Which puts a copy of the file or files on your desktop, handy if you are making regular entries to that file, ie. I used to keep the times spent on the internet in a file, and all I had to do was double click on the icon, make the entry, save and close it.

Printer (Your printer's name) Same idea, your file goes to be printed.

Fax (Your fax program's name) Same idea, your file goes to your fax Program.

Email (Email program's name) Same again, your file goes to your Email Program.

Notepad Will send a text file that may not be associated to Notepad, to Notepad.

Use your imagination and try other things if you find you are doing something on a regular basis.

To set this up, find the file of the item you wish to use. Right click on that file and click Create shortcut. The new shortcut will appear, it will be highlighted and have the same name as the original but will show shortcut to the right of it, right click and drag the new shortcut to the "send to" Folder which is in your Windows directory then left click "move here" and you are in business. next time the new item will appear in the "send to" choices.

Any questions or ideas to the Kuranda Paper or Email me on bedwards@cairns.net.au Saddhen

MAREEBA SHIRE ELECTIONS

FINAL FIGURES:

Mayoral Vote: Chris Lewis 5520, Colin Ferguson

2855 Informal 114

Councillor Vote: Cattarossi 6308, Littlemore 5465,

Srjoj 5136, Rudd 4607, Gray 4583, Brischetto 4475,

France 4465, Mayo 4429, Rose 4122, Gilkerson 3942,

Kerlin 3849, Freeman 3545, Mealing 3316, Madden

2955, Stewart 2515.

Total informal (x 8 positions): 4400

FINAL KURANDA BOOTH FIGURES:

Mayoral Vote: Chris Lewis 802 Colin Ferguson 413

Informal: 27

Councillor Vote: Cattarossi 941, Littlemore 875,

Gilkerson 836, Rudd 773, Rose 743, Srjoj 721, Madden

677, Mayo 643, Freeman 611, Mealing 505, Gray 503,

France 466, Kerlin 456, Brischetto 449, Stewart 161.

Total informal (x 8 positions): 592 *

* Kuranda had the highest informal vote of any of the regional booths.



ALL TOGETHER NOW....



An Ecumenical presentation led the Easter Parade at Kuranda School

SPEEWAH STEW

Aneta Thomsen

One day, on the banks of a billabong
a very clever dingo got an idea. . .
and decided to make
SPEEWAH STEW.
Waltzing out from the shade came Emu,
Oh ho, Dingo; she fluttered.
To make a Speewah stew, you need to ask the council.
But the Dingo didn't do that because he only wanted
to stir a bit!
Around and around the bubbling billy,
the Dingo danced and sang
Speewah Stew, Speewah Stew. . .
Old Blue Tongue the Lizard came sliding off his stone,
Ssssilly Dingo; he hissed.
Can't be Speewah Stew without you first send the
recipes
to your neighbours. Everybody knows that.
But the silly Dingo didn't do that because he only
wanted
to stir a bit.
And the dingo danced and sang
Speewah Stew, Speewah Stew. . . .
Platypus came ambling up the bank.
Good day, Dingo; he said, snapping his bill.
Where will you get all the water from for the stew?
You can't make stew for dingos in multistorey units
without
reticulated water.
But the silly Dingo didn't care, because he only wanted
to
stir a bit.
Up through the red dust popped Echidna.
Wait a bit, not so fast; he bristled.
Now I have been listening to all this advice -
and take it from me, for a Speewah Stew you need the
proper recipe card, not an old one from used in
1996.
And then the silly Dingo bent over the billy and
howled.
You all knew about my tricks.
And he dashed away, never again to sing
Speewah Stew, Speewah Stew. . .

UNITING CHURCH IN KURANDA

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Pr. Don Cracknell,
Fr. Rod Cameron,
Mervin Riley, Bini
Heuker, Milton Brim,
Children,
L-R. Jordyn Jones,
Rebecca Freeman,
Charlyjane Fennell.


SEEDS OF HOPE



Seeds from the Sunflower are featured in Life Line's theme for the collection of donations in April this year. A fundraiser for Cairns Life Line centre, initiated by the local Uniting Church, was held in the CWA Hall on Saturday 19th April. The Sunflower event was enjoyed by all who attended. The new Director of Life Line Milton Drake spoke about the new programmes offered by Life Line - Suicide prevention and Aggression in the Home. Milton explained that Life Line is a caring counselling/education service expressing the Spirit of Christ in the Community. It does this by empowering people to find their own solutions, strengths and hope. Life Line is pro-actively working in the whole community to diminish human crises and enhance the quality of life of those they serve. K. Buhler.

MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 1997/98 FINANCIAL YEAR

Applications for financial assistance are invited from organisations within the Mareeba Shire involved in cultural, welfare, community and sporting activities. Council has adopted a Financial Assistance Policy which specifies the types of assistance, application procedure and criteria for organisations seeking financial assistance from Council for the 1997/98 financial year. Organisations intending to seek assistance should obtain a copy of the Policy and application forms from the Shire Offices, 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba. Applications are required to be submitted to Council by 5.00pm on Friday, 30th May 1997.



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"A CRY IN THE WILDERNESS"

By Janef

*Dedicated to the memory of that great yarn spinner,
the late Dick Burge and with special thanks to his
widow `Rene without whom this true tale could not be told.*

ONCE upon a time, out Speewah way, there lived a sprightly senior citizen, Irene, and her invalid writer-husband, Dick. The Speewah, for those not in the know, was that mythological place a bit "farther out", "over the next range", where the cattle were wilder, the horses rougher, the men bigger, stronger and tougher - savage untamed country, no place for sissies or weaklings! Certainly no place to be lost and alone in.

It was just on dusk, about an hour of daylight left, when we got the call.

'Hullo, John, is that you? It's `Rene here. Oh dear it's terrible, I don't know what to do. . . we'll have to call the police . . . someone's out there . . . calling . . . oh dear . . .'

'Now now, `Rene calm down', soothed John, 'calm down, take a few deep breaths and tell me what's happened.'

Gradually the story unfolded. It seems `Rene had been out walking with her young granddaughter and her little dog.

'We didn't go far of course,' `Rene explained, 'just to the end of the road where those religious people live - and that's when we heard it!'

'Heard what, `Rene?'

'Why the cry of course, "H..e..l..p, H..e..l..p!"' Rene cried, drawing the words out into a long mournful wail. 'Someone's been hurt, they're lost out there somewhere in the bush calling for help! We didn't know what to do, my granddaughter and I, my little dog was barking and the cries came again, "H..e..l..p, H..e..l..p!"'

'I called back, "Don't worry, we'll get help, we'll find you, hang on, we're going for help!" Then we hurried back home to call you, John. What shall we do?'

'Leave it to me `Rene, I'll organise a search party. You stay at home by the phone and I'll get back to you.

There's not much daylight left,' John said, turning to me as he hung up the phone, 'we'll have to get a move on.'

Rapidly, John made a number of calls to various neighbours in the vicinity, including Cookie our local SES man, and those "religious people" Selwyn and his family.

Cookie was a well-known character in the district, some might say almost a legend in his own right on the Speewah. "Trust me" and "Wouldn't tell ya a lie" were favourites in his colourful dialogue, and with his SES connections and his knowledge of the area, he was a good man to have around in an emergency such as this.

As for Selwyn, I never knew him well enough to know whether he was religious or not, but his property sported a large wooden cross which cast its shadow prominently across the dirt track leading to his house.

We all agreed to meet outside Selwyn's property as soon as possible to begin the search. With the light fading so rapidly, it seemed more expedient to try and locate the injured person ourselves, rather than wasting the last of the precious daylight waiting for the authorities to come out from town.

Hurriedly, we rounded up torches, wellington boots, work gloves, machetes and a small tomahawk. Cookie was bringing a basic First Aid kit and Selwyn blankets and hot tea. Ten minutes later we were all, with the exception of Selwyn, assembled outside his property.

'I don't hear anything,' grumbled Cookie, 'and I don't know how we'll ever find anyone in this scrub before it gets too dark to see. Why anyone'd be so foolish as to wander off into the bush out here on their own beats me. And I know about these things, trust me!'

Just then, we all heard it.

'H..e..l..p! H..E..L..P!'

Galvanised by the cries, Cookie leapt into action, organising us into groups of two or three, directing us to search in different areas in the vicinity of the cries, which seemed to become more plaintive and desperate as evening closed in.

However, just as we were about to set off, Selwyn arrived looking somewhat shamefaced and sheepish.

'I'm sorry, but I think it's my Billy,' he explained. 'You see the girls haven't fed him yet and I guess he's a bit upset!'

Later, on returning home, John phone `Rene to tell her of our findings.

'Are you sitting down, `Rene? I think you'd better sit down. You see, it was a goat `Rene, . . . yes, a goat! Selwyn's Billy goat!!'

After she'd recovered from her initial shock, `Rene shrieked with laughter at her mistake and then hurried off to tell her husband, Dick, the whole "silly saga".

'No doubt the moral of this tale,' said he dryly, 'is never judge a Billy by his bleat'.

THANK YOU ALL

My family and I wish to convey our sincere thanks and gratitude to the people of Kuranda, Cairns and Mareeba who were so kind and considerate to myself and family during the illness and death of our beloved husband, father and grandfather Dick Burge. Special thanks to Dr. Peak, Dr. Williams and Dr. Clare Harkins. Also to Julie, Deb and the staff at our excellent Medical Centre, and to the Blue Nurses, R.S.L. Members, T.P.I. Members, Kuranda Tuesday Class Ladies and Father Chris Wright. Many thanks from `Rene Burge and family.

RSL - ANZAC Day - 25 April 1997.

This year we remember the 81st anniversary of ANZAC Day and also the 51st anniversary of the end of World War 2. We remember those who joined the Australian Military Forces, trained both inside and outside of Australia. They fought for our freedom. Some made the ultimate sacrifice. ANZAC Day is the day we remember those who died, those who returned and those who served this country. The President and members of the Kuranda RSL invite all members of the community to the Dawn Service at the Memorial Site in Therwine Street at 0445 hours where a Navy Armed Party will "Take Post". A service will be conducted, then immediately after the service there will be a gunfire breakfast at the David Hunter Memorial Hall (Sports Complex).

The Morning Parade will assemble at 1015 hours outside the Post Office with the march-off beginning at 1030 hours. The parade will right wheel into Coondoo Street and then right wheel into Therwine. After the parade halts an Armed Party will "Take Post" at the Memorial Site for the Morning Service. The Parade will be led by the Flag Bearer followed by a vehicle escorted by at least one person wearing Light Horse Regalia. On completion of the service an invitation is extended by both the CWA and RSL to attend a function at the David Hunter Memorial Hall where you can join serving Navy and Army personnel along with ex-service personnel from World War 1 onwards, in a yarn or even discuss the delicate rules of "Two Up".

Mick (Henry) Forde, Secretary, R.S.L. Kuranda Sub Branch.

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1. US: The skeletons of a herd of mammoths are unearthed at Tucson, Arizona.
2. Tokyo: The Allies grant Japan the right to continue flying its "Rising Sun" flag.
3. Queensland: 16 people are killed and 38 injured when a train is derailed at Camp Mountain.
4. New York: Arabs appeal to the UN for an independent Palestine.
5. London: Churchill leads a United Europe rally.
6. London: Bevin says Britain and the US have agreed to merge their German occupation zones.
7. Melbourne: Visiting US warships are greeted by thousands of people "grateful for American help in the war".
8. London: Britain agrees to the partition of India.
9. Germany: Wives of top Nazis are arrested including Frau Goering.
10. New Zealand: Miss Mabel Howard is the first woman member of cabinet; she is given the health portfolio.

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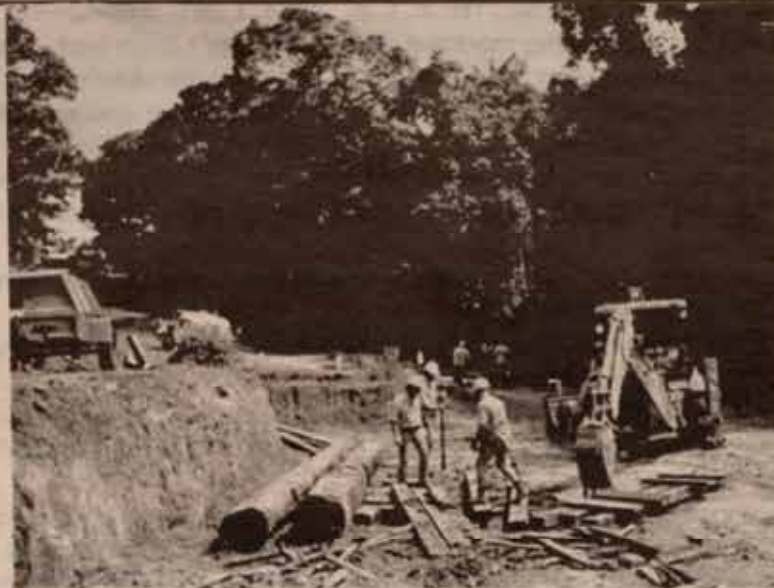
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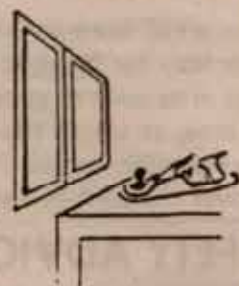
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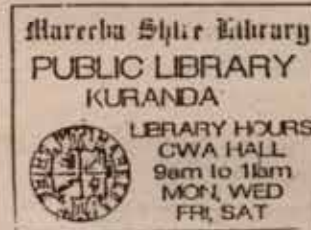
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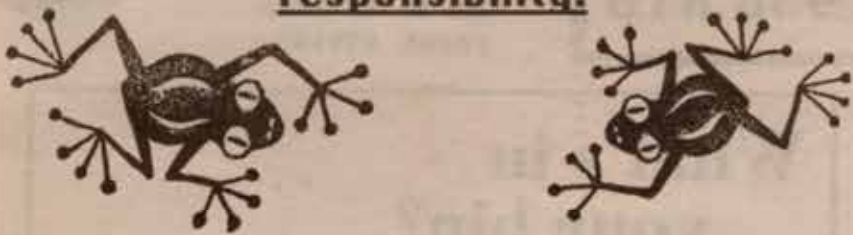
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# CSR SUGAR (WHITE) 2kg	\$1.99
# SUNSILK SHAMPOO & COND. 200ml	\$2.79
# COLGATE TOOTH PASTE 90/110g	\$2.09
# SPREE Laundry pwd. 1kg or Conc. 750g	\$1.39
# FLORA margarine 500g.	\$1.59
# SUNCOAST fruit juice drink 2ltr.	\$1.39

The new management will have operated the store for two years on the 8th of May and we plan on celebrating so don't miss out.

