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Kuranda Day Festival 2012



GRAB YOUR UNDIES and start practising your paddling as Kuranda Day Celebration is drawing near with the annual Bash of the Barron River Raft Race and the Great Undie Fun Run attracting fierce competition. Kuranda Day marks the official survey of the village back in 1888 and there will be a massive line-up of festivities from 10am to 4pm throughout the village on October 21st.

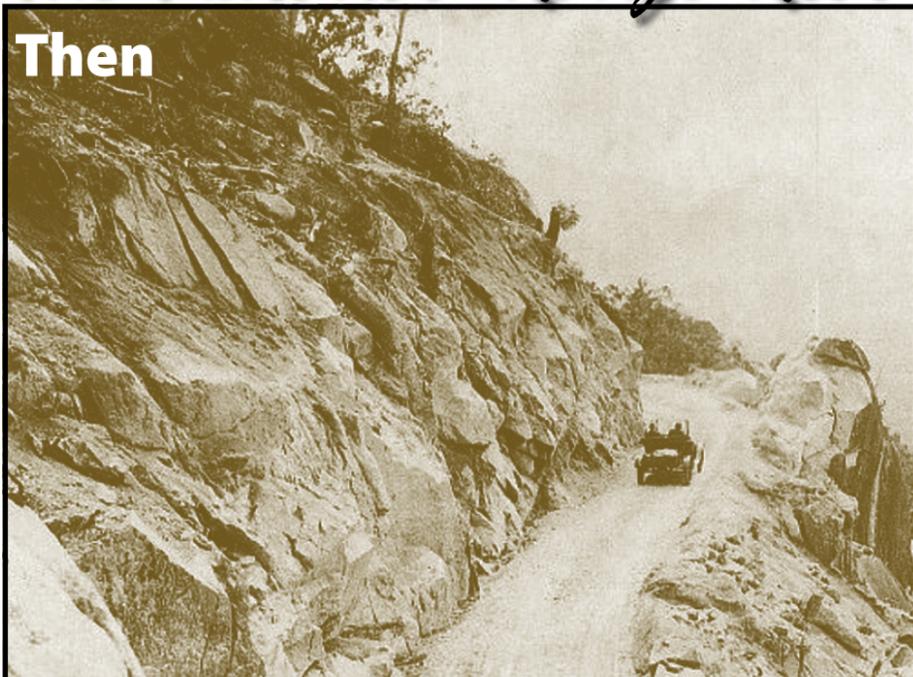
This year Kuranda also is celebrating the 70th anniversary of the completion of the Kuranda Range Road and would love to see vintage cars and motorbikes join a commemorative convoy up the range on the day. Coondoo Street will close during the day so the car and bike owners can showcase their vehicles. Please email tk@kuranda.org to participate and book your spot.

Challengers are being sought to wolf down wurst in the German Tucker Sausage Eating Competition or join the Mad Hatters Tea Party at the Original Kuranda Markets. A Poets' Breakfast will be held at Queen Bee Café and there are FREE boat cruises on the Barron River between 11am and 4pm.

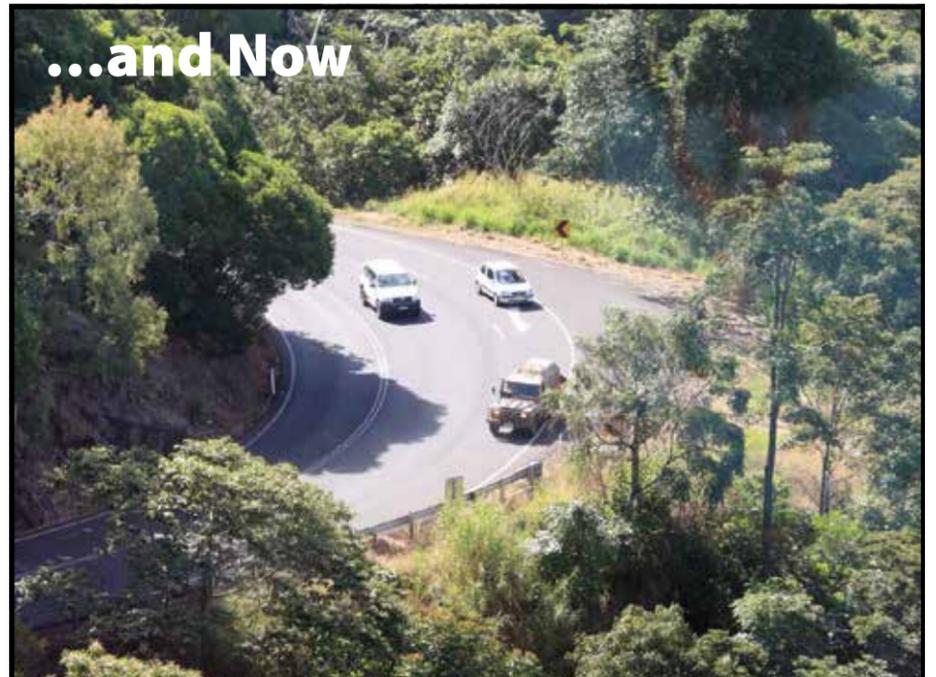
The line-up of free entertainment includes Koahlition Reggae, buskers, a circus workshop, jumping castles, stilt walkers and face painting. There will be music in Centenary Park and the Honey & Spice Ukulele Group at the Arts Co-op and a special organ recital at St Saviour's Church. There will also be a number of special deals for locals including a 50% discount on the Kuranda Scenic Railway & 20% on Skyrail, plus FREE 30 minute Barron River Boat Cruises all day!

See page 3 for a full program of the Kuranda Day Festival.

The Kuranda Range Road



Then



...and Now

Concept released for new Kuranda Visitor Information Centre

If the Tablelands could be said to have a front door, especially as regards tourism, it would be Kuranda.

"We are all aware of the wonderful work of our volunteers right across our network of Visitor Information Centres in giving visitors to our region all the information they need to enjoy their stay," Mayor Rosa Lee Long said. "And they do it with a warm welcome and a smile. They are all great ambassadors.

"Concept drawings for the new Kuranda Visitor Information Centre have been released. The Centre will be a real boost for the village and for the region. And it will help meet the growing demand which saw us originally look at expanding the existing centre. It quickly became apparent however that the best return on investment would



be to come up with a new facility all together.

Division 8 Councillor Jenny Jensen said the design, by award-winning architect Charles Wright, was impressive. "The new Visitor Centre has been a very long time coming, after two previous attempts," Cr Jensen said. "It will be a major improvement on what has, for years, been the smallest Visitors' Information Centre in the region at just 33 square metres in area. The fact staff and volunteers have been able to serve 5,000 visitors per month from

such cramped confines is entirely to their credit."

Cr Jensen said the new Centre would be funded as a major project of the Kuranda Infrastructure Fund.

COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4881

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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

Praise for Columnists

Just wanted to say congratulations on your excellent editions of *The Kuranda Paper*.

I come from a small town in New South Wales and have been holidaying with relatives for three months, and I am taking some copies of your paper to give some ideas to our crew who produce the monthly newspaper at home – which I'm afraid is most uninspiring.

I particularly love the various columns such as "The Healthy Kuranda-ite" (have picked up all kind of wonderful tips); The Healthy Yonini (have been practising daily and cannot wait to find a Yoga class when I get home), and the Astrology column (very inspiring and intelligently compiled).

The Letters to the Editor are always an interesting read.

Also, I love your little village, the beauty of the surroundings (especially the majestic Barron Falls), and the wonderful colourful residents – very different to the average small town in Ausutralia.

I certainly plan to come back.

Eugena Whittaker, NSW

Not-so-happy Campers

Why does Kuranda experience a dramatic lull every day at around 3.00pm? Tourists and travellers are basically forced out of Kuranda in order to find shelter and or a base camp. Why is there currently no council-driven campground for use by tourists and travellers within walking distance of Kuranda? Don't you know this effects the business community limiting their trade to the flow of coaches, trains and the skyrail? Businesses would have more of an opportunity at sales if people were able to extend their time within the village. Most people who camp out still require the use of basic amenities like rubbish bins and toilets. Recently places like the Barron River have been host to many campers. However I think it is unfortunate that without the correct knowledge or amenities fragile ecosystems like such may be a thing of the past. If tourists have an urge to stay longer, and they don't have space provided, they will just make one. Other towns have the option of offering a discounted and/or free camping space within walking distance of their CDB. Kuranda's community and business trade would benefit immensely with the creation of a camping space within walking distance of the CBD. The Tablelands has a lot to offer everyone, be it the bushwalker or cocktail sipper. Kuranda is just one gateway to the Tablelands that can provide a sustainable future for the region – providing we provide it with the space and facilities to do so. Regardless of the fact that fines apply for camping in restricted places, people will still need to sleep. Be it the bushwalker or the cocktail sipper.

– Ian Melville, Kuranda

Kuranda Men's Shed

I am aware that some people have strong opinions about both the Men's Shed and Block B at the Kuranda Community Precinct.

I am very much in support of having a Men's Shed in Kuranda and always have been. However, I have not supported the Block B location for a number of reasons. As a Councillor, I have considered the views of the whole community as well as the long term plans for a community precinct that will meet the needs of the broad Kuranda district without any extra costs to residents.

Here's a summary of what has happened over the past four years regarding Block B and the Men's Shed (please ask if you want more detail. Council resolutions are on the TRC website)

- October 2008 Public Information Community meeting
- 2009-10 various works on Block C and Amenities Block
- June 2 2010 Council approved Master Plan for the whole site and this included removal of Blocks A and B
- October 2010 public Meeting to discuss community concerns over the Council decision > Council agreed to further community consultation
- February 2011 to approx September 2011 Community Consultation by outside consultants "Engagement Plus" > 80% community support for Council to proceed as per June 2 2010 Council Resolution to remove both Blocks A and B
- 19 October 2011 Council re-confirmed June 2 2010 Resolution
- November 2011–April 2012 Council Officers worked on implementing the resolution (including tenders for the removal of Blocks A and B and calling for EOIs for using top floor of Block C)
- May 2012 Kuranda Men's Shed submitted initial Proposal to Council to retain Block B for the group
- June 2 2012 Council agreed to postpone removal of Block B and allow Men's Shed group until August 31 2012 to develop a full Submission to Council.
- September 20 2012 Council resolution to re-confirm Council Resolution of October 19 2011 and to proceed with removal of Blocks A and B
- September 20 2012 Council Resolution to assist Kuranda Men's Shed in finding a location and funding opportunities.

I hope that I, and Council, will have the opportunity to work with the Men's Shed group to find a location and grants funding so that the Men's Shed can be established.

Despite not having access to Block B, I hope that the Kuranda Men's Shed will work with Council and me to continue their efforts to have the Men's Shed established for this community.

Cr Jenny Jensen

In Response to FoE Kuranda Article

I found Friends of the Earth Kuranda's article 'What are we drinking' in your September issue very interesting. I was horrified to discover the possible pollutants entering into our town water which may well bypass Tablelands Regional Council's filtration system. I have installed a 22,500 litre food standard poly rainwater tank on my property in Kuranda. It is fed from the shed guttering which has gutter guard protection as well as a mesh filter at the point of entry of the tank. I contacted the plumbing inspector at Tablelands Regional Council to discuss what permission was needed to connect my tank water to the house for domestic water purposes. They told me that tank water could only be used for the toilet and washing machine and that, as my property had a town water connection, I had to use that for everything else including personal washing as well as drinking water. We live in a country where certain parts have drought conditions with water restrictions in place during the dry season. We are very fortunate to live in Tropical Far North Queensland where this is not an issue. However I am forced to drink possibly contaminated town water and watch my pure rainwater pour out of the overflow during the rainy season. I believe the council's stance has nothing to do with health and safety issues but more to do with ensuring as much revenue as possible flows into council funds via the water rates. Surely this is bureaucracy gone mad.

Keith Treadwell

Friends of the Earth Kuranda (FoE Kuranda) made some totally unsubstantiated 'statements' in the September edition of *The Kuranda Paper*. They questioned how safe the water was to drink and they 'remain unconvinced' about its safety. They made some scary statements about pollution going into the river from Tinaroo and the old gold mines along the Clohesy River. They didn't forget the herbicides, pesticides, fungicides and the list went on. They gave no facts. Bearing in mind this is the crowd that produced an 'expert' a number of years ago who claimed that his country (from memory Sweden) had banned glyphosate type products. He produced selective 'information' showing why the products had been banned. It turned out he was an absolute fake just like the misinformation he had been peddling. It seems that FoE Kuranda is still peddling selective misinformation. If it is as bad as you suggest, produce the facts from those certified to test water. At least then you will have some credibility but at this stage your credibility is about zero.

John W. Goss

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Village in the Rainforest

KURANDA DAY FESTIVAL Sunday 21 October 2012

Hot FM Outside Broadcast 10.00am – 1.00pm with Nick & Jess

Music, Poetry and more

- 8.00-9.30am Poets' Breakfast at Queen Bee Café (Original Markets)
- 9.30-10.30am Special Kuranda Day Thanksgiving Service – St Saviour's Church
- 10.00-10.30am Bosko and Honey Ukulele performance (Centenary Park)
- 10.00-4.00pm Art Displays – Kuranda Arts Co-op, (Coondoo Street)
- 11.00-2.00pm Busking performances throughout the village.
- 11.15-12 noon Tamarind – Cairns Tropical TAFE singers (Centenary Park)
- 12.15-1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital – Rev Annette Woods, St Saviour's Church (Coondoo Street.)
- 1.00-4.00pm Koahlition Reggae Band (Centenary Park)
- 1.30-2.00pm Astrid Erika, Harp Recital (Kuranda Arts Co-op, Coondoo Street)
- 2.00-2.30pm Honey & Spice Ukulele Group (Kuranda Arts Co-op, Coondoo Street)

Special Events

- 10.00-3.00pm Plant Extravaganza Centenary Park – Local Tablelands Nurseries "Plants for Sale"
- 11.00-11.30am Bash of the Barron River Raft Race (Banks of the Barron River)
- 12.00-12.30pm The Great Kuranda Undie Fun Run (Starting line – Banks of the Barron River)
- 12.30-1.00pm German Tucker – Sausage eating Competition (Centenary Park)

Family Fun

- 10.00-3.00pm Mad Hatters Tea Party and kids' butterfly colouring competition (Original Markets)
- 10.00-4.00pm Free 2 x Jumping Castles (Centenary Park)
- 10.00-3.00pm Pony Rides in Centenary Park
- 10.00-3.00pm Horse & Carriage Rides around the village – Therwine Street
- 10.00-10.30am Free Magic Show (Centenary Park – under the big fig tree)
- 11.30-12.00 Free Kids' Games – Horse Shoe Throwing & Shoot the Hoops (Centenary Park)
- 10.30-2.30pm Amazing Street performers and Stilt walkers around the village

FREE Face Painting

- 10.00-3.00pm Kuranda Arts Co-op (Coondoo Street)
- 10.00-3.00pm Heritage Markets (Rob Veivers Drive)
- 10.00-3.00pm Centenary Park (under the big Fig Tree)
- 10.00-3.00pm Honey House (Therwine Street)

Special LOCAL Deals

- 8.30 & 9.30am 50% discount – Kuranda Scenic Railway (Departs Cairns 8.30 & 9.30am)
- 2.00 & 3.30pm 50% discount – Kuranda Scenic Railway (Departs Kuranda 2.00 & 3.30pm)
- 9.00-4.00pm 20% discount – Skyrail Rainforest Cableway (all day)
- 9.00-4.00pm 20% discount – Kuranda Koala Gardens
- 9.00-4.00pm 20% discount – Birdworld Kuranda
- 9.00-4.00pm 30% discount – Australian Butterfly Sanctuary
- 9.00-4.00pm 30% discount – Rainforestation Nature Park
- 9.00-4.00pm FREE entry – Emu Ridge Gallery & Gemstone Museum
- 10.00-4.00pm Half Price Mini Golf – (Original Markets)
- 11.30-4.00pm FREE 30 minute Kuranda Riverboat Cruises (Banks of the Barron River)



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Kuranda Mushroom Shed

BY **Nicko Djeric**
President, Kuranda Men's Shed

Keep us in the dark and feed us...

Barely in its foetal stages, the second largest Men's Shed in Australia has been maligned.

We got a 'stay of execution' for B-Block so it would not be demolished until the TRC at least considered our submission. Surprisingly, our submission was considered 'TOP SECRET' and require a closed Council session to discuss and vote on it. After reading the minutes we can now surmise the only 'consideration' thought worthy of our self sustaining, non-profit, community organisation, and others supporting our submission, is nothing less than contempt. It was not even put to a vote. Why?

Something is rotten in the town of Kuranda! Why demolish a million dollar community asset? Who is behind its demise? Is money the motive? Some will do almost anything for it; lie, cheat, steal or worse.

The land was originally given to the community by Kuranda families, for the benefit of Kuranda families. TRC got it cheaply from the State Government with the understanding that it remain community owned.

How is it possible that after lengthy and expensive 'consultation', the best outcome for B-Block was demolition?

Propaganda: It's full of asbestos and termites. The roof is caving in. All submissions are 'inappropriate' or do not represent the wider community. Renovation costs are 'too expensive'. I would like to know who spreads this manure and why? The only thing it is good for is growing mushrooms.

Does anyone value truth? We commissioned a building inspection, results will be available to you. TRC's own compliance report and recommendation should also be examined, they welcomed our submission and did not condemn the building. Our 'community consultation' means of a petition and actually speaking to the people of Kuranda face to face. Please sign it or B-Block will be gone - forever.



As an older, not elder, citizen of this community, I challenge our local Council Representative, to explain through your paper, her reasons for the demolishing of B Block of the old school.

I do have experience in establishing a Community Centre ("Men's Shed", call it what you will), in Agnes Water, having instigated, and chaired a committee to establish such a facility.

I would stress that the "Men's Shed" concept is a dual gender concept, and not just a bunch of old codgers knocking up some furniture, and having a natter - however, that is the umbrella under which this proposal has been launched.

When the local residents wake up to what has been lost to them, for all time, in terms of a venue for artistic pursuits, indoor sports, instructional classes for all pursuits, they will realise that they have let a community asset other places would give their eye teeth for, slip through their fingers.

The trade off of, relinquishing an estimated \$1 million asset to serve all the community, for a tin shed (estimated, I believe by our local member at \$20 thousand), serving only a tiny percentage, is simply ludicrous.

Having fought the fight, and knowing the costs, I am at loss to understand, why a councillor elected to represent the Kuranda community, should oppose the development of such a valuable edifice.

John Sinclair

Funding Cuts Hit Community Centres

As Neighbourhood and Community Centres and Support Services in Queensland come to terms with funding cuts for much need services such as the Tenancy Advice Service and the Healthy Lifestyle Program, they have been dealt another blow with the latest announcement by the state government.

The Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, the Honourable Tracy Davis has announced that there will be a 10% reduction in funding to those Neighbourhood Centres receiving more than \$90,000 per annum. This will affect a significant number of the 109 Neighbourhood Centres in Queensland. For a Centre receiving the average \$105,000 in funding, this means a loss of \$10,500 to their core funding.

As well as being a friendly and welcoming place for local events and activities, Neighbourhood and Community Centres are often the first point of contact for clients coming to terms with and seeking help about child safety, mental health, suicide, self-harm, substance abuse, elder abuse and financial crisis. Clients view Neighbourhood/Community Centres as a supportive and non-judgmental path to assistance and recovery.

Neighbourhood Centres were also highly significant operations centres in the Summer of Natural disasters, providing crisis assistance to cyclone Yasi victims in North Queensland, and those affected by the floods in the South-East and Central Queensland.

The funding cut will result in Centres delivering less service as they reduce their opening hours. It will also mean a significant pay cut to workers who are already giving freely of their personal time in a highly challenging work environment.

In a meeting with the Minister in Cairns on Sunday, Community Centres and Family Support Network Association President Colleen Blunt and network members were told that reducing government debt was the Newman Government's priority, and the only other option to maintain funding at previous levels was to target individual Neighbourhood Centres for closure.

Kuranda and district CHAMBER of COMMERCE

After an 18 month recess, the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce has now been re-established following the 2012 AGM held on Thursday 20 September 2012 at the Kuranda CWA hall.

The meeting received 30 expressions of interest from Kuranda businesses to have the Chamber be re-established and 15 of those businesses were in attendance.

A new Executive Committee was elected and the new office bearers are as follows.

President	Robert Matthews
Vice President	Brad Remmer
Treasurer/Secretary	Mike Took

It was also unanimously agreed that the monthly meetings would be held on the first Wednesday of the month at a venue decided from the previous meeting.

Our first meeting for 2012 will be held as follows.

Date: Wednesday 3 October 2012

Time: 4-30pm

Venue: Kuranda Hotel

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Gardening in Kuranda



OCTOBER, time to get serious as new growth starts to emerge and a good time to purchase plants to fill in spaces or start the new garden. Ponds, large and small should by now be cleared of plants and fish, remembering both oxygenating water plants and those proving surface cover as days heat up and water warms. Getting this balance right ensures water remains clear only requiring topping up when loss due to evaporation. Most pond plants and most ornamental pond fish, as introduced, present major threat to our waterways and should be carefully prevented from entering rivers and creeks.

Weather forecasts appear a little gloomy for good rains over the next few months so mulching and attention to watering are on the agenda. It makes good sense to move high water demand plants to one or two beds rather than spot plant. That tender subject once or twice stressed, may not regain its former glory or fail entirely. Potted subjects and hanging baskets will need careful watching

Remember this month's Open Gardens in Kuranda: Kuranda Palms and the Retreat, weekend 27th–28th of October. Two fascinating and ever changing gardens showcasing challenging landscapes, a kaleidoscope of plants suitable for our gardens and passionate pursuit of plant collections. Not to be missed!

Recently re-visited Coleman's Orchids and great to see Brian back in stride with a wide and varied orchid and plant assortment well suited to our gardens. For the beginner and the pro, Coleman's Nursery is a great place for the best information on orchid requirements, feeding and flowering tips and prices are most reasonable. Coleman's amazing range of Phalaenopsis in stock inspired my choice of:

Plant of the Month: Phalaenopsis (*Orchidaceae*) "Moth Orchid" a large genus with more than 60 species. With neither pseudobulbs nor rhizome, Phalaenopsis shows a monopodial growth habit with a single growing stem producing one or two alternate, thick, fleshy, elliptical leaves a year from the top while the older, basal leaves drop off at the same rate. The inflorescence, either a raceme or panicle, appears from the stem between the leaves. A Phalaenopsis in flower spike, as a gift or thank you, is certainly a better alternative to the cut flower bouquet, being in bloom lasting two to three months.



Easy to grow and flower in the house, with low light requirements and a 15C to 30C temperature range, they are readily adaptable to home growing. As epiphytic plants, attention to open mix and watering are the key essentials. In warmer weather 2-3 times a week is usually sufficient and pots should not stand in water. More care should be taken with watering when cooler and it is wise to avoid water lodging in plant centre. Probably more phalaenopsis die from drowning than drought!

Given the explosion of hybrids and X Doritis coming out of SE Asia and China, there is a dazzling array to suit every eye in flower colour and spike arrangement.

Q @A. Dear Martin, The taro beetle is black, shiny, and 15-20 mm in length. Many species have a horn on the head. Adult beetles fly from breeding sites and tunnel into the soil just at the base of the alocasia, proceeding to feed on the growing corm, leaving large holes that eventually degrade the corm. These wounds also promote the attack of rot-causing organisms. The feeding activity causes wilting and eventual death of the affected plants.

Lindane was previously used but posed severe environmental threats and biological measures are being explored.

For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions, contact Alectura C/- Kuranda Paper or email wortwoad@optusnet.com.au



Kuranda
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Are Hosting The

Combined Northern Garden Clubs Meeting

QCWA Hall, corner Barang and Thongon Streets, Kuranda

Sunday 7th October from 9.30am

GUEST SPEAKERS

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Open Gardens Kuranda

27th & 28th October 2012
10.00am – 4.00pm

Kuranda Palms



The luxuriant tropical oasis at **Lot 10 Saddle Mountain Road, Kuranda**, is set in 100 acres of rainforest next to the magnificent natural environment of the World Heritage National Park of the Kuranda range.

Having created gardens in the temperate climate of England and the Mediterranean climate of Portugal – and keen to experience gardening in the tropics – owners Graham Payne and David Sturge took over this former palm nursery in 2006 and have spent the past few years rejuvenating the property.

The three-acre garden, alive with the lush, vibrant colours of the tropics, contains many unusual palms and cycads, large beds of colourful exotics, spectacular heliconias and an impressive collection of gingers. Around a third of the garden is planted with ornamental and fruit trees set in lawns, providing extensive shaded areas on a hot tropical afternoon.

Registered under the Land for Wildlife scheme, Kuranda Palms is home to bandicoots, goannas, paddy melons, Ulysses butterflies and the amazing cassowary. Light refreshments will be available and plants will be for sale.

Retreat



The aptly named Retreat garden at **51 Mason Road, Kuranda**, is an unrestrained and exuberant response to the restrictions imposed by a previous small suburban garden.

When enthusiastic plant collector Greg McKeown and his wife Julie started to feel that they were running out of space in their backyard almost twenty years ago, they decided to move somewhere with more room – where they could create 'a real garden'.

Anchored by a large red stringybark eucalypt, this undulating garden of broad lawns and massed plantings of gingers, cordylines, heliconias and bromeliads, extends right down into the lovely Platypus Creek.

Despite now being a relatively mature garden, Greg and Julie keep finding spots for new special finds, including anthuriums, alocasias, bromeliads, tillandsias and calatheas. They're forever on a mission to find colourful shade-lovers!

PEOPLE POWER with Clare Hensley

The proof that many hands make light work was to be witnessed at the Kuranda District State College during the book covering working bee. Fourteen people turned up to help cover the new 'home readers' the school had purchased.

We all were shown how to cover the books with minimal wastage – it is easy when you know how, then we all got sticking. Mandy had prepared everything in advance which enabled our band of volunteers to transfer the huge pile of books from the 'to do' pile to the 'done' pile.

An interesting off-shoot of this working bee was that one mother who is busy with small children came up with the idea that she could help out, but in her own time. This led to an arrangement with Mandy that our mum would have a rotating box of books she could take home, cover, and exchange for a new lot, at her own pace.

It was an example of how thinking of how we can, rather than what we cannot, help allows alternative possibilities to materialise.

A second Volunteer event at the school was a Ready Reader Volunteers Workshop. Eleven volunteers spent a full day of exploring 'literacy' and how we as volunteers can assist students engage with the excitement and enjoyment of reading a story.

Here is a run down of the day. The Ready Reader Program started with a Dr Seuss quote: "The more that you read, The more things you will know, The more things you learn, The more places you will go"

Literacy is the understanding and communication understanding from many sources:

- Visual: observation and connection to their meaning – the signs, symbols, pictures, body language, weather signs, smoke trails and animal tracks
- Audio: spoken language, sounds of warning or celebration, vehicle sounds, bells
- Feeling – the emotional vibration of a person or situation – does it make you feel safe or want to run.

Assisting students with reading is about exploring of the clues. It was a new approach to me so I thought I would plagiarise the Ready Reader Program strategies.

The Stages of Reading: Stage One: Ask the student to choose a book; Talk about the illustrations; Discuss the cover and predict the story. Stage Two: The book is read three times. First reading: Read the book; Confirm or reject prediction made in Stage One. Second Reading: Reading together; Begin to leave out words that the student can predict. Third Reading: Support the student's attempt to read independently; Be a listener. Watch and wait. Use: Pause – wait at least 5 seconds before you prompt; Prompt – give a hint if the word is not correct, after three prompts say the word; Praise – be explicit. Be a role model. Children who see adults reading will want to read as well.

Have I stirred an interested in helping out at the school? Please call me on 4093 9038 or email pandc@kurnadsdistrictsc.eq.edu.au for more details.

The previously promised Focus: FAFT: Families as First Teacher has been delayed by a month so we can include the experience of our FAFT Volunteers trip to Darwin with the program.

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the Arts Page



Stitchlings and Swamp Girl

Fashion meets fascism, anti-fashion, stitchling elves, do-it-yourself, re-create nature, bring out natural beauty, enhance and bring out the hidden fantasy.

Deep down in the back market lanes of Kuranda town exists a far out corner. Meander down the laneways, then scurry through the maze, follow the sound of your heart (doof doof doof) and step into the realm of fantasy and nature, and you are there, **Stitchlings**. Nestled in far north eastern corner of the *Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets*, next to the *Journey Inn* and the *Hidden Echidna*, you will find that the elves have been busy preparing for the festivities of the season - Christmas has been boycotted this year in favour of the end of the world! They have been working with recycled materials and clothing, magically transforming plain ugly and odd clothing into usable bits of fun fabric to attach any *witch-way* you like, creating a textural kaleidoscope of fluro tribal bright funky feral fashion. The Swamp Girl has been creating one off unique, different pieces of clothing depicting textures on the body from bark, trees, and leaves, capturing the light and shadow enhancing the human figure whilst melding with nature. Halloween is coming so whether it be for a soul earth warrior armour, alien reptile suits, swampy fluorescent drips, dressing the inner goddess to release the goodness, or dark light creature clothing, ghetto zombies and Halloween creatures of the night come and check it out. Get your festival gear for this season of new! Come on! "Armour geddin ready".



"Pulling the reflected rainbow light through the rainforest canopy and melding it with the deep dark earthy browns and blacks, meeting forest ghetto green, soulful purple and translucent essence blue."
Swamp Girl

Stitchlings specialises in hand made Hoodies, skoodies, arm warmers and leg warmers, tutus, bustles, swamp skirts, boleros and tights, as well as Northern Thailand hill tribe clothing. Mens' & kids' clothes arriving daily with prices that will impress. Swamp Girls stall is her workshop, so come down and say hello. - *Swamp Girl*

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Nothing new on the bank, a few messages from Peek, in that mock-Cockney hickdome idiom, "what you doing ce soir, to hear your dulcet tones nice, lovely, why not hang out, I'm baking till 6, but switched on". Really. She was over Peek, too blonde, too, well, poor, and sort of desperate beneath the swagger. Really this whole week she was so sort of, more into brunette, maybe with blonde bits, but not this too classic blonde brainless angel boy idiom. He was stacks pretty but, and his stocky hickdome contours were a nice change. And she was way horny. Always, after the exhilaration of flying ex. He was kind, in a mock tough Rapunzel Rapunzel let down your gold chivalric hickdome idiom. Oh well. "OK, you can take me to the gig, ninish, see you", she replied.

Refreshingly clean and sparkly from a long hot hydrojet, laying naked before the toast warmth of the monitor which took up the western wall of her apartment, she lay back in a soft velvet oysterbed, and tweaked the room a bit. The living space became softly backlit, anenome pink with slow pulsing crimson striations, so fine as to be almost subliminal, a tweaked retro-womb setting really, nurturing and cosy. Crabmeat faintly sizzling in a cube was putting her gastric juices into overdrive. The cube snapped open slightly, and the aroma, steamy wet with crabmeat juiciness, wafted in from the kitchen. There are few better senses than a base, gut hunger satisfied, she thought, and holding back on the calorics all day made her gastric setup thrum. Keen delicate ripples of neural activity emanated from her solar plexus as she beheld the crabmeat sizzling in a programmable sauce. "Come", she said, and the cube navigated on magnar planes to a spot three feet from her chest. "Closer", she said softly, "Open....slide". On it's silver tray, the meat was tender, falling apart with a white sauce; she tweaked the setting, added tang, salt level, drop back carvone esters, maybe, that's got it, just a hint of something Hemingway, oh loving the setting. File save!

Lazily scanning the monitor for the daily trivia and what should be plastered unavoidably all over every channel was, puke, Daddio this, puke Daddio that. Enough. Turning it off she put on Sacre Blu's



President's Report



Reggaetown at the Amphitheatre 2012

Hi everyone,

Reggaetown was a fantastic, successful event and thanks again to everyone who helped in any way. It was nice to share Reggaetown's 10th and final show at the Amphi.

Our next gigs are *The Flumes* on Saturday 20th October, *Mumford & Sons* on Sunday 28th October and *Loony Poets' Halloween Night* on 31st October!

Mumford & Sons: As usual help is needed for setup, packdown and of course the show! The crew will be working most Sundays leading up to the gig. Even if you can give an hour or two it is always appreciated.

The Flumes: The Understage has been hired by the band, which is great! Come along for a fun night, doors and bar open 6.30pm, show starts 7.30pm.

Loony Poets: Lunar and Amber again host the infamous Loonys on Wed. 31st Oct. 6:30 pm. Help is needed to set up this event, so if you have some spare time just rock up on the day.

Until next time,
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new hologram and watched the band fade in, playing in her living space about quarter size. The volume was still set from the previous evening and she turned it down quickly, shrunk the contorting bodies on their incandescent green stage to about a twentieth. Just time to make some notes. Dadda's new imp was bugging her, why, why, hard to put a finger on it exactly. It's fast, actually very fast. It tracks all movements with style, grace and accuracy. But I wouldn't completely count on it in a game, not just yet. Refleximps were still new territory so hard to know a good from a better one, except by feel and simply pushing it to its limits. Mostly gamers at her league were using cerebellar stabilizers; some were still using the old hormone streamers, once considered quite fast but unreliable, and not really accurate enough for competition gaming now. Pro's, well, that was a different matter, the sky was the limit; most used corpus callosum implants, either balancers or accelerators, or a mix of both. Daddio's almost finished reflex imp was more a classic accelerator, with some high tech mid brain interfacing that felt very seamless. But.... what, but? OK, let's recap. It was generally smooth, with suprisingly good balance, also good recovery times and graceful. Classic Zen style, good for all martial arts and complex athletics. But it feels too light, like I could lose control or something, randomly, skitter off-chop when least expected. And there was that odd roughness she had felt in the scopter, when she had started freaking. Some midbrain interaction maybe. Not quite game ready. Primrose saved file and then stretched out her perfect body. She was only 84, and just breaking in her second series combinations. Playing mid runner with Skalf Heydright kicked off this sabbath, she could either just master the imp or have it replaced with something more reliable, her old Plutonic or maybe a Dovestar. The imp was super fast, but. She arched her spine, made a faint purring noise and called Peek.

...to be continued



Shocking Truth of Ant Colonies revealed

Anty Establishment News - G. Hopper reporting.

Undercover insects investigating labour policies in ant colonies have made some horrifying discoveries.

(Warning: this report contains material that may offend some insects.) Our investigators have discovered that worker ants in most of the colonies we looked at, have

actually been enslaved and put to forced labour and an early death by bloated Queen ants. And it gets worse. These poor workers are born sterile, destined only for a life of servitude, endlessly gathering supplies for the colony. Each colony appears to be intent on accumulating more than the others, and they often fight vicious battles over territory. These battles are fought by a purpose bred group of nasty

individuals called soldiers. Our experts have concluded that the only way to allieviate this mindless suffering, and depletion of natural resources, is to awaken the workers from their stupor with music, song, and dance.

I, G. Hopper, will personally take my fiddle and entertain those ants all summer long! I must tell Aesop about this.

- G. Hopper, *Anty Establishment News Limited.*



Village Vibe Receives Award – and Changes Hands

Belinda has been the owner of Village Vibe for approximately four of its 24-year history in its current location, and it was an unexpected pleasure to receive an award from *Trip Advisor*.

Village Vibe has occupied the number one on *Trip Advisor* spot in Kuranda for several months now, and Belinda says it's great to get some recognition from such an unbiased source. However, the real pleasure for Belinda has always been to meet new people and welcome back regulars, and to provide valued customers with a hospitality experience that is as enjoyable as possible.

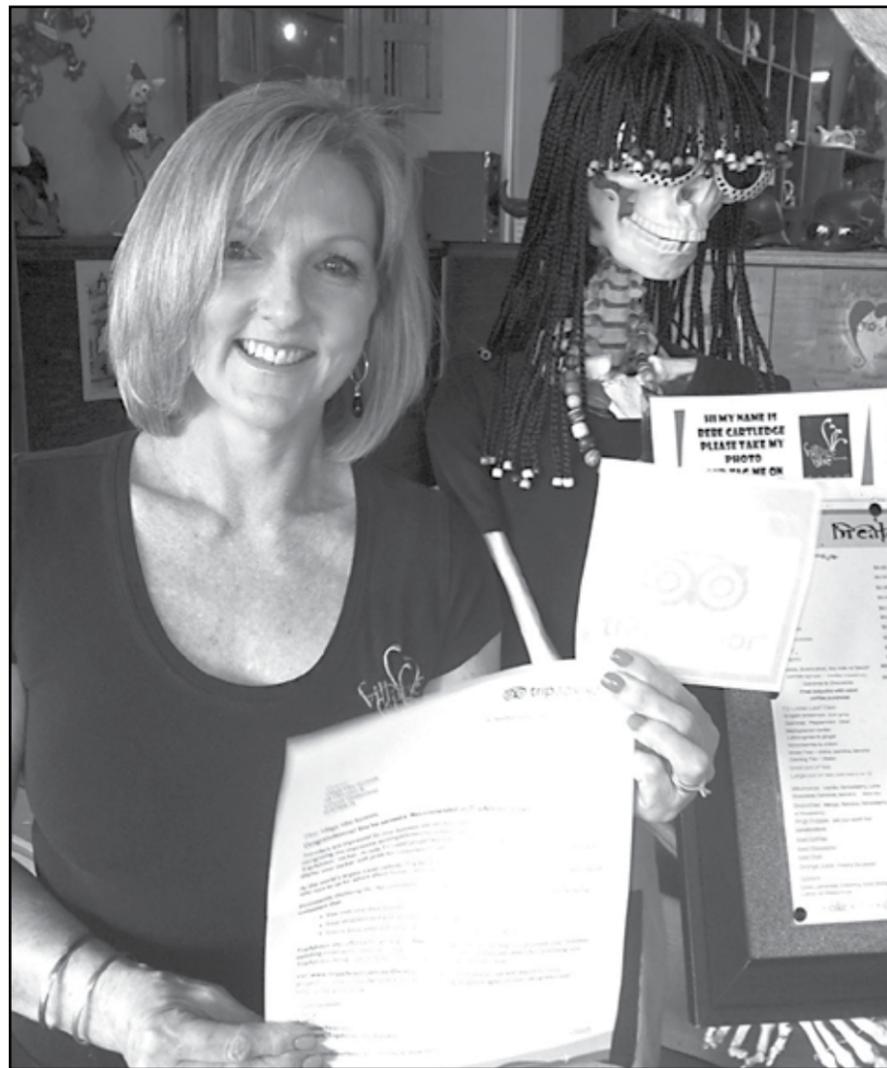
On October 2nd the Village Vibe will change hands, the new owners Karen and Belinda who have moved up from NSW, will begin the next chapter in the cafe's 24-year journey.

Current owners Belinda and Leon will be taking a well deserved break and wish to thank all of the "locals" and customers who have supported the cafe over the last several years.

The wonderful mix of characters who frequent the Village Vibe have made a valuable contribution to its revival and success in recent years, but the real recognition goes to the excellent team who have worked so hard to maintain the ethos of excellence in customer service, and Belinda and Leon thank them for their tireless efforts.

Belinda and Leon intend to continue to reside in the Kuranda area and are keen to experience the "Vibe" from the customer's side. They wish every success for the new owners Karen and Belinda as they continue the tradition of excellent hospitality that the "Vibe" is now known for.

Right: Belinda Cartledge, Owner/Manager of Village Vibe Kuranda, proudly displays her recently received Recommended on Trip Advisor Award.



Kuranda Pool News



As we race toward the last Term of the School, our year really begins to hot up this month with School programs from the College and the local Steiner School utilising those quieter public hours between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

Being an 8-lane pool always allows us to keep at least two lanes open for the public to come in during the school day in the summer. Check with us for the quieter times and our long hours each and every day give ample opportunity to get your swim in whenever the sun is up.

At 3.30pm weekdays our learn-to-swim lessons start for school age students and progress through to squad and development classes, while littler ones come in the mornings and these classes are proving very popular. Some of our local kids are enjoying training sessions Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7.30am before school. What a great way to kick start the day.

As we offer so many squad sessions for developing swimmers and adults we will offer a "Swim Season" Club Rate for members to enjoy some cheaper, multiple sessions and other aquatic activities in specific sessions. An upfront fee of \$96.00

for the season (\$48.00 for half season) will be offered to serious swimmers who will save money over the season.

Our casual rate of \$12.50 for one and \$20.00 for two a week still applies for the more casual Squad member. Members will pay only \$6.00 per session for any session they attend.

For swimmers who make the summer season a focus on swim training, this option of club rate will definitely suit. Talk to us about eligibility and details. Signups are at the pool during this month of October.

The Master's group already met up last month with the aim of affiliating to Masters Swimming Australia and partnering with the Fallon Road Recreation Centre to be covered by incorporation. This will begin an adult swim group that could action infrastructure support on behalf of the wider community for the pool, while at the same time giving the opportunity to come together to improve their own swimming abilities and fitness through swimming.

A big apology to all our patrons in the first week when the water did not meet the predicted and hoped for 29 degrees. As we had to go press earlier in the month all was on track but some malfunctions meant all was not operational. Now, however, the weather is perfect and even without the heaters we are 30 degrees and just ideal for all aquatic needs whether that be swimming or just unwinding after a hot day.

All in the Swim,
Gary and Linda Davis

Heartbeat Swim School

Learn to Swim

Mornings

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Afternoons

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Adult lessons by appointment

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Saturday 8.30am

Evenings

Tuesday & Thursday 6.15pm

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Public Swimming Pool

Kuranda Aquatic Centre

Opening Hours

1st September - 30th June

Monday	12noon - 6pm
Tue-Fri	6am - 6pm
Saturday	8am - 6pm
Sunday	10am - 5pm

Admission Prices

Adults (17yrs+)	\$3.50
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Concession	\$2.50
Spectators	\$1.50
Family (2A + 2C)	\$9.50

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MUSIC PAGE



KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE What's On at the Amphi



The Flumes special guest Leanne Tennant

The Understage, Saturday 20th October

Electric Harp pouring out psychedelic melodies over stylish atmospheric grooves woven with soulful vocals, laying down a lushly funky, dark and sparkling, cinematic brew.

Harpist **Kayt Wallace** with her 36-string Electric Harp is joined by **Stephan Beattie** on Bass/Guitar & **Elliot Gwynne** on skins. Kayt intrepidly explores the sonic possibilities of our ancient friend the Harp, often sculpting tones quite outside the traditional expectations of how a Harp should sound. With a solid rhythm section thrown into the mix the Flumes pull a fat live sound, transcending genres and crafting highly original, ear tickling tunes.

With special guest **Leanne Tennant**. Leanne is back to 'Folk n Funk' around with your minds and souls! Winner of Port Douglas Carnivale Songwriters comp. 2011 and recently chosen by A-Venue to be flown down to attend Australia's biggest music event, "Big Sound", Leanne is on a whirlwind of success, recently back from the Southern Pastures tour with the *Hillbillygoats* and Tamworth Music Festival. Each song is delivered with such passion wrapped up in a kind of sweetness that it brings thoughts of *Amy Winehouse* and *The Waifs* to mind. Original Acoustic Folk with dirty sounding Blues bleeding through.

Doors & Bar Open 6.30pm, Show starts 7.30pm, Food available.



Melbourne gypsy punk fusion band, **The Go Set**, in Kuranda for the day to play a special set this Sunday for the *The Motorcycle Festival* at *The Billabong*; after their appearances at Wallaby Creek, before flying home. The Festival has a massive line-up including *Munition*; *NQ Scots*; *Jimmy The One*; *Engine Room*; *John Larson Band*; *Black & Blu*, *Gary Reeves Smith*; *Bosko & Honey*; *The Tank Johnson Band* and many more. With special performances by *DalliaAnce LaRed*, and *Pole Play Studio*. The Festival promises a feast of bikes and show cars that will get your engines running!

THE BOOGIE BROTHERS CD REVIEWS

Out of the archives, here's one we really have to bring to your notice...

Big Brother and The Holding Company - featuring **Janice Joplin Live at the Carousel Ballroom 1968**. The first release from the treasured archives of the legendary **Owsley Stanley III: Bear**. Soundman to the *Grateful Dead*; *Janis*, and other seminal rock groups from the late 60s San Francisco musical garden. Long time resident of Far North Qld.

The liner notes themselves are worth the price of the album: lovingly crafted by family; old friends and musical accomplices.

The original sound has been preserved, no digital remastering and *Bear* left technical details on how to set

up your sound system to get a faithful reproduction of the original concert. Perhaps *Janis's* best live concert at full strength and *The Holding Company* pushing her to the limit. 14 tracks - containing most of the amazing "*Cheap Thrills*" and other real treasures.



If you have strange memories of the original, (enhanced as they may have been) this album brings it all back with full force. If you loved *Bette Midler's "The Rose"*, or if you only know of *Janis Joplin*, as that fragile, short-flowering belter of rock 'n blues from Texas then this live concert will be a real treat. Should be in every serious rock/blues collection. **Just buy it!** www.janisjoplin.com

Secret Sounds Presents

MUMFORD & SONS AUSTRALIA STOPOVER TOUR With Sarah Blasko & Willy Mason

Kuranda Amphitheatre, Sunday 28th October 2012

Mumford & Sons will return to wow audiences this October and will play an incredible 10 concerts across major metro and regional venues around the country!

With music we know and love, full with enthusiasm and confidence plus a new album to boot, join Marcus, Country Winston, Ben and Ted this October and bear witness to '...their incredible energy drawing us in quickly to their circle of songs, to the warmth of their stories, and to their magical community of misty-eyed men.' - *Sydney Morning Herald*



Sarah Blasko will join *Mumford & Sons* at the Kuranda Amphitheatre on Sunday 28th October. A musician of great integrity and artistic temperament who pushes creative boundaries across the arts, **Sarah Blasko's** charismatic live show with a five-piece band is the perfect addition to this stellar line up.

Also riding with *Mumford & Sons* this October will be American singer-songwriter **Willy Mason**. With a sound that combines folk's soft and loose delivery which recalls Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash with an insightful narrative about growing up and finding one's place. The critically acclaimed **Mason** returns to Australia to premiere songs from his third and as yet untitled album (his first in 5 years!), which includes the first taster '*Restless Fugitive*'.

With Australia one of the first countries to get a taste of the new album "*Babel*" in the live arena, fans are urged to get in quick for their tickets. Info at www.kurandaamphitheatre.org, tix: www.ticketlink.com

HELL'S BELLS

Halloween Show at The Billabong, Friday 2nd November 2012

Lush Cabaret presents their Halloween Show "*Hells Bells*" with sinful sirens, vampy vixens and the hounds of hell in heels.

Be glamourised and intrigued by divas, contortionists, magicians and musicians. Sexy, fascinating and scary, "*Hell's Bells*" entices you to dress in your Halloween best, with loads of prizes to give away.

Then dance the night away with The Billabong DJs **Andy King**, **Ombudsman** and **Edonist Beat** who will keep the dance floor jumpin' till late. See advertisement this page for more details.

KURANDA GIG GUIDE

SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
KURANDA MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL
Launch Party
The Billabong, Kangaventure
ZILCH & MUNITION,
Edonist Beat, **Andy King**
7.00pm till Midnight
Entry: FREE

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
KURANDA MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL
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SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER
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SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER
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MUMFORD & SONS
support acts: **Sarah Blasko**
& **Willy Mason**
see posters for gate times

WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER
LOONY POETS NIGHT
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Contact: Jane 4093 0463

Tuesday

Tennis Training 4-6.30pm

Contact: Corinne 4093 8369

Yoga 5.30-6.30pm

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

Eight Ball - Competition Night 7pm

Members support welcome and play all other times.

Wednesday

Dru Yoga 9.30-11am

Contact: Sandra 4093 9861

Social Tennis 5.30-7.30pm

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

Thursday

Bushi Kai Karate 6-7pm

Contact: Darryl 0487 460 597

Kuranda Soccer Club Training

Finished for 2012

Contact: Gary 4093 7109

Friday - Social Night

Klub Kitchen 6.30-8.30pm

Confirm your bookings by

5pm Wednesdays

Contact: Jon & Sandra 0401 867 327

Email: clubkitchen1@yahoo.com

Saturday

Tennis Training 8-9am

Contact: Mike 4093 8257

Bushi Kai Karate

10-11am (family sessions a

specialty)

Contact: Darryl 0487 460 597

Sunday

Yoga 10-11am

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

Social Tennis 5.30-7.30pm

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401



acappella singing

Acappella is the term used to describe unaccompanied singing - that is no piano, guitar, etc. It is a style that is increasingly popular, perhaps because it gives power back to the unaided voice.

Jane Younghusband has a B.A. Performing Arts and Bachelor of Teaching and works as a High School drama teacher as well as teaching Acappella singing to groups. She honed her skills for many years as a member of Sydney Acappella group "Voices from the Vacant Lot" before moving to the Far North.

When the TV replaced the piano in the corner of the lounge room, a very important part of community life was lost to many people - the chance to sing together in an informal and non-competitive environment. We now listen to others singing in the same way as we watch sport - whatever happened to participation! Now we are all so in awe of the 'professionals' that we hardly dare open our mouths!

Yet singing is such a joyful experience. You truly create harmony when you sing with other people, it's a form of meditation, it's a great way to release stress and it's also great fun!

Jane currently runs classes in Kuranda (Mondays 7.15 to 8.45pm) and in Cairns (Thursdays 6.30 - 8pm) teaching songs to open people up to the beautiful sounds from many cultures - their differences and their similarities. Her workshops are a mix of voice-freeing exercises and songs of celebration and struggle from all over the world. African songs abound in the repertoire, with a sprinkling of Bulgarian, Gaelic, Israeli, Spanish, Gospel, as well as songs from closer to home.

We can learn a great deal about ourselves and about others from

the songs of the world. Jane's students perform as WOYAYA! and will be performing at the **Tablelands Folk Festival 27 October.**



Sing Your Heart Out!

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Klub Kitchen is open every Friday night from 6.30-8.30pm for a variety of scrumptious meals! Please confirm your bookings by Wednesday on **0401 867 327** or via email clubkitchen1@yahoo.com

Stella Oui celebrates 70 years

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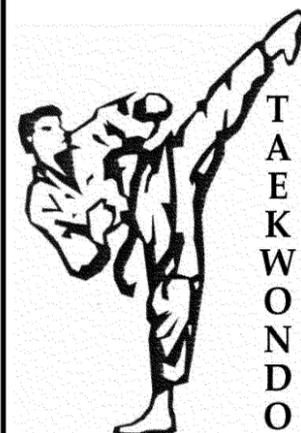
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Neighbourhood Centre News October 2012

Queensland State Government funding loss: Following the Queensland State Government budget that was handed down on 11th September, the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre is having its funding reduced by 10%. This is a significant loss to our Centre and we are very disappointed by it. A meeting with the Minister, Tracy Davis at Community Cabinet on 16th September in Cairns failed to change the decision and we are now in the precarious position of trying to work out how we manage with the reduced funds. KNC relies predominantly on Queensland Government funding and any additional income we make from room hire and other facilities only just covered the budget deficit we have always experienced. We now have to re-evaluate our financial position and how we can make savings and generate additional income – FYI donations are welcome!! Special thanks go to Michael Trout, Member for Barron River, who represented KNC's position in a very positive light to the Minister at the community cabinet deputation – Cheers!

Family Fun Day: The next Family Day is coming up on Wednesday 3rd October (second Wed of the school holidays) in the Park. If you want to participate in any way: volunteering, doing an activity or putting up a display – please ring Ceri on 4093 8933. Again – donations are welcome – this is a free event funded by donations.

Monday morning Craft Group: There is a small craft group meeting on Monday mornings at KNC – all are welcome to come along and join in.

Furniture Exchange: Thank you to those who have generously donated items recently. We have a program where we maintain a register of items that people need and match them with donations we receive from the community. In this way, we have been able to assist families in need of essential household items. Right now we know families who need: double or queen beds/mattresses, washing machines, freezers, lounge suites/sofas, dining table and chairs, fridges and baby items. If you have any of those items that you no longer need, please give us a call. We can arrange pick up if required.

Senior's Cottages: To be eligible for the Community Housing Senior's Cottages managed by TRC a current application with Department of Housing is required. KNC staff will assist with social housing enquiries and applications.

Narcotics Anonymous: Weekly meetings no longer at KNC – you can contact NA on 4054 3483.

Kuranda Playgroup: Meets at KNC (colourful garage at the end of the carpark) on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am. There is a small registration fee and a weekly contribution that goes towards purchasing toys and resources. Please contact Lina Fidanza on 4093 9358 for more details.

Go Forward for Men: Joseph Oui from Relationships Australia is coming up every second Tuesday to support males around family violence and related issues. This is strictly confidential. Please contact Relationships Australia directly on 4052 7900

Invitation
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for appointments. The next time Joseph is here will be Tuesday 2nd October 2012.

ATODS Counselling: Two counsellors come to the Kuranda Medical Centre – Raelene from Mareeba and Claire from Cairns. Please contact the Medical Centre for a referral and appointment on 4093 7118.

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Skin Gone Troppo

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In warm moist environments lots of small organisms thrive, such as bacteria, fungi and mould. Hence the tropics is rife with life: from on top of our skin to within the soil exists an ecosystem that can get out of balance.

Just like when not enough sun reaches a damp area and it fills with mould, so too can our bodies become over-run. Let's look at combating common skin issues naturally and efficiently.

Staph:

There are many different strains of staph which appear all too commonly in the tropics. It is important to not only apply an antibacterial solution topically to kill the bacteria but also to cleanse the blood.

Topical creams can simply suppress what is trying to be rid from the body. The skin is the largest organ and if other systems are overloaded with toxins (such as the liver) it fails to eliminate sufficiently. The body will then seek to dispose of its toxins and wastes in other ways, thus sending it to the skin, causing inflammatory conditions, rashes, boils, acne, or dermatitis.

This leaves our skin open to such microorganisms like staph that can cause long term damage if not attended to promptly. The underlying cause needs to be addressed: whether it is exposure to chemicals, liver overload, allergy etc. that the body is not coping with.

Insect bites:

Can cause so much itching that we break the skin: leaving it open to far more serious infections. I know a

few nights I've almost been driven round the twist after a mossaie attack because I didn't have my lavender oil handy. Simply mix a few drops of lavender essential oil with a carrier oil to take away the itch, allowing the skin to heal, killing infection and reducing scarring. Those with a vitamin b1 deficiency are far more prone to being bitten by mosquitos.



Natural Antibiotics:

I recently helped a family with children get rid of a skin infection. They had been having staph infections for a long time and taking antibiotics which worked briefly but it would always reappear. I recommended Manuka honey to use topically.

It accelerates the healing process of the wound and has a strong antiseptic to kill infection. It doesn't sting, making it ideal for the first aid kit for any cuts/grazes, even pimples. I also recommended cleansing the blood with olive leaf: it acts as a natural antibiotic, killing and eliminating the bacteria out of the blood where many such pathogens reside.

This is why when you experience a skin condition and treat it topically it can often appear elsewhere because it hasn't been eliminated from the blood.

Simply by using these products they cleared up ongoing skin issues for the whole family; they were so happy they baked me brownies to say thank you. Add these 2 items to your firstaid kit and be protected both internally and externally from the tiny terrors that cause many of the tribulations of living in the tropics.

The Vision of Seed Freedom

Sometimes it is amazing to see how far things go along a track before we realise what is happening, and reach into our human integrity and deep sense of knowing, and find the ways back to the potential of true human intelligence and basic sense of survival.

In 2012 we find our world to be in such an incredible state of both destruction, and the co-creating of the global community we want our children and grandchildren (the next seven generations) to thrive in.

More and more are awakening to the reality that hey, this is our beautiful planet, our beautiful global community, our beautiful waters and soils and grand forests and oceans, and our beautiful co-inhabitants of earth from the smallest micro-organism to the largest whale – what is happening here? – how have things got so 'messy'? Weren't we paying attention? With so many different loud messages of disturbance coming from our shared environment, sometimes it can be a daunting prospect to know where to start.

And then there is the humble seed – the source of life, beginning of our food chain – and therefore quite an important element in our survival as a species. Open-pollinated organic seeds create the foundation for a mutually beneficial relationship with pollinators like birds, butterflies and bees, many other insects and multitude soil organisms, all which co-operate in a complex system of delicately balanced biodiversity.

What has been happening over a number of years is that profit-driven corporations like Monsanto, Syngenta, Aventis and Bayer have created a seed emergency – a seed emergency created through 'patents' on seeds, seed monopolies, biopiracy, genetic engineering, and the creation of non-renewable, sterile, 'terminator' seeds.

Throughout the world, millions of farmers who have previously provided their families and communities with a variety of fresh, healthy, chemical-free food, have been co-erced into the western industrial agricultural system, and its associated inter-generationally debt-ridden reliance on modified seeds and toxic chemicals from the above corporations. Hundreds of thousands of farmers in India alone have committed suicide, as the only way they could see out of this enforced bind, many drinking the toxic chemicals they were sold to put on their fields, to end their lives. Australia too has a high incidence of farmer suicides. It is a drastic situation around the world, the people whose livelihoods are devoted to providing us fresh food are often in

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The Vision of Seed Freedom

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desperate states of mental and physical health – why is this so? And what is it that we can do as individuals, families, communities, regions and countries to protect our precious seed heritage which has evolved through the dedication and care and love of growing good food by thousands of generations of pre-industrial natural farmers.

On the 7 October in City Place, the local seedsavers network, Kuranda sprouts seedsavers, Occupy Cairns, 'occupy the seed', movies that matter, realfoods network, permaculture, and, I hope, you and your friends and families, will come together to watch two films to clarify what is happening in the world in relation to seed sovereignty.

These films will also encourage us to take action, so not only can we have the seeds of knowledge, we can envision and sprout them into our community awareness and co-create resilience in our local region by supporting our local and organic and biodynamic farmers, rather than allowing our precious resources to be sucked into voracious corporations versions of greedbased reality.

Program for Sunday, 7 October, 6.00pm – 'Seeds of Freedom' documentary with Vandana Shiva who with 'Navdanya' talks on the global stage about the answers in organic non g-m, non-hybrid food as the responsible way out of the seed-patent nightmare. Vandana states that:

'While farmers continue to have their seeds in their own hands, there will never be poverty, never be hunger.'

We will then have a seed ceremony, creating a seed and fresh local produce mandala, and give away seed for people's gardens – free the seed – we will share some locally grown community supported agriculture real food. Then, at 7.30pm we show our second seed film: 'Our Seeds – Seeds Bilong Yumi' from Seedsavers network co-creators Michel and Jude Fanton of Australia who travel the world setting up Seedbanks and Seedsavers networks. Hope to see you there. Vision a global alliance of seed freedom.

Events of the Global Seed Freedom fortnight, from 2 October (Ghandi's birthday) to 16 October (World Food Day):

7 October – 'Occupy the Seed' films and action in City Place people space (as above)

11 October – films at James Cook University

14 October – Seedsavers Up North meeting in Mareeba.

For more information please contact Lisa - vizorghams@hotmail.com

Thank you.

The Healthy Yogini

Old Yoga Quote: "We are as young as our spine is flexible"

The spine is one of the most complex organs in the body, it consists of almost one hundred joints connected by ligaments, tendons and muscle, all protecting a trillion nerve pathways that connect the brain to the rest of our body.

The spine allows us to have flexibility, mobility and strength. Good posture is one of the key secrets to a healthy spine so just remind yourself throughout the day to check your posture and straighten the spinal column. (Don't be a slouch potato)

Show some love to your spine . After all it has to support you for the rest of your life.

Our Asana of the month is "Bidalasana" the Cat Pose which makes our spine "very happy indeed".

The Cat Yoga Pose teaches you to initiate movement from your center and to coordinate your movement and breath. These are two of the most important themes in Yoga practice. A very basic and popular Yoga pose and can be performed by most people.

STEP 1: Start on your hands and knees. Position your hands directly beneath your shoulders and your knees directly

beneath the hips. Have your fingers fully spread with the middle fingers pointing straight ahead to distribute your weight evenly. Make your back horizontal and flat. Gaze at the floor. This is your "neutral" positioning.

STEP 2: Breathing in, lift head and tailbone to the ceiling, creating a lovely downward curve in the spine. Check your alignment. Do not sag into



your shoulders. Instead, create a line of energy through each arm by pressing downward into your hands and lifting upward out of your shoulders.

STEP 3: Exhale, turn your hips into Cat Tilt.

Gently pulling the abdominal muscles in toward the spine, tucking the tailbone (coccyx) under, rounding your spine towards the ceiling, head looking down to your navel centre. Just keep practicing both movements co-ordinating the movement with the breath. Try to arch a little further each repetition.

The Cat Pose loosens your back and spine. It also stretches the front and back of your body and frees your neck and shoulders.

Doing the Cat Tilt elongates your back muscles and makes your abdominal muscles contract. Also this pose benefits your health by stimulating spinal fluid and the digestive tract, and by improving circulation through the spine and core.

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Kuranda Library News – September 2012

As many of you are probably already aware, there are some changes coming to the Kuranda Library and Council Office. Ros Wyatt has decided to retire from her position and will be working as a casual library assistant based at the Mareeba Library, while I have been hired as the Branch Coordinator at the Atherton Library and will be commencing that position soon. Both Ros and myself would like to thank the Kuranda community for supporting the library and its services – we will miss you all and ask that you welcome the new staff with open arms!

Cheers,
Chrissy and Ros



Animal Management Inspection Program

Tablelands Regional Council resolved on 1 August 2012 that a systematic approved inspection program be carried out on selected properties within the Tablelands Regional Council, to monitor compliance with the registration requirements of the State Government's *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, and compliance with Local Law 2 Animal Management Duty to provide and proper enclosure to prevent the animal from wandering.

Purpose of Program: To ensure that the owners of dogs and cats within the Tablelands Regional Council have complied with the registration and microchipping requirements of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, and comply with the Local Law 2 duty to provide a proper enclosure to prevent the animal from wandering.

Program Times:

- 1 The systematic inspection program for compliance with the registration and microchipping requirements of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* will commence on 1 October 2012 and terminate on 1 April 2013; and
- 2 The systematic inspection program for compliance with section 14 of Local Law 2 Animal Management 2011 – duty to provide proper enclosure and prevent the animal from wandering will commence on 1 October 2012 and terminate on 1 January 2013.

It will be conducted between the hours of 0630hrs and 1900hrs Monday to Sunday, with the majority of inspections to be undertaken during normal working hours, or at such time depending on the circumstances of the householder.

Properties to be inspected: All properties that do not have currently registered animals within the Tablelands Regional Council area are to be inspected.

Enforcement: Where an Authorised Person identifies a dog or cat as not being currently registered with Tablelands Regional Council for the 2011/12 financial year, and microchipped where required by the Animal Management Act a warning letter will be issued to the person responsible for the animal to register the dog or cat within ten (10) business days from the date of the warning letter.

When an Authorised person identifies a dog or a cat that is not maintained in a proper enclosure a Compliance Notice will be issued to the responsible person for the animal to provide a proper enclosure.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* within 10 business days will result in the issue of a Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN). Council may commence legal action against the responsible person without further notice to the person. The amount of a PIN for failure to register an animal is \$200. The amount of a PIN for failure to provide a proper enclosure is \$200. A copy of the Approved Inspection Program is open for inspection at the Tablelands Regional Council service centres until the end of the program it can also be accessed via Councils website www.trc.qld.gov.au

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KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

Festivals Galore

Seven artists from the Co-op enjoyed a day on the Espanade in Cairns as part of the Cairns Festival in August. Mollie Bosworth, Peter Brown, Henri Hunsinger, Toni Rogers, Cathy Harvey, Kate Prynne and Sasi Victoire set up camp almost before the birds were up. They experienced a long day and an extremely hot day, but they flew the flag for the arts in Kuranda and reminded many locals where the hub of the region's art actually is situated.



Kuranda Day, Sunday, 21st October – coming up !!!!

And now, another festival. This time in our own backyard and the Arts Co-op is looking forward to playing its part on this special Sunday. There will be art activities inside and outside the Co-op Gallery in Coondoo Street from 10am–4pm. They include art demonstrations, face painting, special sale items outside the gallery and an introduction to music events.

1.30pm: Astrid Erika will give a short performance on one of Jim Harrold's handcrafted harps. (See interview with Jim, 'Inside my Studio' on Page 15)

2.00pm: The funky ukulele group 'Honey and Spice' follow on, performing a few numbers of popular music. You will want to tap your feet and sing along. This group received a standing ovation for their performance in the Tin Shed at the Kuranda Amphitheatre at the end of this year's Cairns Ukulele Festival. 'Honey and Spice', an energy packed group, share another fun performance with you.

The Arts Co-op is sponsoring the children's Butterfly Colouring-in Competition during Kuranda Day. The activity will take place in the Original Markets all day. The prize will be awarded to the winning junior artist at the end of the day.

The Arts Co-op would welcome the involvement of the other galleries in the Village to 'get on board' this Kuranda Day and re-introduce an arts focus in the community's festivities.

Cultural Mapping

An extensive cultural mapping audit is currently being undertaken by Savvy Arts. This exercise is to update and detail the numbers and types of artists, their locations on the Tablelands and produce a cultural database. Many new arts and crafts businesses have been established over the Tablelands in the recent past years. Cultural infrastructure covers all heritage buildings, arts and craft shops and organisations, galleries, museums, parks and clubs, performance artists, musicians, actors, playwrights and authors. It will be interesting to see the final result of this audit. It is expected that Kuranda will again champion the percentages.

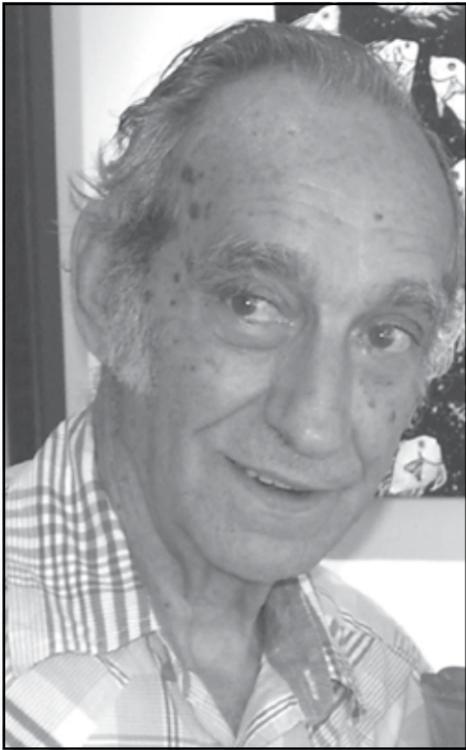
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- A friend told a blond man: "Christmas is on a Friday this year." The blond man then said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."
- Two blond men find three grenades, and they decide to take them to a police station. One asked: "What if one explodes before we get there?" The other says: "We'll lie and say we only found two."
- A woman phoned her blond neighbour man and said: "Close your curtains the next time you and your wife are having sex. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday." To which the blond man replied: "Well the joke's on all of you because I wasn't even at home yesterday."
- A blond man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts: "Did you find the shampoo?" He answers, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do... it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."



Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers



There is much more to harps than angels. The sounds from **Jim Harrold's** handmade harps will enchant and relax. Many listeners and harpists experience "the wonderful healing vibrations". Dedicated to his craft, Jim's opulent handmade harps have been described as "pleasing to the eye", "distinctively contoured", "soothing to the ear", "a clear sweet sound", and "uplifting to the Spirit". Jim's harps glitter and gleam in quiet corners of the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery beckoning you to discover the rich sounds they hold within.

Where is your current studio?

My studio is at my home in Mareeba. It's in my workshop on the back of the house. I lived on the Tablelands for 48

years, in and around Kuranda and then moved just next door to Mareeba.

Do you work alone or with others?

Alone. Making harps is a one man job. It is peaceful work, and I have my favourite music playing in the background and just whittle away.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Essentially, good lighting and air circulation as I create a lot of sawdust.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

I manage to work almost every day, sometimes for a few hours, sometimes all day. Now that I am 'retired' there is not a necessity for me to punch a clock. Completion of new harp may take me six weeks to a couple of months. I spend a lot of time waiting on imported hardware: strings, levers and pins from overseas. These are not available locally.

Describe the works you do in your studio.

My harp making is a lifelong hobby of designing and crafting harps. I resource the beautiful local rainforest timbers from bush saw mills on the Tablelands. The mills have a wonderful selection.

Why is harp making your chosen medium?

I have always had a strong fascination for the harp. As a kid I spent time watching repeatedly the Marx Brothers movies, especially Harpo. He was a famous harpist. I would have to watch the whole movie just to see and hear the harp. The harp is the only instrument today that still has bit of mystery about it. It is the oldest stringed instrument and no other instrument attracts the attention like a harp. [This is evident when customers come into the Arts Co-op gallery and cannot resist a pluck or two. T.R.]

My harps come with a teaching manual by Sylvia Woods.

List three things you listen to while working.

I play the music of the Native American Andean Indians from a series of tapes and LPs. Sometimes I have AB FM radio going in the background

but I don't like outside interference to spoil the tranquillity. I do, however, allow the birds as an accompaniment and my favourites are the curlews.

Your favourite tool?

I can't restrict this answer to just one tool. My wood lathe is an essential tool in my studio. My router, which I use for trimming and finishing is a favourite but my spray gun would take a precedent as it indicates that the agony is over and I can see the home gate. The instrument is then ready for stringing. That is actually the best part – until the strings go on the harp is not finished.

How do you identify your work?

Each completed instrument is dated and has my name, address, phone number and my personal logo inside the harp, out of sight.

How do you sell your work?

My harps are displayed for sale in the Kuranda Arts Co-op and the Mareeba Art Society galleries. I don't have a website but 'word of mouth' encourages musicians to seek me out, and I get telephone enquiries from all over Australia.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

No, I do not teach at all. But yes, I do sell directly from my studio. Not having a website or a private shop front I am reliant on mail orders.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

Just like most other artists I do much unpaid work, including my rostered day at the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery. I am also a licensed builder and undertake small building jobs.

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

Of course, I would want a bigger studio so that I could have more projects going at once.

If you were not working with harp making what would you be doing?

I would like to be an explorer. I always have. I can see myself paddling up some unchartered river in the deep jungles of South America, looking for places and creatures. I would also go and seek out that illusive Loch Ness monster. I certainly wouldn't be just sitting on my haunches. I would take my gold detector with me too.

I am very 'outdoorsy'. My studio is all open. I cannot be caged.



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TAKING CLOSE-UP PHOTOS OF SMALL ANIMALS – macro photography – is not too difficult, though some specialist equipment does help. I have always had a fascination with smaller animals, especially invertebrates, and find that taking close up photos gives me a window into their amazing world. It is a world where things are very different than those in our every day lives. Strange and bizarre features of these animals perform tasks in their lives which can be awe inspiring and terribly gruesome at times, but all serve to aid their survival. All becomes visible in the world of macro photography.

A good nature macro photograph is like any other good photo – it is interesting to look at. It may tell a story, it may be a portrait, or it may be abstract in its appearance; it all depends on the result you are looking for. It always helps to have this in mind when you set out to take a picture. One of the most important things in macro, as in all forms of photography, is the lighting. Poor lighting will let down the most spectacular subject (even using expensive equipment), and can ruin the potential of a good photo. When it comes to macro photography, you can either use natural light (sunlight) or a flash. Although I occasionally use natural light, I almost always use flash as it provides a fast pulse of light that freezes the action of fast moving animals, and avoids the blur caused by camera shake. Using flash also allows you to have more control over the aperture (controlling the amount of light the camera lets in for cameras with manual settings). Closing down the aperture to the setting f22 will give you greater depth of field (a larger area of focus) but requires more light. Due to the magnification, the depth of field in macro photography is very small (ranging from several millimetres to a centimetre or two), so you have to be very careful about making sure your subject is in focus.

Many of the new compact digital cameras have a macro function which allows the lens to focus on things quite close. The flash on these cameras is not suitably positioned for good close-ups, so unless you are photographing a subject which is quite still in bright sunlight (with a steady hand), things often don't quite turn out perfectly. Using a tripod will eliminate camera shake, but it makes it quite difficult to follow any living animals around if they are on the move.

The method I use is quite simple. I use a digital SLR camera, a flash which is connected to the camera via a cable, and a 'soft-box'. A soft-box diffuses (spreads) the light coming from the flash and effectively makes the size of the light larger.



When the eyes are in focus, the image appears in focus.

This reduces the amount of shadow, just as a cloud passing in front of the sun does. Having the flash attached to a cord rather than mounted on top of the camera gives me a great deal of flexibility in where I place the light. I can put it above the animal, to one side or even behind it for more dramatic back-lighting effects. No matter what brand or model of SLR camera you have, this type of set-up can be achieved. I actually made my first soft-box for about \$3 using some white cardboard, and tracing paper. Some macro photographers prefer to have two flashes and some use a 'ring-flash', neither of which I personally like – two flashes give double highlights in eyes (not natural) and two sets of shadows, while ring-flashes give animals a weird goggle-eyed appearance. Each to their own. Whatever camera you use or system you choose, below are some key tips for getting into good macro photography.

- Make sure the animal's eyes are in focus (if they're not, the whole picture appears out of focus)
- Take the photo on a different angle than your normal every day viewpoint (don't just stand above the subject; crouch, kneel or lie down if you can).
- Hold your camera very steady when you are about to take the photo (I hold my breath!)
- Approach animals slowly and have patience. Watching them first to understand their behaviour patterns is a big help.
- Crop and adjust the brightness, contrast and colour of your final images to bring out their full potential.
- Have fun!

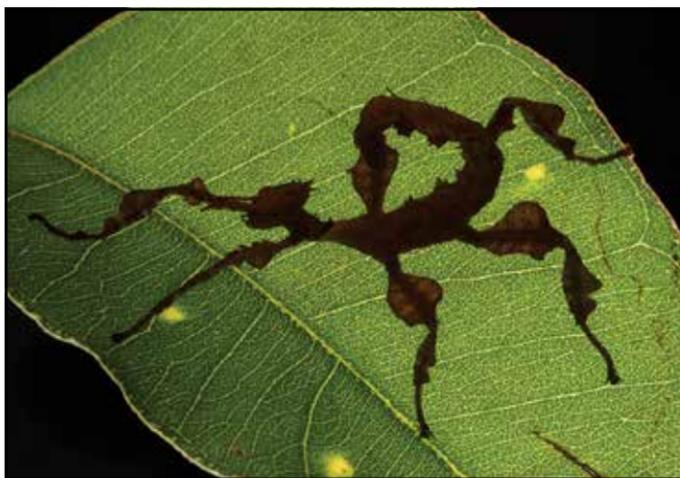
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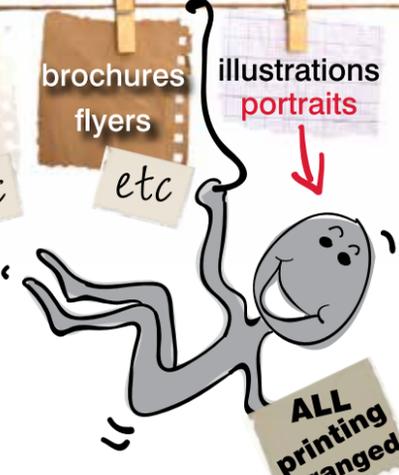
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THE RECENT PASSING OF JIM EDWARDS will be remembered with sadness in Kuranda. Jim was born into a world in which the traditional customary ways of the Aboriginal people of South-east Queensland were under severe challenge. The people were being moved from their traditional lands on the fringes of towns, or from where they congregated on cattle/sheep stations, onto Government reserves, there to be paternalistically controlled by white outsiders in most aspects of their lives. This was done under Queensland legislation. Jim was born in 1942 on the Cherbourg Aboriginal Settlement at a time when that Settlement contained members of many different Aboriginal tribes, most having no traditional connection to the land there. It was located upon the traditional lands of the Wakka Wakka people.

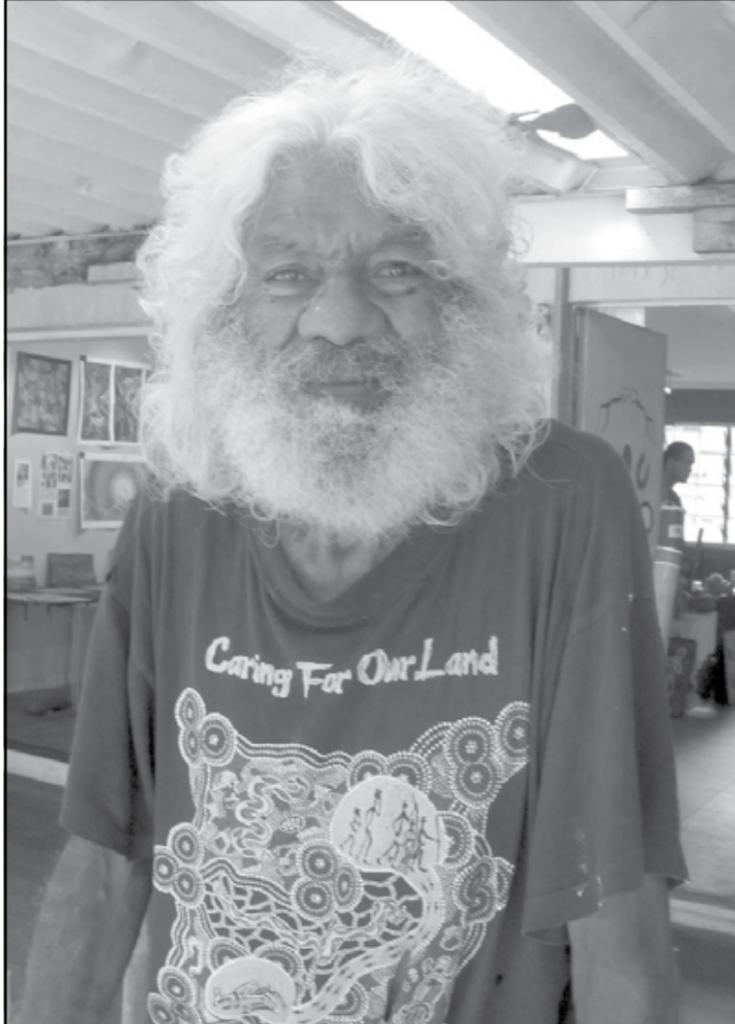
Into this Settlement were thrust Aboriginal people from as far away as New South Wales in the south, people from out west and people from up the north. Some had been forcibly located to the Settlement, others had been induced to come there by the promise of rations, clothing and a blanket. The Superintendent of the Reserve had absolute power over their lives. Traditional culture was deemed to be bad and traditional practices required the Superintendent's permission. The people were thought to be the remnants of a dying race after their tribal numbers had suffered a significant decline in the face of white settlement. In place of their traditional foods they had to work for basic rations, having to line up for them at set times at the "ration room", a tin shed.

Jim's parents were often away on work, so Jim was brought up until 10 years old by his paternal grandmother Elsie Fitzgerald. They lived in a hut made up of tin sheets. Despite the ban on traditional practices then in place under the policy of assimilation, Jim acquired quite a lot of traditional knowledge, particularly from an "uncle" or "natja", Willie McKenzie, a knowledgeable traditional story teller. If traditional practices could not be observed openly, they often took place in secret, and Jim was often around to witness them. Many of the older men had been fully initiated before being moved to the Settlement. Jim learnt how to get the roots of trees for boomerangs and how to hunt and fish. His knowledge and love of his culture and his tribal lands, his memories of the old people he knew and the stories they told, and also his adaption to western styles of living and working, made of him a fascinating mix of Aboriginal and European cultures.

Jim went to work at a fairly young age. He also began to learn to box when he was about 12 years old. He was trained by his father and two uncles. Jim says: "I used to trot into Murgon every morning before I went to work. Had breakfast in the pub where my mother worked. I had to get a permit every week from the Superintendent."

Jim won two schoolboy titles in boxing in Brisbane at Lane Park Stadium. As a reward he received extra steak from the butcher shop. He used to train at Kingaroy with his sparing mates. He learnt that as an Aboriginal, he had to fight to get ahead in life.

When he was about 20 years old, he represented Australia as an amateur in New Zealand and won the Australasian Featherweight Title. He recalls that he had to wear his dirty old khaki shorts in the fight, they being all he had to wear. He then turned professional, training with Jack Kelso from Brisbane. He was 21 years of age when he fought and defeated Gary Cowburn for the Australian Welterweight Title. Then he was beaten by Graham Dickers. He had a bit of trouble, arising largely



from his resistance to the bad treatment of his people, and received a six month jail sentence for fighting back against a policeman. He said the police started to pick on him to see how good he was.

He travelled around with the boxing tent of old Jimmy Sharman and Les McNab. He travelled to Perth and to Brisbane. In Brisbane he met Don Brady, the "Punching Pastor", who was involved in the fight for Aboriginal land rights. This was following the successful 1967 national referendum on Aboriginals in the Constitution. Jim was the Pastor's "backstop". Jim became a supporter and advocate of Aboriginal rights. He was in Canberra when the first Aboriginal tent "Embassy" was established. Jim was also present in Brisbane in protests.

Then followed a further clash with police, landing Jim in jail again. It was here that Jim learnt to paint in a modified Aboriginal manner. He had previously learnt how to paint in the traditional way from his uncles at Cherbourg, painting boomerangs and other implements. In prison he watched other inmates paint and became keen to try his hand. He began to paint landscapes, inspired by his ancestral Glass House Mountains, which he could see from his cell. He did some portraits of the children of the prison officers for them. He also painted a big mural of Nullaba Valley Prison Farm.

Jim was released from prison in 1982 and met Margaret, of Dutch descent. They were married in 1983 in Brisbane. She organised his first exhibition, called "My Land" (Chaun Ngari) in

Brisbane. All 40 paintings were sold. It was a great success. Jim and Margaret then went on a trip to Margaret's homeland in Holland, where a successful exhibition of Jim's work was held. Back in Australia, a few more exhibitions were held in Brisbane. Jim was becoming established as an artist.

In 1987, Jim and Margaret made the decision to move to North Queensland. They started the business called Boongar Arts and Crafts, with Jim making the artworks and craft objects and selling them through the business as well as doing boomerang demonstrations. Jim continued to have exhibitions in Europe, as well as participating in trade fairs, selling didgeridoos and other Aboriginal arts and crafts.

In 1991 they opened the Boongar Art Gallery in Kuranda Village, travelling up and back from Cairns each day from where they lived. They still had that shop in Therwine Street, Kuranda, up to the time of Jim's passing, where Jim was still painting, notwithstanding a number of serious health problems. Jim sold his work to visitors from all over the world and was much photographed. He had revived in Kuranda an artistic interest from old memories of his earlier years in Cherbourg. In 2003 he received a grant from the Australia Council to present and promote his exhibition "The Ration Room" through a number of public and private galleries in Queensland.

His passing will leave a gap among indigenous artists in the north. But more so, he will be remembered as a gentleman who worked hard for his race and who carried on his artistic profession under difficult circumstances but always had time for a kind word, particularly among the young. He will be fondly remembered by his wife of many years Margaret, who did such a great job in looking after him during his long illnesses and assisted him to maintain his interest in painting.

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(Continued from last month)

'Gangurra' by Howard J Polner (Hope Vale Mission Board, 1986) delivers a comprehensive history of the Cape Bedford and Hope Vale Lutheran missions including Guugu Yimidjirr traditional life and tribal and family territory. The author states 'From the Annan River south of Cooktown, to the Jennie River 100 kilometres to the north; then inland to the Normanby River Battle Camp country, lies the home territory of the Guugu Yimidjirr Aborigines'. The book tells of the local Aborigines encounter with Captain Cook, the Palmer River gold rush and the European settlement and establishment of Cooktown.

The book contains many references to other works including 'Loose leaves; reminiscences of a pioneer North Queensland Missionary' by Wilhelm Poland (originally published as three booklets by The Mission Institute of Neuendettelsau, Bavaria, 1905-1912. Reprint: Lutheran Publishing House, Adelaide. 1988.) Missionary W G F Poland came to Australia in 1888 and spent the next 17 years at Hope Vale.

On a slightly different slant but still concerned with Hope Vale and missionaries is 'Cockatoo, My Life in Cape York' by Roy McIvor. Roy McIvor was just 10 when he, his family and his community were rounded up by the Australian military and shipped 1500 km south to Woorabinda, near Rockhampton, because of allegations that his people were collaborating with the Japanese under the guidance of German Lutheran Missionary George Heinrich Schwarz.

Nonie Sharp has written an interesting book entitled 'Footprints Along the Cape York Sandbeaches (Aboriginal Studies Press, 1992) which discusses the relationship of the Indigenous people with the missionaries. The book also deals with the history of

contact on North Cape York Peninsula, the Queensland government policy of deliberate destruction of the Indigenous people and the murders committed by Frank Jardine while he was police magistrate.

'The Mapoon Story According to the Invaders: Church Mission, Queensland Government and Mining Company- Book One' (International Development Action 1975) by J P Robert is a book on six families of the Mapoon mission, their laws and customs, their struggle with the mining companies which resulted in their mission settlement being burnt down in 1963 and their repossession of the area in 1974.

I am now attempting to compile a list of books on Cape York; its history, the original inhabitants, the explorers, the settlers, the miners and the communities. An extensive list to be sure but any input from readers will be gratefully received.

A bookseller cannot have all the books but knowledge about what books exist on certain subjects is invaluable.

Most, if not all the books above, are available at various booksellers although I have had trouble locating copies of the Wilhelm Poland book. Support your local second hand bookstore and if they do not have copies of any of the above books in stock they should be able to locate a copy for you. Don't neglect your local library as a source of hard-to-find books as they, or the State library, may be able to assist if you simply want to read rather than purchase.

This is not a complete list of books on the missionaries and missions of Cape York and I will continue to update it as I discover further books on the subject. My next article will be a list of books about the explorers and adventurers of Cape York in the 19th and 20th centuries.



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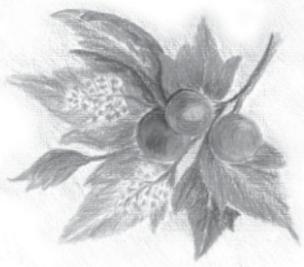
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On Saturday 8th September, the public were made welcome at the school's annual Fair and Open Day. Throughout the day students showcased their talents in choirs and musical ensembles. There was strong bidding for auction items, face painting, rides and market stalls. It was a beautiful day with over three hundred guests welcomed with fabulous food, music and entertainment. Enrolments for 2013 are currently being accepted.



Left: (from left: Majella Smith, Rosa Lee Long, Gaye Taylor, John Stewart). Right: Class choir at the Open Day

TRC approves expansion of school at Kuranda

An expansion of the **Candlenut Steiner School** at Kuranda has been approved by Tablelands Regional Council. At its meeting on September 20 in Atherton the Council voted in favour of an application that will see classes expanded from the existing primary years to include up to Year 10.

The application, on Boyles Road, is for a development over three stages, beginning with additional car parking spaces, a one-way link road, science, general learning and ablution blocks and the caretaker's residence.

Stage two will include two multi-purpose classrooms and a manual arts building while the final stage will incorporate two more classrooms, and information and technology building and a covered basketball court.

Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Rosa Lee Long said she welcomed the expansion proposed by the school.

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Ten tips for happy holidaying with pets

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BVSC animal hospital founder and specialist vet Dr Rod Straw said travelling with a pet could be a very enjoyable experience for owners and their companions but it is not a decision that should be taken lightly.

"Holidays with pets are becoming more common and many pet owners talk to us about how to holiday safely with their pet. For pet owners committed to travelling with their pet, it is vital to take some basic precautions for the trip," he said.

To help pet owners prepare for holidaying with their four legged friends, Dr Straw has these ten tips:

1. Notify your accommodation provider – Even destinations which welcome pets can have restrictions about the type of animals they allow, the time of year they are permitted and bedding arrangements.
2. Bring some pet identification – In addition to ensuring their pet is micro chipped, owners are advised to take a copy of their animal's medical history.
3. Be wary of warm weather destinations – Very hot temperatures can provoke dehydration and heat stroke in some animals.
4. Be respectful of restricted areas – To help protect native wildlife and animals, domestic animals (dogs, cats etc.) are banned from Australian National Parks, Nature Reserves and State Recreation Areas.
5. Introduce your pet to driving in stages – Help your pet to prepare for a long drive in the car by first taking it on a series of short trips.
6. Ensure your pet has the right cage – Your pet's carrier should be well ventilated and large enough that they can lie down, stand up and turn around, but not big enough that they will be thrown around inside in the event of a sudden stop or collision.
7. Plan feeding schedules – Feed your pet a light meal three to four hours prior to departure. Avoid feeding pets in a moving vehicle, even on long drives.
8. Make frequent stops – During travel, allow your pet some time outside to stretch their legs and gain some mental stimulation in a different environment to the car.
9. Pack adequate supplies – Ensure your pet has everything it needs to be comfortable on its journey. Pack your pet's favorite foods and toys to help your pet feel more at home in a new environment.
10. Locate the nearest vet – In an emergency situation, knowing the location of the closest vet could help to save the life of your animal.

Dr Straw said travellers should speak to their local vet if they are concerned about the health of their pet on a trip.

For further information please contact: Emma Norris/PPR/07 3309 4704/enorris@ppr.com.au



School Holidays and No Food Waste Challenge

Kuranda has enjoyed perfect springtime weather throughout September, Cairns recorded the driest August in 22 years, and Queensland faces major drought with the fifth-driest August in 113 years. Yes, the El Nino weather pattern has returned.

Linking last month's article on the London Olympics' huge efforts to recycle and avoid waste, this article will focus on our household food waste.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PANTRY STOCKTAKE

School holidays are the perfect time for a pantry 'stock take' and cook up, when kid's appetites are bottomless pits, especially teenagers.

Just announce you will not go shopping until everything is eaten. Give them the challenge of menu planning and cooking and you are then ready to stock up the pantry with fresh new items for Christmas and Cyclone season.

Most wastage especially fruit & vegetables is due to buying or cooking too much and using too little, family barbecues are a typical example. Plan ahead and use left overs make to make additional meals. Practice now for the coming Christmas New Year season.

Copper Penny Salads: check out these versions of a pre prepared salad and keep in the fridge for 7 days.

Add cooked chicken and cooked pasta and it's now a casserole. <http://cookeatshare.com/popular/copper-pennies-salad>

2 ingredient pizza crust: <http://tinyurl.com/8f45c8h> Make bulk supplies, roll them into balls, store in cling wrap, when ready just thaw and make flat!

Ragu alla Bolognese: www.eatingwell.com/print/15147 makes great fillings for pies and pasta bakes too. This recipe serves 20 meals, will last in the fridge for 5 days or freeze for up to 3 months.

Mashed sweet potato (kumara): <http://tinyurl.com/bmpt545>

Sweet potato wedges, Sweet potato fritters: an excellent Low GI food.

USE UP ALL YOUR VEGETABLES

It's reported that "the average Australian wastes 200kg of food a year", so if you love food but hate waste, read on.

1. Prepare ahead for busy times or a late meal. All it takes is to save and freeze a few scoops of curry, stir fry, soup, stew, roast or casserole, to make toasted sandwich or savoury pancakes fillings.
2. Chopped and fried onions easily freeze easily for later on. Chopped raw

onions used only for soups and casseroles **must** be frozen in a double bag or the smell will go through the whole freezer.

3. Roasted vegetable leftovers especially carrot, pumpkin and sweet potato make a wonderful puree baby food or soup, and can be added to a quick pizza base and topped with low fat cheese.
 4. Fried limp and old vegetables (but not mouldy) can be added to a special freezer container labelled 'surprise soup'. Except broccoli.
 5. Herbs and chopped celery adds subtle flavour in broths or soups and freezes well.
 6. Too many tomatoes? Just cook and freeze for a 'Mediterranean or Mexican meal'. Buy in bulk to make your own bolognese sauce, or mix tomato and cheese together to make a sandwich or pizza spread. Puree, dehydrated, made into a relish or stored in olive oil. Yes, a very useful vegetable.
 7. Carrots. Peel one kilo at a time, keep them in a container in the fridge for salads or stir fries. For stews, or casseroles, frozen carrots go mushy when thawed. It's still a good timesaver idea, but so is bulk cooking.
 8. Freezing potatoes in soups is disappointing, but freezing white potato and sweet potato mixed with butter or cream is helpful. (White potatoes are a very high GI vegetable, and sweet potato is a low GI vegetable). Cooking both together and flash freezing them makes a very healthy side vegetable for people on a diabetic diet.
 9. Cauliflower makes an excellent substitute for 'gluten free pizza dough or bread sticks' <http://tinyurl.com/c6h8p5s>
 10. Fussy eaters who won't eat their veggies? Use a blend a mix of vegetables and spices, add to a pasta or brown rice meal as a 'sauce', or hide in meatballs, veggie fritters, a savory muffin or a 'vegetable' sausage roll.
 11. Try this famous **Glutney Chutney** recipe - <http://tinyurl.com/8k3qof5>
 12. Vegetable gardeners have plenty of options for not wasting vegetables: sharing, donating, preserving, pickling or selling. As a last resort there's always making it into pet food, adding to your compost and feeding your worms.
- Springtime is a great time to plant vegetables ready for Summer- are you ready?

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What Is Couple Sex?

A 7-year-old girl went to her grandfather, who was working in the yard and asked him, "Grandpa, what is couple sex?" The grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to ask the question, then she's old enough to get a straight answer. Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities of intercourse. When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement. Seeing the look on her face, the grandfather asked her, "Why did you ask this question, honey?"

The little girl replied, "Grandma says that dinner will be ready in just a couple secs." For all you Grandfathers and Grandmothers, be sure you understand the question.



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PEEK A BOO!

Just a short note to introduce myself and the Magic page. It is a page written by children for other children just like themselves – a place for children (5-13 years) to send their drawings, recipes, giggles, poems, puzzles and letters etc.

Award stars (which add up to a major prize) are given each month and perhaps small prizes.

The drawing used for the colouring competition ALWAYS is given a prize.

My name is Steffany Naymen (aka Murgatroyd). I live in Mareeba and have successfully organised such a page both on the Tablelands and in country Victoria in the past.

The Green Island Adventure Prize is for a family (two adults/two children).



Magic



Written by the children of Far North Queensland

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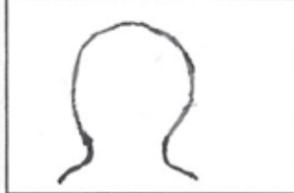
David Eade
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GREEN ISLAND ADVENTURE

Who wants to win a Fun Trip on the Big Green Cat, to this special place out on the Reef? Snorkel or walk the beach. Go below the waves in the glass bottomed submarine, watch the turtles swim slowly by, as you search for Nemo. **Now just write an essay (story) about the person you know best – YOU.** What brings a Smile or a Frown? What are your favourite things (food, colours, games, toys, music, drink, flowers, classes in school, places to go, etc)? Why do you want this exciting adventure? **Put your entry into the 'MAGIC' Box at Kuranda, Mareeba or Walkamin - no later than October 13.**

Q. Why do fish not use a computer? A. Because they don't want to be caught in the internet.

FILL IN THE FACE - SCAREY or NICE?
(If you send it back, perhaps a small gift for you).



Thankyou Celina Spena.
Can You design a Puzzlet?
Join the dots, find hidden things in a drawing, word games, mazes, etc.



Cassie Bale Byrs



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I would like to pose the question to TRC ratepayers: what are you actually going to be getting, in real terms, for the \$8M plus that de-amalgamation will cost our community? This cost will largely be borne by ratepayers of the former Mareeba Shire and, when you remove tenants and children from that total population, you will realise that this is a very large cost to be passed on to a very small group of ratepayers.

Furthermore, the economic disadvantages will not be limited to the huge costs of undoing an expensive and arduous overhaul, reform and consolidation of most Council administrative, IT, planning, local laws and community service.

It will continue to be felt throughout the community as a small, parochial, under-resourced Mareeba Shire Council competes for funding and fails to achieve the economies of scale for higher level services and specialised staff.

Since amalgamation, TRC has acquired many staff and services that would never have been affordable under the former four shire councils, including community and social planners, strategic planners, an aged care officer, an Indigenous liaison officer, a natural disaster coordinator and a huge regional library collection – to name but a few “perks” of amalgamation.

What will happen to all of these staff and the regional expertise they represent post de-amalgamation? In short, de-amalgamation will represent a significant reduction in local government capacity, for both northern and southern counterparts.

Rolling back the work that has been completed over the past four years will also result in a fresh period of institutional hiatus, where services are suspended, reforms delayed and community projects put on hold, whilst subjecting 500+ council staff to significant extra pressure and work burdens.

Many townspeople of Mareeba may be in favour of de-amalgamation, as it would restore their sense of local identity and proximity to their elected representatives, which they experienced under the former Mareeba Shire – both valuable things, I’ll admit. However, the statement in the Tableland newspaper on 21st August that, “it will be very difficult to find anyone in the former Mareeba Shire that will say that they have benefitted (from amalgamation)”, implicitly assumes that all former Mareeba Shire residents share Mareeba town’s sense of loyalty and nostalgia to the former Mareeba Shire.

This assumption fails to acknowledge approximately 6,000 former Mareeba Shire residents who reside in the Kuranda district, and do not necessarily share these sentiments. In fact, many Kuranda residents felt marginalised and disenfranchised about decisions, values and priorities under the former Mareeba Shire. The formation of the TRC provided something very important to the Kuranda district and community – our own elected representative. Under the previous Mareeba Shire the Kuranda district never had its own political representation at a local government level. Furthermore, how do the communities of Mt. Molloy, Julatten, Dimbulah, Mutchilba and Chillagoe feel about de-amalgamation – do they share Mareeba town people’s views? Can we hear from them too?

Mareeba and Kuranda, two of the two main centres of the former Mareeba Shire, are binary opposites in many ways. One is a rainforest community known for being alternative, creative, left wing and green with a local economy largely based on tourism and the arts. The other is a dry savannah, predominantly industrial town, with strong links to agriculture and grazing and a largely conservative community. To imagine that Mareeba Shire was a cohesive political entity whilst containing these two starkly different communities requires a suspension of logic and fact. Therefore, if de-amalgamation does happen, given the past tensions between communities in the Mareeba Shire – DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATION MUST BE UPHELD! This is only democratic and fair.

Political boundaries are arbitrary, abstract, invented things, which are often re-drawn and reconceived over the generations. To illustrate the point, consider the following historical titbit:

The advent of civic life in the Tablelands necessitated a civic authority, and the first local authority was established when the Tinaroo Divisional Board was inaugurated in early 1881 to control an area that today contains Atherton, Herberton, Eacham and most of Mareeba. Herberton quickly emerged as the Tableland region’s administrative centre (source: state wide heritage survey for the Tablelands, by the Qld government, 2009)

So it seems that a regional council for the Tablelands was not such a new and radical notion, and we are not so separate after all!

– **Tim Hoogwerf**, Kuranda

READERS OPINIONS

The De-amalgamation - debate -

HAS anyone noticed the difference an election makes to all of the so called genuine statements made by people and political parties contesting various positions. Take for instance the statements made on de-amalgamation prior to election.

In a radio talk back on ABC radio, Campbell Newman, in reply to my question on de-amalgamation, stated that in a government led by him he would allow Mareeba to go its own way so long as former Mareeba Shire residents understood his government would not contribute in any way to the costs.

At meetings in Mareeba both prior to and just after the state election we were led to believe by various members of the LNP that apparently there was enough evidence to show that the residents of the former Mareeba Shire wanted a referendum, and a boundary commissioner would be appointed to oversee said referendum.

Then came the crunch from the newly elected Local Government Minister David Crisafulli. While admitting that Peter Beattie and Andrew Fraser tore communities from across the state apart with their brutal forced amalgamation, he is now imposing conditions not mentioned prior to the election. The Minister is also using the media to its utmost but instead of helping to rectify the injustice caused by Beattie and Fraser it appears he is doing all he can to hinder democracy; by that I mean he appears to be dirtying the water, discouraging voters from weighing up the benefits of de-amalgamation, and having the former Mareeba Shire a successful stand alone council once again.

Likewise with TRC Mayor Rosa Lee Long who stated prior to council elections she would do all she could to help with a smooth transition if the people of the Mareeba Shire wanted de-amalgamation. Now she has suddenly changed course, and, before the official figures are presented by Treasury, is trying to deter voters, using figures that are apparently very rubbery.

The former Mareeba Shire voters are aware that de-amalgamation will cost money initially, and that the pro’s and con’s will be explained prior to any vote taken. Therefore it should be up to them (the voters) using these true facts to make the decision about the Mareeba Shire’s future, without being bombarded with scare tactics from the Minister and Mayor.

As I said, “what a difference an election makes”.

– **Ron Kane**, Mareeba

BE it \$8.1k or \$4.5k or \$1.0k cost to de-amalgamate, I would like a guarantee from those voting in favour, that they will pay my share and also any other compounded costs with a reduced rateable area. Mayor Tom Gilmore did a great job when he was forced by Labor to amalgamate and Rosa Lee Long has continued making it work.

Our Div. 8 is represented by Cr. Jenny Jensen and in the time she has held that position has worked tirelessly. I do not wish to go back to living in a forgotten wilderness, because Div. Representation is scrapped along with de-amalgamation. Mareeba held most of the Councillors and we, out in the bush, very seldom saw one. At least Jenny gets to our Residents’ meetings and shows real interest in our Community plans.

If you think that Council is not ‘up to scratch’ then get up off your ‘butts’, form Residents’ Associations, speak to your Cr. Reps. and let them help you. Stop putting it all down to amalgamation and get rid of your ‘sour grapes’.

– **Yvonne Thomson**, Speewah

I note in Jensen Jottings [*The Kuranda Paper*, August 2012 edition] that Jenny urges all residents of the old Mareeba shire that before voting to consider the matter very carefully, and for once I agree with our council representative.

Of course what she fails to tell you is that by voting for amalgamation to remain you are accepting that as a resident of the old Mareeba Shire you will never have a voice on the TRC on how your hard earned rates are spent. I am not saying your elected representatives will not try to represent you but they are outnumbered 2 to 1 and they can never win a council debate no matter how hard they try.

It was at the recent Chamber of Commerce meeting in Mareeba where Mayor Rosa Lee Long produced her \$8.1 million guesstimate that she called a “forecast of the one off establishment costs of de-amalgamation”. Firstly, the column showing the estimated costs is headed “upper estimate”. This, of course, is a very clever and, in the view of many, a deceitful way, of producing inflated figures, with no other purpose than to frighten Mareeba ratepayers from voicing their democratic right. Had the Mayor been serious about producing costs for ratepayers to evaluate she would also have produced a lower estimate for them to compare. I am sure all Mareeba Shire residents have seen through the term “upper estimate” as nothing more than a term that the Mayor hopes will allow her to save face if the treasury figures come in significantly less.

Prior to being granted a referendum Mareeba ratepayers are entitled to and WILL receive an unbiased and accurate costing from Queensland Treasury of what de-amalgamation will truly cost. It is counter-productive to the democratic process for the Mayor and Councillors to produce upper estimates without providing lower estimates for comparison.

What Mayor Rosa Lee Long and all councillors have failed to tell the ratepayers of the old Mareeba shire is that if de-amalgamation is successful there is a strong possibility that the remaining TRC’s status will be downgraded, resulting in a reduction of Councillor’s remuneration packages. Surely it is incumbent on all TRC councillors including the Mayor to declare their conflicts of interest in the current de-amalgamation debate. All councillors should withdraw from engaging in any dialogue re de-amalgamation either written or verbal where their opinion could result in a benefit to their financial circumstances.

– **Scott Dixon**, Mareeba

Editorial comment...

We understand that the de-amalgamation issue has been referred by the Minister for Local Government to the Boundaries Commissioner. The Minister didn’t need to be shown any evidence of benefits but was required to refer it if those wishing to de-amalgamate showed him there was significant community support for the proposal. Apparently there was.

There is nothing we can do at this stage; the Commissioner is looking at it. It will be his job to examine the proposal, listen to the community, estimate the likely costs and benefits, if any, and report back to the Minister by 28 November on whether the matter should proceed to a poll or be scuttled.

If we are going to have to vote on the issue it will be before 31 March 2013. You may or may not be given some information on which to make a judgement prior to that date but in any case this paper recommends that everyone should read the TRC’s Submission on De-amalgamation. This is available on the TRC’s website and at the local library and lays out the position clearly and in detail.

This paper believes Kuranda’s best interests will be served by the status quo. We have heard and seen nothing from the proponents of de-amalgamation which has changed that viewpoint.



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Trout On Line

I have received a letter from the Minister for Health, Lawrence Springborg, in reply to my letter of 27 July in regard to fluoridation, which was accompanied by well over 800 notifications, supporting emails and petitions from concerned Kuranda residents.

I quote from that letter:

"I have said that my Government is willing to have a look at the impacts of the roll-out of fluoridation, particularly on smaller councils which have yet to establish fluoridation plants. We will look at those few remaining councils on a case-by-case basis to ensure they are in a position to provide safe and effective water fluoridation."

I met with Mayor Rosa Lee Long and TRC Chief Executive Officer Ian Church after Community Cabinet last week and the Mayor advised she had no direct response from the Minister. I will continue to support the people of Kuranda and the wishes of TRC on this subject.

Congratulations to Robert Matthews of the Kuranda Hotel who has driven the resurgence of the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce. At the AGM yesterday at the CWA Hall, Robert was voted President, Brad Remmer Vice-President and Michael Took to the position of Treasurer/Secretary. A further meeting will be held on Wednesday October 3 and I encourage all local businesses to get involved.

RFBAQ leadership and Minister Dempsey held talks recently and agreed that Government efficiencies for Rural Fire would be achieved by the use of saving measures and a revised staffing level. Under the agreed new model, there will be no closure of any Rural Fire Service (RFS) area offices.

Unfortunately, as a part of this process, there will be a reduction in the number of full time equivalent positions, but this will be limited to executive and administration areas.

Member for Mirani, Ted Malone, well respected among the RFS and regional emergency services community will head a special Ministerial review into the RFS, assisted by senior members of the rural and urban fire services. They will investigate a new model that brings more autonomy, efficiency and less red tape that has been tying up hardworking rural firefighters who just want to get on with the job. The review of the RFS will be completed by February 2013.

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Glorious blue skies, warm breezes and lazy days make for a great way to spend the holidays before our children start back for an exciting final term. The ground work has been laid to help with the transition to prep. For instance the children have progressed from signing in with creative doodles to first names and surnames. The meticulous throw in a middle name.

Our receptive Jidu group had a visit to the Kuranda College and Janbal group eagerly await their upcoming visit at the start of term 4. The theme for Term four is Building. The focus is on building relationships and personal skills, broadening literacy and numeracy skills, and having lots of fun building structures.

A recent report from the C&K governing body gave our kindergarten glowing endorsements for our current programs and future plans.

Have you been told about the giant man with the big boots? Just one of the many stories the children have to tell after going to see the Peter Rabbit performance. So much fun was had by all. A big thank you to the mammoth efforts of all who helped raise the funds for Peter Rabbit in our cake stall.

Our next fund raising event will be our final Bunnings sausage sizzle for 2012 held on the 6th of October. These events have proven to be valuable fund raisers for all types of equipment, so many thanks to Bunnings and all you sausage eaters out there. Look forward to seeing you at the next one.

Tickets for the Melbourne Cup Raffle are selling fast. Prizes include Tjapukai family pass and hamper, Skyrail family pass and hamper, Coconut Resort voucher, grocery hamper and vouchers for Geckos and Coffee Works. The tickets are available from Kindy and families.

Enrolments for next year are filling fast. We operate a waiting list for a fair enrolment process so families are encouraged to enrol their child ASAP. To involve your child in this vibrant and nurturing environment call in to pick up an enrolment form. Early in Term Four we will then advise of times for play visits at the centre. Preference is given to pre-prep age children born 1 July 2008 to 30th June 2009, others turning four in 2013 and depending on availability, 3 year olds as well.



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- A blond man goes to the vet with his goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy," he tells the vet. The vet takes a look and says, "It seems calm enough to me". The blond man says, "Wait, I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet".
- A blond man shouts frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"
- "Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor.
- "No", he shouts, "this is her husband!"
- A blond man's dog goes missing and he is frantic. His wife says "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?" He does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing. "What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks. "Come home, boy!" he replies.

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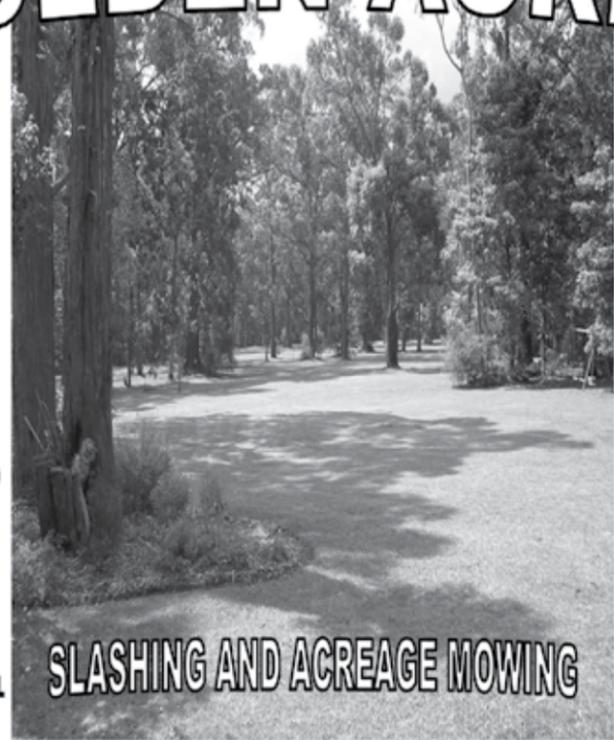
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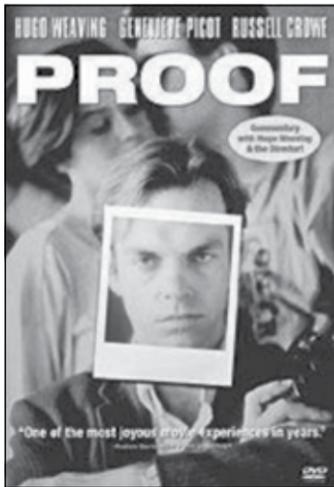
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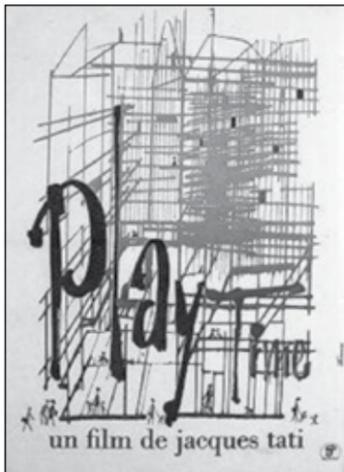
Proof

A character driven dark comedy, Moorhouse's directorial debut centres on Martin, a blind photographer, who uses his photographs to prove that people are not lying to him. Through a chance encounter he meets Andy, a young kitchen hand who he connects with emotionally. Andy's honesty and kindness allow Martin to trust for the first time and the two develop a close bond. Sensing an underlying sexual attraction between the two, Martin's jealous housekeeper sets out to destroy the relationship.

Play Time

Monsieur Hulot has to contact an American official in Paris, but he gets lost in the maze of modern architecture which is filled with the latest technical gadgets. Caught in the tourist invasion, Hulot roams around Paris with a group of American tourists, causing chaos in his usual manner.

This is not only one of the most famous French films of all time, but also a definitive example of a film challenging its viewers to look beyond plot and character to discover its meaning. Utilizing 70mm to its full advantage, and truly clever sound design, help propel Tati's masterpiece to "must see" status. You'll be hard pressed to find a better satirical statement on the effects of an impersonal, technologically advanced, but ultimately culturally bankrupt and dehumanised society. A perfect message for the times we live in.



Reconnecting and Revitalisation Of Traditional Lifestyles and Nutritional Values

IN RECENT WEEKS I have been working collaboratively with Jermaine Herbohn who works with Cape York Partnerships and is a student completing a degree at Curtin University.

The project that we initiated was to develop awareness of relevant A&TSI men's issues, including awareness of chronic health disease, eating traditional foods and understanding nutritional values of food, A&TSI physical activities and A&TSI traditional activities, domestic and family violence, relationship issues and importance of the development of a A&TSI men's group and other relevant A&TSI men's issues in the Kuranda community.

The program 'Reconnecting and Revitalisation Of Traditional Lifestyles and Nutritional Values' was held over three weeks; three Wednesday evenings and one Sunday for men to get together for a barbecue. The program was well received by community members, stakeholders, and Elders in Kuranda.



Men participated from many surrounding communities in the Kuranda region, coming together to discuss issues of concern and share values of a healthy, respectful and unified A&TSI community. The discussions showed an urgency and keenness to be part of a men's group and many men approached Jermaine and I to show their respect and appreciation of the program. Jermaine and I shared our information, experience and knowledge from our backgrounds and specified work areas and men shared their understanding of community dynamics, family diversity and roles.

The program was a big step to getting A&TSI men in the Kuranda community to become more unified and confident towards taking shared ownership and commitment that A&TSI traditional ways and practices can resolve many of the key issues A&TSI men face in today's society.

On behalf of this project Jermaine and I would like to say thank you to Apunipima Cape York Health, Kuranda HACC, Relationships Australia and Ngoonbi Cooperative Society especially Thea Buthmann and Lionel Quartermaine and all other staff members, towards making this project a success.

Joseph Oui

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I have been to many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go there alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognises you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm

Sometimes I'm in Capable, but I'm still pretty good.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And I may have been in Continent . . . but I can't remember.

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This 4m handsome fellow was picked up in Mason Road. It was quite a community affair with most nearby houses represented. Thank goodness, for when Jax was called to collect this "log" sized snake, she would never have managed without the help of the neighbours. It was too big to fit into her sack and had to be bundled into a wheelie bin. It was so pleasing that no one wished it harm, merely that it be relocated.

We can expect to see more pythons in coming months. You don't have to love them but please don't hurt them. Call us. Photo by Graham Bell



A HELPING HAND IN THE NURSERY

These Year 11 students hail from Billanook School in Victoria's Dandenongs. They visit Kuranda each year and give us a helping hand.

The holiday they are enjoying is the last they'll have till they've completed their Year 12 exams next year.

We gave them a fun time and they potted up billions of plants for us.

The nursery is buzzing with volunteers most days. Busiest time is Saturday morning 9am to 12 noon.



Eddie the Cassowary

Eddie has been seen showing off in the middle of Barron Falls Road before slipping silently into the forest.

There are some vehicles which tear along that road and wouldn't have a chance of stopping if any wildlife stepped out on to the road. We have erected our "BE AWARE - RECENT CROSSING" signs along that stretch of road.

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Drinking water quality monitored
Decades of careful testing and a battery of scientific examinations should leave residents relaxed and confident about the quality of drinking water at Kuranda and Mareeba.

Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Rosa Lee Long said concerns raised by Kuranda Friends of the Earth [*The Kuranda Paper*, September 2012, page 20] were not supported by 21 years of council testing.

“Kuranda Friends of the Earth have suggested drinking water arrangements for Kuranda and Mareeba are unsatisfactory,” Mayor Lee Long said. “This council, and its predecessors, have been running a full suite of tests on the Barron River twice a year, at two separate locations each time for more than two decades. In all that time, in all of those tests, there has never been a result that exceeded Australian Drinking Water Guidelines,” Councillor Lee Long said.

“In addition, council staff undertake other tests regarding chlorination three times a week and, when Mareeba was fluoridated, for fluoridation once a week. These tests take place at nine different locations.

“Kuranda Friends of the Earth and all other consumers can rest assured TRC understands how important clean, safe drinking water is. For Kuranda and Mareeba, decades of testing show that is exactly what they are getting.”

These tests check for heavy metals, herbicides and insecticides and are carried out by the Cairns Water laboratory.

Cr Lee Long said she was happy for TRC staff to meet with the group.

Public liability cover vital for approval holders

A decision on required levels of public liability insurance cover for approval holders will lead to better results for all.

The Tablelands Regional Council has adopted a report recommending public liability cover levels for activities ranging from the sale of raffle tickets on footpaths to roadside vending, from tradesmen using a footpath to busking.

“While there may be minor benefits to council in terms of any potential claim, the real winners here will be the general public, and approval holders who will both have protection from a proper level of insurance coverage should an incident occur,” Mayor Rosa Lee Long said.

New Tourism Kuranda Advisory Committee appointed

The appointment of a new committee to help keep Kuranda and district front and centre of the local tourism industry has been welcomed by Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Rosa Lee Long.

Councillor Lee Long said the new members, Adrian Pancirov and Cathy Flambo, are all engaged in various aspects of business and tourism in Kuranda. “This adds value to their contributions as they have hands-on experience and are personally invested in the industry and region,” Ms Lee Long said.

The committee provides advice to council on the promotion of Kuranda and its environs in order to meet Tourism Kuranda’s strategic objectives.



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Starting in 2004 in Maleny with Barung Landcare, I worked on the regeneration contracting team, moved back to FNQ to work with Conservation Volunteers Australia as part of the Bio Diversity Management Team, leading volunteers taking part in conservation projects across the far north. I’ve worked for Cairns Regional Council Natural Areas Team revegetating and maintaining

sites including Cattana Wetlands.



I’ve also volunteered as the Holloways Beach Coast Care Coordinator for the past 3 years, worked part time with Envirocare and in 2010 became Coordinator with Barron Catchment Care/Terrain NRM, to run the Barron Delta Community Engagement Project, a 2 year project. This involved working with community groups, schools, traditional owners and various project partners in conservation actions across the Delta.

I’m currently coordinator for Northern Beaches Coastal Collaboration Project, having applied for a Community Action grant which will focus on coastline rehabilitation from Yorkeys Knob to Machans Beach. I’m also working with a Marine Debris Organisation called Tangaroa Blue. The Barron Delta project has now ended and I’ve been blessed with yet another wonderful opportunity to join Envirocare and their dedicated team once again.

I’m looking forward to working with you so we can help to build stronger communities and more resilient environments. If anyone would like to get involved in conservation activities give us a call or drop in to the nursery.

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

Your opinions are always welcome.

De-amalgamation Update:

The Minister for Local Government has advised that The Boundaries Commissioner is currently considering whether residents of the former Mareeba Shire will vote on the question. Queensland Treasury Department is currently preparing cost estimates and the Commissioner will then decide whether there will be a Referendum. This decision is expected before Christmas with any voting to be scheduled by approximately March 2013. Only the residents of the former Mareeba Shire will vote on this. I urge you to consider the matter very carefully. Website link: <http://www.dlqp.qld.gov.au/bc/> In the meantime, the Council of the TRC is intent on getting on with the business of running the TRC.

Kuranda Community Precinct:

Council recently reconfirmed the Council decision of October 2011. The full resolution is available on the TRC website. There are a number of parts to the resolution, including moving the Library to the site, sale of the Old Pre-School, removal of Block A and B and future planning for the community facilities at the site. The Advisory Committee will be re-formed soon.

Fluoride:

Still awaiting the State Government's response to Council's decision not to turn on the fluoridation plant for the Kuranda Water Supply. The state legislation to require Councils to fluoridate water supplies has not yet been amended, however Council has made a decision not to turn on the fluoride supply.

Recycling:

Community consultation regarding the TRC Waste and Recycling Strategy concludes on September 28. Please complete the survey via the TRC website or at the Library in Kuranda. You can also email comments direct to info@trc.qld.gov.au Council will then make a decision on kerbside recycling for a number of areas including the Kuranda area.

Speewah Digital Television:

Some residents (mostly in Boonooloo and Hidden Valley areas) will receive notification that further signal testing will be carried out during October by NComm technical staff. This may mean that some residents will receive a rebate on the charges. Please contact Tracey Cuthberston at TRC if you need further information.

Road Projects:

Works have been completed on the Oakforest Bridge; current works are occurring on Kanervo Road and Speewah Road; Contractors have been appointed for works to commence soon on Black Mt Road and Mona Mona Road; design work is completed for Fallon Road causeway; reconstruction/ upgrade of sections of Ganyan Drive will commence soon; residents will be advised re works on the upcoming safety upgrade to the Morton Street/Rob Veivers Drive intersection.

Kuranda Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian Study:

The implementation of the recommendations of the study (completed earlier this year) is on the next Council Meeting Agenda. There are 63 recommendations so not all will occur straight away.

New Kuranda Visitors Centre: The new Visitors Centre (funded from the Kuranda Infrastructure Fund) is expected to be completed by Easter 2013. The new building will not take away any park green space and the community use of the park will not be compromised. In fact the design is required to meet the needs of both visitors and locals and will complement both the community use and the tourism use of Centenary Park.

Tourism Kuranda:

Welcome to new Members Cathy Flambo, Adrian Pancovic and Robert Matthews and thanks to retiring members Fred Nooravi, Malcolm MacLeod and Mike Took. Tourism Kuranda is planning a big event for "Kuranda Day" which will have lots of activities for the locals and the tourists. A great family day and lots of kids activities. *[See page 3 for full program]*

Customer Requests System:

If you have a complaint or request for Council action, you can easily and quickly log this, either via email to info@trc.qld.gov.au, the link "Report a Problem" on the Council website, or phone 1300 362 242 or by contacting me.

Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, alternately in Atherton and Mareeba. October Council Meetings will be on Thursday October 4 in Mareeba and Thursday October 18 in Atherton.

Meetings are public meetings and anyone is welcome to attend. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office 4043 4411.

TRC Backs Busking in Kuranda

The Tablelands Regional Council is working hand in hand with the Kuranda Community to ensure busking remains a part of the village's streetscape.

"Council has a system of registration to ensure Kuranda's vibrant street culture conforms to local laws, provides equity to users, helps a harmonious mix of activities and provides public liability protection for council," Mayor Rosa Lee Long said.

Councillor Lee Long said the \$20 registration fee is very modest and in return council provides a range of support services, from administration to Local Law officers who deal with any complaints or non-compliance issues.

"However I have requested staff report to council on options for reducing or removing this registration fee," she said. "Under our Local Laws, we are required to manage risk to council. In essence this means a commercial activity should manage its own risk on a user-pays basis. It is a standard practice and our requirement for buskers to have public liability cover or access it via a \$10 fee to the TRC, will remain.

"The TRC encourages busking at Kuranda. For example, buskers can now register seven days a week, 364 days a year at the Visitor's Information Centre, with no delay. This is ahead of many other councils and in fact, something we are now considering rolling out to other locations. Kuranda has a special identity, built from a unique blend of its location, its people, its heritage, its sense of community and its streetscape and the TRC is dedicated to seeing all of those factors working in harmony for an even more vibrant future."

Divisional Councillor Jenny Jensen said both the TRC and Tourism Kuranda are 100 per cent in support of busking in the village. "We want to make it as easy as possible to attract buskers. The village comes alive when buskers are around."

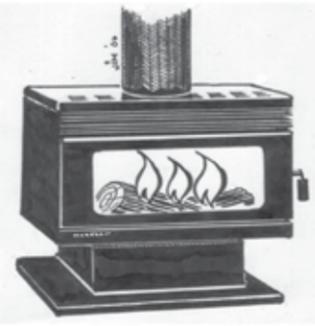


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A Thought for October

This month we focus on a passage from St Mark's Gospel and read Chapter 8 verses 27-26. Today's month's reading brings us face to face with one of the great questions of the Bible, a question that has been asked in particular circumstances in the past, but which confronts anyone in any age who claims to follow Jesus of Nazareth.

Who do men say that I am?" asks Jesus, and receives various answers from his disciples. We too face different answers in our time. We live in a world where there are many responses to any question asked. Yet we often have to commit ourselves and make a decision. "But who do you say that I am?"

That is the question every Christian must come to terms with. To respond to it we cannot use merely intellectual assent. Jesus Christ is not an intellectual problem which we try to solve. Jesus Christ is a person, a relationship, to which we respond with commitment, or not. "The Son of man must suffer... be rejected... be killed... and rise."

When we look at the sequence that way, we realize it forms a creed, a statement of belief about Our Lord. It reminds us that our relationship with him cannot be one of mere sentimental cosiness. His life teaches us certain grim but glorious truths about our own lives. No life is without its cross. No life is without rejection. No life is without the thousand daily deaths that come from the struggle.

Above all - and this is the good news at the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ - no life need be without its rising from these things with the help of his grace. "Get behind me, Satan." These truths are not easy to accept. It is a question we all in our own way will try to avoid. When Peter tries to move Jesus off this painful subject, he is acting from deepest instinct. Yet Jesus is extremely stern with Peter, and we can but presume that our unwillingness to face these realities earns the same sternness. Jesus utters three massive truths about life in the last verses of this reading.

First, we must "take up [our] cross." We must assume responsibility for our own lives. Second, if we try to hoard or save life by focusing on ourselves, it will slip through our fingers. If we are ready to spend or lose life for others, we will mysteriously get it back. Third, total self-interest can have a fearful if not fatal price. Such are the insights of Jesus. To acknowledge them is to transform our lives. Each one of us must choose how we respond to the question. For Jesus continually asks us "Who do you say that I am?"

NEWS FROM ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

St Saviour's is gearing up for the Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday 2nd of October.

To celebrate the birthday of the patron saint of animals, St Francis of Assisi, a special Blessing of the Pets service will be held this Sunday, October 2 at St Saviour's Church.

In the 1206 Francis, the wealthy son of a cloth merchant, decided to forsake all his worldly possessions and founded the order of Franciscan monks. He claimed he found his affinity with God through animals, and would often call birds, animals and even flowers his brothers and sisters.

Blessing of the Pets coordinator, Chris Wright, said people can bring pets of all shapes, sizes and species - as long as they are on a leash or in a box or cage. "You don't have to belong to any church to come and join in the fun. Events like this connect people in the community who don't normally see each other or have things in common, and that's fantastic. The event gives the community an opportunity to meet together, share their common love of animals and make new friendships. It's really about shared humanity." The Blessing of the Pets service starts at 9.30am in the area at the back of the Church. St Saviour's is also gearing up for its Harvest Festival on Sunday 14th October with special services.

On Sunday 21st at 9.30am St Saviour's will celebrate Kuranda Day and the 97th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Saviour's Church the service will be followed by morning tea and an organ recital from 12.15pm- 1.00pm.

SPECIAL KURANDA DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

St Saviour's Church, Coondoo Street will be holding a Special Kuranda Day Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 21st October at 9.30am. All Welcome.

12.15pm- 1.00pm on Sunday 21st October, Kuranda Day, a new event will take place at the historic St Saviour's Church. Rev. Annette Woods will be performing a varied program at a Lunchtime Organ Recital of Spiritual, Popular and Classical music. Rev Woods studied and taught classical piano music for many years before taking up her role as Cairns Base Hospital Chaplain. Being primarily a pianist, it has been a challenge for her to get her feet moving, as well as hands.

Admission : Gold coin donation.

St Saviour's Church organ is a two manual Allen Organ with a full octave of pedals. It is new to St Saviour's but was purchased second hand from an estate in Melbourne three years ago. The organ has 28 stops and 5 automatic combinations of stops.

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Thought of the Month from the Baha'i Faith

"His Holiness Christ said: "The Father is in me." This we must understand through logical and scientific evidences, for if religious principles do not accord with science and reason, they do not inspire the heart with confidence and assurance. This fatherhood and sonship are allegorical and symbolical. The Messianic reality is like unto a mirror through which the sun of divinity has become resplendent. If this mirror expresses "The light is in me" - it is sincere in its claim.

This is what Jesus Christ meant when He declared, "the father is in the son," the purpose being that the reality of that eternal Sun had become reflected in its glory in Christ Himself."

(Abdu'l-Baha)

Meditations/Reflections: all welcome to meditations on the sacred writings of the great religions etc, every Wednesday, 7.00pm, Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street, Kuranda.

Morning prayers: each Tuesday at 8.00am, in the park in central Kuranda.

Spiritual Study Circles Books 1 & 2 now available in Kuranda, no cost, please feel free to enquire and join.

Birth of the Bab, forerunner of the Faith, Holy Day celebration, Friday 19 October, all welcome

United Nations Day, Wednesday 24 October.

Also regular events in Cairns, Atherton, Tolga, Malanda, Mareeba and other places.

All enquiries welcome. Telephone 4093 7120/9571

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Something to offend everyone...

- Why is divorce so expensive? – Because it's worth it.
- What do you call a smart blonde? – A golden retriever.
- What do lawyers use for birth control? – Their personalities.
- What's the difference between a girlfriend and wife? – 20 kgs.
- What's the difference between a boyfriend and husband? – 45 minutes.
- What's the fastest way to a man's heart? – Through his chest with a sharp knife.
- Why do men want to marry virgins? – They can't stand criticism.
- Why is it so hard for women to find men that are sensitive, caring, and good-looking? – Because those men already have boyfriends.

Have you found a Camera?

Older style small digital camera in black soft canvas case with zip pocket with rechargeable batteries in it. Dropped somewhere between original markets, 30 Barron Falls Road, the Jungle Walk to the river along the waterfront, up and over the bridge to Black Mountain Road. I retraced my steps later in the day and couldn't see it, so if someone has picked it up I will be most grateful for its return.

Thank you. Lisa. Ph 4053 3072

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Kuranda Transfer Station
Opening Times from 1 July 2012
 TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS
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Monday Closed Thursday 11am-5pm
Tuesday 11am-6pm Friday 9am-12noon
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Looking for something new?

A great way to support your community is to join your local SES.

Not a lot of time out of your busy schedule, but a great feeling of helping those in need. Training held every Tuesday night at Fallon Road.

Call Carol for details on 0427 037 054 or 0409 758 122



Kuranda Fire and Rescue Service
 is looking for new **Auxiliary Firefighters** (part time, paid work)
 Do you live or work within 5 minutes of Kuranda Fire Station and have what it takes to help keep your community safe??

For more information phone **(07) 40425450 today**

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With the Sun moving through Libra until the 23rd, the emphasis is on relationships, balance and aesthetic harmony. As the Sun is coming out of a hard aspect to Pluto at the beginning of the month, there might be a feeling of relief. Can't get much tougher than that and we survived, so... one thing though: no regrets. What's gone no longer exists. That's Pluto, the great destroyer, acting with the Sun, the bringer of life – clearing the decks for the next journey.

Jupiter, going retrograde in Gemini on 4th October, reverses the information flow. If it's been streaming in, it's time to put it to use and send the ideas out into the world. If you've been pouring it out, take a breath and draw in again. If you can circular breathe then you can do both. Good time for didge playing then. Jupiter makes a power-trine to the Sun on 9th October in the air signs. The dance gets fast and furious and it would take a real connoisseur of edge-work to handle this wild mix of possibilities. If in doubt, slow down and look at the big picture.

On 15th October, the New Moon at 22 degrees Libra, a fine balance point, begins a two week period when much can be brought into harmony with delicate precision. When Venus makes a dominant square aspect to Jupiter on the 17th, the pieces begin to fall into place and the overall pattern starts to become clear. Now it's all attention to detail and that very satisfying feeling of getting it right. Best feeling in the world.

Just back-tracking a bit, Saturn moves into Scorpio on 6th October. The first image that jumps to mind is hitting the rampant Scorpion on the head with a rock. Mars is moving out of Scorpio at the same time so it's a warrior's death – aggressive to the end. No mercy here. Make what you like out of that. It's all symbolic, but at the time symbols are manifesting more and more as real-life events.

Now jumping ahead to 23rd October, the Sun moves into Scorpio, bringing the vicious little bugger back to life, but on a Pisces Moon – all is forgiven and, as the Sun and Saturn align in Scorpio on 26th, enemies become allies and life redeems itself. Leaping through the Scorpio symbolism we transcend the Scorpion, ascend to the eagle – far-sighted and powerful, through to the Phoenix, rebirthing in fire from the ashes of the previous life. Some journey, but it's here now for those brave souls ready to take it.

Then on 30th we have the Full Moon in Taurus, the Hunter's Moon and traditionally the strongest Moon of the year, just as Venus moves into Libra. Artemis, merging the archetypes of the High Priestess, the Hunter, the Lover and the Amazon. Earth-Goddess energy. Very, very strong.

A full month as we flow towards our Solar Eclipse and the 2012 December Solstice.

High times indeed.



Rob Hart
 Resident Astrologer & Tarot Card Reader
 Kuranda Heritage Markets
 Ph. (07) 4093 0218

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SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 26

If someone in your family has a drinking problem, you can see what it is doing to them, but can you see what it is doing to you?

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MEETINGS IN KURANDA, SMITHFIELD, CAIRNS

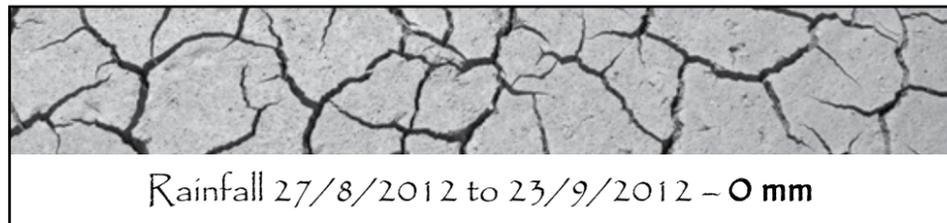
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Community Calendar

- Every Sat** Kuranda Envirocare Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
Tai Chi Chuan 9.30am CWA Hall. Contact Sifu Julie 0427 054 132 or Tai Chuan Academy 0409 104 753
- 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
Yoga with Aileen 10:am Kuranda Recreation Centre : Contact Aileen 4093 7401
- 1st Sun** **Kuranda Film Society** 4.00pm to 8.00pm, Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
- 2nd Sun** **Uniting Church** Recreation Centre 5.00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
- Every Mon.** **Acappella Singing** 7.00 to 8.30pm, Recreation Centre. For more info call Jane Younghusband 4093 0463.
Kids Aerial Circus with Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphitheatre 3.30 pm, 0424 928 917
Kurandacoots adult circus jam Amphitheatre at 6.30 pm. Bring any circus toys.
- Every Tues, Wed & Fri** **Al-Anon Family Groups** 6.00pm Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON
Yoga – Gentle 8:15am for 8:30 start. Energise your life with HALS (Health across the Life Span) QCWA Hall, Phone Aileen 4093 7401 or Sheila 4093 7617
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- 3rd Mon** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933
- Every Tue** **Tribal Bellydance** at Kuranda Community Precinct. Ph Lisa 0409 367 967.
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
Yoga 5:30 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre : Contact Aileen 4093 7401
8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre and Barron Falls Hotel Ph 4093 8827
- 2nd Tue** **Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St Saviour's Church.
Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642
- 2nd & 4th Tue** **Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.
- Every Wed** **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
Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome
Soccer Training, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109
***New* Wing Chun (Kung Fu)** The Amphitheatre 6:30 to 7:30pm. Ph Kurt Golden 0400 772 645
Yoga Connect with Tanya Veld, CWA Hall, 6.30-8.00pm
- 1st Wed** **Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** 2.00pm at KNC
- 2nd Wed** **Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce** 4:30pm Kuranda Hotel
QCWA meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
- Every Thur** **Rotary** 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
Kurandacoots Adult Circus Jam at the Amphitheatre 6.30pm
- 2nd Thur** **Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road



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Permits required for ALL fires from August 1st

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS "The Local Bus"

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Koah		1300	
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	1750	1750	1645
Ex: Koah	#0705	#0705	#0815
	#1315	#1315	
	*1550	*1550	
Ex: Speewah	#0710	#0710	#0820
	#1320	#1320	
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	1330	0900	1530
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	*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY		
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Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
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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
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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

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