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– Rachael Kelly

Season's Greetings

From everyone associated with *The Kuranda Paper* to our readers (all three of you, you know who you are), best wishes for the festive season. May the blue bird of happiness smile upon you, may the winds of change always be at your back, may you be free from hypocritical people and those who want something from you without reciprocity, may you be free from clichéd newspapers pushing their own editorial viewpoint and may you spend many happy hours in the company of loved ones and friends.

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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

I would like to say thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who put this paper together every month. Because of you we have a public forum to voice community issues that would not exist without your tireless efforts.

It is just so wonderful to have a thread that joins us all together and an outlet for me as a shop owner, to advertise locally.

So, because I can, I want to wish all of your readers the very best for the holidays and a New Year that is filled with peace and happiness. Also a very big thank you to my local customers for your support for the past two decades!

**Jill Melody,
Proprietor Just Gorgeous**

Remembrance Day 2011 (11/11/2011)

Kuranda Sub Branch of the RSL had no formal service for Remembrance Day 2011, due to members working and a new President/Secretary being appointed a few days earlier.

However, on the day, I decided to fly the Australian National Flag at half mast and lay a wreath for the RSL in a VERY informal way. To my surprise the media (Channel 7) with camera in hand and the "Occupy Kuranda Group" arrived to join in the service.

Apparently I had missed all the media reports about this during the week, and that a lot of people were annoyed at this group for trying to hijack Remembrance Day. But nothing could be further from the truth as they were there as I was, to remember those who gave so much for us.

The small ceremony ended up quite reflective and though I may not agree with all "Occupy Kuranda Group" do, I do respect their right to have different thoughts to mine and surely that is what our forbears fought for and why we all have the great life we do in Australia.

On behalf of the Kuranda RSL I thank those who attended Remembrance Day in Kuranda and treated the day with the respect and dignity it deserves.

**Mick Forde (President),
Kuranda RSL Sub Branch**

Shop Locally

We are very sorry to hear that yet another Kuranda store in the form of the Wholefoods store has closed.

However it would be really great if more Kuranda people supported their local supermarket and stores instead of going down the hill and supporting the multi-nationals that have no affiliations with our local community.

Local stores provide employment for local people.

Ray and Colinda Perry



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Can Someone Please Help Me Understand?

Do you remember the public outrage following the Four Corners program showing how cattle are treated in Indonesian slaughter houses? I joined those who cared and made my horror known to Julia Gillard and many other politicians. It's now five months later and I continue to follow the progress the government said it would make to improve (at least) the torture our animals endure at the end of a very harrowing journey overseas.

I have discovered so much in these past few months. Firstly, that many people don't care and sadly even if they do, they aren't interested in doing anything about it (and we all have busy lives). I have discovered that the government and most politicians are too scared or gutless to rock the boat of those making millions from this industry, and although they say "I am against animal cruelty" their actions do not support this statement. Shamefully where money is involved many people have no morals or ethics.

Many politicians are so arrogant to believe we who keep asking questions are a nuisance and should not be interfering in something that does not concern us. They have made their decision and that's the end of it! They forget that democracy means they act on OUR behalf.

Ask yourself...Is the transportation of millions of animals who feel pain and terror and end up in a destination that has no respect or concern for the welfare of these animals cruel?

Through my concern I have done much research. There are so many facts that we are not aware of. During this research I have discovered so much more about other industries. Did you know...?

700,000 baby calves are born to keep their mothers producing milk continually and they are sent for slaughter in the first week of their lives. The dairy industry is pushing to make it legal to not feed these poor babies for the last 30 hours of their lives.

300,000 mother pigs are kept inside, and continually pregnant producing pigs for ham and bacon. During some of their pregnancy they are kept in tiny metal stalls where they are unable to turn around, and there is much more to this story.

Chickens in the egg industry spend their life in a cage the size of an A4 piece of paper. There are 11 million of them. 12 million day old chicks per year, are gassed or ground up alive, they are the unwanted "waste product" of all egg production systems.

Animals (dogs, cats, rabbits and others) used for fur are often skinned alive. An estimated 2 million are killed each year in China alone.

I have come to conclude many people see animals, especially farm animals, as something similar to a bag of wheat. But an animal is an animal, so would you accept your puppy dog or pussy cat be treated this way? Well, why not? All animals feel the same pain and terror and they are unable to stop whatever we humans choose to do to them.

As we have grown more intelligent and knowledgeable we have become less compassionate. What does that say about us as a species? Are humans so self consumed that they can't see the world beyond their own needs and opinions? I honestly don't understand.

For anyone interested in more information on animal welfare subjects try www.animalsaustralia.org.

Carolyn Cooper

Old Primary School Site

The decisions by Council in respect of the old Kuranda Primary School site have been made and the community knows what we will have left after their decision. Council has decided to sell Lots 1 and 2 of the site with the funds put to some unknown future community development. It has decided to declare Lot 5 for community retention and seek expressions of interest for community use of the upstairs of C Block. Their flyer distributed to Kuranda made much of "Endorse the following recommendations ..."

What the flyer did not say was their decisions not to endorse several key recommendations – and these are important. They have not decided to rezone the existing Lots 3 and 4 as community use but to use them at a later date. Why not zone it now? They declined their own staff recommendation that B block be retained and that more information was required for a solid decision process. They did not endorse the findings of the Community Consultation process, and their decision bears little relevance to the community opinions gained in that consultative process.

We also get \$80,000 for future use on the site. Is this for fit out for the Council's use; or for what? Who of us remember the half of a swimming pool that we had to buy for ourselves. Do you recall the Mareeba Leagues Club and how it was for the whole Shire and of course Kuranda had to pay our fair share? Have you found the Kuranda Shire Hall yet, or the Kuranda Showground, etc., etc?

A and B blocks will be gone in January, before any possibility of being overturned by the new Council elected in March. B block could have been a brilliant 'dirty floor' venue for community activities like pottery, painting, wood-working, dance, sculpture, etc. It is a million dollar building that probably needs \$200,000. That is not going to happen. Of the six rooms retained in C block, four will be used by Council. The outside community gets two.

When Steve Wattenhall and other local residents went out to bat and got us a one million dollar gift from the Queensland Government, we had 5 buildings, 26 plus rooms and 3½ acres of land. After the expenditure of over \$200,000 we have 1½ (maybe 2½) acres, one building and only two rooms for the wider community use. And this is supposed to be a good result for the Kuranda community.

I must have forgotten to take my happy pills – because I feel diminished, and so sad.

Mark Freeman

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Beetle Greetings

Summer in Australia is signified by all sorts of occurrences in nature, but one which many people identify with is the appearance of Christmas beetles. These lovers of eucalypt leaves often emerge in early summer, coinciding with Christmas, and are frequently seen together in large numbers, decorating gum trees in their own unique way.

Christmas beetles belong to the scarab family of beetles. We have over thirty species of Christmas beetles living in Australia. Many are found along the east coast, and in some regions have become more abundant where land clearing has provided extra grasslands for them to reproduce in.

The life cycle of these beetles is the same basic cycle as most beetles. In this case, eggs are laid underground in grasslands adjacent to eucalypt trees or forests. The grubs (larvae) feed upon grass roots and their growth is dependant on soil temperature. Those in warmer climates may emerge a year later, whilst those in cooler regions may spend two years underground. The larvae are crescent-shaped with a pale, reddish-brown head and three pairs of legs, but can be quite difficult to distinguish from other beetle larvae.

After pupating, the adults time their emergence with warmer conditions and are also stimulated by rainfall. Different species will emerge at different times throughout the summer; perhaps to avoid direct competition. Other factors can influence the exact timing of their emergence, such as seasonal variations in weather patterns. Most Christmas beetles emerge from November to February, but as we know, many appear in late December.

Christmas beetles are good flyers and can cover distances of several kilometres. Many fly at dusk, but they are often attracted to lights after dark and can end up buzzing around the front porch.

Adult beetles are voracious leaf-feeders and often congregate in groups to feed and find mates in a wide variety of gum trees. Such is their tendency to cluster that hundreds can be found in a single tree, while an identical adjacent tree can be empty. While on occasions these beetles can cause damage to trees, most will usually recover. As is repeatedly the case, the increasing severity of the impact of the beetles on some trees is the result of human ecological disturbance – the depletion of forests and the increase in grasslands as Christmas beetle breeding sites.

Alan Henderson
Minibeast Wildlife



A pair of Christmas beetles, a sign that summer is upon us.

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I would like to personally thank all the Volunteers who have come to work at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre over the past year. Between them, they work 364 days a year to keep the Centre open and their dedication and enthusiasm is really a pleasure to see and work with.

It is not just handing out brochures, but helping each visitor to the village with information about what they can do while in Kuranda, booking tours, and must also have knowledge on the rest of the region. They need to be familiar with every business in the village and spend extra hours attending meetings as well as training sessions and conferences. They also give up their spare time to help assist in local events run by Tourism Kuranda.

It's an extremely responsible job for the volunteers, harder than the other Tableland Information Centres, as we see an average of 200 visitors a day and there is always at least one curly question a day that can stump us. But the volunteers deal with every challenge with a sense of humour!

Many thanks also to all the businesses that support us by hosting our monthly team meetings and for looking after the volunteers each year.

With very best wishes for the Season to everyone in Kuranda!

Cathy Harvey,
*Tourism Officer,
Kuranda Visitor Information Centre*



Volunteers at this year's Volunteer Conference – after winning the Trivia Competition...



THE NAME CHANGE

Formerly known as Tavern Fitzpatrick or the TOP PUB, the current owners of the hotel have decided to change the name of the hotel back to its original name, the "Barron Falls Hotel". This was the name used for the hotel back in early 1900's. It was felt that this name had more association to the local area and would be the first of many changes the hotel will undergo over the next eighteen months.

THE HISTORY

Newspaper reports give a little insight into the history of the hotel. The earliest one found was dated 1st April 1909 from the Cairns Morning Post which details a lawn tennis match to be played at Easter between teams representing Cairns, Mareeba and Atherton to be played on the Barron Falls Hotel courts at Kuranda. By 1911 the hotel became known as Hunter's Barron Falls Hotel (Cairns Post 8th June 1911) and was described as one the best appointed hotels in Queensland. There were splendid balconies, a roof garden, cool, and airy and comfortable bedrooms and a dining saloon of large dimensions. Tennis and croquet courts were attached and a well appointed



Barron Falls Hotel Kuranda, 1913 (source: Cairns Post, 1909)

billiardroom was a feature. There was a hairdressing saloon and the hotel was in all respects a high class health and pleasure resort in a very charming locality. At this time the hotel was owned and operated by Ernest C J Hunter, a local real estate agent, councillor, and politician. In 1918 after the death of his wife, Mr Hunter sold the hotel at auction and the licence was transferred to Mr Carl Karius.

The next important milestone for the hotel was in 1933 when on 13th February of that year the Cairns Post reported that the Barron Falls Hotel had been completely destroyed by fire. The fire was started when the husband of the licensee attempted to light the lighting system which

operated on benzene. The fire quickly spread throughout the building and within 35 minutes the entire two storey building was destroyed.

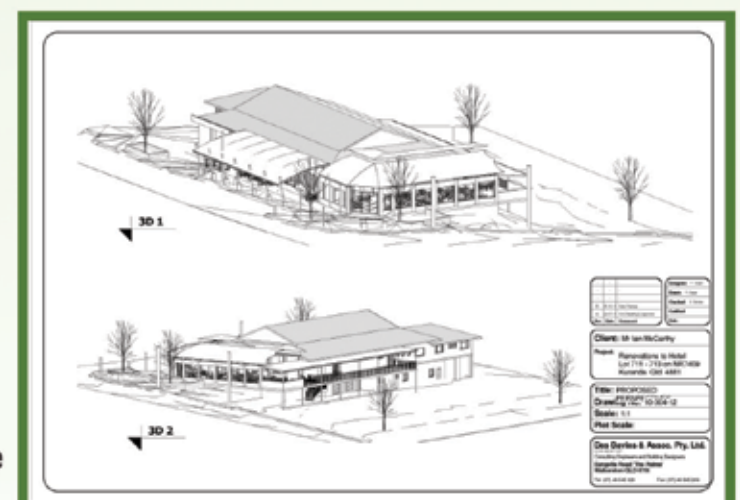
It would appear shortly after this, when the hotel was rebuilt, it became Fitzpatrick's Tavern.

THE FUTURE

Due to the rundown state of the current hotel premises the new owners of the property propose a complete renovation of the building. This will commence with the rebuilding of the beergarden to include a weatherproof roof. The beergarden will also be extended and will include a verandah that runs nearly halfway along the rear of the building. Following this, the rest of the hotel building will be upgraded to include a new walk in bottle shop, new male, female and disabled toilets, a new gaming room, a new kitchen, and updated facilities in the public bar.

The facade of the hotel fronting Coondoo Street will be remodelled and include a covering over the footpath. The new owners hope that these changes will be completed without closing the hotel, however, they want to apologise in advance for any inconvenience that may be caused by the building work. At the end of the renovations it is envisaged that Kuranda will have a modern up-to-date venue that can be enjoyed by all the residents.

The owners are also mindful that with the updated facilities there will be increased opportunities for employment. In fact, since taking over the running of the hotel, the number of employees has increased from 12 to 21. This doesn't include the musicians that play at the hotel on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons.



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Gardening in Kuranda



December already and another year almost gone. A good time to take stock and think about new plants put in over the past year and what did well and what proved a failure. Time is running out to prepare the garden for the Wet with checking any trees that may prove hazardous in their coming down, dead palm fronds removed and mulching to prevent run-off and soil compaction. Check pond levels for overflow issues so that any introduced fish species are not carried off and enter waterways.

I was very impressed recently with the brilliant display of annual Phlox in the display bed at Green's Landscaping and Supplies. I was told that this was a third year self-sown display and certainly gives thought to trying plants often considered outside their normal growth range.

Presently trialling Mintia (Hesperozygis hybrid), a recent release by Colourwave. With a tight compact and fully clothed to ground habit to 30cm, the plant may prove, in its form, a good substitute for miniature conifers that don't do well in our heat and humidity. Added advantages are a distinct mint fragrance to the foliage and a long flowering season. Be interesting to see whether the outlay is warranted.

Plant of the Month: Licuala mattenensis var 'Mapu', Mapu palm. Considered by many to be the gem of palms, this small (rarely to 2.5 metres) and extremely slow growing understorey palm hails from the rainforests of south-eastern Sarawak, Borneo. Its beauty lies in the gold mottling of its dark green divided circular leaves. The striking elegance of this solitary stemmed palm is absolutely compelling and makes it most desirable for a well chosen warm shaded and sheltered spot where its need for moisture but good drainage may be met. This palm also makes an excellent potted subject which, considering the price for a well established specimen, may assuage fears of loss to forest critters. Definitely one for your "want list" with prices slowly falling as seed becomes more readily available.



Licuala mapu

There are many small understorey palm treasures in the Licuala family and a local resident featuring in the 2012 Australian Open Garden scheme is building up a most impressive collection. With its 30th anniversary year in 2012, the Open Garden scheme provides an excellent opportunity for local gardeners to see some wonderful gardens and pick the brains of dedicated and successful plant fanatics.

Personally, my favourite Licuala is *L. orbicularis* with entire heavily pleated circular leaves clothing its trunk to ground level, slow but strong growth and definitely making a statement in any understorey planting. Again, expect to pay for a well established specimen although seedlings are becoming more readily available. Equatorial Exotics is a good place to start with excellent illustrations of plants available and pricing: <http://equatorialexotics.com/>



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Q @ A. Dear Cara, You asked about potted plant/flower for Christmas table decoration. While your suggestion of Moth Orchids (*Phalaenopsis*) is a possible and certainly graceful, you would probably get more bang for your bucks with the new Sun Impatiens, bred in Japan by the famous flower breeding company



Licuala orbicularis

Sakata Seed. These could be planted out in a sunny spot after the festivities and would be less fiddley to maintain than the orchids. With outstanding vigour from the New Guinea Impatiens and another wild species cross, these almost constantly in-flower sun loving Impatiens absolutely zing. The plants to 30cm +, an outstanding display in their entrance garden bed is featured by Anza Nursery, Mareeba. Well worth a visit!

Dear Dimity, Presently Georgia Vines is carrying seed of the elusive white Petrea (Sandpaper vine). Their website <http://www.georgiavines.com>

They also carry an extensive range of other interesting tropicals. Before importing, to avoid running foul of AQIS, remember to check their ICON site for conditions of import.

For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions,
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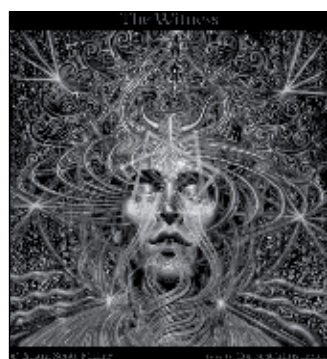
The visionary art of Adam Scott Miller

"Throughout history, people have used the creative imagination to contemplate experience and reality in new ways that have

led to the kinds of questions that facilitate paradigm-shifts. Artists strive to see and hear the world in novel ways, and the way they convey their transformed perceptions whether in grace notes, stories wrote, or brush strokes, can help others experience a similar recalibration of perception. The shamanic search has been the crux of invention since time immemorial. As the shaman is to the tribe, visionary creatives are to humanity at large. The art is the medicinal vision that presents knowledge of the world and ourselves that is helpful for survival." ~ Adam Scott Miller



During the course of some research I was doing for James Cook University into the international art scene, I came across world class Visionary Artist **Adam Scott Miller** right here in our own backyard in Kuranda. These brilliant works must be seen in full colour to be appreciated in all their glory, so do check out Adam's site www.adamscottmiller.net - Also see more of Adam's work at www.solpurpose.com, and read his story - some of which appears here - *seren*



ia to be where my dreams and heart coincide. Sharing corresponding inspirations, together with the gracious support from D's mother Heather to realize this dreaming into being, we've been working towards opening Infinitus Art: Australia's first Visionary Art gallery. In Australia, the Visionary Art scene is in its infancy, and we hope to create a grounded platform and portal to share, connect, catalyze, and expose visionary creatives to people from across the globe, that pass our doorstep everyday. We're located in Kuranda, a mountain village in Far North Queensland, situated amidst the oldest



D & Adam



rainforest on Earth. Part of this space is also our working studio, which we've decided to welcome to the public to share the mystique of the creative process-in-action. The grand opening will be in early 2012, exact dates of announcements will be on my website and the gallery website www.infinitusart.com which is in the process of being created." ~ Adam Scott Miller



President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,
The Amphitheatre has been really busy over the last couple of months and it's nice to see the holiday period looming so we can again concentrate on the grounds and infrastructure improvements.

You may be aware that \$200,000.00 has been allocated in Council's budget for the upgrade of the public amenities within the venue.

A huge thankyou to Tablelands Regional Council and in particular Councillor Jenny Jensen for the continued support of the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

This will be a major improvement for the venue, and less headaches for the ground staff and the plumber!

Volunteer of the Month is Jade Seaton. Jade has been supporting the

Amphitheatre in many ways and we look forward to seeing her face (and her positive attitude) at the Amphi in years to come. It's fantastic to see more and more of a younger generation showing community spirit, support and a willingness to volunteer for the community.



We once again welcome **Kuranda Community Kindergarten** to the Amphitheatre, who are holding the Christmas Party on the terraces on **Sunday 3rd December.**

A major thankyou to **Michael Crowley & Co.** for the successful Kuranda Acoustic series, the last of which is to be held on **Sunday 11th December.**

A Merry Christmas and safe holiday to all supporters and volunteers of the Amphitheatre, Tablelands Regional Council, Steve Wettenhall MP and of course the Kuranda Paper.

Mandy

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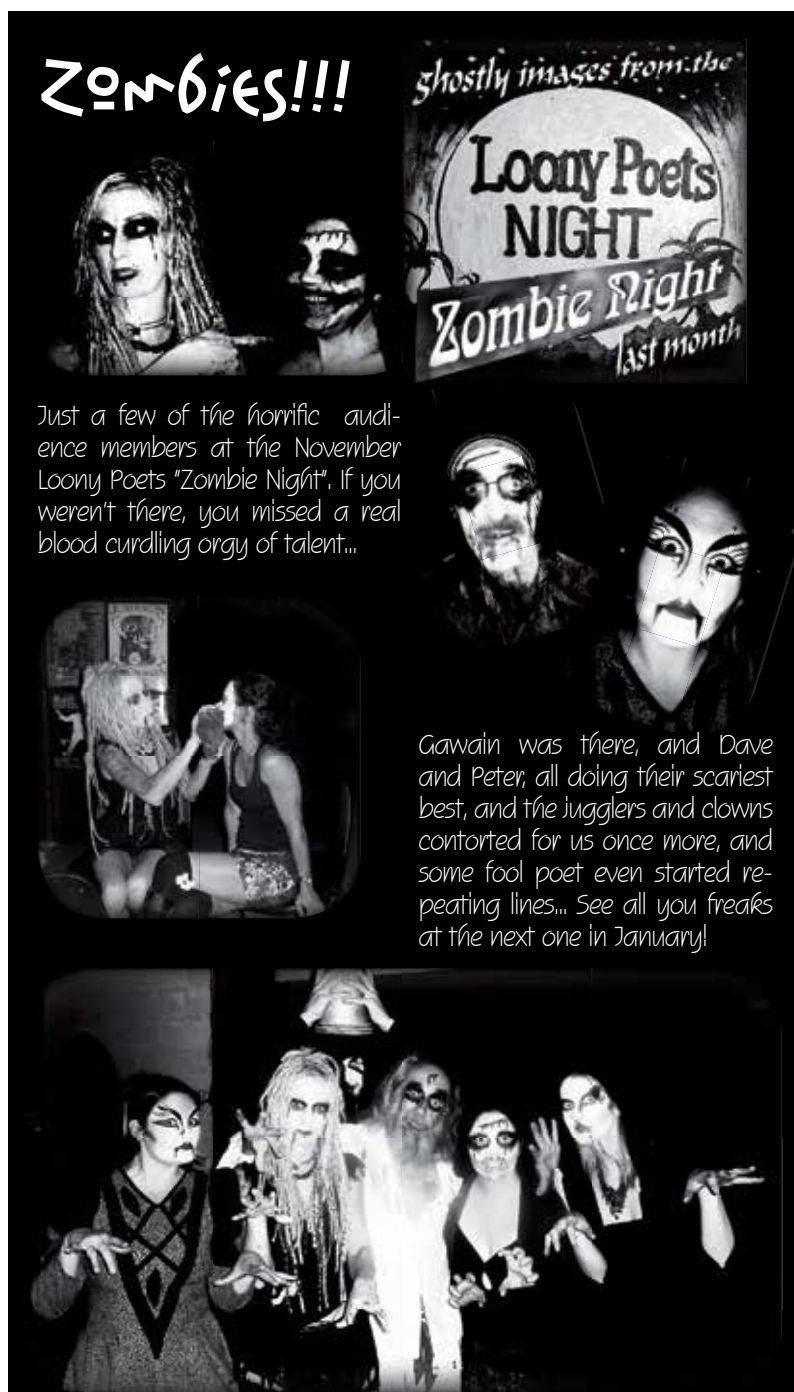
Above: Shells introduces Irish Aussie Mick McHugh at the Amphi's November acoustic night.



Right: Fun for the whole family.



Zombies!!!



ghostly images from the
Loony Poets NIGHT
Zombie Night
last month

Just a few of the horrific audience members at the November Loony Poets "Zombie Night". If you weren't there, you missed a real blood curdling orgy of talent...

Gawain was there, and Dave and Peter, all doing their scariest best, and the jugglers and clowns contorted for us once more, and some fool poet even started repeating lines... See all you freaks at the next one in January!

ALL IS ART

To finish off the year, here are some photos I took at the annual Blunt Edge Awards, the Cairns equivalent of the Archibald. Over 60 local artists had seemingly painted each other with an abundance of humour and passion. Thanks to Gawain (Loony Poets) for alerting me to that one.

It's been a busy year for me with uni studies and all, so I'd like to say thanks to Kitty, who has eased the load by taking over the "Music Page" for the past 12 months or more. Well done Kitty. I like your style, and look forward to watching the Music Page develop under your care...

more Arts Page



...and now it's almost festive season! Yea! Time to celebrate! And celebrate we should here in this paradise we call Kuranda. We could celebrate the rainforest, the animals, birds, butterflies, the climate, but most of all we could celebrate the beautiful and talented people who

share it all with us. Yes, the time for fighting and fueling is at an end. We should celebrate that too, and our very own Free Press, The Kuranda Paper, getting bigger and better everyday. See you at the global party, Art Lovers,
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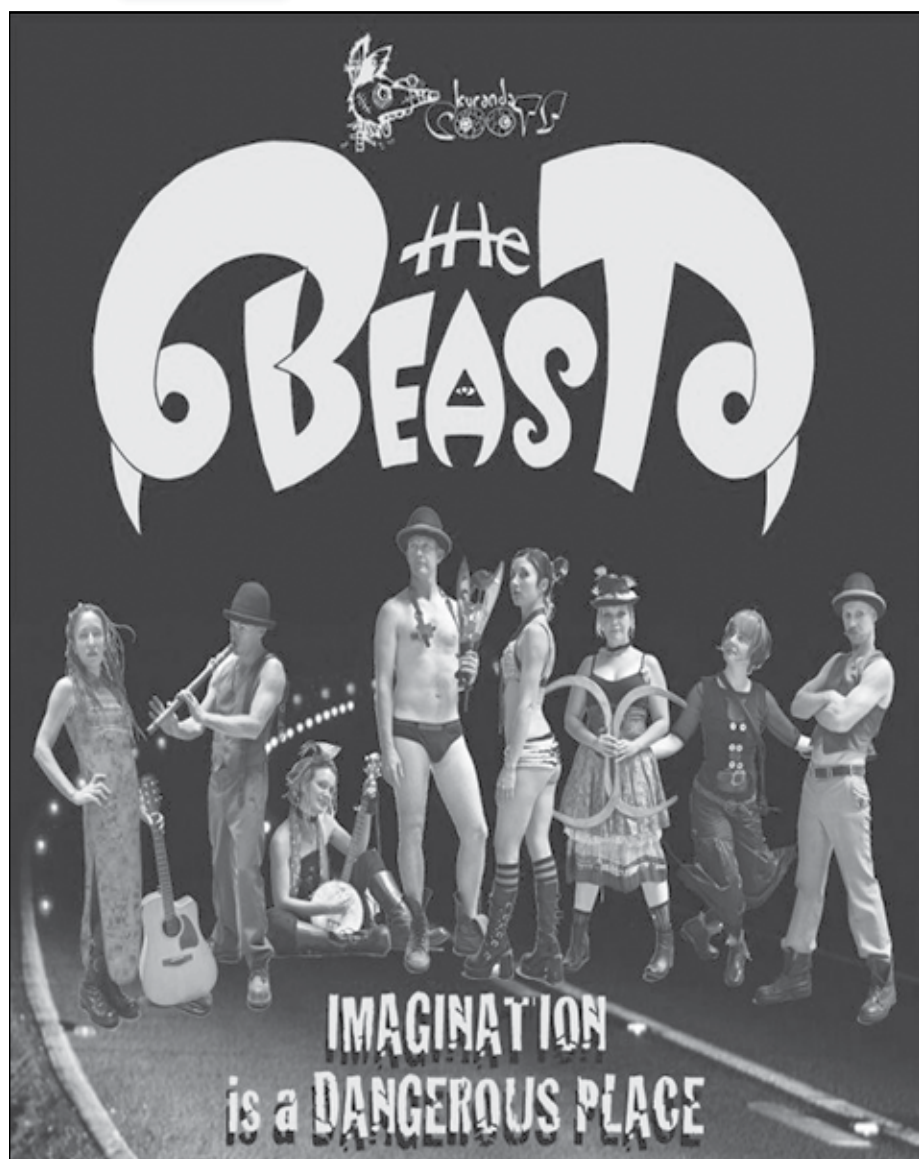
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The Kurandacoots successful first season of *The Beast* was performed at the JUTE Theatre from the 15th-19th November 2011

THE BOOGIE BROTHERS & SISTERS REVIEW

Kurandacoots, the 'Spunksters of Levity', present *The Beast*, with slam poetry amid song, and the virtuosity of the beat of the drums resounding throughout, urging, edging on the performances of circus, mime, puppetry and acrobatics, arousing the audience to engage, to 'know thyself'.

The Kurandacoots production of *The Beast* was born from the zany imaginations of the Kurandacoots' members, Trish Molloy, songwriter, Zac, poet, Piers Freeman, circus performer, Lu Lu La Bent, Madi Sparrow, Odette Gorman, Chris Banner & Ali Kempe, a co-creation, a collaboration of all the members of the Coots. The Coots, a collection of musicians, (top-notch) circus artists and performers share a 'love of the absurd'

"It is about recognizing your shadow, and the beauty of the shadow, and it's confronting and scary"

From the opening bars of "Once upon a time with eternity" *The Beast* takes you on a journey, where you can be amazed, delighted, astounded, and to 're-arrange your embrace on life. The solid beat of drummer, Theo Felici, grounds, upholds and directs the flow and interaction between the performers and musicians. The show gives you juggling acts, Hula hoop routines, and is centred much around the performance of Lu Lu, the Circus Diva, exemplary in perfection of performance on silks, mime, and acrobatics. Her performances with Piers Freeman are impeccably timed, on silks with Chris Banner, very moving. It is multi-dimensional performances, with visual art, street theatre, and mime set to a score of enthralling musical numbers, the creation of Trish Molloy, and in collaboration with hip-hop, slam poet Zac, who's performances narrates the journey of Arrow.

The production is presented in an 'abstract way, and requires something from the audience'. It is the story of Arrow's journey to confront *The Beast*, a journey where time becomes malleable, with no context of past, present or future, and when she reaches the crossroads of life...

"The story of what happens at midnight at the crossroad, an ancient place where you make the choices of the path that you take. The archetypal moment at the crossroad"

With the support of Jute Theatre and COCA (Centre of Contemporary Arts) as part of the 2011 Indie Season allowed the Kurandacoots to nurture their production, with no creative limitations, the use of JUTE's and COCA's resources, production, and expertise, to give the Coots feedback and critique to take *The Beast* where they wished. In this very supportive environment and with the encouragement of director, Willem Brugman, to "let it be what it is, it's beautiful and to trust the process..." the Kurandacoots have produced an evolving production which can be seen again in 2012.



The Kurandacoots, the lovely Lu Lu La Bent on silks

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Kuranda Acoustic homegrown

The McMennamins with Special guests: Leah Kelly & Leanne Tennant

Sunday 11th December

Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage Show Starts 4pm

The McMennamins will be holding a FREE "Publicists and Managers" workshop at the Kuranda Amphitheatre - Understage on the 11th December at 2pm. Thanks to RADF the workshop is open to all members of the public. No bookings, just show up!

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The McMennamins, conducting a free "Managers & Publicists" Workshop (2pm) @ The Understage, Amphi.

Kuranda Amphitheatre Kuranda Acoustic homegrown

Featuring 'The McMennamins'

Supported by Leah Kelly, Leanne Tennant & Sjoerd

Sunday 11th December, 4pm

The Understage, Kuranda Amphitheatre

This is the final "Kuranda Acoustic" of the series and we have definitely saved the best for last. Our feature artist "The McMennamins" have been performing together since 2003 supporting some of Australia's top artists, and performing in some of the country's leading venues.

The "McMenamins" have performed showcases at Canadian Music Week in Toronto & Big Sound in Brisbane and their festival dates include Woodford Folk Festival, Tamworth Country Music Festival, Nannup Music Festival, Festival of the Sun, Peats Ridge, and Sydney's The Great Escape.

To have this Duo playing for us at the final "Kuranda Acoustic" is truly a

blessing. If you haven't made it to one of our afternoons, this is the perfect opportunity to do so, and if you've been before, I'm sure I will be seeing you at this one for it is sure to be our best yet. Come and experience one of the Australia's amazing folk duo's "The McMennamins" at the Amphitheatre - Understage in beautiful Kuranda.

The McMennamins will be supported by Leanne Tennant, who recently appeared at the Tanks, Kuranda's own **Leah Kelly & Sjoerd**.

Thanks to RADF, The McMennamins are conducting a free Managers & Publicists Workshop at 2pm prior to their performance. For information please contact Michael 0405 279 045.

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KURANDA ROCKS!



Kuranda's **John Lawson**, seen here busking outside the Village Vibe, has recently been 'gigging' at the Barron Falls Hotel. Other artists to appear in December include **Velvet.11.**, The **ClassX Rock Band** on Xmas Eve, and Cairns based **Mark Burton** on New Year's Eve. **Happy New Year Kuranda!!**

KURANDA GIG GUIDE DECEMBER

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

The Barron Falls Hotel
Mark Burton - Covers
6 - 10pm

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**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

The Nevermind Cafe  
Farewell Gig - check ad pg.8  
from 6pm

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SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER

The Barron Falls Hotel
Mark Burton - Covers
12 noon - 4pm

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**FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER**

The Barron Falls Hotel  
Velvet.11. - Funky Originals  
6 - 10pm

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SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

The Barron Falls Hotel
Velvet.11.
12 noon - 4pm

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The Understage, Amphitheatre  
Kuranda Acoustic  
The McMennamins  
Doors Open 4pm

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FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

The Barron Falls Hotel
Mark Burton - Covers
6 - 10pm

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**SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER**

The Barron Falls Hotel  
Mark Burton  
12 noon - 4pm

**FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER**

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6 - 10pm

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* ClassX Rock Band *
6 - 10pm

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New Year's Eve  
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Live Music/Mark Burton

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THE BOOGIE BROTHERS & SISTERS MUSIC NEWS & REVIEWS



Dave Alvin: 11:11 That's right, and it turned up around 11:11:11 and has been playing ever since. Very synchronous; very cosmic.

But that don't count for nothin' if the music ain't good. And, is it ever!

Dave Alvin has been referred to by some as "the voice", and we agree. Depends on your taste of course, but if you like 'em deep, rough edged and expressive of the full range of emotions, then Dave's your man.

This is outlaw country rock/blues at it's best. His ballads are *Dylanesque* in their narrative imagery and his voice is like a rough-sawn patching of *Cash*, *Kristoffersen* and *Cohen*. We're in Mexican Bandit territory; with fighting unionists in the mines; on the road with suicidal blues musicians and shedding a soft tear for the Black Rose of Texas.

The music is great - some beautiful slide, stinging high-fret lead guitar, honky-tonk piano, and rolling thunder from the rhythm section. Hard to beat as one of the albums of 2011 - 11:11:11. **Grab it now** www.davealvin.com

Ryan Adams: Ashes and Fire Ryan was fallen out of favour with the hip critics of the music press. He's been rude and provocative and just focussed on his music. Doesn't give a damn. He's been absolutely prolific, and this, after a silence for at least 2 years, is his most moving, heartfelt album since *Heartbreaker*. 11

songs, everyone a gem. His voice will soothe you; his guitar will caress, and with **Nora Jones** on piano these songs will bring you to your knees, head

bowed, lapping it up.

His band, **The Cardinals**, are not on this album now, he's free to do what he does best: extracting your heart, gently. www.myspace.com/ryanadams

Timber Timbre: Creep on Creepin' On A timeless album, from Montreal Quebec, equally celestial and sinister. 10 seductive songs that infuse rock and baroque; Native American and Elvis Presley into an outer world experience. The lyrics are simple, dreamscape, gothic and mesmerising. "Every heart is a lonesome hunter".

It's sweet starkness envelops you, taking you to another place, far from home. Is it the distant past or the creeping future? You decide.

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The Boogies



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Tai Chi Monday 6.00 to 7.00pm. Contact Les 4093 8276 or 0400 938 276
Accapella Singing 7.00pm. Contact Jane 4093 0463
Monthly Committee Meetings every first Monday
TUESDAY: Tennis Training 4.00 to 6.30 pm.
Contact Gene 4093 9007
Belly Dancing 6.00 to 7.00pm. Contact Lisa 4093 0090
Kuranda Eight Ball and Darts 6.30pm, contact Janet 4093 7104
WEDNESDAY: Kuranda Soccer Club 4.30 to 5.30pm Training
Social Tennis 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Contact Aileen 4093 7401
Social Night – 5.00pm Bar Open
THURSDAY: Bushikai Karate 6.00 to 7.30pm contact Darryl Griffiths 0417 630 779
FRIDAY: Friday Social Night – Pool, darts, table tennis and tennis. Meals in Sandra's Kitchen
SATURDAY: Tennis Training 8.00 to 10.00am. Contact Gene 4093 9007
Bushikai Karate 6.00 to 7.30pm. Contact Darryl Griffiths 0417 630 779
SUNDAY: Yoga 10.00 to 11.00am. Contact Aileen 4093 7401
Social Tennis afternoon 6.00 to 8.00pm. Contact Aileen 4093 7401
Film Club: first Sunday of every month. Contact Margret or Hans 4093 8393
Uniting Church every second Sunday of the month. Contact Krishna 4093 8730
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION:
Basketball: Anyone interested in using the Backboards contact Gary 4093 8399
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Swim Club: contact Gary 4093 8399
Volleyball: contact Leo 0405 116 066 or Lisa 4093 9659

"See the Lights"

Kuranda Recreation Centre

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

If you are able to read this edition of the KRC update it means we just made it to press on time!! Which means that there has been so much happening with so many different groups we are stretching it a bit to get it together!

This is a great thing and not a whinge, although it may sound like it. The year has seen many milestones reached, the most encouraging, we are still in business! The members' newsletter should be distributed by now so for more detailed information on the progress and direction the KRC has achieved, become a member and share the good news. Remember, there are more than one membership categories now and more affordable for the greater community.

It is great to see so much use being made of the centre, while soccer is being enjoyed, it is also likely that eight ball is on downstairs, upstairs at 6.00pm we can warm up and stretch with Les at Tai Chi and as we finish we slip back upstairs to join the Accapella Singing group to cool down! Do ray me far sol la ti do!!

This year we have had the make-over we had to have and so the KRC now boasts a few extras we waited and struggled for to gain. To this end we would like to recognise and thank the following:

- Our volunteers: Thanks to our committee and volunteers especially Sue Arrowsmith for work on the bar, David McDonald for work on the club and grounds and others who have helped out maintaining equipment. You have done another sterling job this year. We have come a long way from the public meeting in 2008, when it looked like the Centre would close!
- Peter and Katy Whipp proprietors of Fairview Glass and Aluminium Pty Ltd, Mareeba, for their generous donation of a public notice board installed in our car park.
- Clr Jenny Jensen Tablelands Regional Council for her support in obtaining donated funds to upgrade the soccer grounds the tennis courts and the renovations to the club.
- Steve Wattenhall for his support for funding from State Government for audio visual equipment
- Federal Department of Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs for funds for internal and external equipment used by volunteers.
- The team at Kuranda Media for sports funding, patience and support with our monthly articles.

So from The KRC, may your celebrations over the coming festive months be enjoyable and we wish all a happy new year and look forward to a monster 2012 at the KRC.

New Volunteers: If you want to give us a helping hand please give Arch McArthur a call on 4093 7511 also, Gary Davis on 4093 7388. We are always looking for players and coaches, organisers, events coordinators committee people finance and legal advisors and ideas how to improve the Centre for your use. Many hands make light work! DOH.

Social Nights: The bar is open every Friday 5pm until late and the kitchen provides a \$10.00 meal. Boules, volley ball, netball and twilight soccer are also options for Friday night by booking.

Hire: The Centre can be hired to approved clients for sport, meetings, small conferences, private functions and presentations. We also have a limited number chairs and tables for hire.

Recent Events: Kuranda Eight Ball Association hosted the Grand Final between Team Lloydie and Crackpots on the 12th November.

Team Lloydie were victorious with some very close games and the Kuranda Eight ball association thanks the KRC for the food and for providing a great venue for an enjoyable day.

Winning Team: Team Lloydie – Lloyd Livsey, Dave Horton, Tony Harrison, Jon Milton, Harry Gibson, Lee Kain
Runners Up: Crackpots – Dave Munro, Rob Shandley, Barti Simon, Wes Viti, Shane McMahon

Night Soccer Report: 4 v 4 Comp: 5 Weeks in and we haven't missed a night with bad weather yet. The ladies and gents playing in the small field games on Monday nights are having a ball, literally. Played on the 30m x 15m wide pitch with "Futsal" size inflatable goals and under the balmy evening stars it has been a great fun and healthy way to improve skills and fitness. One of our teams even has matching shirts now and they have plenty of room on them for their first sponsors. Thanks to Terry B. from the Bendigo Bank for helping to organize teams and run the competition.

By being able to flick the switch for lights over the pitch this is the ideal venue to use at night when the harsh sun is gone. Last week in that time we fitted 9 seven minute matches and the action was fast and skilful. With some ex "Kuranda Rangers" lads and experienced overseas newcomers the quality is great to witness. We kick off at 6.30pm and are finished up around 8pm. What a Night!! Come along we will be going all of November to finish with a Sunday Kids Fun day of Soccer and end of year mayhem in the park on the 4th of December.

Future Events: Xmas Dinner capped at 50 people will be held from 6.30pm on 16 Dec. Menu will be Cold meats and salad and Xmas dessert \$15.00 per head. Half price for children less than 12 years. Bookings and prepayment by 7pm 9 December at the club and by contacting Sandra on 40 937393.

Finally: The AGM will be held at 4pm on 18 February 2012 when members will elect new committee for 2012, with a few refreshments afterwards. All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend as there is only one way to keep the KRC moving forward...come and join in!

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The Management and Staff
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Neighbourhood Centre News December 2011

Volunteering at KNC in 2012: We would like to thank all the volunteers who have donated so generously of their time, effort and expertise to the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre throughout 2011. Heading into 2012 we are planning recruitment, training and support for existing and new volunteers at the Centre. We are currently designing a training package that will be delivered in February/March 2012 and are reworking our current systems to better support volunteers and ensure consistency for our busy reception. Volunteers require a current Suitability for Working with Children Positive Notice (Blue Card) and these can take several months to process – so it is advised that applications are completed here at the Centre earlier than you would like to volunteer. If you are interested in finding out more about our volunteer program, please call or drop in and have a chat.

KNC Christmas Closure Dates: The Centre will be closed from Tuesday 5.00pm 20 December 2011 and reopen on Wednesday 9.00am 4 January 2012. We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. If you require crisis assistance over the period, please contact Uniting Care Lifeline 24 hour Counselling Service on 131114.

Spotlight Thank you: We would like to extend a big thank you to Spotlight for a very generous donation of a brand new Elna sewing machine to the Kuranda women's group. The group has expressed that they would like to build skills and activities around sewing and to explore options that might generate some revenue to put back into resourcing into the future. If you are interested in participating in the group or would like to make donations of material, thread etc, please let us know and we will put you in touch with the group.

Request for second hand sewing machines and people with skills to service older machines: If you have a working second hand sewing machine you are no longer using or you are handy with servicing machines, we would really appreciate your assistance and support. Sewing machines could be used by a range of groups including the women's group or other projects/groups.

Bunnings Thank You: KNC would like to thank Bunnings at Smithfield for donating 50 laundry baskets that will be used to pack Christmas Hampers in this year. We value the support to the community.

Furniture Exchange: Please keep us in mind if you want to recycle your usable household furniture. We have a growing list of needed items, so if you have anything you are replacing or getting rid of, please contact Ceri or Marg on 40938933

Step Forward: If you are having problems with drinking or cigarettes or other habits that are affecting your health, relationships or finances in a bad way, you might want to think about coming along to the **Step Forward** program at KNC. This program is run in a small group format in 2 hour sessions held weekly over four weeks. The program assists people to understand and take control of their own behaviour by exploring the concepts underpinning "the change cycle". Many people find that they can benefit from this course by attending more than once, to refresh their motivation for change. Face to face counselling is also available through referral to an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service (ATODS) counselor if required. The next program commences on Wednesday 4 January 2011. Referral is necessary, so please contact us to find out more. The program is strictly confidential and we do not even need to know what behaviour you are seeking to change.

Uniting Care General Counselling: Counselling appointments can be made on Wednesday afternoons at the Centre through KNC or directly with Uniting Care on 40504955. All appointments and referrals are strictly confidential.

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Avoiding Bali Belly?

As I sit on the balcony of my private bungalow overlooking the rice paddies of Bali I feel confident within my surroundings. Armed with everything necessary to enjoy a risk-free holiday.

I am comforted by my olive leaf extract which protects me from major infections and other bacterials, viruses and parasites. I have been eating from the local street vendors and trust my olive leaf will effectively eliminate any bacteria in the food. I am also prepared with good bacteria (probiotics), which is the body's natural defense against such invaders. These defenses can be decreased by pharmaceutical drugs, alcohol or poor diet. I am yet to get sick and have confidence to try all the local cuisine. I still carry colloidal silver to wash around my mouth and hands, especially when in air conditioning (eg on planes), which can significantly increase my exposure to germs as the air gets circulated. Colloidal silver can also help skin, eye and ear infections.

Unfortunately, despite having adequate vitamin B1 levels, I am also prone to mosquito bites. I am not a fan of DEET having once melted the straps of my backpack with it. Whilst there is little malaria in Bali, there is dengue fever, like in Australia. Even having travelled in over 30 countries, many in areas with high risk, I always trust my homemade insect repellent. I have never taken anything for malaria and know it works well. The only drawback is you must apply it every 3 hours. The recipe is simple; mix 150ml of almond, coconut, or macadamia as a carrier oil. Add 15 drops citronella essential oil and 50ml neem seed oil. This is an ample insect repellent. I then include 15 drops of lavender because it stops itching. Then some lemongrass or your favourite citrus for scent.

This won't protect you from monkeys though. Whilst in the monkey forest in Ubud, a monkey took a liking to my straw hat. In the process of retrieval and escape, I scratched my arm on the metal fence. Being concerned of the high risk of infection, I quickly reached for my Manuka honey. This not only kills infection, but also accelerates the healing process.

With the change of diet I always carry slippery elm, just to be on the safe side. It assists with diarrhea which is not much fun when you have a Beno (bus) to catch. Also helps with constipation, reflux, and vomiting.

Tomorrow I am planning a morning 'walk' up a volcano and am anticipating sore muscles as I have not done much trekking for some time. Magnesium is the main mineral for relaxing muscles. Deficiency signs include muscle cramps, muscle twitches, tension headaches and sleeping problems. Magnesium comes in many forms eg tablets, powder but I will be carrying it in oil form for rapid absorption.

I worry about getting stranded or lost when travelling and being in need of clean water. An example of this is when I came off my bike in Thailand and needed to flush my wounds. Being offered local water to do so, I quickly added grapefruit seed extract to purify. This combined with Manuka honey saw me clear of a local hospital visit.

Because Bali is only a hop, skip and a jump away, it was not necessary to take melatonin for jet lag, but great for those long trips. I get sea sick and ginger or homeopathic nux vomica helps (for cars and planes too). To help quieten down the kids I suggest camomilla for calming. Rescue remedy or travel bush flower essence can also help, as well as calming the nerves associated with the anxieties of travel and the unknown (or for the separation anxiety I feel for my dog, having left her behind). Valerian can also help you sleep if faced with noisy hotels or uncomfortable beds, and won't leave you drowsy or at risk of not waking in an emergency.

If you have a trip planned these holidays, don't forget to be prepared so that you can get the most out of your holiday and enjoy a happy, healthy, risk-free adventure.

– Kim Stedman

Editor's note: Current advice for protection against bites from mosquitoes carrying Dengue Fever is to use an insect repellent containing DEET, as this is necessary to prevent attack.

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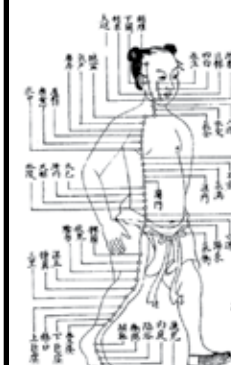
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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

Not As "Welcome" As They Think

From an elected representative in a Tablelands Regional Council I would expect at least to have a duty and responsibility to each member of the community to act upon their wishes, objectives and reasons and actually pushing their voices through to be heard. So far, all landholders to be negatively impacted by proposed Welcome Pocket development in the Myola area are being ignored to the point that it may seem that nobody is against it. But the development will now include lots of small businesses, community services and facilities, thus directly competing with already established businesses which are providing employment opportunities for the locals, even through the tough times we are having. The developers demand the right to add ancillary services and our representatives yield to their demands in order to satisfy their greed. In the process they destroy our Kuranda township. Who then is making the laws and regulations? How does that translate into being representative of the landholders and residents? How ironic of the council, about to pass new laws regarding noise and dust while approving some fifteen years of major development right next to us. And if I am not satisfied with the local council decision I could appeal through the Planning and Environmental Court. How generous. All the residents on Myola and Oak Forest Roads should understand that they shall have to endure years of heavy traffic during development and substantially increased thereafter, road works and land rates increase. How is that for living in a peaceful rural/residential area, a stone's throw away from a Wet Tropics World Heritage Area? I had also put a request through at the beginning of this year, if this proposal is to go ahead, that the council should send a building inspector to examine our home and leave a report before the beginning of the development because the ground compaction with the use of heavy machinery will surely cause structural damage to our house, which is in close proximity to the borderline of the proposed development site. And still no response from the council. I call for transparency, accountability and responsiveness. We do not want it here. When is the next election again?

Ivet Svihla, Kuranda

Swamped

How timely your 'Early Wet Season' advice (Issue 227 November 2011) has been with the recent rain. I made up my 'Car Kit' with the items listed: umbrella, raincoat, waterproof and warm clothing, blankets, plastic tarps, boots, strong shoes, socks, hats, sun protection cream, insect repellent, torch and spare batteries, mobile phone, phone car charger, car breakdown phone and membership numbers, notepad and marker pen, paper, spare money (don't have any of that), spare glasses, medical equipment, music, books and games, car sick kit, first aid kit, tool kit, cleaning cloths and rags, a vehicle towing rope and fixture, jumper leads, rope, extra light bulbs for indoor and exterior lights, gas lighter and matches, duct tape and pocket knife or multi-tool, water and food snacks, spare water for my radiator, spare water bowl and water for our two dogs, dog leads, oil, anti-fog for the windscreen, and a fire extinguisher. We did a dummy run, packed and got the two dogs settled into the small space left on the back seat. Unfortunately, all of the above did not leave room for my widowed sister Ruby in our Getz sedan and she is really most unhappy. I don't want to leave her out of this emergency equation as I have already refused to take her cat and I may need her transistor radio in an emergency. What should I jettison? I really appreciate your wisdom.

Iris Bradshaw, Speewah

Kuranda Palms Open Garden

On Sunday the 23rd October my husband and I attended the open garden at Kuranda Palms on Saddle Mountain Road. The sun was shining, the birds were singing and we had a very pleasant day wandering through a beautiful tropical garden and an amazing variety of plants with everything immaculately maintained. This was followed by a light lunch and refreshments (plus cake of course) provided by the lovely ladies at from the CWA. It was so nice to see that good friendly service is still here.

Our congratulations to Adie, the gardener: all those years of hard work and dedication shows. We do hope that David and Graham continue to have the Open Garden, as with only one day and so much to see, we hope to return next year.

Mrs Kelly Edwards

Is Kuranda a Just and Fair Place to Live for All Its Residents?

It may be beautiful and inspiring for some, but if the practicalities of day to day existence are difficult for others, does beauty provide peace of mind?

Even if some of us do find it a just, fair and inspiring place to live, can each one of us hope to approach Nirvana, if we know that other human beings in our community do not have the same opportunity, and we can do something about it?

What do we know about this state of local community affairs?

We know from spasmodic school attendance that some children are unable to attend school regularly due to home life disruption. We also know some find it a struggle to make education a meaningful experience. We know that many people in the community are not satisfied with the availability, quality and affordability of housing. We know they are not happy with the equity and openness in the way some important community organisations are run. We know that many have apprehensions about pursuing legitimate complaints for concerns about retributions. Despite the State Government announcing huge amounts for housing, the past experience shows not enough will get to those that need it; unless we act now!

As always, there are some in community so damaged by past experience that they have few qualms about exploiting the weakness of others. These maladaptations must be confronted so that they learn more socially responsible ways of living. Such behaviors are the major cause of injustice and despair that runs beneath the surface in this community.

Each one of us who cares has an opportunity to act in an effective way. Working together, through community, we can ensure this happens. Community organisations need active members of integrity and strength and experience. Even if people do not have experience these organisations need members that are passionate and strong about fairness, accountability and justice, after all we all learn together.

If you have rich life experience, relevant professional experience and qualifications and are willing to support, encourage and mentor others in the community in need, action in the community is for you. Contribution to the community in this way provides you with the opportunity to approach Nirvana with a full heart and a deserving clear consciousness. Paying taxes is not enough; there are too many holes in the bucket to help all who need it. Here you can help plug some of these holes.

The author Duncan Mills is a Social Ecologist, lives in Kuranda and pursues a vocation of encouraging community and personal development – 0419 434 260 or email Duncan.C.Mills@bigpond.com.



Kuranda Lions Club

is now increasing in numbers and we should be able to get our merry-go-round up and running again in the near future. We still need all the members we can get to make it a better club. We would like a couple of volunteers to do some maintenance on the sign board near the post office, and also welding on the merry-go-round trailer. Come and see Col up town or ring us on ph:4093 7187 if you can help! Have a happy festive season. Best of luck and good wishes to all from the Kuranda Lions Club.

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On behalf of the Lions, QCWA, Welcome Pocket, Pony Club and Ambulance committees, thank you all very much for your support to our most worthy community projects and as volunteers we are just as proud as all the other volunteers to help our community. We love you all and you are all in our prayers, may God walk with you this festive season, so enjoy your holidays from

Col and Carol Jeanes





Australia Day Competitions Now Open

Faces and Places of the Tablelands Creative Writing for School Children Creative Drawing for Young Children

Three competitions will allow people of all ages to get involved in 2012 Australia Day celebrations being staged by Tablelands Regional Council.

Tableland Newspapers, which takes in the *Tablelander* and *Tablelands Advertiser*, are sponsors of the competitions and will help to promote them over the coming weeks.

Faces and Places Photographic Competition

This annual competition is open to everyone and aims to capture the character of our beautiful environment and country towns, as well as our people.

This year, the photo competition features six categories:

1. The Big Picture ... Landscapes
2. Strike a Look ... Portraits and People
3. Capture the Action ... Sports and Action
4. Call of the Wild ... Wildlife and Nature
5. Shades of Grey ... Black and White
6. Creative expression ... Editing and Manipulation

The images entered into the competition will form a pictorial display at the Council's regional Australia Day event to be held at the Atherton International Club on 26 January, 2012.

The winners will be announced at the regional Australia Day event. Great prizes will be awarded to first and second in each category.

Entries must be submitted to Tablelands Regional Council by close of business on

Wednesday 18 January, 2012.

Entry forms are available from Council's website (www.trc.qld.gov.au) or from Council's service centres and libraries. They will also be available at Tableland Newspapers offices in Byrnes St, Mareeba (Advertiser) or in Mabel Street, Atherton (Tablelander).

Creative Writing Competition

This year, school children can get involved with the spirit of Australia Day through a Creative Writing Competition.

Students are invited to enter a short essay on "What Australia means to me" and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer. Entry is free and entries must be in by **1 December 2011.**

There are three categories - Years 3-4, Years 5-7 and High School. Cash prizes will be awarded for first and second.

Junior Drawing Competition

This year, young children can enter a creative drawing competition, with the artwork theme to be "What Australia means to me". The competition is open to children from Prep to Years 2.

Children can enter artwork on an A4 page and prizes for this competition will be given in first and second place.

Entry is free and entries must be in by **1 December 2011.**

For inquiries about the above competitions, email Stacey on staceym@trc.qld.gov.au or call 1300 362 242.



Book Review

"Ivory's Ghosts"

by John F Walker

(Grove Press, New York, 2009)

ISBN 9780 80214 4522 RRP \$14.95

For those readers who are concerned about the conservation of wildlife, in particular that of the elephant, or simply for those interested in the debate between the conservation of wildlife and preservation of wildlife diversity on the one hand, and the importance of trade and commerce on the other including in under-developed countries, in the quest to achieve a balanced outcome, the book for review this month offers considerable insight.

Walker has sought to trace the history of the elephant and its use by humanity right up to the time of writing, and in doing so has put the various points of view on this debate. There can be little doubt that within the contemporary global conservation controversy, the place of the elephant and its future as a wild animal has come to occupy an iconic status. The debate is ongoing.

As the book points out, the elephant has had an important role in human society for thousands of years. To early hunter-gatherers it had an importance, together with the mammoth until it became extinct, for meat, hides and its ivory.

Walker records early examples of ivory carving. But primitive hunting was hazardous and there was no threat to elephant numbers. Then with the growth of early human civilizations and ancient cities, the trade in elephant products expanded, particularly in ivory. This was often undertaken in association with the slave trade.

Ivory began its long history as a very valuable article of art and commerce. But the stocks of wild elephants were so great that no major detrimental impact was felt on numbers for a long time.

The real impact began to be felt with European expansion and colonization into Asia and Africa, coupled with the industrial revolution. Stocks of wild elephants began to fall as demand in the west increased.

The book records that this was exacerbated by the invention of tools that mechanized carving of ivory for such things as combs, billiard balls and piano keys. Ivory became affordable to the upper middle classes for the first time.

Poaching of elephants increased considerably as did the international trade in elephant products, particularly in ivory. New industries arose in Asia to deal in the trade.

By the second half of the 20th century, the book records that wild populations of elephants had plummeted and there was real concern mounting as to their long-term survival. Poaching had become a serious problem even in areas where there were some controls. Other areas had no controls. The rise of the conservation movement worldwide saw a new focus on preserving elephants as a species.

The book deals with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and how the first ban on the trade in ivory came about in 1990. By that time more than one half of elephant stocks in Africa had disappeared. Although CITES has real teeth and most countries were and still are a party to it, CITES was not successful in curbing all trade in the product.

Poaching continued and policing was found to be a problem. The numbers of wild elephants has continued to decline overall. Notwithstanding this, attempts were made by some countries to continue limited legal trade in the product because of their particular circumstances.

Thus some years ago a few countries with larger stocks in the wild were given CITES permission to have a once only sale of their ivory stockpiles apparently legitimately built up from natural deaths in the wild and from culling.

The book only records the position in this respect up to the CITES international conference in 2007. But it is worth noting that at the 2010 conference in Doha, an attempt by several countries to have a further such sale of their stockpiles was rejected.

The debate continues between those who would advocate no killing of any elephants and a total worldwide ban on all trade in their products, and those who see scope for limited trade opportunities.

In this regard the book notes that some tribes have traditionally relied on elephants as part of their way of life, even up to recent times. There is also the question of what to do with ivory legitimately acquired, both from the wild and in the form of older artifacts acquired when the trade was legal. It notes the difficulty this causes in policing the CITES ban at national frontiers. Walker states:

"The heart of the issue remains how to reconcile worldwide concern for the magnificent, beloved elephant with the rights of nations to benefit from their natural resources."

The book makes an important contribution to this debate. And in the process it makes excellent reading.

Graham Nicholson

Hidden Words Bookshop, Kuranda

Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism


The Chamber continues in recess, but the Caretaker Executive of Mike Took, Steve Dominikovic and Malcolm McLeod would like to take this opportunity to wish Kuranda businesses and the Kuranda community a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

We are the voice of Kuranda businesses; we are the people who represent your views to governments and decision-makers at all levels. We look forward to your involvement and a stronger Chamber in 2012. For enquiries please call Mike Took on 4093 9304.

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KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

An exhibition **ART FEST** by a collective of Arts Co-op artists, demonstrating new and best practices in their field of work, will open by Hon Warren Entsch at Kuranda Arts Co-op Gallery 2, Coondoo Street, on Friday 9th December at 6.00pm. The exhibition will continue over the weekend until Monday 12th December, 10am-4pm. Exhibiting artists include: Irene Majer, Darryl Ely, Henri Hunsinger, Buck Richardson, Judy Davies, Mollie Bosworth, Toni Rogers, Kate Prynne, Lisa Edwards, Peter Brown, Terry Eager, Jana Iriyadi, Judith Corrighan, Cathy Harvey, Helen Douglas, Robin King and Kai Hagberg.

Kuranda Arts Co-op **ART FEST** will continue over the weekend with a two-day **SIDEWALK SALE** showing the diversity of artwork by local artists. Artworks will be available for sale on the sidewalk at reduced prices on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December, 10am-4pm.

You can experience Kuranda's flourishing arts scene at any time of the year but it's during this weekend in December that the Kuranda Arts Co-op will really come alive with an energy refreshed by vibrant, constantly emerging, new talent.

ART FEST is a Kuranda Arts Co-op "not to be missed" experience offering a huge canvas of art from 9th-12th December. Bring the children to the gallery to see the coloured birds. They will bring back your childhood memories of being directed in the making of large papier-mache pieces for a school or parish hall. Remember how magical it all was - the taking of paste and newspaper and paint and making a giraffe or a lion or duck. Straw into gold, and we are all still doing it.

Christmas Greetings

The Arts Co-op Management Committee and members would like to extend cordial greetings for the Festive Season and the New Year. We would like to thank the Kuranda community for their ongoing support of local artwork during the year. We would also like to thank the Kuranda Paper for their assistance and support during 2011.

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You can help in the survival of our wildlife by keeping dogs and cats restrained at night and driving with care throughout the Tablelands region.





2011 Mayor's Christmas Appeal now open

CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE ON OUR DOORSTEP, so it's time to dig deep to help those less fortunate in our communities so they enjoy the season as well.

The 2011 Mayor's Christmas Appeal was given a \$6000 kick-start this week when funds raised at the Mayor's Black Tie Ball held at Mareeba in August were handed over.

The funds represented 50 per cent of the money raised at the inaugural event, with the other \$6000 going to the Mareeba Rotary Club for a community project.

Mayor Tom Gilmore is urging residents to get behind the appeal, saying there were many people within the Tablelands region who needed help to make the festive season a joyous time.

"We want everyone in our community to be able to celebrate Christmas without feeling stressed about not being able to afford even the basic foodstuffs," he said.

"Assistance provided through the appeal is a gesture of goodwill and that adds a little cheer to what may be a difficult time of the year for some people in our community," Cr Gilmore said.

Last year, the appeal provided 350 hampers across the region.

The hampers are delivered to families referred by various charity groups and welfare agencies in the region including the Anglican Church in Kuranda, Salvation Army, St Vincent De Paul, Community Services Tablelands, Eacham Community Help Organisation, Ravenshoe Community Centre, Red Cross Atherton and Herberton, Blue Care in Mareeba and Atherton, Tablelands Women's Centre, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, and Mareeba Information and Support Centre.

"In the true spirit of Christmas, Tablelands Regional Council would like to help make the festive season easier for those in need through the appeal which represents what Christmas is all about. I urge everyone to support the appeal by sending in a donation," Cr Gilmore said.

Donations can be made at Council's service centres in Atherton, Mareeba, Herberton and Malanda and at the Kuranda Library. People can also send their donation by cheque to Mayor's Christmas Appeal, PO Box 154, Mareeba 4880. Make the cheque payable to Mayor's Christmas Appeal.

No food items or toys can be accepted for the appeal.

Cr Gilmore is also encouraging those who need assistance to apply at the agencies listed above.

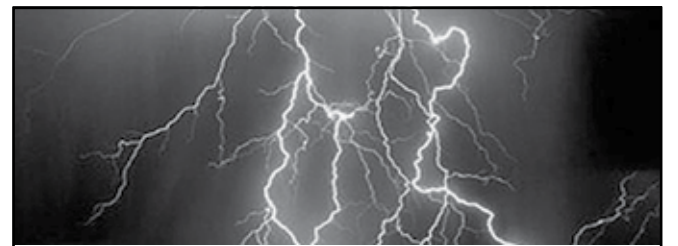
To be eligible to receive assistance, residents need to be receiving a government welfare benefit. Those residents that are outside the welfare system should see their local agency for assessment.

Assessment forms are available at the local welfare agencies listed above. Council does not have the forms and does not assess the applications. Residents should complete the forms and return them for assessment by the relevant agency by 28 NOVEMBER 2011.

Please note, complete only one form to apply for assistance.



Mayor Tom Gilmore and Mareeba Rotary Club president Kevin Davies kick-start the Mayor's Christmas Appeal with \$6000 raised at this year's Black Tie Ball.



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Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

Shona Ballantyne's paintings really reflect her personality. They are bright, colourful and many are filled with Shona's infectious sense of humour. I photographed Shona with her exhibited work at the Claire Souter Studio/Gallery in Kuranda where Shona whiles away much of her time producing these fine works. Her concentration on painting animals, in particular her 'camels with attitude' on canvas have become signatories. However, it was Shona's lovely Asian-styled diptych of magnolias in this exhibition which were sporting the red spots.

Where is your current studio?

On my verandah at my house on the Barron River. I also do a lot of my painting at the Claire Souter Studio/Gallery in Rob Veivers Drive. But, my 'studio' can be anywhere, painting is so portable. I have a purpose-built studio at home, but I prefer to be in the open and on the verandah.

Do you work alone or with others?

Both, but mainly with others. I gain a lot from working with other artists and really enjoy it. Painters can work together, 'separately together' you might say, as we each get focused on our own work but our concentration meets up again together. I love the synergy created when working with a group.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Lots of light, natural light. I also need to, and enjoy, looking into my garden when I take a break, and I listen to the birds and frogs. They unify me. My verandah offers me all these essential features.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

I am not terribly disciplined in terms of organising my time but once I get going at home I am hard to stop. In fact, I hate stopping. However, there are set days and times when I paint at Claire's and I put a lot of emphasis on this discipline.



Describe the works you do in your studio.

Mainly oil paintings now, or working with mixed medium, ie acrylic and embellishing my canvases with beads, ribbons, threads and buttons.

Why is painting your chosen medium?

In the past I have done a lot of hand built clay sculptures and I studied Melanesian coil built bowls and sculpture. I love the Asian influences. Many of these sculptures are now in residence in my garden. My nickname is 'Bones' or 'Grannie Bones' to my grandchildren. Over recent years my bones have suffered, sculpture is heavy work, and for health reasons I now choose to paint. With the animal portraits I paint the eyes first and then get lost in the personalities of the creatures I am creating on the canvas.

List three things you listen to while working.

Birds, frogs and light classical music. I try to avoid listening to my husband's interruptions "where is the screwdriver?" or "can you help me lift the mower to change the blades". I find it an occupational hazard and most artists working at home experience it.

Your favourite tool?

Paintbrushes, of many variations. I bought some special fox fur brushes in Japan and I particularly like the textures they produce when painting fur or feathers.

How do you identify your work?

Some paintings with a calligraphy style, a distinctive character, or just with 'Shona'. My signature style varies according to the subject. Years ago I made a pottery stamp to use on clay pieces, with yin and yang. It now lives in a jar on a shelf.

How do you sell your work?

Like most artists, with great difficulty. I do have my paintings in a number of venues in Kuranda but I sell mainly through word of mouth or by commissions.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

I sell mainly where my paintings are exhibited. I do not teach but when I am painting with a group there is always an exchange of ideas, designs and techniques. Painters are learning all the time.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

No, I don't. Paid? I wish.

If you could change one thing about your studio what would that be?

Better lighting to enable me to work indoors at home. Rainy windy days can be a problem on the verandah but I do and can work around that problem.

If you were not working with visual art what would you be doing?

I think I would be singing. My singing is currently restricted to the shower but I would return to participating in structured groups. I would also be walking and I am looking forward to my next Himalayan walk. It will probably be my last after having walked in these Nepalese mountains on seven previous occasions.

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The Three Sides of Judith Enoch

In the profile this month, readers are introduced to a truly remarkable indigenous Kuranda woman. I am talking of **Judith Enoch**. As soon as she walked into my shop, I felt a certain presence surrounding her, impressive yet humble, dynamic yet courteous and respectful, business-like yet compassionate and caring. This is a balanced woman with three essential sides to her life – her faith, her family and her services to humanity centering on but not exclusive to the indigenous people of the north. These three are really interwoven in her life, although she proclaims that God always comes first and then her family.

Born in Kuranda from the distinguished Grogan family, she was the third youngest of nine children, all of which are still alive plus her Mum. She is married to Brian and has had two children Brianna and Brian Jr plus now two grandchildren. She treasured her parents and believes in strong families. Her schooling was in Kuranda and then in Cairns to year 12. She then attended JCU and obtained a Bachelor of Education. She started her masters but has never had time to finish it.

She began employment whilst in High School in short stints with Ngoonbi Cooperative in Kuranda. She was also very active in various programs run in the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Kuranda, particularly in those programs and activities involving youth. But from here she has branched out into a wide range of activities that now consume most of her waking hours, all related to her three sides mentioned previously. She keeps up a phenomenal pace which is hard to break into.

Currently, she is chairperson of the Ngoonbi Board and is heavily involved in its various activities. She is a director of the Western Yalangi Board, an Aboriginal Corporation. She is a teacher at the Cairns Adventist School, teaching a composite class of years 5, 6 and 7. This takes two days a week. She is the Coordinator of an education program Parents & Community Engagement Program (PACE) for three days a week. She is the Church Clerk of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Kuranda as well as other positions and has preached on occasions. She is involved in some health programs in the Church. She is a director of the Mona Mona Bulmba Aboriginal Corporation and is involved with plans to develop Mona Mona, now held under Aboriginal lease. She acts as a facilitator in the collaboration for Indigenous Outcomes in Mareeba through the Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation (CIOM) and chairs the meetings. Now that her daughter Brianna has opened



Din Din Arts in Kuranda and is doing well, Judith plans to help out with the youth program within the Church next year to further coordinate and develop its activities for youth.

She still finds quality time for her family and does not work on the Sabbath (Saturdays). She leads a largely vegetarian life but is not fanatic about it. She does get tired at times but is sustained by her faith.

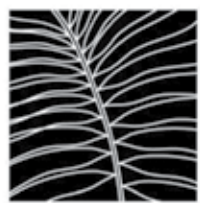
Previously, apart from her youth work, Judith has been on the Kuranda Social Justice Committee and has been a leader in the Kuranda Pathfinder Club. She was engaged by the TRC to facilitate an Indigenous Community Plan for Kuranda and nearby towns, the work on which is ongoing. She was the only indigenous person on the Australian Committee of the Australian Union Conference of Seventh Day Adventist Churches for five years. She has also travelled widely, in 2000 as a Church delegate to a Toronto, Canada Conference, and in 2003 on a reformation tour of Europe. She has also been to Fiji, Cook Islands, New Caledonia, New Hebrides (Vanuatu) and New Zealand, as well as many places in Australia.

She has a particular interest in the work of Ngoonbi, providing housing to needy Aboriginal and TI people in the Kuranda area. They have some 33 houses and units at present, mostly for those who can least afford it. The organisation is largely self-supporting financially, as a result of which it falls far short of actual needs. And it now has to compete with the Cairns and Districts Regional Housing body, which is also active in Kuranda and does not necessarily favour locals. Judith points out that indigenous people need to connect with their own land. Ngoonbi is looking to develop more housing on its own land as well as to improve repairs and maintenance and to encourage indigenous apprenticeships in the process. It can't build on the old Kuranda farm as that has been vested in the Indigenous Land Corporation. And Mona Mona is not yet Aboriginal freehold. It also runs other programs in partnership with others such as an accredited HACC program for the elderly and community support services that provides meals and other support for those sleeping rough. It plans new accommodation such as quarters for singles, couples and the elderly. Judith is active in Kuranda planning for this reason.

On Anna Bligh's recent visit to Kuranda, the Premier was most impressed with the work of Ngoonbi and its leadership skills. Judith also notes the excellent support of local State parliamentary members as well as the TRC Mayor and its local representative.

Judith's vision for the future involves healthy, educated people, living without overcrowding. Longer term she has a vision of a healing centre and a school that delivers appropriate cultural, academic and industrial training in Mona Mona. She believes every person deserves respect, acceptance, opportunity and a fair go, irrespective of colour, race, religious background, etc. We are all children of the one God. She is working towards this and sets both high standards and challenging goals. She is living proof that words of faith without deeds are worth nothing.

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I would like to thank the artists, students and friends
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**Art should be in a place of energy rather
than always a silent place of contemplation in galleries.**

I wish the Kuranda community a very happy Festive Season.

Toni Rogers
Cantata Studio



Kuranda Library Activities December 2011

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Special School Holiday Activities

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13 December – 20 January: **Holiday Essay Contest**

14 December 11am – 12noon: **Make Butterfly Ornaments**

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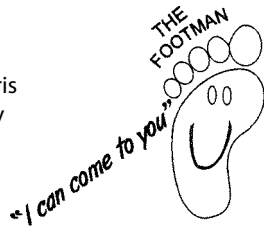
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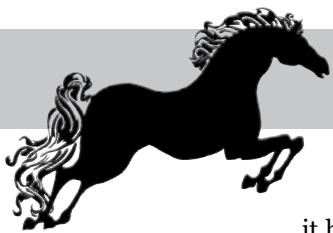
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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well, it's almost the end of another year! Where has the time gone? But it has been, I think, a very busy, fun and competitive year. We have seen our group of riders really improve and I hope they've all enjoyed their time at Pony Club in 2011.

On the 29th October the Zone 18, 50th Anniversary Gymkhana was held in Mareeba. Our club's entrant in the Personality and Fundraising quest Junior section was Kristy Lane, as you can see by the photo she looked stunning. She did a wonderful job and had a fantastic day. So, Kristy, we are very proud of you.

Kuranda Horse and Pony Club had eight riders compete on that weekend, with five out of the eight taking out Aggregate Trophies in their respective age groups, and everyone came home with ribbons. So congratulations to all our riders to a job well done! As you can see by the photo of the march past, they all looked great. Over the two days there were 129 riders Saturday and 124 on the Sunday so it was a great success.

The next event coming up is the Club's end of year break up which is being held on Saturday 3rd December at 4pm. At this event will be the Annual Perpetual Trophy presentation. There will be fun games for all the kids, and everyone will bring a dish to share for dinner. The Club is also going to hold the AGM so a committee can be organized for 2012.

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*Cheers from Di Curtis,
 Kuranda Horse and Pony Club
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The Day is not without controversy. With so many contemporary and serious breaches on human rights in so many countries it is easy to be critical.

But this view overlooks the success of the international community in firstly, defining these minimum universal standards, and secondly, in establishing mechanisms to observe, monitor and publicise the implementation of these standards, good or bad.

This is a new situation in human history.

What is lacking is the mechanism to ensure that such standards are properly observed in all countries. The present international order, based on "sovereign" nation-states, is not yet strong enough to ensure this.

The result continues to be many gross abuses, restrained only to a limited extent by international public opinion and the rise of new international and regional institutions.

The Baha'is have a particular reason to support human rights. On 21 November 2011, the United Nations General Assembly, using some of its strongest language to date, roundly condemned Iran for its "serious ongoing and recurring human rights violations."

The Reports of the Special Rapporteur to the UN that lead to this resolution noted continuing violations and discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities, in particular the problems facing Arabs, Azeris, Baluchis and Kurds, as well as discrimination against Baha'is, Christians, Jews, Sufis, Sunni Muslims and Zoroastrians.

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And yet the Baha'i Faith, which was founded in Persia (Iran) in the 19th century, is a peaceful world religion that teaches obedience to the laws of the land and respect for governments and for all the great religions.

There are many Iranian Baha'is, refugees in Australia, who must risk their lives if they wish to return to Iran because of these continuing human rights abuses.

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The intensives will run as one week, (12-16 December) before Christmas and two weeks after New Year, (9-13 January and 16-20 January). To book, ring us on 4093 7109. Payments for these programs are by block of 5, 10 or 15 days offered through the Summer School break. These programs are predominantly aimed at 4 to 7 or 8 year olds who have limited experience in the water. However, they can work for any age group.

Intensive classes will start at 10.15pm sharp each morning of the weeks they are conducted and will be finished by 11.00am.

As well, for our babies and toddlers, a 6 or 7 week break can be a long time, so weekly classes can continue for our regular littlest clients over the school break, if parents so desire. With water temperature conditions at their best at New Year it is a very logical time to get the younger ones started. Depending on numbers we will host babies at 9.00am any Tuesday, Thursday or Friday and Toddlers Classes at 9.30am and again check details before booking.

Finally, not forgetting our students in Stroke Development classes, the opportunity to maintain recently taught technical skills will happen each day as well after the intensive classes. To book these, for middle of the day sessions, simply book the estimated number of sessions for the week so our teachers have estimates of numbers for the groups. In these classes there is no obligation to come each day but are a great way to keep up the skills and fitness for swimming. No formal swimming instruction will happen after lunch this Summer break.

Also we are now taking bookings for Term 1 classes next year. This will be a 9-week block commencing 30 January through to 31 March.

Extra shelter is being created near to our shade sails over the Toddler Pool. Through Queensland Health Department funding the Council has been able to erect a 6 metre x 6 metre covered shelter with seating benches for spectators and patrons to be covered while enjoying recreation time at the pool. Once the facility is finished it will be the logical place to put a permanent barbeque setup for families to host family and friends' functions. Steadily, a few plans for the patrons are coming together.

Have a happy Christmas, please be safe throughout the Festive Season and remember when you are in or near water make sure there is a designated person supervising non-swimmers and able swimmers.

– Gary and Linda Davis

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING TO DEAL WITH SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO WIND UP THE ASSOCIATION

WHEN: TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER at 4PM at THE KURANDA HERITAGE MARKETS (Nevermind Café)

While there is interest in continuing the good work of Advance Kuranda, not enough people have come forward to take on the management committee positions, so, in accordance with incorporation requirements we must make the necessary steps to wind up the organisation.

We did look at the possibility of setting up an interactive website where we could voice our opinions and vote on pertinent issues, but while the notion is popular, there is no one willing to take on the task and manage the site. Yes, it is a lot of work and we seem, understandably, to be running out of voluntary huff and puff.

So, it is time to move on with no regrets. At the moment, we have an active and responsive Council and, while you might think we are over-regulated, there are rules and regulations in place which protect us, our community and our environment. It would seem there is less need for a community watchdog at this time than in the past. The Kuranda community will rally its resources when the time is right and needed.

May we all look out for each other and have an interesting and fulfilling 2012.

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There's strong support for changes of direction this month. The planets all go through periodical retrograde motion (going backwards through the Zodiac), becoming stationary and going forward again. This month we see Uranus retrogrades – stationary and forward again on 10th December; Mercury going forward from 14th, and Jupiter beginning forward motion again on 25th, Christmas Day. And so, from 25th on there are no planets retrograding – everything moving forward. And that's quite unusual.

So we'd be looking this month at whatever has been dragging, slowing down or actually going backwards and to do whatever is necessary to kick its butt and either get it moving forwards or get rid of it. By Christmas this is aligning precisely with the cosmic energy flow and you really will feel that you are flowing with the Universe. It's a window of exactly one month – Mars goes retrograde on 24th January and the drag is on again.

We're looking at Uranus at zero degrees Aries becoming stationary and beginning forward motion at the exact beginning of the zodiac circle. And Uranus breaks the rules; breaks free of the old structures, and raises frequency. Very exciting. Mercury going direct to Sagittarius sends the feathered arrow flying true to a long range target, and Jupiter stationary – forward at zero degrees Taurus opens the door to abundance; fertility and practical respect for the earth and all its inhabitants. Projects which are attuned to natural (and cosmic) cycles will prosper. Respect is the foundation stone.

The 10th January, when Uranus goes direct to zero degrees Aries is also full moon. And it's also a total lunar eclipse as we go through midnight into the 11th. Lunar eclipses often signify a time of recognising and releasing old conditioning and emotional patterns, and zero Aries Uranus is sudden breakthroughs in all areas of life – wildly creative and very exciting. A clear and obvious new cycle begins and if it's blended with the Mercury and Jupiter direction- reversals, then it becomes rich and magical.

These are exciting new times and there's no map or set of directions to follow. New dimensions; raising of consciousness and true abundance following within reach. What more would you want for Christmas.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

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A project of Kuranda Festivals Association Inc.
ABN: 50 903 745 718

At a general meeting on 8th November 2011, it was agreed by special resolution that the Kuranda Festivals Association Inc has become redundant and should be closed down.

Kuranda now has a paid employee, in the person of Marc Sleeman, who very ably undertakes many of the functions required to run festivals that used be undertaken by community volunteers under the protective and managerial banner of Kuranda Festivals Association Inc.

In accordance with the requirements of voluntarily winding up an incorporated organisation, the assets of Kuranda Festivals Association Inc. have been distributed to the Kuranda/Myola, Speewah and Koah Rural Fire Brigades and to the Kuranda SES. Volunteers of these 'not-for-profit' community organisations have always been very generous with their time and energy at the many annual Kuranda Spring Festivals held over past years.

A great many other organisations, businesses, individuals and our local council have also rallied to the cause year after year to make the Kuranda Spring Festival memorable and a lot of fun. The outgoing management committee of Paul (Smiley) O'Reilly, Kylie Moore and Caroline Day deserve our warm gratitude for their tireless contributions.



Australia Day 2012

Towns invited to submit ideas for events

Towns and communities throughout the Tablelands that wish to host an Australia Day event next year have until Wednesday 7 December to submit their ideas to Tablelands Regional Council.

Council will host a regional event at the Atherton International Club to mark the day that will include local entertainment, a Citizenship Ceremony, a special guest speaker, and the announcement of the Regional Australia Day Awards.

Groups or organisations that may wish to host an Australia Day event in their town or community are encouraged to contact Council which will provide some financial and/or in-kind support to the event organisers.

Inquiries or interest in hosting an event should be emailed to: staceym@trc.qld.qld.au by 7 December.

Nominations for awards now open

Residents are also advised that nominations are now open for the 2012 Australia Day Awards.

Tablelands Regional Council wants to hear about people in your community that give their own time and energy for the benefit of the community - it could be someone who donates their time to a local charity, is heavily involved in improving the environment or has been the driving force behind initiatives in your community.

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

Citizen Award, Young Citizen, Community Event, Coach/Sport Administrator, Senior Sports, Junior Sports, Senior Cultural, Junior Cultural, Senior Community Service, Junior Community Service, Commerce & Industry, Environmental Excellence, and Quiet Achievers Award.

Nomination forms are available from the Council offices at Atherton, Mareeba, Malanda and Herberton, or at www.trc.qld.gov.au

Nominations close at 4.30pm on Wednesday 11 January 2012. Nominations can be mailed to Events Coordinator, PO Box 154, Mareeba 4880, emailed to staceym@trc.qld.gov.au or faxed to 4092 3323.

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The property provides an atmosphere of cool serenity in this sub-tropical environment and with a low maintenance garden that is landscaped by nature.

The generous open plan layout of this thoroughly solid contemporary residence features four bedrooms, two living areas, two bathrooms and a large patio that is graced by pleasant forest breezes.

A small shed and a double under cover carport rounds off the features of this property in a quiet residential cul-de-sac just 2 minutes away from Kuranda's infrastructure, shopping centre, schools and medical centre.

Smithfield at Cairns' Northern Beaches can be reached in less than 15 minutes and the CBD of Cairns in some 25 minutes. Have the best of both worlds at an altitude of some 370 metres above sea level, ensuring comfortable temperatures throughout the year, cooler by some degrees to that on the coast.

Asking High \$395,000's	Contact Gunter 0421 768 522 (g.frohlich@rh.com.au)	Inspection By appointment
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18B Greenhills Road, Kuranda
4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas, on 5,288m2

Quintessential Tropical

This charming 4 bed, 3 bath residence with 2 living areas, open fireplace and cathedral ceilings on 5,288m2 of beautiful level to gently sloped land that is bordered by a permanent creek and graced by pleasant views over the surrounding rainforest-clad mountainous landscape.

Surround yourself with the luxury of a rare and privileged position at one of the most iconic landmarks in Far North Queensland and in close proximity to the picturesque village of Kuranda, some 15kms from Smithfield at Cairns' Northern Beaches. Enjoy the comfortable and moderate climate of this mountain oasis at an altitude of some 380 metres above sea level and a quality live-style, which is in sharp contrast to the densely populated urban areas around Cairns and the Coast.

Features: Double Lock-up Garage, Solar Hot Water System, Rainwater Tank, Tinted Windows and Security Screen throughout.

Adjoining to this property, on a separate title, is a vacant block of land of 5,282m2 that is for sale at \$195,300.

Asking \$429,700	Contact Gunter 0421 768 522 (g.frohlich@rh.com.au)	Inspection By appointment
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72 Cardinia Blvd. Speewah (Kuranda)
3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, Swimming Pool, Industrial-Sized Shed/Garage, Satellite Broadband, Bore, 5.92 Acres

Privacy, Views & Industrial-Size Shed/Garage on almost 6 Acres

Central hub for the owners of this almost six acre property year round is a spacious patio that is wisely positioned at the rear of the property to take full advantage of views over an aesthetic crafted glass fenced swimming-pool and beyond towards the Rainforest clad mountainous landscape. The residence is approximately 4 years old and is graced by good privacy with neighbours not too close.

A generous open-plan layout of this 3-bedroom home provides two large living areas while a wood-fire oven provides a warm ambience.

The features of this property are innumerable: Industrial-size Shed (15x6m) with remote-control roller-doors, 3-Phase-Power, Bore, Water Tanks (50,000+L), Satellite Broadband, Two-Pack Kitchen with Ceaserstone Tops, Two-Pack Bathroom with Tasmanian Oak Tops.

Kuranda's infrastructure and village amenities are just some 5 minutes away and the Cairns' Northern Beaches, James Cook University and the International Airport can be reached within a 25 minutes drive. Have the best of both worlds at an altitude of some 395 metres above sea level, ensuring comfortable temperatures throughout the year, cooler by some degrees to that on the coast.

Price \$585,000	Contact Gunter 0421 768 522 (g.frohlich@rh.com.au)
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15 Shiva Close, Kuranda

3 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom, 2 Toilets, Large Covered Outdoor Areas, 2 Carports, 3,909m2

Great Outdoors

Central hub for the owners of this property on almost one acre is a very spacious timber deck that is wisely positioned at the rear of the property to take full advantage of pleasant views over landscaped gardens.

The three bedroom residence with outdoor-spa and wood-fire oven is graced by ambience, privacy and with neighbours not too close.

Kuranda's infrastructure and village amenities are a couple of minutes away while Smithfield at the Cairns' Northern Beaches and the James Cook University are within reach of a 20 minutes drive.

Have the best of both worlds at an altitude of some 395 metres above sea level, ensuring comfortable temperatures throughout the year, cooler by some degrees to that on the coast.

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A Thought for Christmas

What does the word 'wonder' mean to you? There is a Christmas hymn that speaks of 'A great and mighty wonder'; we speak of the 'wonder' of Christmastide, and how 'wonderful' it is to see the faces of the children light up, when the tree lights come on and the presents are revealed. Delight, surprise, something beyond what we expected! But there is another aspect, that of 'uncertainty', or question, even 'doubt'. We wonder what is going to happen to us; we wonder whether we have passed our exam, or if we are to be made redundant or have we got our pay rise. Both senses of 'wonder' fit into the Christmas scene.

Imagine what the parents of Jesus went through. There were the angelic messages - dreams, perhaps we would say, but dreams with very important results on the lives of Mary and Joseph. There was that long journey to Bethlehem, hard for a pregnant mother; the birth itself in far from ideal conditions - a stable, smelly, but what a delight after all! Then the visitors - shepherds, hotfoot and panting, with their stories of angels, visions, messages. All who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

Yes, they were astonished, and no one questioned the shepherds' account of what had happened. But also the wondering is in the other sense - what is going to happen next? What is the future for this child? What is the future for themselves? What is the future for us? So, at Christmas we rejoice with the carols, all the decorations and the trees, the presents and the gathering of the family, the joyful church services and the happy faces of children.

Yet we must also be aware of questions for the future. Think of what is going on. Already the Wise Men are journeying to Jerusalem, led by their star; soon they will be at Herod's court, and having heard them, the cruel and frightened king will be planning the massacre that he believes will make sure there is no threat to his throne and his power. It was soon indeed after the joy of Christmas, the coming of the Child, that there was to come the brutality and sorrow of a callous act that would leave so many mothers desolate, so many families bereft. The first Christmas was to be, for many, the last Christmas.

In our own time we look ahead at uncertainties. The constant violence and brutality, the killings and unrest in Somalia and the Syria, the terrible violence in Africa between rival tribes, and the murder of innocent people in Libya. All this adds up to an outlook, in so many places, which no one can say is settled or certain. Yet there is one great certainty - it was into just the same kind of world as our own, full of crises and problems, anger and violence, that the Lord chose to be born. In full knowledge he took the step of coming to our uncertain planet, our all-too-easily-upset little earth, our tiny lifeboat floating in the vastness of inter-stellar space. It was certainly not into any kind of certain future that Jesus was born, nor that he grew up in, nor in which he began his mighty work of reconciliation.

Out of sorrow comes joy: the sense of wonder at the crib contains in itself the shadow of sorrows to come. Yet out of those sorrows comes the final joy. In the Birth we see foreshadowed the Death; yet also foreshadowed is the Triumph, the New and Risen Life, the Saviour. "Behold I bring you Good News of a great joy; to you is born today the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!" And so our wonder is swept up into joy, and with the angels we say, 'Glory

Thought of the Month from the Baha'i Faith

"When Christ appeared, twenty centuries ago, although the Jews were eagerly awaiting His Coming, and prayed every day, with tears, saying: 'O God, hasten the Revelation of the Messiah,' yet when the Sun of Truth dawned, they denied Him and rose against Him with the greatest enmity, and eventually crucified that divine Spirit, the Word of God..."

"When Bahá'u'lláh appeared in Persia, all the contemporaneous religious sects and systems rose against Him. His enemies were kings. The enemies of Christ were the Jews, the Pharisees; but the enemies of Bahá'u'lláh were rulers who could command armies and bring hundreds of thousands of soldiers into the arena of operation...All this oppression and cruelty, rapacity and bloodthirstiness did not hinder or prevent the spread of the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh."

(Abdu'l-Baha)

Meditations/Reflections: all welcome to meditations on the sacred writings of the great religions etc, every Wednesday, 7 pm, Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda.

Morning prayers: come and join us each Tuesday morning at 8.00am, in the park in central Kuranda, start your day with spirituality!

Human Rights Day: Saturday 10 December

Spiritual Study Circles in Kuranda by arrangement, please feel free to enquire; Study books are now available. Also regular events in Cairns, Atherton, Tolga, Mareeba, Malanda and other places.

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From the Baha'i Community of the Tablelands

Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



*The evening news is where
they begin with 'Good
evening', and then proceed to
tell you why it isn't.*



Holiday Essay Contest



If you could holiday in any book, which book would it be and why?

Two First Place Prizes: iPod Nano

Two Honourable Mention Prizes: iPod Shuffle

Please visit the participating TRC Libraries for rules and regulations: Kuranda, Mareeba, Atherton & Herberton.

*Contest Begins on 13th December 2011
Contest Ends on 20th January 2012*

School Holiday Essay Contest

At participating TRC Libraries sponsored by the Kuranda Media Association. Participating libraries include Kuranda, Mareeba, Atherton & Herberton.

Topic of Essay

If you could holiday in any book which book would you vacation in and why?

Contest Participants

Ages 7-13 and Ages 14-18. Each age group will be judged separately with a winner from each.

Contest begins

13th December 2011

Contest ends

All entries are due at participating TRC Libraries by close of business on 20th January 2012. All entries will be forwarded to Kuranda for judging.

Winners

One winner and one honourable mention from each age group will be chosen. Winners will be contacted by phone or mail on 31st January 2012.

Prizes

One first-place winner from each age group will win an iPod nano and one honourable mention from each age group will win an iPod shuffle.

Rules

1. You must be in the age groups 7-13 or 14-18 to be eligible to compete.
2. One entry per person.
4. All entries must follow the topic.
5. The essay must be based upon a book.
6. The essay must be an original work.
7. The essay must be 1-2 pages/600 to 1200 words, typed, double-spaced.
8. All entries are due at participating TRC Libraries by close of business on 20th January 2012.
9. Winners will be announced on 31st January 2012.
10. Winners will be notified by phone and mail.
11. The Judge's decision is final.

Helpful Hints

We are looking for creativity, originality, ability to express yourself well in writing, good grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Writing workshops

Workshops will be held at participating TRC Libraries to help entrants with their ideas, writing grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Kuranda Library Writing Workshops:

1. 15th December from 11am-12noon (with refreshments)
2. 5th January from 11am-12noon (with refreshments)

If you have any questions please contact Essay Contest Organiser, Chrissy Thompson, Branch Coordinator Kuranda Library by email (christinet@trc.qld.gov.au) or phone (07) 4093 9185 (Tuesday - Friday).

Johnny was 9 years old and was staying with his grandmother for a few days. He'd been playing outside with the other kids, when he came into the house and asked her, 'Grandma, what's that called when two people sleep in the same bedroom and one is on top of the other?'

She was a little taken aback, but she decided to tell him the truth. 'Well, dear, it's called sexual intercourse.'

'Oh,' Little Johnny said, 'OK,' and went back outside to play with the other kids.

A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily, 'Grandma, it isn't called sexual intercourse. It's called Bunk Beds... and Jimmy's mom wants to talk to you.'

Footy Club

GO RAIDERS!

Kuranda District Junior Rugby League Club would like to welcome the Executive Committee Members for the 2012 Rugby Season. Chairman - Tammy Davis, Secretary - Dei Gould, and Treasurer - Cindy Quarry.

If you have some free time or would like to be more involved we are still looking for coaches, a registrar, team managers and people who just want to lend a helping hand.

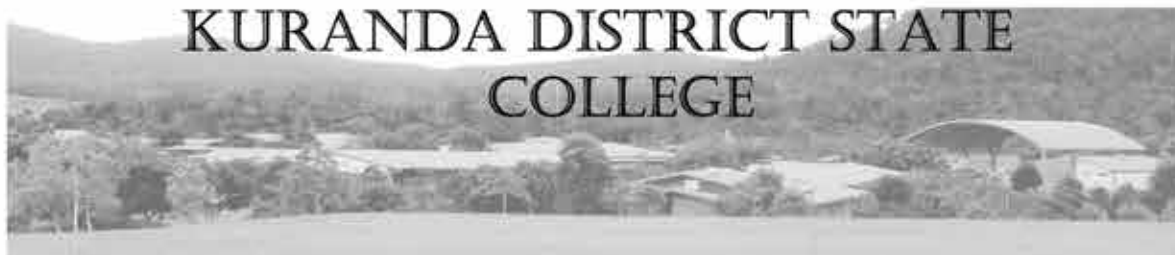
Next meeting set for Bartley Park, 5:30pm, Wednesday 25th January.

Sign on date will be set at this meeting.





KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE



Kuranda District State College students have again raised the bar by winning Queensland's "Green and Healthy Biodiversity Award." Our students were highly commended by the judges. The adjudicators were also very excited that the College had already implemented strategies to engage its students in future environmental projects.

It was great to see a number of parents and community members present at the recent College Awards night. The College thanks those community and business members who sponsored the Academic Bursaries and Awards. An overview of our major Academic award winners is featured below.

Congratulations to all students and families on a great year. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Kerry Hardy
Acting College Principal



Year 7 Academic Bursary
(Sponsor- Kuranda Pharmacy)

Molly Roberts



Year 8 Academic Bursary
(Sponsor- Kuranda Butterfly Sanctuary)

Lycia Erwin



Year 9 Academic Bursary
and
Middle Phase Dux Award
(Sponsor- Kuranda Pharmacy)

Rachael Price



Year 10 Academic Bursary
(Sponsor- Rainforestation)

Chloe Geering



Year 11 Academic Bursary
and
Senior Phase Dux Award

Mia Dunne
(Sponsor- Skyrail)



Year 12 Academic Bursary
(Sponsor- Kuranda Real Estate)

Shalaka Jarvis-Schlicht



College Principal P - 6 Award

Bethany Sporre



College All-rounder

Madison Renshaw-Callanan



ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork
Award

Cameron Price



ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork
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Roma Gabrang



ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork
Award

Leonard Donahue

Your P&C in 2012

We invite parents and carers who are (or will be) new to the school to join us during 2012. The P&C is a great way to get to know other parents, engage in your school community and help your children. Next year, we will trial social morning tea meetings to encourage more people to get involved. You can take on a position on the committee, help on specific projects or events or just come along for a social cuppa and chat to other parents, teachers and administration about College news and events. Keep informed by joining our email list. Write to: PaadC@kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au

Uniform sales for 2012

Uniforms will be on sale at the College's P&C uniform shop, junior campus (next to the tuckshop) on the student free days during Term 1, January 2012. Write the following dates into your diary: **19 and 20 January from 9am - 12noon**. We accept cash or cheque but not ETPOS or credit cards.

All: shirts - \$28; shorts - \$18; dresses - \$34; hats - \$8.

Senior formal uniforms are also available: skirts \$35; girls' blouses \$37; boys' shirts \$28.



YEAR 12 FORMAL





Kuranda Kindy Kapers

2011 has been an action packed year from which another fine group of Kuranda's young are graduating. The PrePrep visit to Kuranda District State College on 10 November was a great success giving parents an opportunity to meet teaching staff while the children enjoyed a sample of Prep.

Our Christmas Party on 3 December at the Amphitheatre begins the farewells for 2011 as older children and our current Director Tamara Persse, After School Coordinator Tina Hale and long term Teaching Assistant Sue Jones move on to new things. Huge thank yous and good luck.

Meet Susan Johnstone Lord

Thank you to the Committee and community of Kuranda Kindy for such a warm welcome. The opportunity to participate now in the Kindy's wonderfully rich environment has allowed me to meet many families and experience the commitment of our Teaching Team to achieve the best outcomes for the children. My thanks also go to community members, Ngoonbi for their warm welcome and to the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre for inclusion in the Interagency meeting.

In 2006 my family arrived from our home city Christchurch, New Zealand where I was the Director of a Montessori Preschool, and Department of Education, Learning and Behaviour Resource Teacher. From 2006-2010 based in Cairns at the Flexible Learning Centre, I worked across the FNQ region as an Advisor for Education Queensland and then returned to the classroom to work with Grade 5 then Grade 2 students.

It is great to be working back in the Kuranda community again and see familiar faces at the Primary school and about town. So many wonderful opportunities exist for the children of Kuranda and they are indeed fortunate to have so many agencies working locally to ensure all is well for them.

2012 Enrolments and Play Dates

In 2012 our Kindy will return to the traditional day of 8.30am-2.30pm and cater primarily for four year olds. It is going to be an exciting year as we introduce the new quality framework. We are indeed fortunate to already meet the teaching qualification levels needed by 2014, and have a strong approved curriculum, C&K's *Building Waterfalls*.

Enrolments are filling fast so please contact the Kindy on 4093 8087 or call in and collect an Enrolment Booklet as soon as possible. Kindy resumes on 23 January but we extend and invitation to our new and returning children and families to visit with us for a play date on Saturday 21 January from 12pm and 2pm.

COME AND VISIT THE KINDY FOR A PLAY DATE!

New and returning children and families are invited to visit us and see our fantastic facilities.

WHEN

Saturday 21 January

TIME

Between 12pm and 2pm

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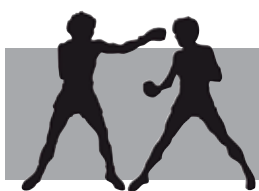
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Kuranda Stingers

On Saturday 12th November, nine members of the Kuranda Stingers Amateur Boxing Club travelled down to Charters Towers to compete in the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League Tournament. After a seven-hour odyssey down the Lynd Highway, with a broken alternator belt and push-starts at Roadhouses in Hell's Gate-like heat, we made it just in time for the weigh-in and matching up.

Six of our boys stepped into the ring that night, there would've been seven if David Diamond hadn't come down with the flu, but he did a great job along with Jerome Oui and Marcus Hunter, cheering the boys on with rock solid support!

First cab off the rank was Zac Richardson in his debut bout with a Townsville lad from the Kanaka Kings. Zac fought valiantly and impressed the judges with a unanimous decision win. Next up from the Stingers was Cecil Brim, in an exhibition bout with Joseph Geia from Palm Island, who is the current Queensland Amateur Champion in his division. Cecil went the distance in fine style, displaying plenty of heart and skill.

Jonathon Nandy showed great composure in his match against a local lad with a fair height/reach advantage and ring experience, boxing like the "Brown Bomber" and only just losing on points. The next contest saw Mitchell Brim dominate the ring with furious flurries against his opponent until he won resoundingly - Go the Brim brothers!

Dominic Oui jumped in the ring next and gave it his best shot, but didn't quite make it, followed by Kelvin Coleman who put on a sterling show and was narrowly beaten by points.

For five of our lads, this was their first time actually boxing in the ring at a tournament. The level of skill they displayed, the courage and determination shown by all, was inspiring and a tribute to their coaches, their club and to Kuranda.

It was noted by many at the event that we had travelled the furthest and fought hard and well. All had a great night and spirits were high the next day as we journeyed home with more Trophies and Tales! The Kuranda Stingers have made a mark on the boxing scene in Queensland this year already, and next year look to do even better! Keep your eye on them, these young men are fine ambassadors for both Kuranda and the noble art of pugilism.

Many thanks to David Brown, head coach; Shane Little, assistant coach; Persia Westropp-Hill, Treasurer; Ally Ti ani, Secretary; also thanks to Greg Mitchell and Terry McIntyre, KSJG Co-ordinator. We would also like to acknowledge Kuranda Foodworks and Butcher and Federation Street Automotive, for their support. The training facility at Ngoonbi Farm is still open for continuous fitness training for boys, girls, men and women.

For further inquiries please contact Stinger's Chairperson Blain Richards.



Wet Season Greens

The cold nights of last Winter meant a very good cropping garden for me. As usual, at this time of year with the weather heating up, the lettuce and broccolini have "bolted" and gone to seed. The Blue Lake and Purple King beans are still hanging in there giving hope they may last until Christmas.

There is a simple and easy way you can enjoy fresh greens right through the Wet season. To start yourself off, you need two (2) seed trays, a bag of Coles sunflower bird seed and a bag of organic potting mix.

Soak three (3) teacups of seed in a bowl of water for approximately 24 hours. Change the water two or three times, not allowing the water to become smelly.

Fill one of the seed tray with soils and water well. Spread the soaked seeds thickly on top of the soil. A plastic spray bottle is ideal for keeping the seeds moist until they grow into sturdy thick seedlings. Semi-shade is ideal for your planting.

At 2.5 - 3cms, you can harvest with a scissors to be eaten fresh with salads, juiced or steamed with other vegetables.

Half way through the tray, start another tray off to keep up a regular supply.

An old plant pot is good to empty your used soil into and after a few weeks can be recycled.

For those of you (like me) who have to battle brush turkeys, scrub hens, bandicoots, rats, mice etc., an old bird cage placed over the trays keeps them safe and easy to water. Once you set up your gear, it can be used for years.

(Thanks to Mary Von Keyserlingk - Mary is renowned for her small area but highly productive vegetable garden. If you ever have some heirloom vegetable seeds, Mary is someone to trial a few for the challenges of the Kuranda climate.)



Living in Kuranda

GREEN Seasons Greetings to all families in Kuranda!

Are you still in a whirlwind of frantic Christmas spending, planning and socialising? This isn't called the silly season or troppo season for nothing (and no sign of cyclones yet.) Are you already prepared?

What with work-related or clubs and organisation Christmas parties, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, the Australian Cricket Season and School Holidays still to come, it's enough to make a parent well...go troppo!

Don't fret. I've collected lots of internet links to share until our next edition in February 2012. Links that hopefully will encourage you to start a new Christmas tradition - **a Green Christmas!** Not a 'white Christmas' with more overflowing roadside rubbish littering the Kuranda Ranges, down our waterways and onto our Great Barrier Reef!!

This is a plea! Say NO to plastic bags. Say YES to biodegradable bags instead.

Yes, please keep the main culprit - plastic bags - out of land fill, out of our rainforests and our oceans.

Please do the Right Thing - Use the Right Bin and help clean up and Keep Australia Beautiful during the festive season.

- If you operate a business, please be plastic free and change to biodegradable merchandise.
- If you are a camper or tourist in our region, please keep all car litter in your car, not our roadsides.
- If you are an avid hiker or bush walker, please help keep our environment free of litter and collect the rubbish.
- If you are a beach walker, or dog walker, please take "doggie poop bags" with you. Cairns City Council supplies black "doggie poop bags" near the beach rubbish bins. Please use the bags and dispose of litter in the bins provided.

Schools - www.recyclenow.com/schools/index.html

Everyone - illegal dumping http://www.cleanup.org.au/PDF/au/cua_illegal_dumping_factsheet.pdf

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Don't be scared – be prepared

With the approaching wet and cyclone season we need to prepare ourselves, family, pets and home. I am finding the public are getting quite blasé, quite often I hear people say, "It will never hit Kuranda".

The fact is that there has previously been a cyclone come up through the gorge and cause significant destruction in the township of Kuranda. If we are unfortunate enough to have a repeat of history, the outcome would be far worse this time, due to the ever increasing housing developments and infrastructure around our district. On top of this, the wonderful rainforest we love can at times be quiet dangerous in severe winds and storms.

When cyclone "Yasi" hit Mission Beach area, Kuranda SES had to use cranes to remove two large trees from houses. There were also twenty driveways where fallen trees were preventing the owner's access to their homes. Imagine if you had a medical emergency and this happened to you, preventing you from being able to get help!

Kuranda also has to prepare for flooding, the Kennedy Highway Range Road gets cut off with mud slides all too often and the creeks on the Mareeba road have been known to flood to such an extent that vehicle access is restricted.

My question to you as a local resident is: Are you prepared for this?

Remember, if you can't get out of the town, then the trucks possibly can't get into the town. Foodworks is very prepared and have stocks available but leaving it until the last minute may mean that stocks are depleted quickly and unable to be replenished within the time frame needed. Also, remember to buy your fuel for your cars and generators early so you don't miss out if Kuranda can't get a delivery of fuel.

Take the time now to prepare for emergencies:

- Prepare your Household Emergency Plan
- Prepare your Home
- Prepare your Pets Emergency Plan and Kit
- Prepare your Household for Evacuation and your Evacuation Kit and locate your nearest local evacuation centre
- Remember to tune into Warnings via battery operated radio.

Tips for preparing your home

- Make sure your insurances are up-to-date before a cyclone is named as most insurance companies will not provide insurance once this occurs
- Trim trees and branches close to your house and out buildings
- Secure loose items in your backyard or property, by either storing away under shelter or tying down
- Clear gutters, downpipes and drains, check your roof for damage or corrosion and repair before wet season
- Make sure all shades, sails and awnings are properly fitted and secured
- Learn how to safely turn off your power, water and gas
- Test your generator, stale fuel can cause them to not start, test run for approx. 15-30mins. Make sure you have enough fuel to run the generator for one week
- Organize an evacuation Plan with the kids and practice regularly so they understand and know what to do in an emergency
- Organize the best room/closet for bunking down and prepare this room, make sure the children all know what this area will be for. This room should be in the strongest part of the house usually in the middle of your house away from windows and glass doors
- Buy extra masking tape and rope before wet season starts
- Prepare or check the contents of your Emergency kit to ensure items are in working order and have not expired. Ensure everyone in the house is aware of the location of your Emergency Kit. Store your Emergency Kit in a safe, dry accessible place.

Everyone has been informed on what to pack in their emergency kits, so I will not go into that, but an **Evacuation Kit should hold a few extra things:**

- Prepaid phone cards and coins for phone calls
- Games, playing cards etc
- Warm jumper, waterproof jacket, hat and gloves for everyone
- Closed-toed shoes or boots for everyone
- Whistle, utility knife, duct/masking tape

- Plastic garbage bags, ties
- Safety glasses and sun glasses
- Special Items for Infants (nappies, formula etc)
- Special items needed by elderly or people with special needs
- Spare house and car keys
- Pet food, water and other animal needs
- First Aid Kit and manual
- Essential medications, prescriptions and dosage
- Important documents – keep original or certified copies of the following documents in your Emergency Kit. Scan copies of these documents and save on a USB memory stick or CD to include in your kit. Keep all these items in sealed plastic bags
- Insurance papers for your house and contents, cars, and for valuable items
- Inventory of valuable household goods
- Wills and life insurance documents
- House deeds/mortgage documents
- Birth and marriage certificates
- Passports/visa details
- Stocks and bonds
- Medicare, pension cards, immunisation records
- Bank account and credit card details
- A back-up copy of important computer files, photographs
- Emergency contact phone numbers
- A children's wallet card to put into your child bags including: Mum and Dad's phone number; neighbours or another relative that doesn't live with you; any medication your child may need or if they

Useful hints from the SES for this cyclone season

have allergies; an arranged place to meet in the event you get separated; emergency numbers – 000 (112 from mobile).

Good idea to get the kids involved with making these and also a bracelet or locket that they can wear, with this information included in case of an evacuation.

Pet Emergency Kit

Ensure your Pet Emergency Kit is easily accessible and includes:

- Pet medications (for up to two weeks), medical and vaccination records and veterinarian details
- Sufficient food (including treats) and water (e.g. bottled) for each animal – for up to a two week period – don't forget the can opener for tinned food.
- A familiar pet blanket or bedding, toys, grooming equipment
- A secure pet carrier, leash or harness to move any animals to safety
- Consider your animal's sanitation needs, which is important for their (and your) health; e.g. newspaper, paper towels disinfectant, rubbish bags
- Birds must eat daily – put special food and water dispensers in bird cages and have a cover for the cage
- Important telephone numbers; e.g. your veterinarian, pet information and advisory services
- Details of identification methods
- A current photograph for identification purposes.

Be Pet Prepared

If considering moving animals to a safer place, do so early to avoid unnecessary risk. It may not be possible to take your pet with you to a temporary evacuation shelter – plan ahead and be prepared.

- Secure animals inside before an emergency event, so that they do not take flight or run away.
- Use a secure pet carrier/cage, leash or harness to move any animals to safety.
- Ensure all vaccinations remain current.
- It may be possible for your pet to be boarded in a safe environment away from the emergency zone.
- If you are able to house your animal in a temporary foster home, ensure your pet's medical and feeding information, food, medicine and other supplies accompany them to the foster home.
- Ensure all pets are properly identified. Remember – during times of disaster, telephones may not be available and it is important any registered method includes your current address.

In most cases, trained assistance dogs will be allowed to stay in emergency shelters with their owners. Those

that are accepted may require proper identification and proof of vaccination. Check with local council for more information.

Emergency alert: "Be warned, be informed"

It is now time to get prepared for Cyclone Season. Are your details up to date on the National Emergency Alert Register?

Australia's national telephone based warning system – Emergency Alert – sends messages to mobile phones and landlines within an affected geographical area, to let people know about a disaster or local emergency.

Warnings are sent using customer street address information as supplied to ensure you receive messages, it is vital that your service provider has your correct physical address. If you have moved recently, contact your service provider to register your new details.

<http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/Emergency%20Warning%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>
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Emergency Alert is a telephone warning system that authorities can use to provide warnings to communities. Emergency Alert can be used to send voice alerts via landline telephones based on the location of the handset, and text alerts to mobile phones based on the billing address. It is for use in a range of emergency situations, including extreme weather events and bushfires. You are not charged and will not have to pay for the alert. Importantly, you cannot opt out of receiving emergency alerts. If you receive an Emergency Alert, you need to listen carefully to the advice provided and act immediately. Voice messages will be repeated if you hold the line. You may be directed to finalise preparations, secure items around your home, shelter in place or commence evacuation to your predetermined safer location. Act immediately on the advice provided.

- Ensure all householders are aware of the warning and advice provided.
- Check on neighbours and friends who may need special assistance
- Activate your Household Emergency Plan
- Locate and collect your Emergency Kit
- Activate your evacuation arrangements if required.

If you are visiting or holidaying in Queensland from out of State, and do not have family or friends to shelter with, contact your accommodation manager to identify options for evacuation. For further information go to: www.disaster.qld.gov.au/ea/emergencyalert.asp

Helpful hints:

1. Windows/Glass Doors: the weakest link in protecting your house. If you tape the window all you are doing is holding the window together if it gets broken. The most effective way is to use a chess board pattern of tape across the windows. You do not stop the window from breaking, just holds it together. The best option for this is window tint as it holds the window in one piece. However, for the best protection consider installing a secure cover over the window to stop it from breaking. Plywood or boards across the windows will help considerably.
2. If your louvres get broken you can short time fix these by cutting a piece of heavy cardboard or thin timber the same size as the louver and place in the area concerned.
3. Roller doors: the best way to secure these are to place a board across the width of the door and screw through the roller door and using a large washer and a wing nut, secure the board into place. Depending on how large your door is you can place three boards on – one at head height, one at waist level and the other lower near knee level.
4. Remember if you need sandbags ring the SES (132 500) early and they can bring some around or supply you with some if they are busy with other more pressing matters.
5. After the event if you can throw a tarp up yourself safely, call 132 500 or drop into Kuranda SES in Fallon Road and pick up a tarp. Please remember though to make sure power is off at the mains before climbing on your roof, because with Solar panels now, your roof could be live.
6. You can ask the council or energy company to check trees on your street that may pose a threat to your property or power lines.

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7. Even if you've cleared your gutters recently, they can soon fill up with leaves and other debris, especially after a downpour. On average you should check they're clear every couple of weeks.
8. If you don't already know your neighbours, go and introduce yourself. They might need a hand getting storm ready. Plus, when bad weather strikes it's important to be able to tell the SES who lives nearby.
9. Make sure everyone in your household knows what to do in severe weather.
10. Remember to take your precious photos that can't be replaced.

A good site to keep an eye on for the weather is <http://www.bom.gov.au/qld>

If you would like a free map of Queensland so that you can track the cyclones, pop in to see Carol at the BP or catch up with us by coming along to our SES training nights on Tuesdays between 7.00-9.30pm. Who knows, you may even wish to become a volunteer.

There are three great web sites that you can check out and print the information, and also have the kids play games whilst they are learning what to do:

<http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq/css/REDiPlan.asp>

<http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq/css/publications.asp>

<http://www.redcross.org.au/emergency-resources.aspx>

SES is now on Facebook and has a lot of information.

Financials

Emergencies can cause obvious financial burden if you have to replace lost property. There might be financial assistance available from governments and other agencies after an emergency; however, this assistance is usually minor and targeted at immediate needs. It won't be enough to rebuild your home or replace valuables, so you will need to plan to cover financial losses caused by an emergency.

On a day-to-day basis, it makes good sense to have a personal or household financial plan. Centrelink also provides Financial Information Seminars, and can be contacted on 13 63 57 for further information. Make sure your household insurance policy covers you for all hazards you have identified. In some cases, insurance

policies do not cover flooding or acts of terrorism. The Insurance Council of Australia has guides to help you choose household insurance. Seek the advice of a financial planner on how to best protect yourself. Think about life insurance to protect your family. If you receive benefits from Centrelink, talk to them about how they can assist if an emergency occurs. Record all insurance details in your financial plan.

Before the storm or cyclone

- Remove loose objects that might get broken or cause damage if blown around
- Tie down (or fill with water) large, relatively light things like wheelie bins and boats
- Chain down your industrial bins or larger objects
- Shelter and secure your pets
- Shelter vehicles or cover them; do not park them under a tree; make sure you have a full tank of fuel in case you need, and are able to, evacuate
- If floods are likely, move outdoor equipment, cardboard boxes, garbage, chemicals and poisons to somewhere up high
- Fill your sinks and bath and buckets with fresh drinking water. (Don't rely on your tank – it may not be there afterwards)
- Identify indoor items you'll need to raise or empty if flood threatens
- Tape up your windows with diagonal stripping, if available put mattresses against large windows or doors
- Check your emergency kit is easily accessible.

During the storm or cyclone

- Stay safe when the storm or cyclone hits; it is no time for a drunken cyclone party
- Shelter in the strongest part of your home, like the bathroom, cellar, hallway or built-in wardrobe
- If necessary, cover yourself with a mattress, blanket, doona or tarpaulin, under a table
- Stay clear of windows and skylights. Close curtains and blinds to protect against flying glass
- Listen to a portable radio for weather updates
- If you're driving, slow down or park away from trees, power lines and creeks or rivers
- Don't use the landline telephone and disconnect

electrical appliances – it's dangerous if there's lightning about

- Don't shelter under a tree – if you're outside, find solid shelter
- Don't lie down if you're caught outside without shelter, crouch down low with your feet together. (You want as little of your body touching the ground as possible to reduce the risk of being struck by lightning).

Do not use portable generators in enclosed spaces. They produce carbon monoxide – a colourless and odourless gas that can cause incapacitation or death.

After the storm or cyclone

1. Check your home for damage to windows, walls or roof
2. Beware of fallen power lines, damaged trees and flooded creeks
3. If returning to your home, make sure electricity and gas is off before going inside. Use only a torch until you're sure there's no gas around
4. For emergency assistance call your local State Emergency Service on 132 500
5. Check your neighbours are OK
6. Look out for spiders and snakes that may have moved in to escape the flood
7. Don't eat food that's been in contact with floodwater and boil water until supplies have been declared safe
8. If you must enter flood waters, wear solid shoes, not thongs or bare feet, and check the depth and current with a stick
9. Have gas appliances inspected and cleaned to prevent an explosion or fire
10. Check your smoke detectors are still working
11. Don't use electrical items that got wet; have them professionally tested
12. Remove what excess water you can and mop sodden carpets
13. Stay away from drains, culverts and water that's more than knee-deep
14. Don't drive until you know it's safe
15. Don't let children play in or near floodwaters
16. Always follow flood warning signs
17. Keep safe while driving - Never drive through flood water.

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CASSOWARIES

The DNA results are known at last and we'll present them to you in the next Kuranda Paper. We'll also be able to give you a list of the plants they've been eating in Kuranda. Finally we are seeing the big picture and it will guide the decisions that are made about cassowary habitat in this region.

Please keep us informed if you see a cassowary. Try to gauge its colour and size and be as precise as you can about its location. This is very helpful in keeping tabs on their movements. And talking of movements, please let us know if you see any cassowary poo. Of course you can collect it, being careful not to get any of your DNA on the sample, but we'll come and collect it if you'd prefer.

Please call us on 4093 8834

- if you see a cassowary
- if you see a cassowary scat, or
- if you think a cassowary is being threatened by dogs or people, such as on the Kuranda Range Road.

It's the same every year – the feral pigs hide out at this time because they've heard about how we like to have them for Christmas dinner

FERAL PIGS

The other reason we're not getting so many calls is because so many have been eliminated. But don't worry, they will regroup and come back to your garden and bananas when you're off guard.

However, if there is the odd one or group out there, give us a call on 4093 8834 and we'll try to get a trap to you. We'll probably need a hand erecting the trap and you'll have to keep it baited until it is caught. Then we'll arrange to have it shot and removed.

SNAKES

Please don't hurt a snake. They're part of the environment in which we live. Give us a call if you want one removed: 4093 8834.

...AND PLANTS

Nursery is open most of the time because we live there. We're on hand to help so don't hesitate to drive through - check us out.

Address: 1 Pademelon Lane (off corner Fallon Road and Kennedy Hwy - where we've always been).

BEWARE of those who promote Singapore Daisy for any use whatsoever in your garden, for they are prophets of doom. It is a terrible and invasive weed and has no place in Australia's Wet Tropics environment. There are many other more suitable plants and we have them in the community nursery.



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Kuranda Film Society

Saturday 10th December at 4.00 pm

(EXCEPTIONAL ONCE-ONLY NEW TIME)

at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road

Bring a plate to share.

Subscriptions for 2012 is \$20 per year, commencing February,
or \$5 for a one-day membership.

For more information ring Hans at 4093 8393

Off the Map

Based on the play by Joan Ackermann (and adapted by Ackermann for the screen), *Off the Map* recalls one summer in the life of an offbeat family living off the land in rural New Mexico. It's essentially a series of dialogue-driven scenarios that actors like Joan Allen and Sam Elliott can sink their teeth into; Scott guides them there while avoiding any unnecessary scene-chewing or melodrama that could come with the subject matter. That's an accomplishment in itself – but the visual dreaminess and charm that Scott weaves into, and wraps around, his performances elevate the film into a poignant and thoughtful work of art.

Off the Map exists in the mind of Bo Groden (Valentina de Angelis), a bold, inquisitive 12-year-old girl, the only child of Arlene (Allen), an earthy no-nonsense family stronghold, and Charley (Elliott), a secretive, silent man suffering from unbearable depression. Bo tells of the one summer (presumably in the late 1960s) that served as the best – and maybe also the worst – of her life, during months of Dad's unstoppable crying and an audit from the IRS.

House of Bamboo

An American military policeman infiltrates a Japanese-based crime organisation which is responsible for the robbery of a munitions train outside Tokyo. The policeman assumes the identity of a gangster while the gang is a para-military organisation recruiting only ex-GIs. Fuller's intention was to show that the only difference between the police and the gangsters is a tin badge. There are also overtones of the ugly American in Asia.

The actress Shirley Yamaguchi is Japanese, born in China and is a singer, actor and diplomat.

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phones help to achieve significant environmental outcomes. This includes restoring native vegetation and protecting endangered species; all by recovering and reusing the materials in old mobiles through recycling with Mobile Muster.

Last year Mobile Muster, via Landcare Australia, supported 4 projects, including Kuranda Envirocare's endangered species project at Warrill Creek. This project involves planting 5,500 trees as a corridor around the mouth of Warrill Creek and along the riparian stretches of the Barron River, for Southern Cassowary and the Kuranda Tree Frog.

Mobile phones are not biodegradable, but are 90 per cent recyclable. "It's estimated that seven out of 10 Australians have at least one unused mobile that could be recycled." source Mobile Muster.

Ask about mobile phone recycling at your local mobile phone seller.

A good news "Out of Africa" story

You missed a really heartening story - John Beasley spoke on a great result for land restoration through Agro forestry in the very poor Sahel region of Africa. The tree of choice is a fast growing deciduous acacia, and maize crop yields have doubled or trebled in the last 10 years when this tree overhangs the cropping fields

Check it out at www.worldagroforestrycentre.org

"A brown revolution for Africa", 3rd blog on left hand side

Armchair conservationist??

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Check out www.edgeofexistence.org/instantwild/

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

Your opinions are always welcome.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas: It's that time of year again. I hope that you enjoy a happy, safe and relaxing Christmas. Thank you to the Kuranda community for your support throughout 2011 and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Kuranda Community Precinct: The latest newsletter was distributed to mailboxes last week. The newsletter shows details on the next steps for the Kuranda Community Precinct as well as the complete Council Resolution.

- Retain the site as a community facility (shared use/ multi use)
- Relocate Library and Council Office to Building C
- Remove buildings A and B (Tenders will be called soon)
- Offer old Pre-School site and one small block for sale in order to fund development of the community facility
- Make part of Building C available for community use without compromising current facilities in Kuranda (***Expressions of Interest for community groups to use the facility will be advertised after Christmas.***)

I am pleased that we now have a plan for the future of the facility and the site. As I have always said, this is a complex and costly project and it will take some time until the site is able to be used to the full potential. However, the Kuranda community will soon be able to benefit with some additional community facilities.

Mayor's Christmas Appeal: The annual Christmas Appeal is still open. The appeal supports Kuranda families in need of a little extra help at Christmas. Any families or individuals can apply at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre or through the Anglican Church Kuranda. Anyone who wishes to make a cash donation can do so at Council offices or at the Kuranda Library.

Australia Day Awards: Nominations for awards in a number of categories are now open. Full details are on the Council website and in this paper. I would like to encourage Kuranda residents to submit some nominations as there are many deserving people in our community.

TRC Planning Scheme: The draft Planning Scheme is almost complete and now ready to be sent to the state government for state interest checks. Public consultation will occur in the first part of 2012. Contact at Council is Paul Want Ph 1300 362 242.

New Aged Housing Units: Building on the units in Harriman St and Thoree St will commence during the next 12 months. Allocation of places in these units is made by Council in conjunction with Qld Housing. Contact at Council is Bob Graham Ph 1300 362 242.

Local Laws: The period for public comment/ feedback on the new Draft Local Laws has now closed. These Local Laws cover a whole range of matters, including matters such as animal management, goods on footpaths and environmental management. Every Council in Qld. is required by the state to update their Local Laws and all current Local Laws will expire on Dec 31st 2011. Contact at Council is Julie Buckley. Ph 1300 362 242.

Works at Barang Street: Works on repairs to Barang Street are progressing well. A local company, HEH, is undertaking the works at a total cost of approx. \$523,730.40 (funded by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority). The amount of earthworks and drainage is significant and the project is hoped to be completed by early January.

Pedestrian, Traffic and Parking Study: The first phase of the study has been completed. Senior Traffic Engineer, Andrew Eke, has a full report in this edition of the Kuranda Paper. Council recently received a briefing on the issues identified and the final report

will be made to Council in early 2012. Most importantly, the study is focussed on the needs of both local residents and tourism operations. I must also add that despite "rumours", no proposals for any changes have yet been decided. There is more consultation yet to occur and Council has not made any decisions about the study. Thanks to all residents and business operators who have provided comments to the consultants. Please take a look at the updates/ maps displayed at the Library and other sites around the village. The study covers all issues related to parking and traffic and pedestrian movement within the Kuranda Village. The study and any resulting works will be subject to Council decision and will be funded from developer contributions (not from general rates).

Budget Review: Council will be doing a 3 month Budget Review this month. Some of the projects for consideration include further works at the Kuranda Community Precinct, toilets at Ros Common Speewah and additional seating in Centenary Park. At the time of writing full details of the outcome are not available.

Congratulations: Well done to the *Kuranda coots* who recently celebrated their first birthday with a stunning series of performances of "The Beast". It is great to see these talented Kuranda performers doing so well.

Council Meetings: Council Meetings in November will be held on Wednesday November 2nd in Mareeba and Wednesday November 16th in Atherton. Anyone is welcome to attend meetings. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office.

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

Merry Christmas Everyone!



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Housing Boost to meet the needs of Kuranda residents: On October 31, I met with community members in Kuranda to discuss housing needs and announced a further \$11.8 million for new homes in the Kuranda area.

The breakdown of the funding is:

- \$5 million to construct up to 10 dwellings at Mantaka. Seven sites have been identified at Mantaka for the dwellings and construction is expected to start after the wet season. When completed, these new dwellings at Mantaka will house approximately 25 people.
- \$6.8 million to provide up to 17 additional homes to help families find suitable accommodation in the Kuranda area.

The funding follows my announcement (mentioned in my November column), of \$7 million dollars for the construction of 16 new homes on land owned by Ngoonbi and the renovation of 24 existing Ngoonbi dwellings in Kuranda. In total, this historic housing investment will provide up to 43 new homes in Kuranda.

The Department of Communities will continue to work closely with the community on the detail of these

important projects.

New Community Sports Fields Opened: On November 10, I officially opened the new community sports field located at Kuranda District State College. The state government contributed \$260,000 towards installing a bore, irrigation system, topsoil and turf. Sports such as rugby league, cricket, and soccer can now enjoy the fields and I expect many more sports and activities will take place there. A lot of hard work has gone into developing these sports fields and thanks must go to the College P&C for their contribution of \$20,000. If you or your club or organisation would like to use the fields, please contact the school or Tableland Regional Council.

Old Kuranda Primary School: I am very disappointed to learn that the Tablelands Regional Council is pressing ahead with its decision to carve up and sell off part of the old primary school site. This is against the wishes of the majority of the Kuranda community. The site was made available to the former Mareeba Shire on the basis that it would be kept and developed for community purposes. To do otherwise is

a breach of faith with the state and the community. I would like to see no action taken on Council's decision until after the Council elections in March 2012 to give the people of Kuranda an opportunity to have their say on this decision.

SMS Service: As the wet season approaches, take care on the roads and consider registering for the free Kuranda Range SMS service on 4050 5425. Work will continue next year on further safety upgrades on the Kuranda Range Road.



As this will be my final column for 2011, I would like to thank everyone in the community who has worked with me this year and I wish all the residents of the Kuranda, Koah and Speewah district a very merry Christmas and happy new year. I look forward to seeing you again early in 2012.

Finally, a big thank you to the team at the Kuranda Paper who do such a great job keeping the community informed and entertained by locals on local issues.



WHAT'S ON

The Barron Falls Hotel has a lot on offer and will be introducing new ideas, events, facilities as the renovations proceed. So, if you haven't been to the hotel lately, call in and see the "before", then call in over the next twelve months to have a meal, enjoy a function, buy a bottle of wine or just sit back and relax in the beer garden. However, if you are unsure of what's available we provide the following guide



Bistro

A new professional culinary team have been assembled at the hotel in the last few weeks headed by Executive Chef Ben Parker. Ben came up from the Sunshine Coast where he ran the restaurant in a 5 star hotel. He has had extensive experience cooking in venues in southern Queensland. His style of cooking could be described as modern Australian fusion, incorporating a range of Japanese flavours into his menus. John Peterson has arrived from Cape Tribulation to act as second chef to Ben and he too has many years of experience in preparing quality consistent meals that patrons demand. The team is supported by local chef John Brathwaite and newly appointed apprentice Aaron.

A new menu will be available from Monday 5th December 2011 and will run over the December, January period.

Gaming Room

The current gaming room is being expanded to include the ten gaming machines currently located in the public bar. As this occurs the majority of the machines will be upgraded and will include a linked jackpot. New gaming stools will be provided for all machines so your stay is comfortable as you enjoy the games.

Public Bar

When the gaming machines are moved from the public bar the bar will be rearranged to include darts, weekly poker tournaments, and on Friday nights you will be able to dance to the tunes of a DJ or the beautiful sounds of the locals at the karaoke machine.

Beer Garden

As discussed on page 4 the beer garden is being completely rebuilt to include a roof, so bookings can be made without the worry of the weather. New furniture will be installed so eating in this area will be enjoyable and comfortable.

The bar in the beer garden will continue to provide beer specials on weekends like the \$5 Coronas as well as ice cold alcoholic and non-alcoholic slushies and the world famous "illy" brand of coffee from Italy.

Bottle Shop

Anyone that has visited the Hotel in the past four weeks would have been surprised by the new "temporary" bottle shop that now has a large display of beers, wines, spirits and premixed drinks on display at very competitive prices. More importantly the staff are there to provide service to our customers and carry cartons to your car and assist you in product choice. The range of wines is increasing each week as we source products based on price and quality. The owners are more than willing to order in new products to meet your requirements. Please let the staff know and allow 2 weeks for ordering and transport. There is also ice available at \$3 per bag and a range of Christmas gifts available. If you haven't been to the new bottle shop call in and have a browse before you buy down the Range and support the people who are supporting local jobs.

Other Services

The Barron Falls Hotel also has an ATM located in the bistro area, provides EFTPOS facilities, Keno is now in the public bar and the bistro bar, full TAB facilities covering races across Australia, and, of course, the courtesy bus which is available for dining patrons for that safe ride home. Overall the Barron Falls Hotel has something for everyone - so come on in and give it a go.

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Local Rainforest Trees: available at Nursery in Myola Road near Warril Creek bridge. Donations to support land care work. Kuranda Envirocare 4093 8989.

Speewah Country Market: every Sunday 8.00am-2.00pm. Local produce, country prices. Have a stall \$5. Enquiries 4093 0361.

2 roller doors 2x2 metres \$200 contact 4093 7511

Australia Day Bike Ride, Kuranda to Davies Creek: for interest contact Simon 0421 313 281

Moving Sale: Lots of good quality furniture. Galvanized chook pen and trailer and much, much more! Sat 3rd December. 94 William Smith Drive, Kuranda.

Request for second hand sewing machines and people with the skills to service them. If you have a working second hand sewing machine you are no longer using or you are handy with servicing machines, we would really appreciate your kind donation or assistance. Phone the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on 4093 8933 and ask for Ceri or Marg.

Table Tennis Players Wanted: If there are any table tennis players in Kuranda who are interested in practicing on an irregular basis, please do get in touch with me. I have an excellent table, under cover, at my home in Kuranda. Thomas 4093 9154, tompmchris@gmail.com

Wanted: Building materials for farm shed. Steel C sections (200 x 2400 x 6m). Custom orb zinc roofing 6m lengths. Roofing screws for zinc custom orb (cyclone capped.) Steel z sections (100 x 1800 x 3.5m.) Galv flat bar 75 x 8 various lengths. Ph 4093 7279 (leave message we'll phone back.)

Property and Pizza evening: Find out how to invest in property and still afford to enjoy life. Retire wealthy, save tax. Rent your way to riches. Wed 18 Jan 2012 6:30 pm. Rec Centre, Fallon Road. Pizza is free. Seats are limited. Bookings essential. Call Shelly 0416 691 605



KURANDA PEDESTRIAN, TRAFFIC AND PARKING STUDY

STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT STAGE

Thank you to all that have contributed to the study to date. We have completed our assessment of the 'Existing Situation' and now entering into developing potential strategies to cater for identified transport shortcomings around the village. This process will involve increased consultation with the public to gather input and reactions to potential improvements to the traffic, pedestrians and parking configurations around Kuranda.

STUDY PHASES



From early December through to the end of January, we will be providing Information Displays and Comment Drop Boxes at a number of locations around the village. These will include details and concept plans for potential strategies that could be recommended to Council for further investigation. Locations to find Information Displays and Drop Boxes include:

1. Kuranda Library;
2. Kuranda Neighbourhood and Community Centre;
3. Kuranda Police Station;
4. Ngoonbi Co-Operative Society; and
5. Kuranda Visitors Centre.

Information Displays and Plans will also be available online at <http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/my-community/kuranda-community>. We encourage all residents, business operators and visitors to view the potential plans and we welcome both positive and negative feedback on the potential improvements to accurately assess the communities sentiments.

It is important to note that these plans showing potential improvements are **DRAFT PROPOSALS ONLY** and are **NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL**. Identified proposals will be further assessed based on community feedback before any recommendations to Council are made.

Timelines for the potential improvements will be spread over the next 10 years following further assessment by Council and availability of funding.

For more information about the study please visit:

<http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/my-community/kuranda-community> or phone Council on 1300 362 242.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Kuranda Transfer Station Opening Times

Monday & Friday 7am-10am • Wednesday 3pm-6pm
 Saturday 8am-12pm • Sunday 1pm-5pm

Kuranda Branch Library and Council Office

4-12 Thoree Street • Phone 4093 9185

www.library.muc.qld.gov.au

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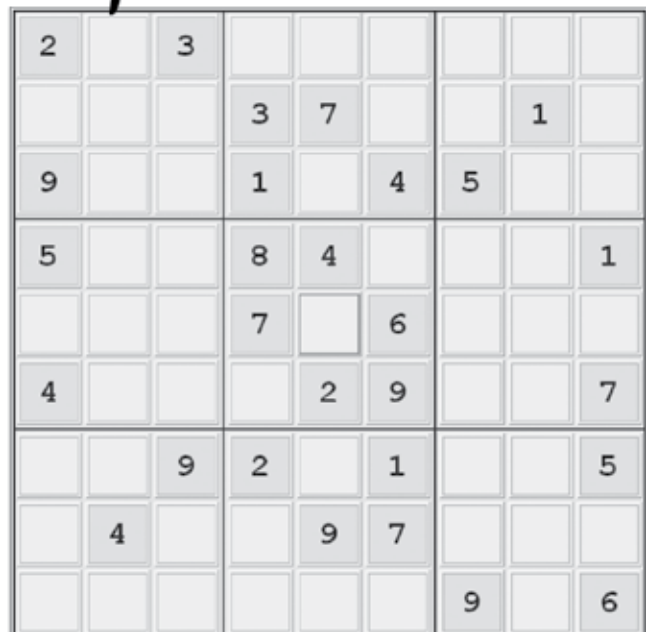
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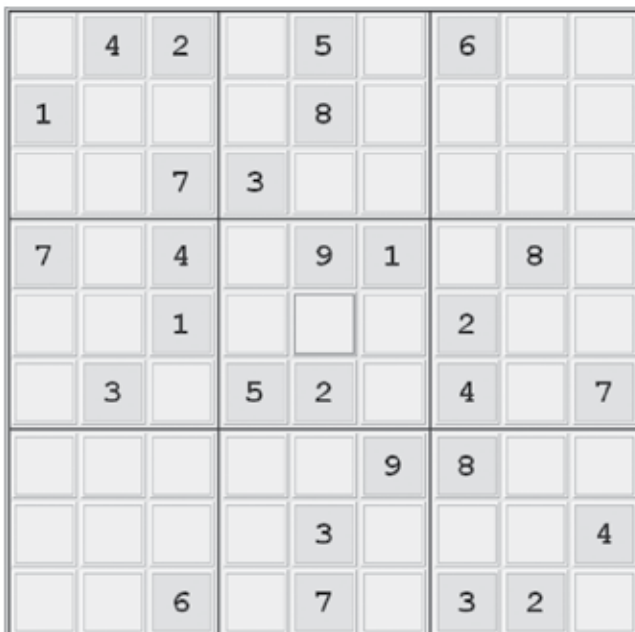
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1st Sat	Garden Group 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
Every Sun	A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599 Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361 Kuranda Film Society 4.00pm to 8.00pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
1st Sun	Uniting Church Recreation Centre 5.00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
2nd Sun	Simply Friendship Club. Men and women over 45. Kuranda Resort 12.00 to 3.00pm. Nola: Ph 4093 8824
2nd & 4th Sun	Acappella Singing 7.30 to 9.00pm, Recreation Centre. For more info call Jane Younghusband 4093 0463. Yoga for Seniors. 9:00am CWA Hall, Phone 4093 7401 Al-Anon Family Groups 7.00pm and 6.00pm respectively Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380 H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9.00am start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617 Soccer Training , Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109
Every Mon.	Kuranda Horse and Pony Club 7.30pm Mantaka Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026 KNC Management Committee Meeting 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933
Every Mon & Fri	Aquafitness at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 6.15pm. 4093 7109. Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196 Yoga 6.00pm Kuranda Resort and Spa: Contact Aileen 4093 7401 8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537 The KCCT meets at Malcolm's Original Markets at 4.30pm. Tourism Kuranda meets behind St. Saviour's Church. Kuranda SES Training , 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642
1st Mon	Mareeba Toastmasters meets 7.30–9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.
3rd Mon	Aquafitness at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 8.30am. 4093 7109. Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary) Craft and Social Morning at QCWA hall 9.00am Kuranda Playgroup – 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lynda 4093 8361. Weekly Meditations/Reflections 7.00pm at The Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street. Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm–7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380 Yoga at CWA Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome Soccer Training , Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109 Kuranda Interagency Network Mtng 2.00pm at KNC QCWA meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016 Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
Every Tue	Aquafitness at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 6.15pm. 4093 7109. Rotary 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206 Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196 Women's Acapella Choir Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre, Cumberland Ave, Smithfield 7.00–9.00pm Thursdays Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road
1st Tue	Australia Day Bike Ride Kuranda to Davies Creek , contact Simon 0421 313 281
2nd Tue	Health and Lifestyle. CWA Hall 7.00pm to 9.00pm. (Free) Maxine 4093 9092 or Anneliese 4033 5772 Aqua Tonics at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 11.00am. 4093 7109. Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm at the Recreation Centre, Fallon Road Zumba: CWA Hall. 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Contact Bryony 4093 7298
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Kuranda	0408 077 746	Nick
Myola	4093 7190 / 0408 151 199	Duncan
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*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY			
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CAIRNS (Spence St)	6.45am	8.30am	11.30am	1.30pm	3.00pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	6.47am	8.32am	11.32am	1.32pm	3.02pm
CAIRNS (Central)	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.10pm
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.15pm	2.15pm	4.05pm
KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE					
Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.20am	9.55am	1.10pm	2.55pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.25am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	8.32am	10.02am	1.17pm	3.02pm	4.55pm
7.30am Shuttle via SKYRAIL, CARAVONICA, TAFE, CAIRNS HIGH					
3.00pm Shuttle via CAIRNS HIGH, TAFE, CARAVONICA					

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS						
Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
ATHERTON	6.15am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.15am	9.00am	9.00am
MAREEBA	6.45am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.45am	9.30am	9.30am
KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.30pm	7.30am	10.05am	10.05am
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.15am	11.20am	5.20pm	8.15am	11.20am	11.20am
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	11.25am	5.35pm	8.35am	11.25am	11.25am
CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS						
Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.30am	3.15pm	5.45pm	8.30am	3.15pm	3.15pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	3.20pm	5.50pm	8.35am	3.20pm	3.20pm
KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.25pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.55pm	9.45am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON	10.20am	5.10pm	7.30pm	10.20am	5.10pm	5.10pm
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OPERATE ON SUNDAY TIMES						
NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY						

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Sunday 4th Dec – Mark Burton

Friday 9th Dec
Rob Ratten – Velvet11
Sunday 11th Dec
Rob Ratten – Velvet11

Friday 16th — Mark Burton
Saturday 17th

Christmas party
Mark Burton
Sunday 18th --- Mark Burton

Friday 23rd – Muso James
Saturday 24th Dec

Christmas Eve
ClassX Band

Saturday 31st Dec

New Years Eve
open till 2am
Music with Mark Burton

Support
Local
Music

Celebrate!
New Years Eve
live music with
Mark Burton
Open till 2am