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Mrs Grace Veivers.

## *Congratulations to Grace and Georgia*

Congratulations to Grace Veivers upon the occasion of her 100th birthday! Affectionately known as Grandma, Mrs. Kenny or Aunty Grace, Grace Veivers (nee Cleland) was born at Clermont (Qld) on the 20th November 1898. Grace was the 2nd of 7 children, 6 girls and 1 boy. Grandma moved to Irvinebank with the rest of the family when she was a toddler. She attended school there and was a student in a concert staged for Gladys Moncrief whose career was just starting. Grandma and her family saw Haley's Comet in 1910 when her Father came home from work to wake them. Grandma came to Kuranda when she was about 16 years old because of health reasons. She lived with Mr & Mrs Thompson and worked for Mrs Thompson at the Railway Refreshment Rooms. The Thompsons also owned a Hotel on Barang Street. Grandma met her husband Kenneth here in Kuranda and they were married when she was about 17. When Grandma first came to Kuranda she travelled on the train from Irvinebank with the boys from that town who were going away to join up for the First World War. She had 2 of her own children, Marjory and Gordon who saw active service during World War Two. Grandma is a Foundation Member of the Kuranda Branch of the C.W.A. Grandma and her family lived at Myola and Kuranda and is now a resident of The Freemasons Home at Whitfield. Grandma is the last surviving member of the original Cleland family and the last surviving spouse of the original Pioneering Veivers family of Speewah. Best wishes Grace!



Georgia Bruce and Crystal.

Congratulations also to Georgia Bruce. At the Australian Championships at Doonan Georgia Bruce and her horse Crystal were in magnificent form. Georgia won the Canter 1 and Canter 3 events and was placed 3rd in the Grade 4 Freestyle. At the final presentation she also walked away with the Grade 4 Australian Champion, Australian Junior Freestyle Champion, Queensland State Champion and was a member of the Qld state team which won the teams event. Georgia and Crystal were up against retired Grand Prix horses, international riders, the Australian elite riders, Warmbloods, saddlery that we would all die for and she and the horse came through. It was a dream come true, the story of the kid from the bush on the bush pony going to the big smoke and beating the best in Australia and a few Internationals as well. Bravo!

*Wishing all our readers and contributors  
a safe and joyful holiday season  
and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!*



# COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

Thanks to the Club end of year trophy sponsors: Kuranda Pharmacy, Zappo Electrical, LJ Hooker Kuranda, Kuranda Medical Service, Original Kuranda Markets, Kuranda Butcher, Shell Koah Service Station. **AGM: Monday 30th November at 7pm** at Kuranda Sports & Social Club, Fallon Rd. Training and sign on for 1999 commence when school resumes. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from the Kuranda Rangers Soccer Club.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Terry and his excellent staff for their help, good humour and support in regards to the use of Frogs for the Supper Club. The Supper Club will be moving from Frogs to the Kuranda Rainforest Resort. The Club is still acoustic based with players, BYO instruments. The Supper Club is still every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm till 10pm. Entry is free but a donation is asked for, to help make the night happen. See you there 15th December.

David Breeze, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Writing with an urgent plea to anybody who may have found a dark blue backpack or yellow envelope containing negatives which is missing from a post grad student. These negatives are irreplaceable and are vital for her work to be completed. The backpack is missing from William Smith Drive, Speewah. There is a reward for the return and no questions asked. If you can help please phone Ceri 40930096 or drop off at 104 William Smith Drive

Ceri Pearce, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

In the New Year I will be buying a pack of dogs and a few litters of cats. I will then let them loose into all of our caring residents premises as they do with their bitches. I will even drop a few off in some of our caring councillors and politicians stockings that refuse to do anything but get their pictures in the papers as environmental wonderfults. Obviously this will solve the problem of us worrying about wildlife and us "losers" can then be scared about walking anywhere! May be someone will give us a Free "dog and cat" ride to the markets or Falls. Maybe you idiots that have brought your bad habits here will wake up someday?

I certainly will not try to avoid a wandering dog in my car at risk to my life. Please be aware if your wandering animal wanders into my property, I will do everything to make it miserable. Unfortunately, it is not the animals Fault, it's the brain damaged owners. Please don't hesitate to call me if you would like someone to come over and bark for a while. Happy Holidays to all responsible pet owners. Drop Dead to all others.

Joell Bacon, Barron Falls Road, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Congratulations on what I believe is the best year yet for our newspaper. I am sure that everyone in Kuranda joins me in appreciation for a job well done, but I wonder if it is widely known just how small the team is behind all the effort. Only a handful of volunteers slave week after week to bring us our monthly news. I'm sure they would appreciate any assistance from readers who would like to become newspaper men and women.

Yours sincerely, Gilly Cox, Kuranda.

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
Assoc for Regional Kuranda Inc.  
**First Meeting for 1999**  
**Tuesday, February 5th,**  
**7.00pm**  
(and each subsequent  
first Tuesday of the month)  
Kuranda State High School,  
Myola Road  
All Members and interested  
persons are urged to attend.



## Association for Regional Kuranda

As there has been no Association meeting held recently it was thought appropriate to report to members and residents on some matters involving Kuranda that are part of the minutes of the Council meetings of 6th, 8th, 20th and 22nd October 1998.

**Signage for Kuranda:** The Manager-Environmental Services to work with Ms Anja Bakker, as representative of Kuranda businesses, in consultation with Michelle Bell-Turner of Kuranda Village Promotions Program to facilitate business directional signage for Kuranda.

**Kuranda Cemetery:** Awaiting advice from the Ngoonbi Cooperative Society before commencing further investigations into the proposal that part of Ngoonbi Farm in Kuranda could be used for the Kuranda Cemetery.

**Application for Change of Use - AL & PA Greene:** A Development Permit to be issued for the Application for Material Change of Use made for a Caretaker's Residence on land described as Lot 28 on RP49646, Parish of Smithfield, situated on Black Mountain Road, Kuranda, subject to certain conditions.

**Queensland Rail - Proposed Subdivision & Redevelopment of Kuranda Railway Station:** Advise Queensland Rail that the proposed subdivision of the Kuranda Railway Reserve as indicated on Plan Kuranda 1, Sheets 1 and 2 does conform with Council's Transitional Planning Scheme and Subdivision Local Laws and the following is submitted by way of advice:

1. The zoning of proposed Lot 45 should be changed to **Special Use (Parking)** to facilitate its redevelopment as bus parking.
2. Lot 46 is located within Precinct 1 - Green Belt of the Kuranda Village D.C.P. No. 2 and should not be used for private residential or commercial activities as this is contrary to the intent of the DCP. Council would support the development of this lot by other Govt, Depts. or public purposes.
3. Council has no objection to the creation of Lots 47 or its sale to Skyrail. The zoning of this lot should be amended to reflect Skyrail's usage. A **Special Use (Skyrail) Zone** would be appropriate.

**Breach of Integrated Planning Act - The Ark, Kuranda:** Negotiations are continuing between the Council and legal representatives of Mr Laghaifar regarding the perceived development breaches.

**Goods for Sale on Footpaths:** that Council, in accordance with Local Law No. 38, direct the Manager-Environmental Services to act to remove all offending goods found to be stored on Council's footpaths in front of those properties where Council has previously issued a Notice to the owners/occupants.

"that Council, resolved to write to Mr Falvo of Base Camp Disposals advising him that Council is in the process of reviewing its Local Law regarding Goods for Sale on Footpaths, but until such time as a new Local Law is passed no goods can be placed on the footpath."

### Civil Works:

1. Council resolved that a 60 kph speed limit be placed on the Barron Falls Road from Jumrum Creek Bridge to Barron Falls Lookout.
2. Long Term Coach Parking in Kuranda, the minutes noted that Lesley Clark stated that she would be behind any move to fund the permanent Coach Parking facility and it was further noted that funds are to be provided from the Kuranda Tourist Levy. Council resolved to prepare a detailed design and costing for providing parking for 15 buses in Arara Street, to be funded out of the Kuranda Tourist Levy.

**Kuranda Toilet Facilities - Centenary Park:** Following a serious accident where a female tourist tripped on the step of the toilet and split her head open. Council resolved to proceed with all necessary works to repair noted defects, and that the works be charged against the Kuranda Tourist Levy.

**Kuranda Land - Morton Street:** Council resolved to put in a bid for the two blocks of land in Morton Street with funds from the Pensioner Reserve for Kuranda.

### Minutes from 5 November

**Rural Addressing:** Resolve to confirm decision of 20 October 1998 to adopt the Australian and New Zealand Land Information Council (ANZLIC) model for rural addressing for the Mareeba Shire and proceed with rural for the whole of the shire, Manager Environmental Services to report to Council on how best to implement the system.

**Lighting - Kuranda Skateboard Facility:** To proceed with installing a light at the Kuranda Amphitheatre for skateboard facility at a cost of \$355.00.

**Proposed Memorial for the late Maggie Donahue:** Approval of the expenditure of up to \$500 from Kuranda Parklands developers Contributions towards the memorial for Maggie Donahue, Djabuguy Queen.

If anyone would like more information regarding the Association for Regional Kuranda, Ratepayers Association, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary: Charlotte Doger de Speville, phone 4093 0248.

## KURANDA LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to the Kuranda Library regular column. My name is Kath Raward and each month I will be highlighting aspects of the library's service or collection that you may find interesting.

The new library in Thooree Street opened its doors on the 3rd of November and so ended an era. For the past 14 years the Kuranda community benefited from a library service operated through the generosity of the Kuranda CWA. Knowing what is involved in these ventures I would like to extend my appreciation and admiration to the hardworking volunteers who provided the original service for so long. Thank you and I look forward to meeting you all at the Grand Opening.

This new library will be offering a greater variety of resources including Videos, CDs, Books on Tape, Large Print books and the Fiction and Non Fiction titles for all ages and interests. We will also have access to collections in Mareeba and elsewhere in Australia. Remember to bring along some proof of permanent residency when you come to join for the first time. Reservations can be made for any other titles that are on loan or in other libraries.

### Title Review.

From the Reference Collection (to be used in the library) there is an outstanding title. "The Book of Art" series is an 8 volume encyclopaedia of painting, drawing and sculpture. With contributions from recognized authorities and prestigious institutions it explores art through primitive to modern society, across cultural and geographical boundaries. Beautifully illustrated in colour it provides not only informative analysis but also thought-provoking dialogue. Well worth a look during your next visit.

For loan from the non-fiction collection is "Riversleigh: A story of animals in Ancient Rainforest of Inland Australia". A beautifully illustrated, award winning book it unravels the mysteries of Australia's prehistoric fauna. Tales of marsupial lions and carnivorous kangaroos are intertwined with explanations of the unique techniques used to search for and reconstruct the fossilized remains. This is an impressive book and a fascinating read.

My Adult fiction choice for December is "Doctor Zhivago" the classic by Boris Pasternak. This ageless masterpiece is tailor made to wet season reading. Classic reading deserves classic music. The library CD collection boasts Handel, Mozart, Bach etc, however this month I am recommending Natalie Cole's modern classic "Unforgettable". For the under 18's mature reader there is "Heartease" by Lee Harding. A well written Australian novel and one with which many will relate.

The junior under 18 readers will be pleased to hear "The Chronicles of Narnia" series Book One "The Magician's Nephew" is this month's choice. For those Narnia fans or for those young and old yet to discover Narnia this is the first of the series, "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" being the second. The very young and their readers will enjoy Pamela Mann's treatment of "The Frog Prince" illustrated with silk paintings, the story has an unusual twist to the original. "Read it! Read it!" and discover for yourself. For the Library Holiday activities see me for details. Thanks again those Kuranda folk who have welcomed me so warmly. I look forward to meeting many more of you over the festive season and into 1999. Happy reading and let me know if you have any interesting ideas for the library and it's collection.



Photo K. Buhler.

Welcome to Kath Raward our new Librarian.



## KURANDA RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

What a month we have had. Firstly we had to put on hold all riding activities for the month as we went into full swing of getting Georgia and Crystal to the Australian Championships at Doonan (See Front page).

BACK TO GROUND ZERO Matt came for his first ride in over a month. I told him about our results and he said, "that's good, now get over it and let's get on with what we are doing." How's that for bringing me back to earth. Anyway we are back into the swing of things running fortnightly.

A big thanks to all Kuranda Business who donated raffle prizes, Kuranda Lions Club, Avis Rent a Car, Brisbane Livestock, Cairns Businesses who donated raffle prizes and everyone who gave us their best wishes. You all made our job easier and enjoyable.

Night of Rhythm and groove with Lamie Bangoura, Percussionist Singer Dancer from 'Les Ballets Africain, National Dance Theatre Company from Guinea West Africa Plus 5 piece percussion Dance Group. So bring your Dancing shoes

## The Twelve Days of a Commercial Xmas

by Janef

On the 1st Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
A self-assemble Cardboard Xmas Tree (instructions not included)

On the 2nd Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
Two Plastic Doves (made in China)

On the 3rd Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
Three Glitter Pens (inserts Xtra)

On the 4th Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
Four Tawdry Toys (no Warranty)

On the 5th Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
Five Gaudy Things (unidentifiable)

On the 6th Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
Six Tonnes of Tinsel (going cheap)

On the 7th Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
Seven Cans of SpraySnow (for a White Xmas)

On the 8th Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
Eight Mouldy Mince Tarts (past their use-by date)

On the 9th Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
Nine Lay-by Dockets (that's blown the budget!)

On the 10th Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
Ten Tattered Gift Tags (absolute bargain)

On the 11th Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
Eleven Plumless Puddings (self-explanatory?)

On the 12th Day of Xmas the Salesman offered me  
Twelve Rolls of Wrapping (naturally Not recycled)

What has all this to do with ?Christmas?  
Absolutely NOTHING!!

## From my diary of our travels in Central America 1986

By Krishna Buhler

Mayan Hok Lord or Lord Toothache



The jungle covered ruins of Copan slowly being restored caused one to stare in awe, a civilisation had once been there, the genius, creativity, dreams of a people long gone. Questions are still asked as to what happened? Now another wipe out! Nicaragua and Honduras have been devastated. Again and again it was the severity of the landscape that left one wondering just as to how a nation could possibly prosper. Admittedly 1986 saw the results of the destructiveness of war. Ghost towns, weary, poverty stricken people. We wanted to just keep moving on.

The first night in Nicaragua my husband, our two children and I perched our VW camper van over a mechanic's trench on the side of the main road. We had driven until it was dark, would stop just for the night and leave early - hoping to miss the mechanic. Directly in front of us was a deep gully with a puddle of stagnant water. On the far side shacks were precariously attached to the banks one above the other. One child came with a few friends to practise his English (American) and asked for a toothbrush.

I'm sure I saw that gully on TV the other night, there was a torrent of muddy water thundering along way above the road level and not a hut in sight!

These are people who know devastation. But even in bleakness one saw shafts of hope, the only postcard to buy in the capital Managua had brilliantly coloured flowers set against a backdrop of forbidding mountains, drawn by a child. A fantastic modern theatre had just been completed in Managua right by the lake with high walkways to enter it. From these walkways one looked out on the barren waste of what had been a city, flattened by bombs and earthquakes. Now they hoped to build something for pleasure - park lands. The sunrises were so pretty, creeping up over the rice paddy ponds. At each stop a staple diet of "Pescado (fish) - y - tortillas" was to be had, along with some fruit such as granadilla (giant passion fruit) and vegetables from road side stalls or the numerous markets. Even this subsistence existence would be non-existent now with the land washed out and the diverted rivers depleted of fish. For us it was a relief to cross the border into modern, prosperous Costa Rica. What relief could the people of Nicaragua and Honduras possibly have now? WORLD VISION ( C/- ANZ BANK) IS ABLE TO TAKE DONATIONS Ph 13 32 40.

A small display of handiwork I was able to collect in Central America can be seen in our new Library.

## "4872" HALLOWEEN PARTY

The infamous Nick Djeric (pictured) must be happy with himself and really pleased with his band "4872" (Dave, guitar; Nico, bass and Neil, drums). Continuing a 'tradition' of Halloween hellraising (re: Nick & Eskey's performance last year) there was plenty of positive feedback from the enthusiastic crowd. Thanks also to the tolerance and understanding of near neighbours in regards to noise levels. Having a party? Need entertainment?

Call Nick on 014 064222 or 40930098.



## 17th Century Nun's Prayer

LORD thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of other pains, but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening of cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen Submitted by Norbert Wald





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## Planting Up a Forest

You'd be forgiven for thinking we were on good terms with the powers that be. For the planting of our first 1000 trees at Big Sands, Kowrowa, on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November, we had perfect cool, dull weather in which to do the heavy work, followed by three perfect days of rain. To see the small trees thriving is a fine reward for the 60 or so tree planters who dug, lifted, stooped, watered and mulched. The tiny trees are on their way to becoming a forest. Only 60,000 more to go!

## Shade for Trees for Shade

The shade house frame, kindly given to KURANDA **EnviroCare** by Kathryn and John Edwards, has settled into its concrete footings at its new home in the grounds of the Kuranda Rainforest Resort and has a new coat of green shade cloth. To show it off to you, we will have a

**tree sale on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.**

There are jacarandas, native gardenias, sandalwoods, archidendrons and more, going for \$1 and \$2. These trees are not suitable for the **EnviroLink** Wildlife Corridor.

## Sharing the Solution

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November, three car-loads of members attended a workshop on plant identification and propagation at the TREAT nursery at Lake Eacham. Call at the **EnviroCentre** (at the Kuranda Rainforest Resort) and we'll give you some tips on how to strike cuttings and share some hormone solution to ensure your success.

Remember the potting mix deal: pot some seedlings for the **EnviroLink** Corridor - we'll give you seedlings, pots and potting mix - and you'll qualify for a great deal in potting mix.

## Calling for Forest Treasures

David Stacey and his brilliant team of artists have painted a forest at the **EnviroCentre**. To finish it off, it needs snake skins, skeletons, insects, seed pods, interesting pieces of wood and rock, feathers and abandoned nests. Please bring a treasure from your own property for all the visitors to the display to see. We'll put your name on it. This display is about the forests of Kuranda and the people who share its secrets.

The next meeting of KURANDA **EnviroCare** INC. will be at 7pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Kuranda Rainforest Resort. We'll take a break in January.

*To EnviroCare is to have faith in the future.*

All our news in **EnviroNews** available at the Kuranda Newsagent.

## ORGANIC GARDENING

by Marjorie Spear

It is wonderful weather for the birds and butterflies to enjoy my organic blossoms and fruit. The Jade Vine is now blossoming and the SARACH is having a rest till next Autumn-Winter. Vegetables appreciate some shade in the hot Nov. Dec. days. Mint and parsley are picked daily - but orthodox parsley does not thrive. The Japanese green "senposai" is doing well and survives the cabbage butterflies.

Lots of weed-free mulch is very useful - lots of citrus kept my stomach and me happy. Late Valencia oranges are still ripening. Black star apple are a juicy joy and easy to pick if you keep the trees trimmed back. Yellow passion fruit have started to ripen and so have pawpaws. Lots of jackfruit and bananas have fruited after the rain.

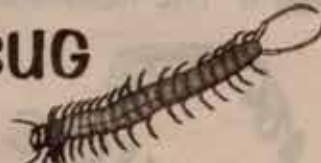
Take care that the Allamanda vine does not spread too much - it is lovely but beware. I love the delicate Gloriosa Superba vine - it dies down early autumn and the delicate orange plus flowers last well in water. It is growing up now and can be tied up or trimmed - it has no pests. If any reader wants Heliconia or Torch Ginger roots you are welcome to dig them from my garden. Phone 4093 7205 to arrange time etc.

**Rainfall**  
26 Oct '98 to 23 Nov '98  
**109mm**



## THE MONTHLY BUG

*Fangs Babies.*



The students named her Fang. No she's not a pitbull terrier - Fang is a large centipede. A colleague found her in his garden and brought her in to my lab, where we housed her in a tank alongside Chainsaw, a large, swift-running, rainforest centipede. Fang settled in quickly. She spent most of the day in burrows she constructed, but came out soon after dark to forage around her tank for the cockroaches, crickets and grasshoppers we gave her every week or so. Returning from a field trip, we found a student peering worriedly into Fang's tank. Our favourite centipede had eaten nothing for a week and was hanging by her rear legs from the water dish - not a good look for any species. However on closer inspection Fang looked fine and had forty or so fat, round eggs tucked under her belly. Over the next week or so Fang moved to the floor of the tank and dug herself a depression along side the water dish, where she lay wrapped around her egg mass. She stayed in her nursery for weeks still not eating, and moving only to groom and clean the eggs. Fang had been without male companionship for six months, but many female insects store sperm after mating, so there was still a chance the eggs would prove fertile. When they hatched the baby centipedes were pure white and totally helpless. Fang remained the devoted mother, only moving to threaten us when we photographed her and her mass of babies. Later, when the babies were becoming more independent and it was more than ten weeks since Fang's last meal, the students presented her with a small piece of mince. She zipped over and grabbed it, only to abandon it in the nursery where it was eaten by several of the babies. Mum and the kids remained in the nursery for a few more days until the cluster of babies broke up one night and then the tank bottom was filled with scurrying burrowing little centipedes. We tried to repeat the feeding observations, but by now Fang had an appetite and ate all the crickets and cockroaches we gave her. Now that her appetite had returned, it was time to remove the babies - just one night's hungry hunting and she could easily have recycled all the youngsters. The babies are now all in their own tanks as we investigate the development of predatory behaviour in these cryptic, effective, and very important predators. Maternal care occurs in many different kinds of animals, but few mothers are more self-sacrificing and devoted than female centipedes. Bug questions to: Dr. Jamie Seymour, J C U. PO Box 6811 Cairns.



## KURANDA VILLAGE PROMOTION PROGRAM

During the month of November, the KVPP has been busy moving into its new premises at the back of the new Council building in Thooree Street. The Kuranda Village Promotion Program would like to congratulate the Council on the new premises and library complex which will certainly be an asset for both the community and visitors to Kuranda.

One of the major projects KVPP Coordinator, Michelle Bell-Turner, has been involved with over the last few months is the development of a Tablelands wide marketing strategy across the 4 shires of Mareeba, Eacham, Atherton and Herberton. The CEO of Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ), Ian Kean, and marketing staff Kate Scott and Leigh Sorensen have been assisting the Tablelands (yes, this includes Kuranda) in having an across Shire approach to marketing. A 12 month plan has been drawn up and it is planned that this will dovetail into TTNQ's overall marketing strategy and Kuranda's existing Marketing Plan.

**Built Environment** - the built environment working group are to be congratulated this month for all their efforts in assisting with works commencing at lower Coondoo Street in the upgrade of the car/bus parking facilities. Village signage proposals are also underway to ensure that clear directions to the Railway Station/Skyrail/Barron River Esplanade, toilets etc are displayed.

**Business Development** - time is once again drawing near for entries in the TTNQ Tourism Awards, nomination booklets are available from Tracey Rochester at TTNQ 40317676 (ext 205), so get your entries in. The business development working group's visitor satisfaction survey is currently getting printed and will be distributed in December.

**Marketing and Promotions** - the KVPP has secured a booth at next year's Townsville Holiday and Travel Show in February. This will be a joint marketing initiative in conjunction with the Mareeba Heritage Centre and Tourist Information centre.

The KVPP thanks all volunteers that have been involved this year for all their help and enthusiasm and wishes them all the best for the festive season.

The Kuranda Village Promotion Program is funded by the Dept of State Development, Mareeba Shire Council and Kuranda businesses and aims to enhance and revitalise the village of Kuranda for the enjoyment of all by providing experiences of environmental, artistic and cultural integrity. The KVPP coordinator can be contacted by ph/fax on 40937593 or in the KVPP office located at the back of the library in Thooree St on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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Atlas (Hercules) Moth (Coscinocera hercules) Australia's largest moth seen here hanging on the wall of the Library only lives for about 10 days. A good example of its host plant the 'Bleeding Heart Tree' can be found in the Green House garden on Coondoo street.. Photo K. Buhler.

## Silence.

I should know better.  
 He doesn't like mindgames.  
 (I know very well that it isn't good enough.)  
 "Alright then, how about fixing my broken heart first?"  
 "Sorry, no, I want it broken." Bummer~ (this is what really bothers me about being a Christian)  
 "Can I have yours then?" (I know it's bleeding and pricked with thorns, but it's also glowing and on fire).  
 "Yes!" Yes?? Really?? I'm thinking fast now:  
 "Alright, it's a deal: You can have my broken heart (which I don't want if You don't want to fix it).  
 "I get your heart" (from which flows the Blood for the forgiveness of sin and the Water of Life) "and I trust You with my arrogant spirit."  
 (I bet He's gonna make it contrite, which leaves me very apprehensive; but I just somehow hope that it's not as much hassle as getting a broken heart. Maybe I should have asked Him first? Or get pissed on some Merry Christmas 'Spirit' and not worry about it??)

by Phil Woodstock.

## HYDROPONICS - GETTING STARTED

**CONTAINERS:** They are as extensive as your imagination, it also depends on how much money you want to spend. Plastic buckets, polystyrene containers, plastic pipes, 25L drums, flower pots, any container can be used as long as the surface is inert. There are also any number of automated systems which can be purchased from your hydroponics supplier. Metal containers can't be used unless they are painted with bitumen or similar so as the metal doesn't leach out. A good container to start with is a polystyrene broccoli box obtainable from supermarkets etc. Usually they cost about \$2 or \$3 dollars. The next item you will need is some media. A variety of materials can be used for example: Gravel, Scoria, Perlite, Vermiculite, Kitty Litter, Expanded Clay, coarse sand etc. The media's sole function is to support the plant and provide moisture. The box will need to have a couple of holes put in about 4cm from the bottom at one end for drainage. The box can then be filled with whatever media you decide on. A broccoli box will be large enough to grow six or eight lettuce, pak choy or similar. Seedlings can be purchased from your local nursery or you can grow your own which is the preferred way as you don't have to worry about bugs in the soil and there is less shock to the plant when transplanting. If seedlings are purchased from the nursery they will need to have the soil washed off. Then they can be planted into the media. The next step is the nutrient; the container is flooded until the nutrient comes out the drainage holes. This will need to be done at least once daily. The plant feeds by capillary action drawing the nutrient from the reservoir in the bottom of the box. The next article will be on nutrients and other containers that can be used. Contributed by Jan Coulter - 4093 0394

## KURANDA GARDEN GROUP

The Kuranda Garden Group welcomed another newcomer to their November meeting in Jarawee Rd. Pat talked about the culture of the hundreds of indoor plants she has under her care. She also gave us smoko and lots of small pot plants to take home.

We are a friendly group of both sexes seeking to learn more about growing plants in Kuranda. Phone me, Marjorie Spear 40937205 (organiser). The December 12th meeting will be at Pat and Lyall Greene, Black Mt. Rd via Greene Lane (sign-posted). Bring your plate for Xmas smoko and questions and tips to pass on. There is no meeting in January 1999.

## HOW TO BE HEALTHY THOUGH ELDERLY

by Marjorie Spear

Drink plenty of unfluoridated water. You may have to buy a filter. Eat plenty of fruit but always eat fruit 10 minutes before a meal and not after - or during. Fish is better for you than meat or cheese. Elderly folk need less protein but 3 eggs a week, free range, is good, plus some fish or sardines. As we age we eat less so what we eat must be good - plenty of vegetables and vitamin tablets if needed. Exercise is important and can be done in bed by stretching all parts of the body and exercising your eyes. Plenty of fresh air and sunshine and a regular massage Remedial that hurts a bit. Massage your own fingers and toes but you will not hurt yourself. An occasional visit to the Doctor is recommended. Don't shovel (like I do) and Don't Dye your hair. The radio is better for you than the stupid T.V. movies. Quiet music is best. Elevate your feet and legs when sitting. Christmas is coming - Enjoy it but don't over eat. Avoid strong alcohol.

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Pinanga Kuhlil (Ivory Cane) fruit.



## ADVENT

Getting ready for Christmas!

The word 'advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus' which means arrival. For the four weeks before Christmas Christians prepare to celebrate Jesus' arrival into the world. This time is known as Advent. Jesus said that he was the 'Light of the World' so the advent of Jesus is like light coming into a dark world. The light of the 4 red candles placed around a wreath during Advent is used as a symbol of that light. The red colour suggests reflection and contemplation. One more candle is lit each Sunday and on Christmas day a fifth, white candle is added at the centre symbolising Jesus' presence. Christians believe that Jesus is 'God with us'. Have you been expecting something to happen in your life? Believe that there is a presence with you and celebrate by joining in with others who feel the same way at the many Christmas activities offered by the local churches.

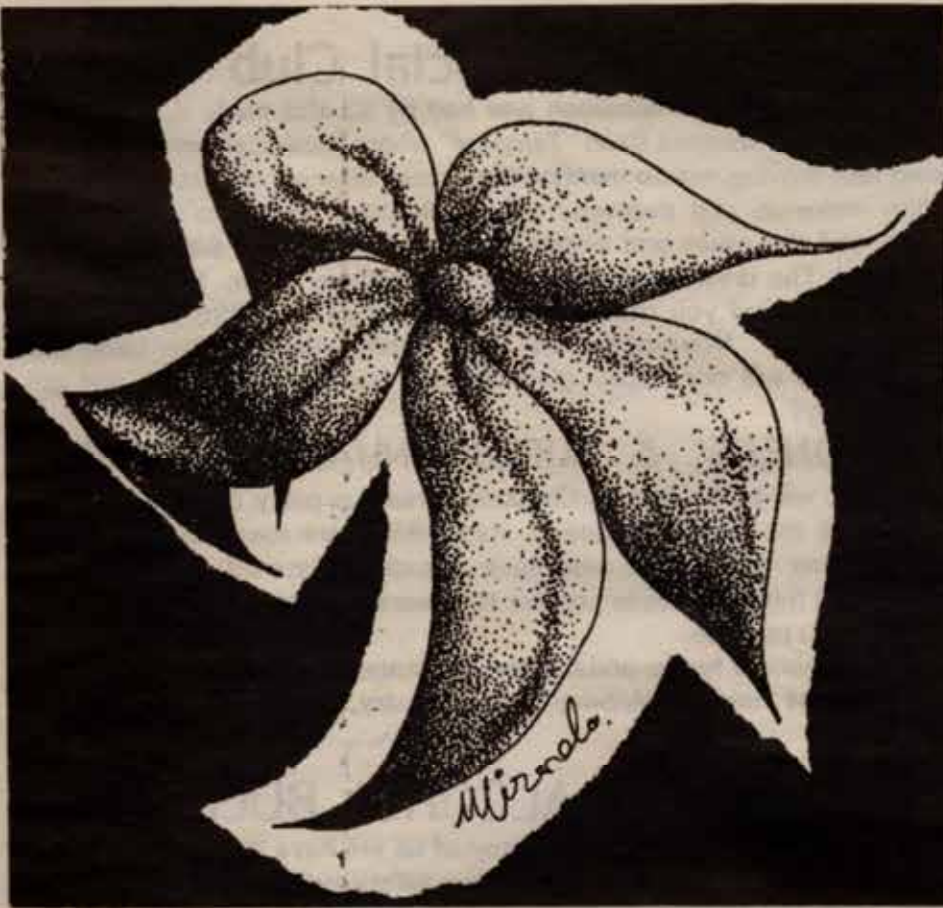
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Community Interchurch  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
ALL WELCOME

Readings \*\*\*\*\* Items

Seventh Day Adventist Hall  
Tuesday 15th Dec. 7.30pm  
opp. Primary School



## AND SO IT IS CHRISTMAS

Why do we give one another presents? A small child will begin Christmas Day with an eager look 'What has Santa brought me?' Even much older people feel excited on Christmas Day especially when there is some unexpected and oddly shaped parcel with their very own name on the label! 'Well' we say, 'who can have sent this? Let's open it quickly!' It is good to make much of the giving and receiving of gifts at Christmas, because they remind us of our love and affection for people - we want to show that we care for them, and so we give them signs of our regard and affection. Equally, those who care for us send us presents and cards as expressions of the affection they have for us. So the first thing the gifts tell us is, about our love for each other. Our gifts remind us of family love, of the love between old friends over many years, and of love that has survived many years of residence far apart, or has triumphed over temporary quarrels and misunderstandings. St John sees the coming of Jesus Christ into the world as a command to us to love each other - 'If God thus loved us, dear friends, we in turn are bound to love one another' (1 John 4v11).

The second thing Christmas gifts remind us of, is God's love. As well as telling us of the love between human givers and receivers of Christmas gifts, Christmas presents tell us of God's love for us. They remind us of the very first Christmas present of all, and how that present came to us from God himself - the gift of His Son. 'The true light that enlightens every one was coming into the world' (John 1v9) and 'All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!' (ps 98v3). And so, at Bethlehem, a child lay in a manger - the greatest of God's gifts to us, the gift of His only Son. That child was born in a stable, amidst cold and poverty, in order that we might be warmed and enriched by His coming. A tiny child, so tiny that His mother's arms could completely unfold him; yet His power and might reached far beyond the heavens. 'In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. . The true light, the light that enlightens every man, was coming into the world' (John 14v9) and 'To all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God' (John 1v12). How long will the great majority of Christmas presents that are being opened today, last? Many are not meant to last, but are intended to be eaten, or in some other way to be used up fairly quickly. Many are given into the hands of the young, in the way of toys or equipment for sports, perhaps; and some of these will last only a pretty short time. Even what we might call solid, long-term gifts can meet with accidents before their period of usefulness would normally be over. At best, our gifts cannot last forever, but will grow older and shabbier as the years go by. It is God's gift of his Son to our humanity that is the only Christmas gift that is really permanent and always lovely. This is a gift that will always be with us, in this world and the next. 'In him was life, and the life was the light of men; a light that shines in the darkness, and that the darkness cannot overcome' (John 1v4-5). The wonder of Christmas is that God, who can seem at times remote and unreachable, has come down among us, is concerned for us, and has made his love available to us all through that Child lying in the manger.

'Unto us a Child is born, - unto us a Son is given.'

Contributed by Fr. Chris Wright.



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8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Family Eucharist  
and Sunday School

5.00pm Holy Communion (Dec 6th)

Thursdays

10.00am Holy Communion

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

6.00pm Carol Service

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Eve

7.30pm Carols by Candlelight  
for Children Mums and Dads

11.30pm The Midnight Mass  
of Christmas

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Day

9.30am Family Communion Service

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K. Buhler 4093 7348.

**SEVENTH DAY  
ADVENTIST CHURCH**

Kuranda

Saturday Services

Sabbath School

(all ages) 10am

Divine Service 11.30am

Fellowship Lunch

after Service

Baptism Service 2.30pm

**St Christopher's  
Catholic Church  
Barang St**

Christmas Mass times:

Midnight with carols

24th Dec. 11:40pm

25th Dec: 9am

Reconciliation.

Wed. 16th Dec: 7:30pm

Sunday Mass will be held

at 6pm

Wednesday Mass 7.30pm

**NEWS FROM ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH**

St Saviour's overflowed for the yearly Confirmation service on Saturday the 14th November. Bishop Clyde Wood made his first official visit to St Saviour's and confirmed Liana Houston, Raymond Hopkins, Riyala Turpin and Molly Falconer. St Saviour's will host two carol services once again this year. As part of the Christmas celebrations a tree will be put up in the Church and a Nativity scene. A celebration of the traditional arrival of the wise men in Bethlehem will be held on Wednesday the 6th of Jan commencing with the Eucharist at 6.30pm, followed by a BBQ meal.





## SWIMMING

with Pam Elgar

Only Donna attended the Innisfail Joint Clubs swimming meet on the 24th October in the new school 25m pool. She took 27 seconds off the 800m breaststroke; 4 seconds off the 200m breaststroke and yet another PB (personal best) in the 25m breaststroke by 2 seconds. Great swimming Donna. Pam and Ronnie did not attend the Honda Masters Games held in Alice Springs this year, but Gerda Williams and her twin won five gold medals each in the 55-59 age group and tied for the overall winner in that age group. Gerda set five records and is gearing up to go to the World Masters Games. In the meantime Pam and Ronnie went by the Queenslander (with car aboard) to Brisbane - great service and far too good food! After that drove to friends in the Bellenger Valley, some time on a sheep/cattle property out of Cunnamulla; time with good friends in Toowoomba where we lived once - never again as far too cold and dullsville. Then up the coast staying and seeing various friends to Townsville. We were meant to be swimming training on our travels but only managed three modest swims before arriving in Townsville to swim in North Queensland Short Course Championship Townsville Masters held at the Willows pool at Kirwan. Ronnie had a bung neck so did not swim. Donna produced a PB in the 25m freestyle and did her first 25m butterfly very well. Donna and Pam then swam in four Cairns Mudcrabs relays making a total of ten swims that day. Needless to say Pam's times were slower than ever and she had to swim in relays as otherwise only three competitors for the team. Mudcrabs did well as usual and a great week-end for everyone.

We returned happily to Kuranda having seen mammoth development down south. Places like Byron and Coffs Harbour look very unattractive. Even Toowoomba has massive housing developments and the less said about the building up the coast the better. We think Kuranda looks pretty good!

## KURANDA INFORMATION & SUPPORT CENTRE NEWS

KISC is now in its new premises at the CWA hall!! Many thanks to those who helped us get there - in particular the Kuranda CWA, Graham Metcalfe and Chris Colefax. Pop in and have a look at our lending library of books, videos and information pamphlets. Food parcels are still available and the Book Exchange is operating. We would like to sincerely Thank the Mareeba Shire Council for their generous support of KISC by providing premises all these years. This time of year can be a stressful one due to financial pressures, lack of time, (busy, busy, busy), children home from school, and the humid weather. Recognise when you are stressed and do what has worked for you in the past to stay calm and hang it all together - take deep breaths, go for a long walk, take 'time out' to read a book or listen to music, talk to a friend or ring Lifeline. Reduce the demands on yourself, by refusing to do anything that isn't urgent. Almost of all, find something to enjoy or smile about in every day - balance the negatives with positives (some psychological research says each negative occurrence needs 5 positives to cancel it out).

1999 has been declared the International Year of Older Persons. Although we may daily celebrate the privileges and advantages of being older, this is a special time to acknowledge the contribution made by the older people to our community and for building bridges across the generations. KISC will advise of any particular events to be held in conjunction with this year.

## Speewah District Residents Association

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Association is having their next General Meeting on **Monday, 7th December, 7.45pm at the Roscommon Rural Fire Brigade Station**. The hot topic will be the proposed changes to the Kuranda Range Road, on which Mareeba Shire, Cairns City Council and Main Roads Department have invited comments. We think it is important that the Association presents your views on the issue of access to the Tablelands over the Kuranda Range. Council has also said they intend to introduce the Rural Addressing System, and will repaint the road markings on Speewah road from Douglas Track to Scenic Drive on their next visit. Christmas is coming and all residents are invited to the joint Residents Association and Fire Brigade Christmas party to be held at the Roscommon Tavern on 5th December, 1998 from 4pm until late. There will be a barbecue, starting at 6.00pm at a cost of \$6.00 per head, a special attendance by Father Christmas and lollies for children under 10 years. It will also be the ideal time to celebrate the opening of the new tennis court. Please phone John on 4093 0055 (or see him at the Tavern) for reservations. The Association would like to thank everyone for their support this year, and we'd love to see you at the party. We'll also see you at our next meeting, and remember - bring a chair! The President, Jan Birkegaard Regards, Jo Guppy, Secretary

## Koah Sports & Social Club News

**Koah Dance** A Happy Halloween was had by all who made it to our last dance featuring Tableland Band 'Tempest' whose music certainly got those dancing feet moving, not to mention the special effects complete with blood curdling make-up and cobwebs galore. Ramona and Zana's curry was delicious and the cakes and vegetarian food from Yvonne was very much appreciated. The drinks were cold and the company warm. With that said we'd like to remind you that our last Koah dance for 1998 is tomorrow night, **Saturday November 28 at 7.30pm** with top live band the 'Solution' who will once again give us good reason to Party-On and get 'Curried Away!'

## PENSIONERS' & SUPERANNUANTS' LEAGUE

The AP & SL will be holding its Christmas break up party on **Monday 7th December** at the Rainforest Resort. As bookings are essential, would any member (other than those who have already registered) interested in attending this function please contact the Secretary, Kay Loftes on 40 937 674 as soon as possible.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and advise that our next meeting will be held on **Monday 1st February, 1999**.

## KISC DRUG & ALCOHOL BULLETIN

With the holiday season upon us, many of us will have more opportunities to celebrate and 'get happy'. For your own safety and those of others (both on the road and in your personal relationships) be **Drink Wise**. It's easy to remember to eat when drinking - preferably a meal including protein rather than only nuts and chips, and to have a big drink of water or fruit juice between each alcoholic drink. Doing these simple things will also mean less risk of losing it, your driver's licence, or your dignity. Have fun!



Season's Greetings



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## KURANDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

On behalf of all our students and staff at Kuranda High I would sincerely like to thank everyone in the Kuranda community for their assistance and support to our school during 1998. This time last year, we weren't here! In just one short (sometimes it has seemed very "long") year I am proud of what Kuranda High has achieved. . . . and much of that has been due to the way in which the Kuranda community has taken an interest in their "new school". This is your school and I hope that interest and support will continue for many years to come. Thanks everyone. Merry Christmas from all at Kuranda High and we look forward to an even brighter 1999! Jenny Jensen (Principal)

**"State Titles Coup"** Recently the School received news that the school's nomination to host the 1999 Queensland Secondary Schools Cross Country Titles has been successful. Students from both state government and private schools all over Queensland will descend on Kuranda in July 1999 to contest the State Championships. This is a real 'coup' and full credit to Physical Education teacher Gary Davis for his work in establishing Kuranda High as a first class venue. Gary organised the 1998 Peninsula Region Titles and won praise for a super championship. Students can also feel very proud in that they cut the track, made the signs and planned the course from scratch. The famous Kuranda Cross Country track is constantly being maintained and upgraded by students. It will be officially known as the "Pickering Track" in recognition of the role played in its establishment by Groundsperson, Dave Pickering.

**"Rave Review"** If you ever wanted a good laugh, then "Fife of Brian" provided it. . . . Kuranda High drama students certainly did justice to a very witty script and handled over twenty scene changes with great style and expertise. The cast was superb and displayed real talent as actors. Cherry Maher was outstanding and delivered Yamuna Keller (Brian) Emily Gray (Brian's mother) and Kristy Hale carried off their roles with ease. But perhaps the highlight was the outrageously funny Pontius Pilate played by Rhys Martin. All the cast deserve praise for a very fine show. We are in no doubt going to be treated to some more excellent productions in 1999. Congratulations to Kuranda High's Drama Program and teacher Michelle Waldron.

**"School in National Finals for Environment Award"** The School is a finalist in the Reader's Digest Environment Awards for 1998. The rainforest regeneration project aims to establish wildlife corridors which incorporate the planting of endemic species and indigenous food plants. The project educates students and also provides a recreational outlet for the community and promotes inter-racial involvement. This year's awards have been the most successful to date with a record number of 300 entries from throughout Australia.



Gayle reunited with grandson Laqhan at Mater Childrens Hospital, Brisbane.

William, Gayle and Aaron Hill, with Tamara and David, sincerely thank all friends and family from Kuranda and Environs (Tully, Cairns, Upper Murray and Innisfail) for their dedicated prayers, love and good wishes during the recovery of our grandson, nephew and son, Laqhan. Special thanks to nursing staff I.C.U. Cairns Base, Royal Flying Doctor and Retrieval Team and I.C.U. Staff, Mater Childrens Hospital Brisbane and Ronald McDonald House, Brisbane. After 10 weeks Laqhan is home in Cairns to welcome his baby brother Elisha born in Cairns Base August 24th. A fourth grandson for Willie and Gayle. Haere Mai.

## MONKAMI STEINER SCHOOL



is having an Open Day  
for all those interested in  
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what we do  
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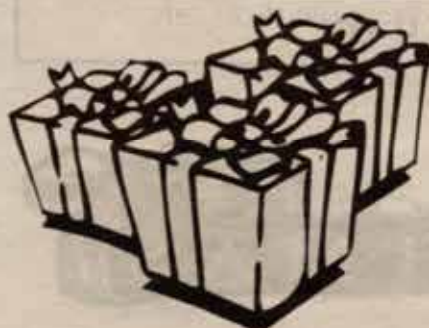
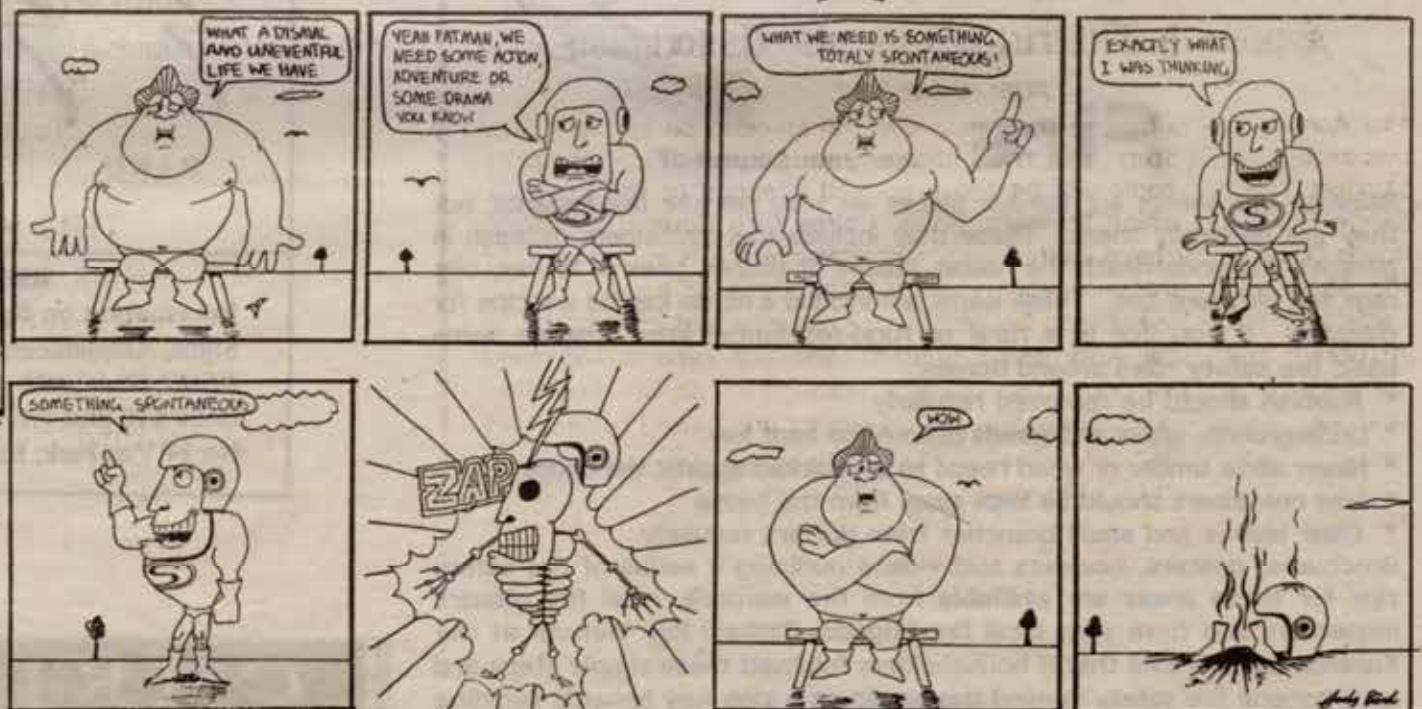
## NEWS FROM THE KURANDA COMMUNITY KINDY/PRESCHOOL.

We've been busy this term organising paperwork and records for reaffiliation and licensing. Parent interviews are in progress at the moment, both with children already enrolled and new arrivals for next year. The preschool children have been involved in a project about music. We have had many instruments to experiment with and even made our own out of glasses and bottles. The aspect of vibrations gives us a science project to work on. Many of the children are keen story tellers so we have used the computer to print them up. The children enjoy playing with papier mache birds that Sue has made over the last few years as part of the rainforest that has been set up. The birds are used to talk about the nests, food, coverings, beaks and habitats. A highlight was visiting the Kuranda Birdworld where an amazing array of colours was to be seen. Obstacle courses were set up with suggestions from the children. The side-stepping activity along the cleated plank really kept them on their toes, as did the buckets filled with water. Navigating the rope bridge "monkey - fashion" was another good muscle user. We try to set up a water activity every day during the hot weather. See you next year! Happy holidays.

## CAPTAIN SARCASTIC and THE FAT GUY



BY JOEL WALTERS





## AMBULANCE UPDATE

by Trevor Clark OIC

**GENERAL:** I'm Back!!! From what turned out to be a very interesting but very wet trip around Australia. It was great to do but also great to arrive back in Kuranda, not only the place and the friendly folk but the sunshine as well. I know a lot of you would have met Lara who looked after the station for most of the three months. She has done a terrific job keeping everything together and looking after the area. I would like to say Thank You to her and wish her well with her future endeavours.

**STATION NEWS:** Another above average month with around fifty call outs with over half being emergencies. We are hoping the trend doesn't continue into the holiday season. Everything else with the station, vehicle and equipment is progressing along nicely.

**RAFFLES AND FUNDRAISING.** Another successful Melbourne Cup Sweep was held in the early part of November. Winner of the 1st prize \$400 was Pat McFarlane, 2nd, \$300 picked up by Judy Capocchi, and 3rd of \$100 going to Peter Clapin, and best of luck too to the 20 other ticket holders who collected \$10 each for having 'drawn a horse'.

Our next and last Street Stall for this year will be held on Saturday December 12th. We'll have our usual freshly cooked cakes and jams etc. In addition, with the festive season only weeks away, 2 of our Local Committee ladies, Beryl and Margaret, will have by then, some beautiful Christmas puddings for sale. Also we'll be raffling a beautiful Christmas cake. So be early on the 12th so as not to be disappointed.

Many thanks to our Local Ambulance Committee and all the other folk around town who work to make these fundraising efforts a success, thereby benefitting the community in general.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Looking for a gift for someone with Christmas just around the corner? What could be more affordable and practical than an Ambulance subscription to that someone you care for. Just see Mark or Kathy at the Post Office.

**TREVORS TIP:** No special tips for this month. Just take a moment to think safety especially during the holiday season. Remember Christmas and New Year is traditionally a family fun time with day trips, swimming, camping etc., and all the potential for tragedy especially with the very young and on the road. So take care, look after yourselves and the ones who can't look after themselves. Enjoy life and all the Best for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

**POST SCRIPT:** It is with regret that I have to say Goodbye to Kuranda and the wonderful folk of this area. Personal family commitments have necessitated my return to the Mackay area. I will be leaving on the 21st January to take up a position of an Ambulance Officer in Mackay.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Ambulance Committee, Past and Present who besides being friends have supported me and helped so much in the continuing positive direction and upgrading of Ambulance services in the area. I would also like to thank Kuranda Medical Centre for one of the best professional working relationships I have enjoyed during my career as well as their personal friendships. As well thanks to Kuranda Police and Kuranda Fire services for their friendship and assistance during my time here, and of course, a special thanks to our 2 Service Clubs, Kuranda Lions and Rotary. There are just too many individual names to set down. So collectively to all the businesses, market folk and people of Kuranda and area who have both supported myself and the Ambulance as well as befriended myself and wife Carol and made us feel not only welcome but a part of the community from the moment we arrived Thank You, Take Care and We'll Miss You All.



## Fire : are you prepared?

Because our homes are familiar places we may not see fire hazards, but they are generally there. These may include fuel containers, rubbish in garages and underneath the house, pieces of timber, piles of leaves, oily rags and old paint tins. These items left around a house can be a recipe for disaster. If you live in a rural or rural-residential area observe some basic fire safety rules around homes:

- \* Rubbish should be removed regularly.
- \* Undergrowth, grass and weeds should be kept low.
- \* Never allow timber or weed heaps to be stacked against the house
- \* Fuel containers should be kept away from the house
- \* Clear leaves and small branches from gutters regularly.

Brochures, posters, booklets and videos outlining a series of fire safety tips for these areas are available from fire wardens, rural fire district inspectors and from your local fire brigade. Captain Ray Wintour at the Kuranda Station said that if householders followed these simple steps and kept general fire safety in mind this would go a long way towards avoiding fire hazards. Ph. 04 177 738 299 for further information.

## TABLELAND HOUSING INFORMATION SERVICE

The Tableland Housing Information Service (THIS - also known as the Housing Resource Service) is a free service which offers assistance to people with housing and tenancy problems. Set up in 1989 THIS has over 8 years experience in tenancy law and advocacy and has successfully assisted many of its clients in the Small Claims Tribunal.

THIS assists clients who are seeking: accommodation (both in the private rental market and through housing commission), Crisis Housing, ATSI housing, Bond Load and Rental Grant information and referrals to other housing organisations.

THIS also provides community education and outreach to other service providers, community and government organisations and institutions on the Tablelands. As of December 1st 1998 Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act will come into effect. These changes will concern most people renting in Queensland and some of these relate to - eviction notices for rent arrears, excess water charges, condition of the rental premises, key deposits, just to name a few things. If you are unsure how these changes will affect you and would like more information or if you are experiencing housing or tenancy problems, contact Ceri Jones, the Tenancy Law and Housing Assistance Worker. 4091 3128 or 4092 1948.



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**CHRISTMAS**





Special General Meeting of members of the K.A.S. Inc. to be held on Saturday 12th December - Top Shed - The Kuranda Amphitheatre to consider/discuss changing the rules of the Society regarding the number of General Meetings required annually and the nature and duration of benefits given to Committee Members - see Amphitheatre newsletter for details. Past members and activists of the Amphitheatre are especially encouraged to attend as discussion regarding the dates and manner of celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Amphitheatre will also be discussed. Christmas drinks to follow meeting. On Thursday 3rd December - Kuranda Film Society presents "BARAKA" sequel to "HOYANASQUATSI" under the stars at the Amphitheatre (or Understage if raining) B.Y.O. rug or chairs! Refreshments available. \$6 entry. Further info. phone Pete McCabe 4093 8764. The Mareeba Shire Council has recently advised that they will in future accept responsibility for the floodlighting of the skate rink adjacent to the Amphitheatre. A new time switch will be installed; guards provided to protect the lights and the meter box will be repaired following repeated vandalism. The timer will be set to switch the lights on at 6.00pm and off at 11.00pm. These measures should provide a long term solution to recent problems associated with illuminating the skate rink.



A gathering of cast members celebrating a great performance.

## ROMEO & JULIET

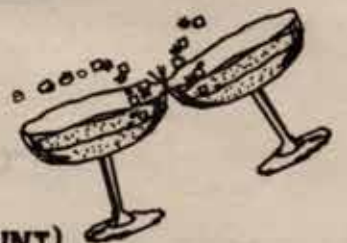
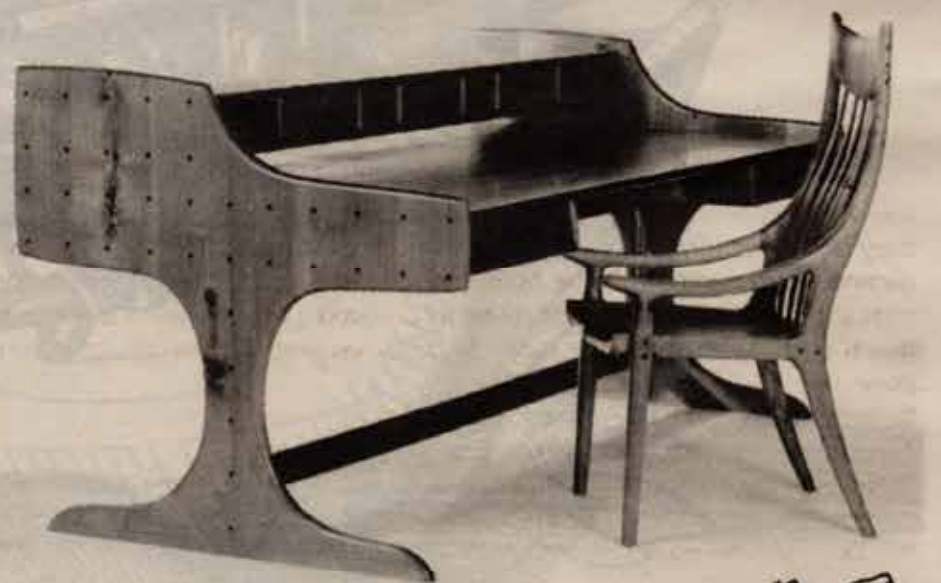
The Kuranda Amphitheatre Society was put back on the map in the theatre stakes during November with its latest Community Theatre Production "Romeo & Juliet". The bard's work was a great success, attracting punters from all over the region. Many good reports have come through as to the innovative approach the director, Ricardo Rusch, gave to the play. Assisting him, wholeheartedly, was Rosalie Woodbridge, who dedicated many long hours through the rehearsal process. Rhondra Young's costumes were a mixture of today and yesteryear and definitely had the desired result of blending the cast, with colour, texture and design. An image was created with a simple set, relying on lighting and special effects to set the scenes. This was achieved with great success by Jim Gosden, who worked long and hard for the results he wanted. Natalie Caboche and Joe Guthrie made the characters Romeo and Juliet, their own, with the whole cast alongside them, adding their own special identity to each character. The beautiful voices of the choir brought out the emotion in the funeral scene with many people trying to hide a tear or two, and the guys in our impromptu band let loose with their special mixture of great sound. The over-all creation of this production could never be met without the many people who added their own expertise to the show, therefore, creating Community Theatre!!! Congratulations goes to all the cast and crew for all our hard work and effort. A big thank you to all our sponsors and Cheers to everyone who supported the show as our audience. We've set the pace, so let's keep moving!!!! Our next happening thing at the Amphitheatre is our New Years Eve Bash. With "the Solutions" playing, we're in for a night of dancing and frolicking on the main stage. We're turning Gothic on this eve of 1999, and in having many conversations about "What is gothic?", all I can say to you is "come as what gothic means to you!!!" Look out for posters as to details of when, what and how. Hope to see you there to bring in the new year. For more info phone Liza (Stage Manager) on 40937359.



Ed Pratt with his elegantly designed rocker. A desk and chair with unusual highlighting are shown below.

## Artist Profile Ed Pratt - Woodworker

English born Ed Pratt has lived in far north Queensland for more than thirty years. Raised in the Blue Mountains Ed found himself in constant awe of the massive Mountain Ash, the worlds largest hardwood tree. It was here he developed a deep love for the Australian bush and his first taste of working with timber, felling and snagging ironbark logs. Having moved north Ed was inspired to work with timber after becoming friends with well known sculptor Noel Risley in the early 1970's. Every piece of timber used by Ed is seasoned for several years before being meticulously shaped and finished by hand into one-off pieces of furniture. Ed uses a chainsaw mill to cut slabs from felled timber. He mostly works from the raw log, because he likes the ethic of working from a tree to the finished product. Ed prefers to make functional items with our wonderful native timbers. He is a perfectionist, all joints are hand cut then shaped to become an integral part of the whole piece. Steel plugs are also used to ensure strength and are cleverly hidden under wooden plugs, without taking away from the flowing lines. Ed's design furniture is displayed in Kuranda Arts Co-op, Coondoo Street and Candlenut Gallery in Port Douglas. A popular piece on display is his "Rocker" made in various timbers, designed two years ago as heirloom furniture to be passed on to generations to come.



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# WORLD NEWS

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### 50 YEARS AGO

- 1st** London: MP's approve a bill increasing National Service from 12 to 18 months.
- 6th** Washington: Chambers tells the House Un-American Activities Committee Alger Hiss passed secrets to him for the USSR.
- 7th** Melbourne: Don Bradman scores 123 in his testimonial match which raises £10,200.
- 10th** New York: The UN adopts a declaration of human rights.
- 14th** Australia: A search for Uranium is being carried out in all states.
- 15th** London: The first born of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh was christened Charles Philip Arthur George today. He will be known as Prince Charles.
- 15th** France: The first French atomic reactor begins operation at Fort de Chatillon.
- 16th** Indochina: France grants Cambodia Independence.
- 19th** Indonesia: Dutch airborne troops sieze Jogjakarta and hold leading members of Sukarno's regime.
- 23rd** Tokyo: General Tojo and six other wartime leaders were hanged for war crimes at Sugamo Prison by the US Army.
- 25th** Indonesia: The Dutch take Madiun.
- 26th** Budapest: Catholic Primate Jozsef Mindszenty is held for g against the Government".
- HITS OF 1948**
- Buttons and Bows**  
On a slow boat to China
- 1948 saw the invention of the transistor at the Bell Telephone Laboratories in the US by Wm Shockley, John Bardeen and Walter Brattain.
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# THE PRICE OF PROGRESS?

A True Story by Cliff Stevens

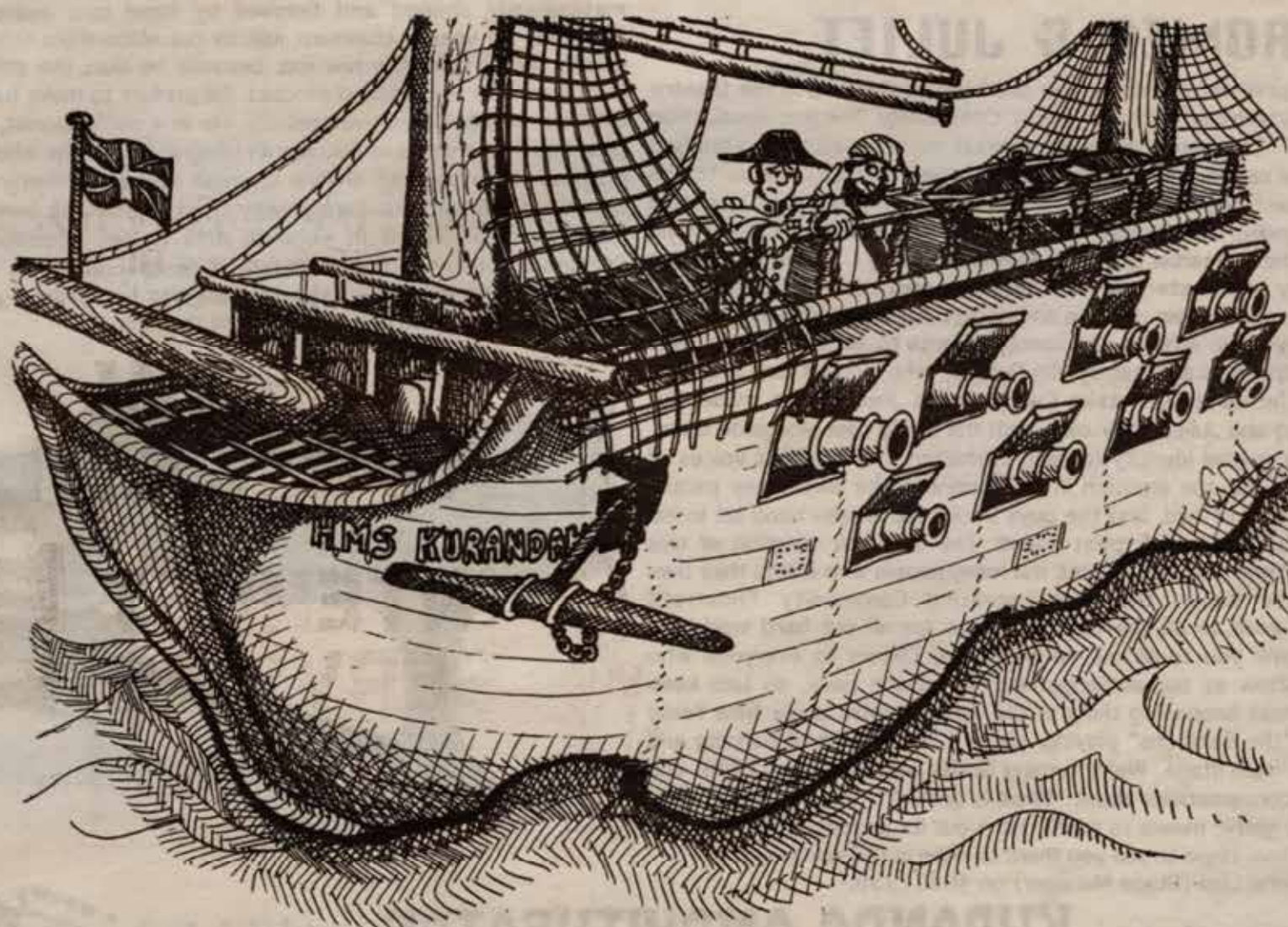
On Wednesday November 11th this year I almost withdrew \$500 from an AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE. I say 'almost' because no sooner had the machine issued the \$500, and before I could take receipt of same, the cash was taken back into the innards of the machine. The transaction slip showed that I had just made a withdrawal of \$500. Within seconds I entered the premises where the ATM was situated (not where I usually bank), 'jumped' the queue and informed a staff member of the details of what had just transpired. This staff member who was very understanding, stated that "It has happened before, there is a fault in the machine, and generally what happens is that your account will be re-credited with the amount in question. If you try again in a short space of time, your new transaction slip should show a balance verifying that the credit had been made." A little while later I did try again, this time successfully withdrawing \$500. But the transaction slip did NOT have a balance indicating a credit had been made. I repeat, the machine that had previously taken back my cash, issued a slip which showed a balance telling me \$1,000 had been withdrawn during the past hour. Again I approached the staff member, who immediately opened the ATM, retrieved the bank's copy of the transaction slips, identified my 2 so-called withdrawals and informed me of the procedure which would now take place. I would have to wait until Friday when security staff would arrive, open the machine and check the balance, thereby verifying or otherwise my account of what had happened. By 5pm on Friday, the security firm had not been able to finalise their counting and I was told it would be Monday before this would be completed. On Monday morning 16th November, I was officially informed, "YES, the machine was at fault, the \$500 would be returned to the office where the incident occurred, and on Wednesday the 18th November I would be able to collect my cash". This I did, 7 days after my account was incorrectly debited with that amount. When

discussing this incident with a staff member where I usually bank, I was informed "yes we too have had this happen". Looking back on this fiasco, I begin to ask myself some very pertinent questions, ie. WHAT IF I had been down to my last dollar? Many single parents and pensioners could be in that position, and then have 7 days and possibly sleepless nights, agonisingly waiting for an outcome that may or may not give them their money back.

WHAT IF I had been a tourist, and about to leave the country? WHAT IF I could not speak English to explain the situation properly? WHAT IF it had been night time, a weekend or a long weekend. There would have been no office staff available to at least give some feeling of reassurance. WHAT IF the ATM had again by mistake, issued the \$500 to the next person making a transaction? I was reliably informed by staff at both offices that this had happened in the past. On an occasion such as that, and just supposing that that person says "finders keepers", how then does the original owner stand financially?

These machines are not infallible - I've proved that. How come there is no notice at these ATMs informing the public that these machines occasionally malfunction? In my case the amount of interest on \$500 held for 7 days is almost infinitesimal, even so, either my bank or the security firm or both, would have had the benefit of my \$500 for 7 days, and apart from a very helpful staff member at the outset, not even an apology has been tendered. It might sound melodramatic, but people in the past, in a depressed state of mind, not knowing who to turn to, have been known to have taken their own lives and for a lot less than \$500. For the benefit of my friends and enemies (if I have any), at no time did I consider this step.

I intend to pursue the subject of the efficiency or whatever of these ATMs, with whichever government department it comes under, but I won't be holding my breath awaiting a satisfactory outcome.



"Captain, The Restaurant reports that the guns are scaring off the souvenir shoppers!"



## THE KURANDA PAPER COMPUTER CLUB

**REPORT: WILL WE BE PAYING an Annual fee for Software use???** An internal memo released during the Microsoft antitrust trial Thursday indicated the software giant could charge computer users an annual fee to use the next version of its Windows operating system. The memo to Microsoft chairman Bill Gates from a top executive said the proposal to charge consumers annually was "the best thing long-term"



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## NEW ENTHUSIASM FOR POLITICS

So, you thought everyone was fed up with politics. Well, that's not quite the case. Suddenly politics has become a lot more interesting. While many people are expressing their frustration with traditional politics, others are getting involved again, or for the first time, because they sense our society is at a crossroads. People care about what is happening. People too young to vote are demonstrating on the streets of our cities. New groups, new parties, are forming. Established parties and groups are sensing the need for reform. Kuranda is feeling the effects of these changes. The Australian Labor Party has long had a branch here, and most people have been aware of its activities, such as 'Politics in the Pub', even if they have never attended a meeting. Now the branch, renamed the Kuranda/Speewah branch, is growing as new members are signing up and others who had previous links with the party are rejoining. Some feel, like Cheryl Kernot, that to have an effective voice in what happens in our country they need to join a Party that has a realistic expectation of implementing its policies. Others are attracted to the Party because of its proud tradition of standing up for the underdog, and its concern for social justice. Still others believe it provides the best option for much needed political reform.

New President of the Kuranda/Speewah ALP Branch, Bob Madden, says, "We welcome new members or those simply interested in finding out more about Labor. We extend a special invitation to young people, women and members of minority groups, and it is our aim to see that all members are treated with respect and their views heard. We plan to provide a variety of forums in which people can become involved in Labor politics, not only attendance at the regular monthly meetings." Secretary John Beasley adds, "Labor in Queensland is open to reform at the present time. The State Secretary is talking of how we can create 'a culture of constructive criticism in the context of public unity'. The Party recognizes that it needs a large and representative membership within the community if it is to retain credibility with the Australian people. Our branch seeks to develop a constructive input into party policies and structures. Kuranda people can have a say in what happens." The Kuranda/Speewah ALP Branch meets monthly, alternating between venues in Kuranda and in the Speewah area. If you wish to find out more you can contact Bob Madden (Ph 4093 0169) or John Beasley (Ph 4093 0303).

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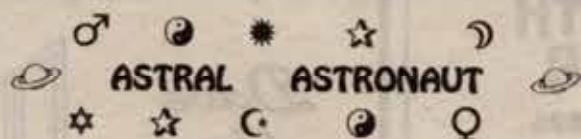
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Come and see us at Shell Koah where Deals are Done and the Staff are friendly  
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*We would like to extend to all our Customers all the Very Best for  
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Christmas  
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*on hair*

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Osho Information Centre, Saddhen. 4093 0291.

## KURANDA VILLAGE BAKEHAUS

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**WE WILL BE CLOSED DEC 25-28**  
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# KURANDA RANGERS SOCCER CLUB

## TEAMS 1998



**Under 9 Sponsored by "Kuranda Lions Club"** Top l-r: Ben Paton, Mason Hannam, Mia McCulloch, Theo Pratt (Manager/assistant coach) Mid: Jay Jensen, Ryan Pratt, Adam McCulloch, Bottom: Tyron Maloney (GK), Thomas Hughes, Joel Woodcock. Absent: Coach: Sarva Keller, Manager, Esme Pratt, Jiva Keller. Photo: Liz Paton.



**Under 10 Top l-r:** Rich Trapnell (assist. coach) Jan Skyrme (Manager) Eddie Bowder-Brandt (Coach) Bruce Goodwin (assist. coach). Mid: Dale Goodwin, Misti Bowder-Brandt, Tarquin Williams, James Van Pelt, Jake Bowder-Brandt, Ryan Taylor, Jai Lewis. Bottom: Digby Trapnell, Rhiannon Skyrme, Aden Brim, Timothy Bray, Isaac Crowley. Absent: Lokes Brooksbank. Photo: Dian Goodwin.



**Under 14B Top:** Soren Skyrme, Aron Banks, Oliver Joubert, Gayle Hill (Manager), Jesse Lewis, Brenton Harper, Rohan Rusch (Coach), Shani Harper. Bottom: Aaron Hill, Josh Guy (GK), Chris Paton. Photo: Liz Paton.



**Colts Sponsored by "LJ Hooker Kuranda"** Top: Karen Brook (Manager), Helen Coleman, Phillip Vankoevenden, Elijah Vanderkwast, Sam Powell-Thomas, Neal Walters, Dane Chambers, Norman Guy (Coach). Bottom: Ben Clarke, Reuben Rusch, Julian Clarke (GK), Tai Inoue, Deakin Sande, Adric Rusch. Absent: Matthew Chirio, John Heuvel. Photo: Liz Paton.



**Under 11 Top:** Dale Harper (Coach) Ryan Harper, Daniel Veivers, Nick Paton, Thomas Kofron, Emily Frost, Mark Brko, Ben Goodwin, Olga Harper (Manager) Bottom: Jackson Bray, Uki Inoue, Jessica Powell-Thomas, Nikki Osborne, Kerrie Bewick. Photo: Liz Paton.



**Under 8 Sponsored by "Kuranda Tree Service"** Top l-r: Chris Kofron (Manager), Angie Kofron (Manager) Mike Mabbutt (Coach) Mid: John Brko, James Kofron, Adam Majer-Kielbaska, Bottom: Jadon Van Pelt, Justin Mabbutt, Lewis Jarver. Photo: Peter Jarver.



**Under 7 Top:** Justin Thomas, Jack Billam, Roy Veivers, Kurt Logan, Sam Post. Bottom: Linda Abenthum Absent: Ryan Shuttleworth.





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AH 4093 9092

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**Electrician** \$20 per hour. Any job. Trev Hughes. Ph. 4093 7105

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**HEAD LICE PROBLEMS** treat with all natural Quitnit Neem shampoo and help prevent re-infestation with Quitnit Neem Repellent Spray by the Apothecary from Kuranda Pharmacy.

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**TREE SALE** at Kuranda EnviroCare's new shade house, corner Kennedy Hwy and Green Hills Road. Saturday 5th December. Going for \$1 and \$2.

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**The Liberator** - promoting responsible pet ownership - is an early warning cat collar fitted with an audio alarm (non-offensive to cats & humans) & a night visual alarm. The alarm is leap activated. Purchase a collar for your cat this Christmas & help protect our native birds & wildlife. RRP \$19.95 available at The Green House Environment Shop Ph. 4093 8917

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**CHEAP PLANTS SALE** at Platypus Creek Nursery in December & January. Buy now and utilise the Wet.

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**Amnesty International** Christmas Cards available at The Green House and remember to save your stamps for Amnesty over the Christmas period. Much appreciated!

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**DISCOUNT FOR LOCALS.** Canoes on the Barron River. Phone Aileen 40937385, Sue 40937281 Also available for early morning and late afternoon. Hire to Escape the Heat. Great swimming. Canoes can be hired to take away for other locations.

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Check out the holiday party dresses at "New to You" where you can shop in air conditioning in the comfort of your own town! Open till 5.00 every day

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Phone Aicha 0416376508 or Laming 0416324697.

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**Start the New Year with a New Rear.** Aqua Aerobics class 6 week term commencing Fri. Jan. 8th at 8:30. Book early to ensure a space as numbers are limited

Ph. Jill 4093 7671

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**Avoid the Cairns crowds** and check us first for great Christmas gift ideas with friendly personal service at "New to You" open 7 days till 5.00

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### GENERAL

**MISSING** from William Smith Drive one blue backpack (Mimeo) containing a Yellow Plastic Envelope with cellophane pages of photographic negatives. The owner desperately requires the negatives to complete her studies.

Please Phone

Ceri 4093 0096

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**FOR SALE** - Near new plywood - 15mm Hardwood - 2.4mx1.2m. \$20 per sheet. 4093 8927.

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**FOR RENT OR LEASE.** Large Workshop/shed. Myola Road. Phone. 40 939079 A/H.

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**Unusual Studio Sale Last Month!** Unique bargains for Xmas! Two antique wardrobes, Original paintings (Half price), Collectables, Antique dinner set, Coffee set, Hand-made teapots, Jewellery artifacts, Old bottles, Books, New and antique clothes etc, 42 Barron falls Road (Phone 4093 8792), Weekends 10 - 6 (Weather permitting) and whenever the sign says "OPEN."

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**For Sale** Carpets and Kilims at Anatolian Gallery. Some discounted stock. Ph. 4093 7511.

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**Garage Sale.** Moving! General Household goods to clear. From Sat. 28th Nov until all sold. Kuranda Crescent. Follow the Signs. Ph. 4093 7333

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24 hour service



**PLEASE BE AWARE THERE WILL BE NO PAPER IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY. SEE PAGE 2 FOR DEADLINES FOR NEXT EDITION**



*Merry Xmas  
and  
A Happy  
New Year  
From all our  
Advertisers*



## DEADLINES FOR FEBRUARY PAPER

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November

28 Sat

KOAH Dance 7.30pm at Koah Hall

30 Mon

Soccer Club AGM 7pm at Sports & Social Club

December

5 Sat

Speewah Residents & Fire Brigade Xmas Party 4pm till late Roscommon Tavern

7 Mon

Speewah Residents General Meeting 7.45pm Roscommon

7 Mon

AP & SL Xmas Party Rainforest Resort ring Kay to Book 4093 7674

12 Sat

Ambulance Street Stall Last one this year St Saviours.

12 Sat

Garden Group at Pat & Lyall Greens Black Mt Road

12 Sat

Amphi. Special General meeting Top Shed

### REGULAR MEETINGS IN KURANDA

Every Sunday

Soft Ball Hunter Park Fallon Rd. 2.30 pm Ph.4093 9035

1st Sunday

R.S.L. 5 pm Sports & Social Club.

1st Sunday

Family Service, Uniting Church, St.Christophers

Every Monday

Life Span exercise CWA Hall 9.30am

Every Monday

Venturers 5 pm 4093 7288

1st Monday

1.30 pm, PENSIONERS, CWA hall Ph 4093 7170

1st Monday

7.30 p.m. Rangers Soccer Club. Ph.4093 7816

1st Monday

Chamber of Commerce, 7pm. K.S & S. Club

2nd Monday

KISC 7.30 pm, 17 Thongon St. Ph.4093 8933

2nd and 4th Mon

Kuranda Lions 7.30 pm RSL Sports & Social club, Fallon Road. Ph.4093 7187

Every Tuesday

Kuranda Play group. St Saviours Church, 9.30 am-11.30 am Ph.4093 7330

Every Tuesday

Cubs 7 pm. Ph.4093 7288

Every Tuesday

Al Anon 8 pm Anglican Church. Ph.4093 0462 or 4093 9294

Every Tuesday

Weight Watchers. CWA Hall. 6pm Ph.4093 9079

1st Tuesday

Pony Club 7.30 pm Mantaka

1st Tuesday

ARK Ratepayers and Residents S & S Club 7 pm.

2nd Tuesday

Koah Sports & Social Club

7.30 pm - meets club hall

3rd Tuesday

K. Primary School P & C 7.30 pm Ph.4093 7201

3rd Tuesday

Supper Club. Frogs. 7 pm

1st Wednesday

Kuranda EnviroCare, Rainforest Resort 7 pm

2nd Wednesday

Q.C.W.A meeting 1.30 pm

Last Wednesday

Sports & Social Club meeting 7.30 pm.

Every Thursday

Respite Care, CWA Hall, 9 am-3pm

Every Thursday

Rotary, 6 pm for 6.30 Rainforest Resort. Ph.4093 7428

2nd Thursday

Ambulance, 7.30 pm. Ambulance Centre, Fallon Rd.

Every Friday

Craft classes at CWA Hall 9.30 am.

Every Friday

Scouts. Ph.4093 7288

**Groups !! IS THE DAY, THE TIME AND THE PH.No. CORRECT ? IF NOT PLEASE LET US KNOW**



All of us  
at  
**NEW TO YOU**  
would like to thank you  
for your custom and patronage  
over the past year and to wish all  
a joyful and loving festive season.  
We look forward to serving you  
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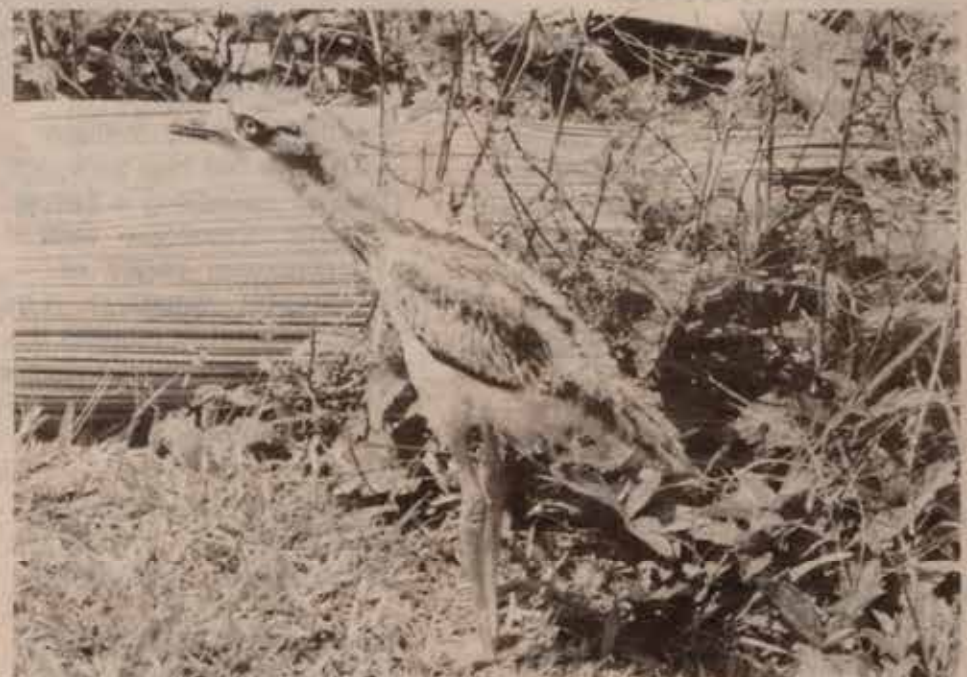
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The final items of street furniture by Hans Pehl. Animal designs on the Kuranda bins continue the wildlife theme seen on the railings.



What no cheese !



A Thick-knee hatched in the surgery garden. A contented chick.