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Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre next to Australian Butterfly Sanctuary.

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From Trailer To Palace

1992-2008— A BRIEF HISTORY OF KNC

INAUGURAL MEETING 9th OCT 1992

MEMBERS WERE:

Joanne Smith, Helen Burton, Sarah McPherson, Frith Thompson, Jan Creswell, Irene Colefax, Jean Anderson, Helen Ivy Ingalise Narap, Maureen Burgin, Fr. Chris Wright, Val Howe, Krishna Buhler and Joan Dods.



Dave Howe and helpers with first premises 1992

Sixteen years ago this group of Kuranda residents desired to set up a Community Care Group. Some of the members of the group changed over the years and so did their residence and location also change. Working as volunteers they positioned themselves at first in a caravan below the Anglican Church near the present Library. When the Council moved into the house where the present Medical Centre is, the caravan moved there too. Funding became available in 2001 for half a week for Coordinator and rent! KNC then took up the space left vacant at the CWA when the Library moved out.

This space of course was too small so after much searching the romantic but dilapidated cottage next to the BP was rented. A delegation to the Minister resulted in a full week's rent being granted.

It was understood the house opposite the CWA would be available for KNC but disability access was inadequate so in 2005 the present property was purchased. Due to the time needed to renovate the site KNC then moved down to the Market Mall near the Honey House, rent paid for by the Dept. Communities. KNC took on the Auspice of the full time Family Support Worker in 2002. The beginning of 2007 saw the Coordinator's position also paid full time.

At all times there has been a team of committed volunteers keen to achieve the vision, do the hard work, while still offering support in a friendly place with the Book & Op shop and a cuppa around the kitchen table.

Now, with four office spaces plus meeting and service rooms and a place for Mums and children to gather, there are more opportunities for needs to be met and the community in Kuranda to be further enhanced.

It has been a long journey and a lot of hard work by many committed Kuranda residents to realise the dream of a community house, but in the words of Robert Frost from his poem; "The Road Less Traveled"-

"I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."

Linda Davis at left KNC Bookkeeper and Assistant Administrator enjoying the Opening day activities with Matt from Lifeline Addiction Help, Rakesh a volunteer, Fran Lewis, Fay Allen KNC Auditor, Gaby Schienbeck and Brenda Reeves also a volunteer.



At left Hon Lesley Clarke previous MLP, Pres. KNC Krishna Buhler, Lindy Nelson-Carr Queensland State Minister Dept Communities and Steve Wettenhall Member for Barron River.



The Minister of Dept. Communities Lindy Nelson-Carr being welcomed by Charlene Langton left and Nakita McGregor



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Bama Dayal Dancers from the Kuranda College performed magnificently

COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper

I wrote to Cairns Post: John McKenzie on Channel 7 News is urging construction of the long overdue toilet block at Barron Falls in Kuranda. This was an election pledge from Steve Wettenhall nearly 18 months ago and there is still no news from Steve. I wager \$100 with Steve (donation to Kuranda Fire Brigade) this will not be completed by the next election. I would love to lose the bet but feel, given the snail pace of the Bligh Govt. I will win."

Steve replied 29/02/08 I WONT take Barry's Hodson's bet (25-2-08) because he knows he is wrong to state I had made an election pledge to build a toilet block at Barron Falls at Kuranda. However, I have always recognised the need for toilets at or near this site. Even before I was elected, I was lobbying the Government to investigate the feasibility of constructing toilets. As the local member, though, I have made further representations to the Minister for Climate Change, Sustainability and Innovation and I am pleased that he has now agreed to set aside money for this purpose. The problem to be overcome is that there is no reticulated water for flushing toilets and to date, experts have advised that standard waterless models are unable to cope with the high number of visitors (1.4 million a year) experienced at Barron Falls. I will be involving community stakeholders in the search for the best possible solution to this pressing problem."

Steve pointed out in a pleasant telephone conversation my "error", the environmental hurdles and, but not mentioned in his letter, the facility will not be completed by the next election. So I will make the wager donation of \$100 to Kuranda Fire Brigade.

The Department that has agreed to set aside money is not referred to in www.qld.gov.au nor on Google, though there is reference to the Minister, Andrew McNamara. I await the 2009 Budget for this Department to be released in June, by then hopefully it has a website.

Barry Hodson Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

RE: Jan Elizabeth Fowell in memory of a life well lived, passed away 18th Dec 2007 of Railway St Kowrowa.

I wanted to send a letter to the editor in Thanks for the Beautiful Memorials Written by Friends of Jan and Members of the Kuranda Community. I received a copy of the paper from Louise Bell and felt sad that I had not written something myself in honour of my sweet and exuberant sister Janef.

On behalf of my aged mother and my three sisters and brother I would like to thank Jax Bergersen, Lee Edwards and the Kuranda Arts Co-operative (Molly and Toni Rogers), for their loving words. My mother especially is very touched by the love that was expressed in these memorials. I cried a great big held up cry and was glad to have that affirmation from you all that Jan was loved by many and respected for her brighter vibrant side. This is the memory we will cherish, the sensitive loving artist who would do anything in her small way to help another she cared for.

I would also like to thank all those who participated during the very distressful times post mortem including the garage sale that we held at her house in January, especially Trish Green, Liz McGrath and Sarah Austin who were oak trees for me on those days, and neighbours who have been so helpful in keeping the property in order, Trish & friends and Jo Jo Simony. There are so many others too, I have not forgotten you all! RIP dear Janef.

Kind Regards

Julie Fowell, Beloved little sister.

PS: I will be returning to Kuranda 6th - 12 April to visit friends and settle the estate - auction 7th April.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

While the Cairns Post flounders around desperately looking for support for the compulsory fluoridation of our local pristine drinking water supplies, a majority of people who it will affect are demanding a 'referendum' to express their democratic right of 'choice' on this vital issue.

The CP (They Say 1/3/08) is a clear indication for all to see, except the CP of course, that FNQ residents are not convinced by the propaganda being dispensed via the media, and particularly by the current taxpayer-funded TV campaign.

If the Australian Dental Association and the Australian Medical Association are hell bent on promoting Fluoride (The Greatest Fraud of the Twentieth Century), then they must pay for it themselves, and, Governments must use our taxpayer dollars to provide an adequate dental awareness program promoting, 1) daily dental hygiene and, 2) a healthy diet, to our children.

Selwyn Johnston Fluoride... "My Choice" Campaign

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I am writing this to thank every spirit in this town for thinking of me in my darkest hour.

Without your positive prayers and blessings, I truly believe I may not have recovered the way I have.

It is thanks to the healing powers of your thoughts (alongside my inner strength) that I am here 2day.

You are all truly blessed with light, higher and greater than you know. Now I hope you do. Words cannot xpress my gratitude.

Thru flowers, food, cards, financial support (thanks again) and all the visitors standing by making me smile, you have helped me heal thru my hardest time. You are all my angels, thank you.

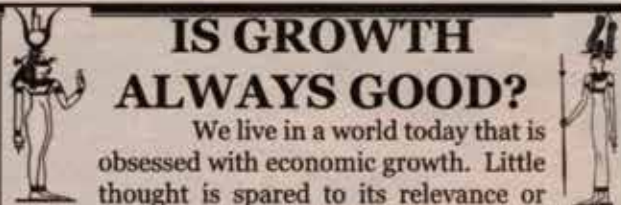
Also a special thankyou to Beno (the man always on the scene) and my beautiful family. I love you all.

Thank you for my second chance at this wonderful thing we call life.

Tegan Star. xxx

PS: A special thankyou to Glenney for offering his home in order to recover and relax as quick as possible.

Thanks bro - xxx



IS GROWTH ALWAYS GOOD?

We live in a world today that is obsessed with economic growth. Little thought is spared to its relevance or to the cost of this growth. Is growth indeed so desirable or is there a point of balance to stop at?

Nature offers some important lessons here. Every organism on this planet grows and needs to grow. However, after a point it reaches a state of balance and stops growing. When something does not stop growing, we call it a cancer. In many ways the same applies for economic or material growth. There is a point at which it has to stop and a balance has to be established. That is a fundamental necessity.

What do we loose by growing? The answer is quite simple, the world. Most of the growth we see around us draws on natural resources. Let us take an example of a corporation which manufactures soap. The purpose of the corporation is to grow, so the strategy adopted by this corporation is all about how to make its consumers consume more and more of its product. It is not just about fighting for share, but also about increasing per capita usage of the product. Marketers thrive on the dharma of making people want things they never wanted. From the point of a capitalist society this is the right thing to do, but what does it mean for the world? Every extra bar of soap a person consumes increases demand for the oil and many other natural resources that went into it. So we are ultimately increasing the pressure on natural resources in the name of corporate growth for even an innocuous product like soap. Likewise every product and service directly or indirectly puts pressure on the planet's natural resources.

All talk about global warming today just scrapes the surface of the problem and the most visible part of it - emissions. What it does not yet address is the impact of all the effort that goes towards increasing per capita consumption and whether it is indeed necessary. We need to realise that if humanity is not to be seen as a cancer on this planet we need to achieve a state of balance with respect to consumption and consumption led growth and rethink our goal of relentless material growth.

From "The Hindu"



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Fossil Forum

Kuranda – “More than a village in the rainforest”? Ever wondered more than what? While this catchy slogan is essentially aimed at the tourist market, it may also be used to reassess those features of Kuranda and its environs we, as residents, prize highly and value and are willing to fight for and work to maintain.

Probably, one of the most common shared suite of values is the opportunity to live in a natural environment with its great diversity of flora and fauna. This also allows many of us to live with a high degree of privacy on relatively large lots.

From observation and discussion, it also appears that, as in many rural areas, the sense of community, particularly in times of crisis, is a highly prized feature of living here.

At one level, it might appear that these two valued aspects of Kuranda living are in contradiction – a relatively high level of privacy and the sense of community. The question then is how does one sustain the other?

It is obvious that there is potentially some risk in this prized isolation as persons suffering accident or injury at their residence will often attest. Hence the need to cultivate good neighbourly relationships and foster the strengths of mobile services such as Ambulance, Rural Fire



Service and SES.

As well, the demands of the environment posit the needs for sustained efforts from Environmental groups and Wildlife Rescue such as Batreach.

And here is the heart of how these two

seemingly contradictory values are reconciled. Each of these prized values requires our contribution as individuals and as community. Each service operating to sustain our desired lifestyles requires assistance with volunteer effort and financial support.

What are you doing and what is your contribution to ensuring your community is cared for and sustained? All community resources, services and enriching clubs and societies are appealing for volunteers, financial support and memberships– the LAC, SES, Neighbourhood Centre, Rural Fire Services, Environmental and Service groups and the many clubs and societies – the phoenix Recreation Centre, the Amphitheatre, Batreach, the Arts Collective, Focus Theatre, Film Society and the sporting and other recreational groups.

To sustain a village in the rainforest requires effort from its community. To be “more than a village in the rainforest” requires more effort from its residents.

Make a commitment today that you will give some time and effort and/or financial support to one of our vital services. Not only will that help but, in doing so, your own life will be enriched with shared endeavour, new friends, new skills and a sense of personal satisfaction of making a contribution to your community.



Ambulance Station News:

By the time this has been published, I will have begun an extended period of leave that will

see Ms Michelle Boulter, a paramedic from Atherton take over my duties for a while. Ross Price will continue in his usual role, and I am confident that QAS service in our community will remain at an acceptably high standard for the entire period I am away.

I would ask all users of our service to show Michelle the same warm community support I have enjoyed in Kuranda. I would also like to acknowledge the excellent support that we enjoy from our allied services. In particular Kuranda medical service and its wonderful staff, the Officer in Charge and the dedicated officers of the Kuranda branch of the Queensland Police Service and our hard working members of the local fire auxiliary. To all you people, I send sincere thanks for your support of the QAS and our Paramedics.

LAC and Fund-raising News:

I would also like to publicly thank the Kuranda Local Ambulance Committee (LAC). This is a group of community minded individuals who dedicate many hours work per month towards enhancing the ambulance

service to the Local community. The role of the committee is to raise awareness in the community about the ambulance service and its products, and to also inform the Ambulance service via the commissioner about the effectiveness of the local service.

The LAC is also a significant fundraising body that raises funds for the purchase of equipment for use in the local community.

On the 7th JUNE (please note the date change) we will hold our annual TRIVIA NIGHT and a great time will be had by all. I would like to invite everyone to join us at the CWA Hall for what is always a great night. So get your teams of four or more people together and come and grab some of the great prizes on offer from our generous sponsors. And remember funds raised will be used for the coming budget to purchase new equipment for your ambulance service. Festivities will begin at 6.30pm with refreshments and food, before we get down to business of some serious QUIZ fun.

On the 8th of March the Kuranda LAC held a garage sale at the Kuranda Ambulance station, and we thank those who came along and took advantage of the item available, the funds raised will go back into equipment for the benefit of the local community.

This month's tip is related to the nuts and bolts of calling 000 and getting an Ambulance. I am often surprised by the fact that some people still call the Kuranda station direct to get an ambulance, every now and then I will come to work and find a day old message on our answering machine where someone has asked for an ambulance response by leaving a message. It is a source of great concern to me sometimes, as some people have simply left their first name and said can you come and see us I spend the rest of the day wondering if they actually were seen, but can do little else about it.

The only way to get an ambulance to call on you is to call 000, by doing this you are put through to our communications centre and they will ensure your call is attended to. It may not be the Kuranda Ambulance that attends, if we are already on a case, the next closest car will be sent and this may be from Smithfield or Mareeba.

Once you have been connected to the communications centre all you have to do is don't hang up until told too, and answer the questions, some of which may seem a bit repetitive or even a bit silly for the problem you are calling for, but,

the system is designed to ensure exactly the right resource is sent relative to your problem.

In preparation for the day you call 000 there are some basic things you can do:

1. Near the phone have a smallbook that has your individual details and that of family members, for example, your exact address and phone number (you would be surprised how many times friends or relatives phone 000 and do not know those details).
2. Also in the book have an up to date list of any allergies you may suffer and any regular medications you or other family members may be on.
3. Ensure that your house is clearly able to be found, if you tell us you are at 10 Smith St, it is always good for a number to be clearly visible in all conditions, often it is only the occupants that know where you are, particularly if the number is missing or obscured by foliage. These things are very simple steps, but can have an enormous benefit when you are in crisis, and the seconds start to count.



ANZAC Day 2008 - 93rd Anniversary

On the 25th April, Kuranda will hold two ANZAC Day ceremonies. The day will begin with a Dawn Service at the Kuranda Railway Station commencing 5.30am.

On completion a 'gunfire breakfast' will be hosted by the Kuranda RSL at the Kuranda Resort and Spa. Both events are open to the public.

The main ceremony will include a march down Coondoo Street and a service conducted in Centenary Park.

Service organizations, sporting organizations, school children and any interested individuals are invited to march on the day. It should be noted that if you would like to march wearing medals of a past relative, then those medals must be worn above the right breast.

Marchers are requested to assemble in Thongon Street (Post Office) at 10.20am and be ready to step off at 10.30am.

The service will be conducted in the park at 10.45 am and during the course of the ceremony, wreaths will be laid. Individuals will be given the opportunity to lay a wreath on completion of the official part of the wreath laying ceremony.

Let us enjoy the day and pay our respects to those who paid the supreme sacrifice.



Jack Halligan World Champion 8 Ball, showing how it's done.

KURANDA GRACED BY WORLD 8 BALL (POOL) CHAMPION.

The Top Pub (Fitzpatrick Tavern) was host to Jack Halligan "The Kalgoorlie Kid".

Twice World Champion and 5 times Australian Captain of 8-Ball (Pool). Australian Open Individual and Doubles Championships plus 13 State Titles are proof of his skills as a cue-man. Jack travelled to England to compete for Australia in 1993 with an amazing 88.89% winning average to win "World Player of the Year" Award. This achievement is still to this day, a World Championships record and is widely considered as a record most unlikely ever to be broken.

"Jack Halligan's record at World Championships over a long period is nothing short of outstanding, leaving no doubt he is one of the game's all time greats".

He gave an entertaining show including Trick Shots, Hints To Improve and as well giving the locals an opportunity to try their luck against the best. Well, one of our locals Gazza Alston is the talk of the town after having the dubious pleasure of beating Jack in a game. Good on you Gazza!!!! Avril Hunter was another lucky one to beat Jack after he went to the trouble of teaching her a complicated trick shot. That's gratitude for you. Leelan Snider was another to defeat the champ, congratulations to all. Another local Robbie Munster had the privilege of playing in the 2003 Queensland team with Jack as captain when the National 8 Ball Titles were held in Adelaide. Robbie met Jack about 10 years ago and has had many friendly encounters with him.

A good night was had by all!!!!



Robbie Munster, Jack Halligan and Gazza



Avril Hunter showing her trick shot.

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Kuranda Film Society at the Sports & Social Club

Sunday April 6 at 4 pm at the Sports & Social Club Fallon Rd.

This month we will be screening "Enron" The Smartest Guys in the Room and 8 Femmes = 8 Women = Eight Women
 Bring a plate to share at "interval".
 Subscriptions for 2008 are:
 \$10 per year, or \$5 for a 1 day membership.
 For more information ring Hans at 40938393

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room

It took Enron about sixteen years to go from 10 billion in assets to 65 billion in assets and in 2001 it took them 24 days to go bankrupt. Based on the best-selling book The Smartest Guys in the Room by Fortune reporters Bethany McLean and Peter Elkind and featuring insider accounts and incendiary corporate audio and video tapes, Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room lifts the lid on the most infamous corporate fraud of all time

8 Femmes = 8 Women = Eight Women

An isolated mansion in the snowy countryside of 1950's France. A family is gathered for the holiday season ...but there will be no celebration - their beloved patriarch has been murdered! The killer can only be one of the eight women closest to the man of the house. Was it his powerful wife? His spinster sister-in-law? Or one of his pretty young daughters? Eight women. All of them suspects. One of them is guilty. Which one is it?



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Sylvie McGregor the KNC Family Support Worker



Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator

Hydroponic Gardening

I started gardening hydroponically about 20 years ago. I lived on the beachfront and the soil was almost complete sand. I was contemplating fertilizer, compost etc. or hydroponics. I decided on hydroponics. So I used the sand as a medium to support the plants and fed them nutrient. This sand is not ideal as it is too fine and the plant can't take oxygen so I now use river gravel or break it up with scoria. I feed it nutrient which supplies all the plant needs.

My first experiment was 6 Tomato plants and I ended up with 200 tomatoes so I was hooked and have been growing all sorts of plants ever since. It doesn't replace an ordinary garden but for greens, herbs, strawberries etc. I don't think you can beat it.

For a start, my garden is at bench height so this means there is not a lot of bending and stooping which helps if your back is not 100%. Also bugs are mostly on the ground so you don't have as much trouble with them. Weeds have a bit of trouble getting up that high too.

A lot of people think it is expensive but I grow mine out in the open like a normal garden and use mostly recycled materials.

This time of the year I give it a rest as the rain dilutes my mixtures but even so I still have parsley, chives, water cress, mint, and my strawberry runners ready to plant when the rain stops.

I have all sorts of containers but lettuce I grow in channels like guttering with lids have holes cut in to hold the pots.

Jan. Coulter



ime of year for stocktaking. With the glories of summer passing, rains diminishing and cooler weather coming, gardeners should look around and attempt to rationalise their efforts. Some pertinent questions may be what is not working – a trifling bit of lawn or garden taking inordinate effort to maintain – how to cut down by replanting, paving or grassing. What is thriving and what is pining? Do I need to reconcile myself that that favourite flower, shrub or tree is unsuitable for this locality. What needs to be removed – has grown too large, poses a physical risk or obscures other features? What detracts from the picture ideal you are planning and how to rectify? Am I developing and utilising microclimates for special plantings?

A quiet time, possibly with drink in hand, and a slow meditative meander through your gardening domain with a critical eye – hold those drinks – will reveal things to put on your "to do" list.

Speaking to a relative newcomer to gardening here, I was surprised by her surprise at how forceful the "Wet" is in eroding slopes and compacting garden beds and advised her that all water seeks the sea. Maintenance of every skerrick of soil on your property is a priority.

The keen gardener should pencil in **Sunday May 11th for the Cairns Tropical Garden Fair to be held at Cannon Park Racecourse 8.30 – 4.00pm.** Present indications are a bumper crop of plant stalls and some very interesting presentations.

Plant of the month: *Platycerium superbum* "Staghorn fern" is native to lowland rainforests in Queensland and northern New South Wales and is the largest and most spectacular platycerium species in Australia, with long, pendulous to 2m, much-branched twin foliage leaves and considered as one of the most spectacular ferns in the world. Growing high in rainforest trees (epiphytic) and sometimes on rock faces (lithophytic), it ranges from northern New South Wales through to Malaysia.



Platycerium is a genus of very distinctive ferns in the family Polypodiaceae. Australia has 4 species of Platycerium including *P. bifurcate*, *P. hillii*, "Northern Elkhorn", common on Cape York Peninsula down to Ingham and *P. veitchii*, "Silver Elkhorn" occurring in lower rainfall areas.

Like the allied *Drynaria* (Basket Ferns),



Platyceriums have two very different types of leaves - foliage and nest leaves. The nest leaves grow tightly over each other, forming a receptacle at the base of the plant holding moisture and organic matter. It is from this frond that the fern attaches itself to the host tree and protectively wraps around the rhizome and short roots, clasping onto its support.

The fertile antler fronds emerge from low on the nest frond and at maturity can grow down to 2m in length with spore masses developing midway these fronds during summer.

In its native habitat it is accustomed to a long dry season, but it is also important to give it plenty of air circulation, moderate humidity, and sunlight. These are important requirements for this genus and will therefore be important factors in the success of this plant's growth.

Unlike the "Elkhorns" the "Staghorn" produces no plant budlets at its periphery so is only propagated by spore – a lengthy process hence the relative high cost of small plants. Particular attention is necessary for successful growing on with care taken not to overwater. As mature plants can attain considerable size and mass, careful choice should be made in selection of host or backing board and its support.

Q & A

Dear Garth, That huge gigantic, wonderful incised and shiny leaf you saw on your recent Kuranda Garden Group visit to Fronds Nursery is probably *Amorphophallus bulbifera*, an endemic species and one of the very few amorphophallus producing leaf bulbils. As the weather warms, the pinkish spathe emerges from larger corms and does not stink like many of its other relatives. Then comes the solitary leaf, slowly unfolding to its majestic umbrella. Well grown, the leaf may be one or more metres across carried on its striking mottled stem – hence the common term of "snake-skin" *Amorphophallus*.

Dear Stella, The Stinging Tree (*Dendrocnide moroides*) is found around Kuranda, usually on the edges of rainforest, in recently cleared areas and along creeks. Its heart shaped leaves may be easily confused, especially in small specimens, with a number of other plants such as the "Bleeding Heart Tree" and the introduced raspberry. It certainly pays to learn to distinguish between these and a good comparative display is offered at the Flecker Botanical Gardens. Fine stinging hairs cover leaves and stems, breaking off on entering the skin. Pain is intense and persistent, sometimes for months. Application of plastic skin or depilatory wax and tearing this off to remove hairs may help give some relief.

For plant identification/sourcing or gardening enquiries, please contact Aleectura by mail or email: wortwood@optusnet.com.au

Interested in gardening?

Find out more from local experts! All are welcome. Come along to

KURANDA and DISTRICT GARDEN GROUP

2 pm Saturday 12 April

enjoy a tour of

Bruce and Fay Copland's Garden at

38 Copland Road, Koah

Please bring a plant or cuttings to swap, and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Phone David or Graham 4093 9492

Rainfall

25/02/08

to

23/03/08

1121 mm

Some Common Signs of Plant Nutrient Deficiencies

Calcium: Young leaf tips /growing points die. Blossom end rot of tomatoes.

Iron: Younger leaves yellowing between veins spreading to whole leaf and dying from edges.

Nitrogen deficiencies: Weak, spindly growth with plant light in colour. Lower leaves yellow, drying to light brown colour; short slender stalks if deficient in later growth stages. Some plants (strawberries) show reddening of older leaves.

Nitrogen excesses: N/NO₃ - plants over-vigorous. N/NH₄ damage to roots/plant collapse

Phosphorous: Leaves unusually dark, may become purple. Lower leaves may turn yellow between veins.

Plants are stunted.

the Arts page



By the time you read this, Easter will be over, and what strange school holiday arrangements we have this year! In case you didn't read last month's paper, Focus has changed our rehearsals/gatherings night to each Wednesday 7pm-9pm in the Understage at the Amphitheatre. As the theatre arm of the Amphitheatre we welcome the new Amphitheatre committee, especially congratulations to Brian Clarke for standing

as President for the third time. I believe a first for the Amphi.

Starting with Wed. 31st March, Focus will be holding playwriting workshops for three weeks, working on an unfinished play. This is a romantic comedy, which will be requiring four couples, plus three extra people.

Even if you don't see yourself as a writer or an actor, come along and see if you have some fun. After all, that's what the word, "play" is about.

By being involved at the beginning, each person achieves a sense of ownership of a production. The dates for these workshops will be: 26/03, 02/04 and 09/04/08.

Hope to see some new faces there.

Yours in Theatre, Diana and Megan

Well, after a brief hiatus over the Wet, the Amphitheatre is getting back on track for another successful year!

A huge proportion of Kuranda attended the **Free-for-Members "Juice" gig** on the 16th February, where the energy of the crowd was only surpassed by the amazing performance of the band. "Juice" once again showed us why they are amongst the region's most in-demand bands. We are lucky to have such talent so close to home!! The bar was very busy that night, with Aaron and Damian doing a great job keeping everyone happy. I think we even managed to make some money... but that's before we deduct the \$700 of incense that we used to disguise the "earthy" aroma!! The fact that we cannot even hold an understage gig without encountering sewerage problems really emphasizes our need to get this fixed as a priority.

The **General Meeting, followed by the Annual General Meeting** on 23rd February 26, went well. Margit West, Jenni and Patrick McHugh and Kellie McBride were farewelled and thanked for their outstanding contribution throughout the year.

Nominations were made, votes were taken, and the resultant committee for 2008 is as follows:-

Brian Clarke will remain President/Cult Leader.

Terry will continue his role as Treasurer.
Lee Edwards will move into Margit's position as Secretary

Cat Lena will remain on the committee, this year she will focus on handling the media/press releases etc.

We welcome **Scott Charles** to the Committee; Scott is a physiotherapist by day, and has helped at numerous mainstage gigs in varied roles. I'm certain that he will prove to be an asset to the Society.

Another new member is **Neville (Narpoo) Hobbler**, who is a well-known figure in the community. I'm sure many of you will know him from his work at the school. I'm looking forward



to the new perspectives that I'm sure he will bring to the group.

Lastly, we welcome **Kitty Clingnett**, a familiar face to many of you, I'm sure. Kitty has been responsible for many

of the wonderful floral arrangements in the toilets at events, and I've also been told that she has some pretty flash administrative skills, which we are in dire need of!!

So welcome to all of you, I'm sure it will be a pleasure working with you.

The **Swingin' Alley Catz** on 7th March was yet another success. Hordes of people managed to negotiate the fast-disappearing track to the understage, and the power didn't go out all night!! We're very easily pleased in the wet season!!

Just a reminder, memberships go from February to February, so **it's time to renew!!** Joining on the door of any gig is easy, otherwise I'll leave a stack of forms at The Top Pub, Ngoombi, and the Honey House. These can be filled in and returned with payment to P.O box 500 Kuranda. If you need forms to be sent to you, email your details to Cat_amphitheatre@live.com.au and I'll send them your way.

Big News!! The Amphitheatre now has its very own **Myspace!!** Check it out here <http://www.myspace.com/kurandaamphitheatre> we've got videos, photos.... It's worth a look! This is not replacing the **original website**, which can be found here: <http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org/> which is still the place to go to find out about upcoming events!

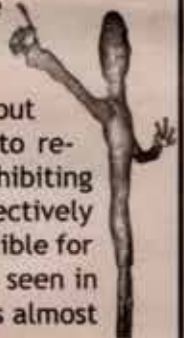
Looking forward, we are hoping to secure the **Zennith Boyz** for May 10th, for another members' night, and the **Kuranda Roots Festival** is locked in for Sat 28th June. We have a **General Meeting** 14th June, and in between all of the above there will be numerous working bees, to try and get our Amphitheatre looking less Beirut-in-wartime, and more Kuranda in the Wintertime. We'll be needing serious help, so please stay tuned, and keep a couple of hours free if you possibly can..... Check the website/myspace for updates!!



Wire... ...and Why Not

Two great Kuranda artists have come together to bring you the best of their creative efforts. Peter Jaensch the "wire man" of Spiral Studios, (a.k.a. Bent & Twisted Pete), and painter and sculptor Ramona Barstys, are holding a joint exhibition of paintings, sculpture, jewellery and wierd & wonderful wire wizardry. The exhibition, entitled "Wire and Why Not", will be held at "the Resort" on Sunday, 9th. April, from 1:00pm on.

Pete, a full time Kuranda resident, who can normally be found bending and twisting wire at his Spiral Studio opposite the ice-cream van in Therwine St, was featured in this paper at the opening of his new studio last Spring. Ramona has been living both in and out of Kuranda for longer than she cares to remember. She was featured last year exhibiting with a group of local artists known collectively as "Greenshoes". Ramona is also responsible for creating Harriet (pictured right), often seen in these pages. The original Harriet stands almost 6 ft. tall (that's 182 cm, kids).



Thankyou Peter and Ramona for sharing your creations with the good folk of Kuranda. Hope to see you all there at the exhibition.
...seren



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visit the "sweat shop"

Earth Connections Kuranda

Earth Connections Kuranda welcomes you to, what we believe will be a new and exciting venture between four talented and diverse women who were brought together by their artistic passions and love for the environment. Their commitment is to being part of the solution, not the problem, as far as social and environmental issues in particular are concerned.

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The products that we promote are aimed at a new type of 'consumer', one who realizes that their purchasing choices are crucial in dictating how products impact on a global scale...

We welcome feedback and look forward to connecting with YOU.

Please come and visit us at our new stall, at the ORIGINAL Kuranda Markets, opening early April, or check out our 'sweat shop' behind the markets.



...see Leah sew

hope to connect with likeminded people from around the globe. We also hope this venture will act as a portal into many of the new ways of 'being' that each of us have experienced in our own ways. Diana, Leah, Rachel and Donna create and offer a range of products



hear Rachel



Leah in HEMP

THE NICE PART ABOUT LIVING IN A SMALL TOWN : WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING, SOMEONE ELSE ALWAYS DOES.

Apologies to Paul Latter
We left the last 2 lines off his poem last month.
Here is the full poem;

NATURE'S PALM
roof to the
lowly
shelter from the
sun
carpet of the
holy
shelter from the
storm
keeping me cool
keeping me warm
nature is holding me
in her palm
perchance that I
may come to harm

Do You Really Know How to Forward E-mails?

50% of us do; 50% DO NOT.

Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk mail? Do you hate it? Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people who got the message before you, namely their e-mail addresses & names. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds, and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus, and his or her computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across his computer. Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit

How do you stop it? Well, there are several easy steps:

- (1) When you forward an e-mail, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top). That's right, DELETE them. Highlight them and delete them, backspace them, cut them, whatever it is you know how to do. It only takes a second. You MUST click the 'Forward' button first and then you will have full editing capabilities against the body and headers of the message. If you don't click on 'Forward' first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.
- (2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do NOT use the To: or Cc: fields for adding e-mail addresses. Always use the BCC: (blind carbon copy) field for listing the e-mail addresses. This is the way the people you send to will only see their own e-mail address. If you don't see your BCC: option click on where it says To: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it, it's that easy. When you send to BCC: your message will automatically say 'Undisclosed Recipients' in the 'TO:' field of the people who receive it.
- (3) Remove any 'FW :' in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.
- (4) ALWAYS hit your Forward button from the actual e-mail you are reading. Ever get those e-mails that you have to open

10 pages to read the one page with the information on it? By Forwarding from the actual page you wish someone to view, you stop them from having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent.

- (5) Have you ever gotten an email that is a petition? It states a position and asks you to add your name and address and to forward it to 10 or 15 people or your entire address book. The email can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and email addresses. A FACT: The completed petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of valid names and email addresses contained therein. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient. Your position may carry more weight as a personal letter than a laundry list of names and email address on a petition. (Actually, if you think about it, who's supposed to send the petition in to whatever cause it supports? And don't believe the ones that say that the email is being traced, it just is not so!)
- (6) One of the main ones I hate is the one that says something like, 'Send this email to 10 people and you'll see something great run across your screen.' Or, sometimes they'll just tease you by saying something really cute will happen. IT AINT GONNA HAPPEN!!!! (Trust me, I'm still seeing some of the same ones that I waited on 10 years ago!) I don't let the bad luck ones scare me either. If you really DO want to send such an email on, DELETE the garbage out of it first, so you are not inviting trouble for other people
- (7) Before you forward an Amber Alert, or a Virus Alert, or some of the other ones floating around nowadays, check them out before you forward them. Most of them are junk mail that's been circling the net for YEARS! Just about everything you receive in an email that is in question can be checked out at Snopes. Just go to <http://www.snopes.com> It's really easy to find out if it's real or not. If it's not real, please don't pass it on.

A Thought for April

This month we reflect on Jesus words from the Cross on that first Good Friday.

There's a widespread belief that the last words somebody says before they die sum up the total experience of their life. It isn't always true, but when it is, they are often quoted as 'famous last words'. As Shakespeare said, 'The tongues of dying men enforce attention like deep harmony.' According to the four Gospels, Jesus spoke several times when he was being crucified. Considering the pain involved, it's amazing that he was able to speak at all. If you add all the four Gospels together, we have seven famous last words of Jesus on the record; there may well have been more. They are called the 'Seven Words from the Cross'; and each one tells us something about how we should live, and hope to die.

The first was spoken, according to Luke, while the soldiers were nailing Jesus to the cross. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." --It was not only the soldiers, each one of us often does things which hurt Jesus. But he forgives us; bringing forgiveness was the purpose of his life and death.

To the penitent thief, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you; today you will be with me in Paradise." Here was forgiveness at its most demanding; Jesus forgives someone who may well have been a murderer, but who, at the last minute, showed a flash of faith. Jesus encouraged him with the promise of eternal life.

According to John, when Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. At times of intense pain, most of us are only capable of thinking of ourselves; Jesus was unselfishly caring for his mother and his best friend.

St Mark writes, 'at three o'clock Jesus cried

out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew has the same thing in slightly different words. Jesus entered fully into our human experience, even to the extent of feeling as though God had deserted him. Yet the words were a quotation from Psalm 22, which ends on a Joyful note. It's as though he had to work bravely through his despair in order to return to hope.

'After this,' writes St John, 'when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the Scripture), "I am thirsty.--Psalm 69 includes the words, 'When I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.' Jesus, who was fully human, was dehydrated after three hours in the heat of the noonday sun. But he was also fully divine, and he thirsted to obey the will of his Father.

'When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished. --This is a cry of triumph; Jesus seized victory from the jaws of defeat. 'Love's redeeming work is done.'

'Then Jesus,' concludes St Luke, 'crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.' This is a quotation from Psalm 31, and may well have been the prayer of faith which Jesus, in common with many other people, used to say just before he went to sleep each night.

Seven famous last words from the cross. Each of them reveals a particular virtue which we can imitate.

The first, his forgiveness of sinners. Then his encouragement of the hopeless. Third his compassion for others, his mother and his friend. Fourth, his courage; and fifth, his obedience to his Father. 'It is finished' reveals his ability to recognize that submission is often the greatest triumph. Seventh and last is his trust in his Father. Could you live like that? Could you die like that? Of course not. But we can try.

... Not by bread alone ...

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"A Primer of Politically Correct Terms"

- Alive:** Temporarily metabolically abled.
- Bald:** Follicularly challenged.
- Body Odor:** Non-discretionary fragrance.
- Clumsy:** Uniquely coordinated.
- Dead:** Living impaired
- Dishonest:** Ethically disoriented.
- Dirty Old Man:** Sexually focused chronologically gifted individual.
- Drunk:** Chemically inconvenienced.
- Fat:** Horizontally challenged.
- Fail:** Achieve a deficiency.
- Ignorant:** Knowledge-based non-possessor
- Lazy:** Motivationally deficient.
- Perverted:** Sexually dysfunctional.
- Pregnant:** Parasitically oppressed.
- Serial Killer:** Person with difficult-to-meet needs.
- Short:** Vertically challenged.
- Spendthrift:** Negative saver.
- Ugly:** Cosmetically different.
- Unemployed:** Involuntarily leisured.
- Vagrant:** Nonspecifically destinationed individual.
- Worst:** Least best.
- Wrong:** Differently logical.

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SUNDAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Family Eucharist
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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth is a direct evidence of the revelation within it of the attributes and names of God. Inasmuch as within every atom are enshrined the signs that bear eloquent testimony to the revelation of that Most Great Light."

Spiritual Meeting: readings from the great religions, each Wednesday, 7 pm, Baha'i Information Centre, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda, all welcome.

Study circles at a private home by arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

Primary School classes each week during school terms

RIDVAN FESTIVAL beginning 21 April, celebrating worldwide the 12 days that Baha'u'llah (Founder/Prophet of the Baha'i Faith) spent in the Ridvan Garden in Baghdad in 1863 and declared his mission before being further exiled as a prisoner to the Holy Land (Palestine) - please enquire.

All enquiries welcome. Telephone 4093 7120 or PO Box 702 Kuranda 4881

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or Krishna Buhler Ph 4093 7348

KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE - Fallon Road

The new committee has had a number of meetings already to clear out old debts and issues and look at some positive ways this venue can possibly go forward, hence the change of name. By looking more broadly at recreational activities we can set the facility up to be a venue for regular weekly classes, hired for meetings or professional development sessions or, most importantly, be available to all of the community to use for recreation. The venue is available for hire on an hourly, half day and for full day functions. By being able to utilise kitchen and toilet facilities this could well be the place for that function or event.

Regular uses will be encouraged to become a voting member of the club and they then access more benefits, like cheaper hire rates.

All the people in the committee are volunteers and have no time to spare to sit at the club for long hours waiting for something to happen, neither is it effective to pay anyone at this stage. Members are all aware they must work as a cooperative and be active or the doors will shut. We also know to go forward will need to start small, as we have no licence and some

equipment needs some TLC and repair. Out there some of you have skills and/or knowledge that could contribute, any help is greatly appreciated.

As a committee we will now look at the calendar, filling existing dates and network with groups like the Schools, Sport and Recreation to offer the club for use.

The club building has access to Snooker Tables, Table Tennis, Carpet bowls, Darts, and a wooden floor upstairs adjacent to the kitchen. Outside there is Lawn Bowls, 2 Floodlit Tennis courts, Sports Field, Baseball Training area and open areas.

We have set about writing to various agencies seeking a financial kick along to bring the facilities back to sound order.

Current funds at the moment only cover Power, Rates and Insurance each month. If and when we get over the hump of meeting the bills, get a licence and host some bigger events, we will see the place back on the road to recovery.

So for now we will host some events that bring us together on a consistent basis eg. A car boot sale, or an open mike muso session, we're open to suggestions. Otherwise let us know on the numbers below if we can help you out with a venue for a social function. **Contact Gary on 40938399 or Arch on 40937511**



KURANDA TENNIS CLUB

Junior tennis lessons have started again for 2008. Every Saturday morning at the Fallon Road Courts (next to Sports and Social Club) Marty Howell, a well known Mareeba coach, teaches children of all ages the enjoyment and skill of tennis; 8.00 am and 8.30 am beginners, 9.15 am intermediate.

Marty has just finished a four week introduction program at the Kuranda College for students in years 1 to 3. The interest was huge so I imagine we will see a lot more new young faces at our Saturday morning lessons.

Next term we will be running a fixtures competition so these children can practice their skills in real games with their friends.

Tennis is a fun non-contact game the whole family can enjoy - boys and girls, mum, dad, and grandparents. We have a great facility here in Kuranda. The courts are available for private hire both day and at night with the flood lights. Many groups already get together for a regular social game. If anyone is interested in having a hit but don't have anyone to play with, just give us a call and we'll try to organize some more groups.

For more information about lessons phone Marty on 0418 788 369. For court hire, social games and membership enquiries please call Katy on 40937666.



Kuranda's Biggest Resident on Show

It's more than five metres tall from top to tail, and it holds pride of place at the foyer of an all new display at Emu Ridge Gallery in Kuranda.

Kuranda's newest tourist attraction, a life size dinosaur skeleton stands at the entrance of the gallery's latest acquisition, a lower floor gem museum display that features everything from petrified wood and dinosaur eggs to gems, stalactites and stalagmites - all on display in air conditioned comfort.

The gallery is a testament to the keen eyes and dedication of Emu Ridge Gallery owners Chris Maarten and Shane Hebbard who have supported their dedication to gem stones and fossicking and collected many and varied specimens from all over the world and put them on display. This latest development is yet another advance for the gallery since its initial opening seven years ago. After initial expansion sideways into two adjoining premises, Emu Ridge Gallery now also maintains and operates a downstairs display that will fascinate all ages.

Such is their keen interest, the

pair make regular trips to Lark Quarry near Winton to assist in the discovery of dinosaur pieces that have been preserved for over 165 million years.

"We want to make this gallery the focal point for visitors and locals alike and our small admission prices certainly make our unique display very affordable for families," Shane said.



Emu Ridge Gallery owners Chris Maarten and Shane Hebbard show KVPP promotions officer Steve Caught around the new addition to the unique attraction, complete with dinosaur skeleton



KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB

Hello everyone. Well our first pony club rally day was a great success. We were lucky to actually have sunshine and fun was had by all. We welcome our new members and returning members - it's great to see you, and hope you enjoy the year to come. Unfortunately our second rally was a wash out. We certainly have had plenty of rain. I hope your horses are coping ok with the wet.

We had our first Social Night last Friday 14th March. It was a good turn out. It's a great place to catch up with friends and have a good meal at good prices. So this is happening every Friday night at the Club House from 6pm. We also have a yummy Meat Tray Raffle every week from Kuranda Butchery. It always looks great so be sure to shop local for your meat and maybe buy a lucky number while you're there. Thanks for the support and helping with the clubs fundraising. It's much appreciated.

Hope everyone had a lovely Easter and it would be great to see you on the **29th March** for the next rally day starting **9am**. Any enquires email paulanddi@bigpond.com. Happy Riding!

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."



Dust if you must....but remember that a layer of dust protects the wood beneath it.



A minister dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt jacket and jeans. Saint Peter addresses him, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you into the Kingdom of Heaven?" The guy replies, "I'm Jack Murphy, taxi driver, from Cairns." Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Now it's the minister's turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am the Right Reverend Joseph Snow, pastor of Saint Mary's for the last forty-three years." Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the minister, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven." "Just a minute," says the minister. "That man was a taxi driver and he gets a silken robe and golden staff. How can this be?" "Up here, we work by results," explains Saint Peter. "While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

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The Egyptians embalmed their dead with aromatic products to stop decomposition.

They also protect against insects and help to heal bites, acting on the toxic produce of venom. The hunters in the Alps often use lavender plant to rub on the bite inflicted by an adder.

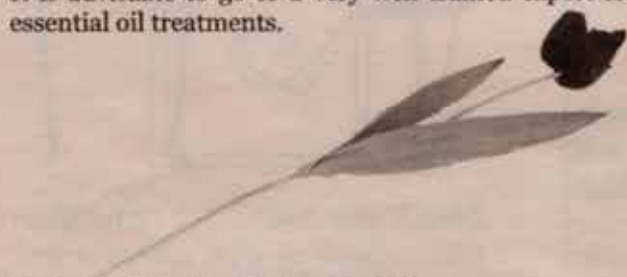
With all their properties the essential oils are very important in the care of the skin. There is always a flora of microbes present on the skin. They do not do any harm if the skin is healthy, but under unfavourable conditions they attack and start infections.

For their absorption through the skin the essential oils should be kept as natural as possible (when taken orally of course they have to be diluted).

For treatment their application is made on the skin after massage or manipulation. The essential oil must be either warmer or colder than the skin. After a massage the muscles are warm and penetration is very good.

If essential oils are used carefully they can be very beneficial but a certain number among them are also toxic - workmen handling vanilla sticks sometimes suffer from bad headaches and intestinal upsets. Extra doses of saffron can start convulsions, or even worse.

It is advisable to go to a very well trained expert for essential oil treatments.



Valarie Birchall, Aesthetician

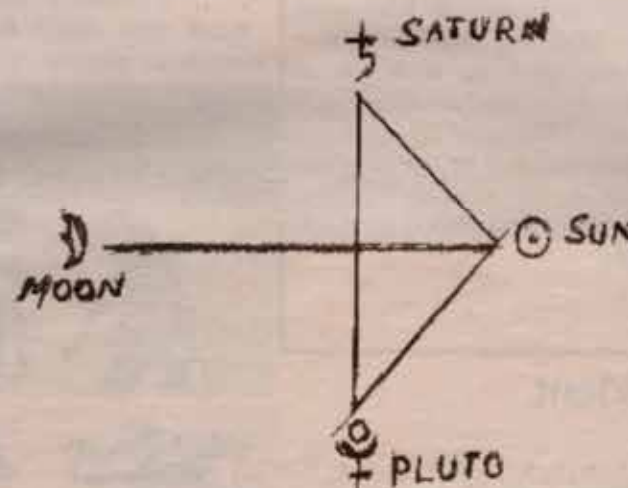


The Moon is full at 8.26pm on Sunday 20th April, so it will be well risen and visible climbing in the eastern sky in Scorpio. In fact, a couple of hours earlier at Moon-rise it will be exactly zero degrees Scorpio as the Sun is setting at zero degrees Taurus.

Not very often do we get the Moon and Sun across the horizon line right on the cusps of signs, but tonight we do and they are the most earthy, physical, intense and sexual of the signs: Taurus and Scorpio.

To add to the picture. At this time there is a grand trine forming right on the cusps of the earth signs with Pluto in Capricorn and Saturn in Virgo. The full Moon in Scorpio, opposite the Sun completes an aspect pattern traditionally called a kite, but given the weight and intensity of the planets and signs involved, this one looks more like a spear or an arrow head.

Here's the picture:



This is a heavily weighted pattern - the earth signs represent physical mass; the planets Saturn, Pluto and Sun rule lead, plutonium and gold respectively and it's being propelled by the Scorpio full Moon with all its intensity, passion and lust. A projected force of such mass and velocity is going to be unstoppable you would think, and it is literally aimed at the gold. So this is a bulls eye, a winner, a very powerful thrust of almost life or death intensity.

Go for it I'd reckon, whatever the symbology suggests to you. It calls for strength of purpose, steady aim and a do or die intensity. Otherwise duck for cover because there will be lots of heavy stuff flying around this full moon.

Backtracking, the Aries New Moon is mid-afternoon on Sunday 6th April and at the same time venus crosses into Aries, beginning her annual cycle through the Zodiac. Things begun on the New Moon can be brought to fruition on the Full moon, so here's a clue: New Moon has a strong Aries - Venus flavour bringing new loves, female initiative, artistic and creative beginnings, and prosperity based on things of intrinsic, aesthetic value. Start it up on the New Moon and drive it home on the full!

Backtracking again, right at the beginning of the month on the 1st April, the day of foolish things, Pluto becomes stationary and begins 5 months of retrograde motion at one degree Capricorn. Not much room for foolish ness there. It feels like the beginning of a process of sifting through accumulated debris and inexorably clearing away the detritus of past deceptions and mismanagement. A calling to account which may not be all that much fun for the power trippers and money grabbers that have had their snouts in the trough.

A Saturn ruled Pluto becoming stationary is a very heavy hand on the collar. The next few months will see a big clean out and the rebuilding of the foundations. Some people who are, or were, in high places will be feeling a bit nervous and. For the rest of us, the skeletons will be rattling in the closets.

So let's rattle them bones and shake it all down

Rob Hart

Ayurvedic Recipe

HOT AND SPICY SOUP

- 5 cups of water
- 3 cm fresh ginger
- 1/3 cup basmati rice
- 1 clove
- 3 peppercorns
- 1 medium carrot, sliced
- 1 cup raw cabbage, chopped or 1 cup fresh greens
- 1 plum
- 1 large Shitake mushroom
- 1/16 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 tablespoon tamari
- 1 teaspoon raw honey (optional)

Bring water to boil in medium saucepan. Peel and slice ginger into 4 or 5 pieces. Add to boiling water, cover and turn to low. Let simmer while you wash the rice and drain it. Add it to the soup and turn heat up to medium, cover again. Wash and slice the carrot and chop the cabbage. Add them to the brew. Simmer 10 minutes more. Add cayenne, and tamari and honey just before serving.

COMMENTS: A nice brew to sip during a cold, flu, coughs, or hay fever. Warms the body and supports the immune system. Cabbage is rich in Vitamin C; carrot provides generous amounts of vitamin A. Ginger stimulate circulation and digestion.

TONI'S BANANA CAKE

Taste tested by the Kuranda paper production team. Star rating ***** , minus one for poor presentation. (No doily and clotted cream)

- 250gm butter (soft)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 2 cups mashed ripe bananas
- 1 tablespoon poppy seeds (optional)
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 3 cups sifted flour

Beat butter and sugar to a cream. Add eggs, vanilla and poppy seeds. Heat milk and dissolve baking soda. Add to mixture. Add baking powder and sifted flour.

Bake 45 minutes in moderate oven. 180 degree.



HUMOUR FOR LEXOPHILES

A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France and resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

A calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.'

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

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What is WELLNESS?

Is being well just going for a daily walk, or attending the gym regularly, or perhaps eating lots of leafy vegetables? It has been suggested by those in the know that the 'wellest of the well' possess the following attributes:

- High self esteem and a positive outlook on life
- A foundation philosophy and a sense of purpose
- A strong sense of personal responsibility
- A good sense of humour and plenty of fun in life
- A concern for others and a respect for the environment

- A conscious commitment to personal excellence
- A sense of balance and an integrated lifestyle
- Freedom from addictive behaviours of a negative nature
- An ability to cope with whatever life presents and learn from mistakes
- Grounded in reality
- Highly conditioned and physically fit
- A capacity to manage life demands and communicate effectively
- And an ability to nurture, and the capacity to love

So, if the above attributes are a true reflection of a well person, then how well are you? Overall wellness can be improved through lifestyle change and prioritising what is important to you. Most importantly, it is necessary to adopt a holistic approach, where we incorporate good diet, physical

exercise, and interaction with others who possess predominately positive attitudes to life.

Good Diet – this is the fuel that enables the body to operate at its best potential.

Physical Exercise – is necessary to assist digestion and the removal of toxins from within the body. It also improves the overall appearance of the individual.

Interactions with others – by socializing with persons who have a positive outlook on life we improve our own demeanor. Laughter and maintaining a positive outlook is the key to overall wellness.

So let's get out there, eat healthy, laugh a lot, have some fun with others, incorporate some physical activity and be well.

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**Kuranda SES Notes
Operation Rudolf Thank you**

Thank you to the people and organizations who made possible last year's 21 December Operation Rudolf –

- **Our Sponsors:** Kuranda Rotary Club, Kuranda Lions Club, Kuranda Chamber of Commerce, Kuranda Envirocare, Kuranda Rainforest Station, Kuranda Candy Kitchen and Kuranda Homemade Tropical Fruit Icecream.
- **Our Participants:** Kuranda Police, our area's Rural Fire Brigades and Kuranda SES. Because of the accident near the cemetery, our convoy was lacking Kuranda Fire and Rescue and Kuranda Ambulance – we had much less noise and fewer flashing lights! ,

Training Nights and Courses

At our fortnightly training nights since October last year we've been working on Queensland Ambulance Service's First Aid Course. On 18 March, eight of our members completed *Perform CPR* which is a "must have" for all members. Under the new Rank Structure, **Community Members** must complete *Provide Basic Emergency Life Support* and five other School of Emergency Management courses appropriate to their roles. In addition to this **Senior Field Operations Members** must complete *Apply First Aid* and four other School of Emergency management courses appropriate to their roles. Other training nights in the immediate future, our group will concentrate on finishing the *First Aid Course* and *Volunteering in the DES*. At weekend regional courses, two members have recently completed *Disaster Management Activities* and one member, *Chainsaw Operation*.

We're currently doing our **Training Needs Analysis** and looking at how nineteen active volunteers (we do also have some reserves) can meet the needs of the Kuranda community. Naturally, your volunteers have different interests and abilities and because of work and family commitments, all of them are unlikely to be available at any one time.

The first of our Roles is **Storm Response** which includes Working Safely at Heights and Chainsaw operations. Working Safely at Heights requires a minimum of four trained members and Chainsaw Operations requires two trained members.

We have a bare minimum of four trained in *Working at Heights* and only one has the required FA (First Aid). Six active members are trained in chainsaw operations and only one has the required FA. More on our roles in next month's paper.....

From Tuesday 6 May, our Training Nights will be weekly

Community Activities: Members will be marching in the Anzac Day parade.

Recent Activations: 08 to 10 Feb. – Land Search in Davies Creek area; **19 Feb.** – On standby for sandbagging in Mareeba; **27 Feb.** – Clearing tree off Black Mt. Road; **28 Feb.** – clearing tree off driveway; **4 March** – Working at heights tarping roof; **5 March** – remove tree front roof; sandbagging; **6 March** – chain sawing and temporary roof repair.

132 500 number: Please insert 132 500 in your phone number lists as the **contact number for flood and storm assistance.**

Interested in Joining SES Flood Storm Emergency

HQ 4093 8816 or Bob 0408 939 143

Bob Hammond, Group Leader

My Satori: More food for thought.

We are spiritual beings. Since our spiritual creation as souls, we are an extension of God and therefore will always be a part of It. We choose through reincarnation over many thousands of earth years to inhabit the many physical bodies, each as a mode of transport through each life time of experiences in an earthly human physical body. People think that we die and go to Heaven but until one has learned and earned from the teachings of Jesus and other spiritual masters the right to exist in a higher realm, as Jesus said "no man shall come to the Father but through me".

After the death of the physical body or soul (the real us) leaves the body to decay and we find ourselves in some sort of half way house of existence where there is an appointed panel of judges who can advise us when we are ready to move on to higher places or show us the special reasons why we have to go back to another physical life on earth or perhaps elsewhere it is not really known by us how long we spend on the spiritual side in between death and our next reincarnation. Some spiritual people believe that we spend about the same time there as here, but we know it would be quite different in any other realm because time as we know it would also be different. We may be given several choices or perhaps a preview of a life that we are to live back on earth. We do not go backwards, as in being born as an animal or tree but rather we take up where we have left off in our last life weather spiritual or physical to keep the balance of both.

The importance of learning spiritual teachings of the right kind will help us to shed all of our fears one at a time and learn to love one another and all other creations and this would take us towards an unconditional love, so that we can keep raising our frequency that we could be so enlightened that we could walk on water and ultimately ascend to higher realms where we can learn to become more god conscious.

More next time. Love y'all Col.

KURANDA VILLAGE TAX TIP

By Fay Allen BCom CPA

CLAIMING SUN PROTECTION ITEMS

Can you remember when you were unable to claim sun protection items in your tax return? I can, because I used to teach scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef and thought that this was very unfair. The NSW Cancer Council also had the same sentiment and in the year 2000 they took the Australian Taxation Office to court representing ten tax payers from a wide range of occupations. They argued that sun protection was a work related expense and therefore should be tax deductible. And guess what? They won!

You can claim a tax deduction for the cost of sunscreen lotion, sunhats and sunglasses if your job requires you to work in the sun for sustained periods for all or part of the day and you have purchased and used these items for work. Prescription sunglasses also qualify.

If you also used the sun protection items for private use as well as at work then you will need to estimate what you actually spent for work purposes and apportion your claim.

Example

Lucy is a fruit picker who works for sustained periods in the sun. She purchased sunglasses during the 2006-07 year costing \$195 and has retained the receipt. She estimates that 80% of her usage during the year was for work purposes.

Lucy is able to claim \$156 (\$195 x 80%) as a deduction in her tax return.

The cost of these items can add up so please, please, please keep your receipts to ensure that you can claim these expenses.

If you have any questions about claiming sun protection items please feel free to call me on 4093 8222 at Kuranda Village Accountancy or visit the ATO website www.ato.gov.au.

HUMOUR FOR LEXOPHILES

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate. The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months.

A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

The dead batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

A will is a dead giveaway.

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

QCWA NEWSLETTER

What a wet month! Wet enough to force us to cancel a Craft & Social Morning at the beginning of the month and stopping our delegates attending Division events down the range. However, the last few weeks have gone smoothly once again.

It was pleasing to see a photo of our senior branch members – and Branch President - in the QCWA Countrywoman magazine, celebrating our 70th birthday in November 2007. While on the front cover our Division President (Mrs Marlene Mathews) and Division International Officer (Mrs Jan Anderson) featured prominently – both appropriately dressed in blue (lucky colour) to promote the country of study this year, Mongolia. QCWA branches and members are being encouraged to help the organizer of "Blankets 4 Mongolia" who is hoping to collect 10,000 blankets to send to Mongolian hospitals and aid centers.

Throughout the year, QCWA assist with fundraising for many good

causes – Pamper Packs (distributed to women who always put others before themselves), Angel Flight, RFDS, Multiple Sclerosis, Motor Neuron Disease, Drought/Flood appeals, Young Care – to name a few. As well, branches all over Queensland make and distribute rugs, cushions, wheelchair bags, emergency toiletry bags, preemie baby outfits etc.etc. These ladies are never "just sittin' & thinkin'" – they are too busy helping others.

Craft: the ladies enjoyed their craft lesson in March – Card Making which is always a popular craft. April lesson on Wednesday 16th will be Candlewick Embroidery – a pretty craft which is not too difficult and looks lovely on a cushion or similar. Kits will be available and lunch is also provided at a small cost. Please contact Yvonne on 4093 7016 if you are interested in coming along on this day. We would be happy to see you there – or on any of our craft and social mornings.

Hall bookings: for the month of April please contact **4093 8229** or **4093 7016**.

Tablelands Regional Council - Business as Usual

Following the 15 March local government elections a new regional Council will be established. Under the Local Government Reform legislation, changeover occurs on this day with the Councils of Atherton Shire, Eacham Shire, Herberton Shire, and Mareeba Shire becoming the Tablelands Regional Council.

You will still be able to receive the same friendly service, and deal with Council as you do currently. All existing offices and facilities will remain open for business as usual.

All of our experienced staff will continue working for the Tablelands Regional Council.

Initially, you probably won't notice many changes.

What Stays the Same:

- Opening hours of offices, libraries, transfer stations, agencies, information centres and other council facilities
- Rubbish and recycling collection services and days
- Rates, fees and charges that currently apply to your household or business
- Local laws, permits and licences
- Planning schemes and related matters
- Records, documents, contracts and legal proceedings
- Works programs including road and facility upgrades.

What Changes:

- Divisional boundaries
- Councillor representation

The newly elected Council will be provided with detailed transition plans to ensure business will continue as usual. Over time, Council will look for ways to improve services through consistent policies, planning schemes and rationalizing fees and charges.

Local Government elections on Saturday 15 March will determine who will represent your community on the Tablelands Regional Council.

Contacting Your Council

All Council staff are working hard to ensure that quality personal service will continue to be provided when the Tablelands Regional Council opens its doors for business as usual on 17 March 2008.

Please assist us by continuing to contact Council through your normal local office and contact numbers.

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Mareeba:	65 Rankin St	PO Box 154
	Ph: 4030 3900	Fax: 4092 3323

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Keeping You Informed

A new website will be available at www.trc.qld.gov.au from Saturday 15 March and regular updates will be provided in local newspapers over the coming weeks.

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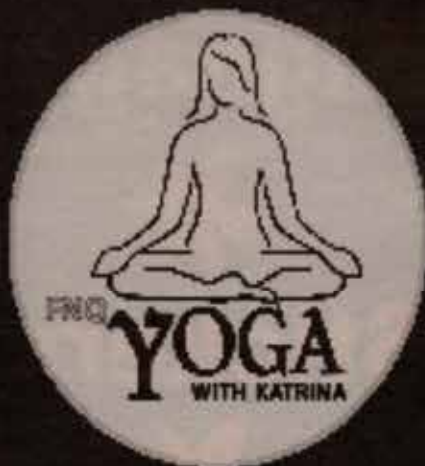
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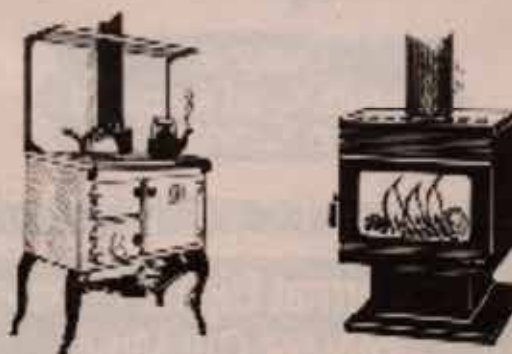
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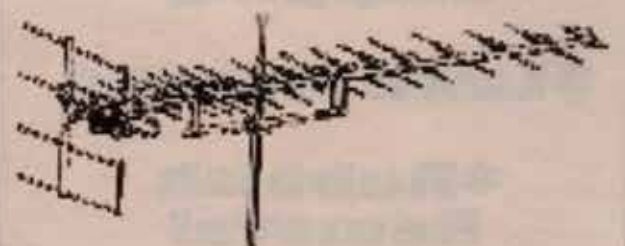
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Town Talk

Community News



Wettenhall Watch

Wettenhall's Watch - April

I joined the Communities Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr in the official opening of the new \$1.3 million Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre at 6 Rob Vievers Drive in March. Please call in and see the team in their wonderful new surrounds funded by the State Government. Services offered include family support, crisis counselling, referrals, information, workshops, volunteer training, book exchange, photocopying and social get-togethers.

Climate Change

The debate about climate change is over and this month my column is dedicated to the cause. Our climate is changing and here in the far north we are going to experience the effects of climate change more than other places. That's why we need to act now to protect our environment and our economy. Even though climate change is complex, part of the solution lies in simple actions. Not only does turning off a light save us money on power bills, but also cuts greenhouse gases. Really - its commonsense practices we can all adapt to.

Queensland Unplugged Day - April 3

You can turn-off unnecessary standby power on Queensland Unplugged Day on April 3. If every household in Queensland turned off unnecessary standby power (eg TV), we would save more than \$74 million annually. If the appliance does not need to be turned on all the time - switch it off. This one simple action can make a huge difference if everyone gets involved. Already - as a result of the EPA's successful ClimateSmart Living campaign, 75,000 Queenslanders have pledged to undertake the campaigns first three simple steps: Changing to low energy light bulbs, setting the fridge to 4 degrees and checking the tyre pressures on their cars. This will cut greenhouse gas emissions by about 5,000 tonnes each year (equivalent of planting 25,000 trees).

Sustainable Schools

Schools have put their energy into saving water with state-wide reductions in consumption by almost 31 per cent through tap and shower re-fits, installation of water tanks at some schools and broader educational programs. Pleasingly - we are educating the younger generation on the need to conserve water and recognise its value. A new statement on sustainability for all Queensland schools titled "Enough for all forever" was given in parliament, serving as a guide for schools to meet their environmental obligations. The document not only outlines practices, but also the requirement for a vision supported by the whole community. The statement supports

the whole-of-government priority of protecting the environment and to reduce every schools ecological footprint.

Climate Change Impact Statements

For the first time, all relevant cabinet proposals in parliament will be required to include an assessment of the climate change impacts of the submission. A climate change impact statement will assist government agencies and cabinet to evaluate immediate and longer term climate change issues prior to implementation - thus saving potentially costly adjustments at later stages.

Solar Homes Pilot Program

The Solar Homes Pilot Program (aimed to harness bulk purchasing power to drive down the cost of installing solar panel for homes) received an overwhelmingly positive response in Queensland with more than 5,230 expressions of interest in three days. With 1,000 of the systems up for grabs, the response has shown how much desire is in the community to generate solar energy. The premier has now written to the Federal Environment Minister urging a consideration to extend the Commonwealth rebate scheme.

Until next month,

Steve Wettenhall MP
Member for Barron River
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Turnour's Tidings

Boost in Allowances and Pensions for 16,813 Leichhardt residents

Thousands of Leichhardt residents will begin receiving extra income support. 16,813 people in Leichhardt will benefit from increased and more regular financial payments from the Australian Government from Thursday last. As well, pensions are scheduled to go up with the rise in the Consumer Price Index

Member for Leichhardt, Jim Turnour, said local pensioners, carers, disability support pensioners and self-funded retirees would all be better off with increases in the Utilities Allowance, Seniors Concession Allowance and Telephone Allowance.

"For Utilities Allowance recipients in Leichhardt, the payments will go up from \$107.20 a year to \$500 a year for singles or couples combined. And because bills arrive in the letterbox every three months that's how often we'll be paying the allowance - quarterly instalments to meet quarterly utilities bills. This will mean a \$125 payment, every three months, for eligible carers, pensioners and people with disability. 9328 age pensioners in Leichhardt will begin receiving this payment in the fortnight starting Thursday, 20 March 2008."

"The Government is also extending the allowance to 672 Carer Payment recipients and 5392 on Disability Support Pension recipients under the Age Pension age in Leichhardt. Widow B Pension, Wife Pension, Bereavement Allowance and veterans and their partners receiving invalidity service pension, partner service pension or an income support supplement will also receive the payments of \$125 each quarter."

"Telephone Allowance will also increase, from \$88 to \$132 a year, for those with a home internet connection. Recipients should contact Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs with details of their home internet service provider. The Seniors Concession Allowance will also rise, from \$218 a year, to \$500 a year for 1421 local Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card holders, and will also be paid quarterly. And people receiving payments such as the Age Pension, Carer Payment, Special Benefit and Disability Support Pension will receive a 1.7 per cent boost to their pensions in line with the rise in the CPI."

"People on Newstart, Partner Allowance, Parenting Payment (partnered), Mature Age Allowance, Widow Allowance and Sickness Allowance, will also see a rise in payments through the CPI indexation. The maximum single rate of pension will rise by \$9.10, to \$546.80 a fortnight, while the maximum partnered pension will increase by \$7.70 to \$456.80 a fortnight for each member of a couple. This equates to annual increases of \$236.60 for single pensioners and \$200.20 for each member of a pensioner couple," Mr Turnour said.

Deeming rates for social security payments will rise by half of one per cent from 20 March. The new deeming rates are: four per cent for the first \$39,400 of a single pensioner's financial investments (\$65,400 for pensioner couples and \$32,700 for each member of an allowee couple), and six per cent for financial investments above those amounts.

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Tablelands Regional Council

New Council Equipped for Business As Usual

Several recommendations will be presented to the new Tablelands Regional Council from the Local Transition Committee (LTC) to protect existing Council reserves, commitments to the community and employee entitlements.

At the meeting held on Wednesday 27 February, the LTC agreed to encourage the new Council to keep discretionary reserves for their original purpose such as the Malanda Sewerage Scheme and Kuranda Aquatic fund levies.

"We hope that the Tablelands Regional Council honours existing funding commitments to meet community expectations," said Local Transition Committee Chairman Cr Ray Byrnes.

Also identified as important is ongoing representation of Councillors or Council officers on all Catchment Boards, and continued support of RSL clubs to organise ANZAC day celebrations.

With extensive work undertaken in future planning by the four Councils of Atherton, Eacham, Herberton and Mareeba, the Interim Chief Executive Officer, Ian Church, will identify all current undertakings and promote ongoing consideration to the new Council.

"There are several research projects recently undertaken which will be made available to Councillors to help progress opportunities identified such as through the Kuranda Village Promotions Program and Southern Tablelands Economic Development Strategy," said Mr Church.

A draft procurement policy outlining considerations for retaining and supporting local businesses is currently being drafted and will also be promoted for adoption by the Council.

In view of legislation introduced regarding redundancies of Chief Executive Officers, the Local Transition Committee recommends retaining existing CEO's and taking measures to protect their entitlements.

"We recommend that treatment of staff wages and entitlements ensures no one is disadvantaged and skills and experience are recognised appropriately," commented Cr Byrnes.

The final LTC meeting will be held at 9am on Friday 7 March 2008 in the Atherton Shire Council boardroom to finalise Transition Action Plans. The meeting is open to the public.

Information on the new Tablelands Regional Council is available at www.tablelandsltc.gov.au.

De-facto vs. Married Relationships

As a lawyer I have hear many people ask "how do you know when you're classified as a de-facto?". It's not as easy as assuming that after two years of living together, a couple is then considered "de-facto". The law of co-habitation, as it is know, belongs to the State Courts as opposed to the Federal Courts which deal with matrimonial issues. De-facto relationships in Queensland are governed by the Queensland Property Law Act 1974.

So what is a de-facto relationship and how do you protect your assets when living with another person?

In deciding whether two people (gender is not relevant) are in a de-facto relationship certain circumstances are considered, the main being that they must be living together as a couple on a 'genuine domestic basis'. Other circumstances taken into account are :-

- the nature and extent of the relationship
- the length of the relationship
- whether or not the relationship is of a sexual nature
- degree of mutual commitment to a shared life, including the care and support of each other and any care of children
- the ownership, use and/or mutual acquisition of property
- the performance of household tasks
- the reputation and public aspect of the relationship.

Based on the above considerations, if you are living in a de-facto relationship how then do you protect your assets? You should be considering entering into a Recognised Cohabitation Agreement.

A cohabitation agreement is an agreement entered into at the beginning or during your de-facto relationship. The main purpose of a cohabitation agreement is that it has the purpose of protecting your assets in the advent of your de-facto relationship ending.

If you would like a cohabitation agreement drawn up it is recommended that you seek the assistance of a lawyer as there are specific legislative requirements which must be followed in order for the agreement to be recognised under the legislation.

As the Family Law solicitor at Marino Moller Lawyers, I have many years of experience in this area and can be contacted for a confidential discussion on 4081 6700 or email directly - mandy.bailey@marinomoller.com.au

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Falls Still the Favourite Destination

While some operators have been bemoaning the recent prolonged effects of the Green Season, literally thousands of visitors have made their way to Kuranda to see the Far North's favourite land based destination.

"The recent rains have made the Barron Falls truly spectacular," Kuranda Village Promotions Program chairman Fr Chris Wright said. "Literally hundreds of people, many of whom are locals, have made their way to see the swollen Barron River thunder more than 750 feet to the floor of the Barron River Valley near Kuranda. "Currently, this location has to be one of the most photographed tourism icons in the Far North.

He added that the Green Season had also enabled visitors to see a different aspect of Kuranda. "While our regular markets, accommodation and dining facilities have remained fully functional and operating, the recent rainfall has enabled our visitors to see many new aspects of life in the Far North Queensland tropical rainforest - and this easy access is one of the reasons that sets Kuranda apart from other destinations," Fr Wright said.



Library news

Looking out my window as I write this and can see the sun! Finally! Don't get me wrong, I love the rain, but there is something pretty special about the first few days of sun after weeks of rain and floods.



The books here have also been suffering a little in the wet weather, and this seems like a good opportunity to issue a gentle reminder to think of our papered friends in all this humidity. It really doesn't take much added water for their pages to turn green and mouldy... unsuitable for the library shelves. To avoid this unhappiness, please use a plastic bag when carrying your books (we usually have some at the counter) or renew your items, and wait for the sunshine. Seems like common sense, but its amazing how easy it is to get caught out in the downpours.

The questions on everyone's lips at the moment are all about the amalgamation. In the long run it will mean some pretty neat changes for the Kuranda Library. For a start, there will be eleven branches in the new Tablelands Regional Library Service, so you will be able to grab a book when you go to the Yungaburra Markets, or visit Ravenshoe, and access all those extra resources.

But, in the short term, not much has changed. You will keep the same library card for now and none of your borrowing conditions have changed. You can join all of the Tablelands Regional Libraries, but you will need to do so separately (and have a different library card and borrowing conditions for most). If you borrow a book from us, then return it to the same place you always have. If you borrow an item from one of the 'new branches', please return it there. We will certainly let you know as soon as anything major happens here.

Finally, keep your eyes open for some furniture moves in the next few weeks. Nothing too major, but some new stuff should be appearing to brighten up our little library.

So enjoy the heat and humidity while it lasts (soon we will be complaining about the need for scarfs and beanies). Find a tree to sit under... ignore the green ants. Read something fantastic till it's too dark to see, and then watch the fireflies. It's a pretty special place we live in, so it's my ongoing resolution to take some time out to appreciate it. Hope you all find some too.

Maddie and Ros at the Kuranda Library

FOODWORKS

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ENVIRO WATCH

Environment and Conservation News

AGM - New Executive

Our treasured treasurer has stepped down and is concentrating on her first love, English language teaching. Isobel, we'll miss your good natured teasing, your efficiency and your ginger biscuits.

We welcome a new treasurer to the executive Robyn King. Robyn currently works at Kuranda Tax Services and enjoys her weekender block out at Ravenshoe, when not out planting. Any more of this rain and we might be joining her for a break!

Our revegetation guru, Druce, has been trialling a strategy to plant the upper slopes of the railway embankment where the trees are not so susceptible to flooding. It certainly has proved itself this year as the river flats have been laid bare with the high levels of the racing river waters. Druce is still adding his notes to the Envirocare column but is spending more time with his business this year and so Bruce Wannan, a botanist by training and currently working for E.P.A., has kindly agreed to be our 5th executive committee member.

FNQ2025 draft - due in April

Well, a regenerating rainforest block is being subdivided in the Fairyland Link corridor, with variations on the amount of clearing allowable on each subdivided block. A rainforested block within the EnviroLink corridor goes under the auction hammer late this month, possibly for development. We can only look forward to the release of the draft FNQ2025 plan, due out in April, for 3 months public consultation and submissions. This plan will override all council plans and we can expect the new Tablelands shire to formulate a new planning scheme over time which should be in line with the 2025 plan. If you'd like to be kept informed of progress regarding this plan, please send an email to secretary@envirocare.org.au and get onto our distribution list. Phone if you don't have email.

Plant of the Month

Before I get into that, I would like to draw people's attention to the culvert numbering system on the Kuranda Range. If you have a close look, you will see numbers on some of the guide posts on the range. They start at (1) at the bottom of the range. These numbers

indicate culverts passing under the road. I am often asked for a name of a tree that people have seen while driving the range. These numbers on the guide posts are a good reference point to get the approximate location of the tree. While we are on the topic of tree identification - if you are trying to get a tree identified, collect a reasonable amount of plant material. I don't mean for you to bring in the entire tree. That could be counter productive, particularly if it is a rare or threatened species. Try to get about a 1/2 metre of a branch with leaves intact. If you can also obtain the flowers and/or fruit, better still. Also, try to bring in the material while it is fresh. To summarise - a single shrivelled dead leaf can be a bit of a challenge when trying to identify a rainforest tree.

The tree for this month is *Flindersia ifflaiana* (Hickory Ash). There are quite a few flowering on the range right now. There is a loose group of them just up the range from the Avondale Creek crossing. They can readily be seen overhanging the overtaking lane after culvert 21. Unfortunately, as Main Roads adds more crash barriers to the range road, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find places to pull off the road, get out and have a look around. If you can find a spot, do it. The living range looks quite different from the plastic view we get from our air conditioned metal boxes. (I would like to thank the woman who offered me a lift while I was walking up the range, in the rain, to have a closer look at these trees. I didn't need the ride but it's reassuring to know there are still some good Samaritans out there)

The *Flindersias* have a characteristic 5 valved woody seed pod which is quite long lasting and can usually be found in the leaf litter under the tree. The species name "ifflaiana" is a bit of a mouthful. It is named after Solomon Iffla who was a mayor of Melbourne in the late 1800s. (I guess it would have been easier to pronounce if it was named after Princess Di) The flowers are in snowy white clusters and have a pleasant scent. It is a useful timber species.

How did I identify this tree? These are some of the features I used:- leaves compound; leaves opposite; oil dots visible; midrib raised on upper surface; terminal leaflet absent. If you wish to enter into the perplexing

world of rainforest plant identification, I'll be running a **1 day rainforest plant workshop on the weekend of April 26-27**. It'll cover some essential "anatomy of a plant" (otherwise known as botany) to get you started and we'll be using several tools to aid the identification process, including the latest version of Hyland's index on CD. Join in, whether you're new to this or just need a refresher, there'll be plenty to keep your mind exercised. I'll be running another in May if there's enough interest, so please **contact Margaret Zehntner (Ph 40938393) to book a place** and indicate which day you'd prefer (Sat. or Sun) in April or May. **Cheers, Druce**

BRICMA Green Corridor project
 Koah community planting
 Sat. 29 March - 8am

There is a community planting at Koah old railway station area. All the holes will be dug and seedlings laid out, all you have to do is knock the pot off the root ball and plant, great fun for the kids and just too easy! Please bring hat, gloves, trowel and water. Follow the Koah Road to the end, watch for the signs which indicate right turn then over the railway line. Contact Kim Forde on 04 489 39009 for further info. Morning tea provided. All welcome.

General meeting 2 April 7pm

At Sports and Social club
 Discussion on covenants and refuges and their use within the EnviroLink corridor.

Batreach News



We have two marsupials who are omnivorous and these are the Northern Brown Bandicoots (*Isodon macrourus*). The two juvenile brothers Hoppity and Hippy display harsh brown fur, humped posture, long pointed snouts and jerky body movements. Their forefeet have three long nailed toes and their eyes are quite sharp. Although nocturnal, the two brothers hop and bounce around their enclosure with great hopping excitement upon the arrival of their two boxes of worms in the morning. Such a greeting with mouths wide open, the two brothers stand on their back legs hopping up and down. It is quite a sight. Then using their forelimbs, they dig a conical hole which enables them to explore with their long snouts and with such enthusiasm (not to mention the dirt flying everywhere). It really looks like a race to get the juiciest worm. They just love those worms, they are worm heaven.

They are happy little jumping beans and such a joy to care for. However now they prefer their own dwellings, so we now have two separate houses for them in the same enclosure. By morning their water dish is full of dirt and their housing flung all over the place, but as soon as appears at their enclosure, they shoot out towards one and greet with their funny smile, open mouth and a bouncing, hopping and jumping dance.

Well, since yesterday things have changed again because we now need to put the brothers Hoppity and Hippy in separate enclosures so as to avoid territorial fighting and competition over worms. As they are solitary animals, they don't seem to mind their own company and they have the added advantage of being able to excavate their own site.



KURANDA
conservation
COMMUNITY NURSERY Inc
 1 Pademelon Lane, Kuranda (off Fallon Road) Ph. 4093 8834

The nursery is abuzz with activity with plants coming in and going out with an agreeable balance.

It is very pleasing that the Community Nursery is living up to its name with a free flow of residents coming and going with plants and seeds they've collected, to swap for something different we have in stock.

The "This is Cassowary Country" signs are regularly walking out and appearing on fences all over the place. Of course, we'll always accept a donation, but the signs are FREE if you'd like one for your gate.

On top of this, we enjoy a good deal of help from Conservation Volunteers Australia, QiTE "Farm Force" teams, Workers for the Dole and from those

who choose to do their Community Service with us.

Then there are our regular Saturday morning get-togethers when we go out to collect Cassowary poo, plant out a plot at someone's place or catch up with potting and nursery maintenance, including feeding up our hungry compost worms.

We're pretty self-sufficient by making our own soil and enriching it with contributions from the worms. We don't really need to use artificial fertilizers these days and the moisture content of our mix is very satisfactory.

A few of us are learning welding so we can fabricate our own benches and mend things that break.

Interestingly, we have a healthy smattering of artists in our midst and there's talk of doing an environmental show in the future. You might want to find out more about this.

(While typing out this column for the Kuranda Paper at 4pm on Thursday 20 March, I've just had a call from Melina Clark in her hospital bed with her 2-hour old twins by her side. I can't believe how sparkley she sounded. And, it's her birthday as well! How absolutely f-a-n-t-a-s-t-i-c.)

Now, where was I ... community nursery ... nursing mothers welcome as well as their toddlers by 9am at 1 Pademelon Lane on a Saturday if you want to join in with any of our activities.

Incidentally, the stuff in babies nappies that keeps them dry from their wee is water crystals. Without wee in them, these crystals are great for planting with your seedlings to keep moisture available to them. With wee in them, watch out for record growth!

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19 Kullaroo Close (off Barron Falls Rd) Donations to support land care work.
Kuranda Envirocare 4093 9926

Land for Wildlife: This great program continues to be run by Kuranda Envirocare with an experienced officer trained to do assessments. If you want recognition for your property's wildlife habitat value, have it registered as Land for Wildlife.
Phone Margaret on 4093 8393 or Andrew on 4093 8223

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Saturday April 12th
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Lot 12 Platypus Close

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To a good home
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Ph: 4093 9926

Position Vacant - Arts Sales Consultant. Casual, experience and week end work essential. Resume to **Peter Jarver Gallery or email to info@peterjarver.com**

Commercial Rental - Shop (or office) next to Kuranda Village Accountancy, Kuranda Settlement Building, 12 Veivers Drive.
40 sq mtrs, Suit business servicing locals
Ph 4093 8222

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kuranda Playgroup

New families with kids under five are invited to join the 'new look' **Kuranda Playgroup** Wednesday mornings from 9.30 - 11.30am at the Kuranda Neighborhood Centre. Please RSVP Lisa ph. 4093 0038 or Michelle on ph. 4093 9851.

Kuranda Playgroup needs **good condition playground equipment**, especially cubby houses, swing set, slide, see-saw, sand box and sand, art easels, kids chairs and tables, shelving, ceiling fans and tarps. Please consider donating to us or if you are planning a garage sale please call Lisa on 4093 0038 for a first look.

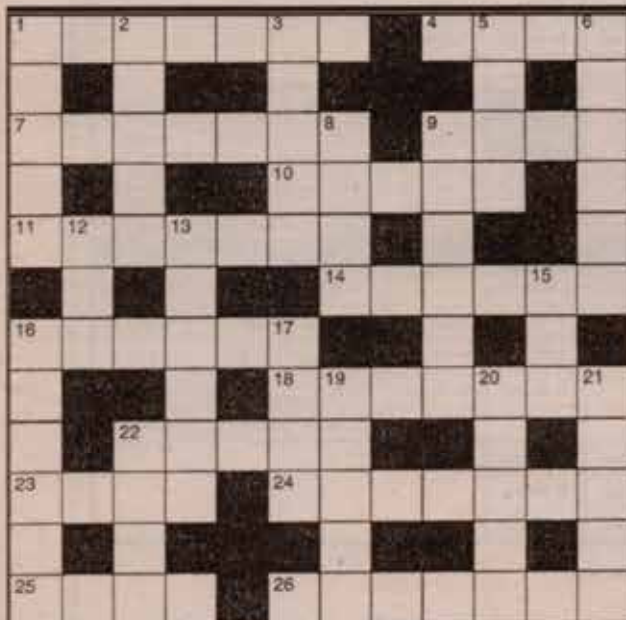
Division 8 Tablelands Regional Council Election
I wish to sincerely thank all my helpers and supporters in the recent elections. Thank you also to the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Envirocare for arranging candidates' forums and to the local community for raising so many issues which are important to our community. The new Council will have a tough job ahead and I urge everyone to continue to take an interest in the Council's directions and decisions over the coming months and years. **Jenny Jensen (Candidate Division 8)**

Trivia Night
7th June 2008



Great prizes
Refreshments and heaps of fun
6.30 PM for Food and refreshments
Quiz starts 7pm
Kuranda CWA Hall

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Answers to No. 96

Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 97

Compiled by John Brooksbanks

ACROSS

- Sly echo about the river.
- Understand small part of tree.
- A masters grid of lines in this sketch.
- Part of Gaelic land owning group.
- If after Tom is about a logo.
- Creature rode over east after Queen Elizabeth. (3,4)
- Saw I left repaint arrangement
- Tip can over feline loving plant.
- Bear dad got rubbed off
- What Ringo was ?
- Fever found in a guest by Dr. Cuming.
- Drunk meets AA in the village!
- Firstly I owe tax accountant - it's not a great deal.
- Where one finds immoral, free & easy people?

Down

- & 17. Tree store at rainforest retreat (5,4)
- Like an egg?
- Sam - he's a disgrace.
- Run round vicious beast.
- Ann meets gay on Speewah drive.
- Sound of death.
- Ice man makes theatre.
- More than 2 down - it is!
- Atoned for what he could give.
- Welcome in a very Italian way.
- Start to catch and describe a green item -local gum.
- See 1 down, above.
- Carthusian beginner?
- Possibly mined over material?
- Chaste hunting lady.
- Hard fat to use without egg.



Community Calendar

- Every Sat** **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting bee, phone 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
Kuranda Tennis Club Junior lessons 8.30am beg, 9.15am intermediate. Fallon Road. Court hire avail. Ph 40937666
- 2nd Sat** **Garden Group** 2 pm Phone David 4093 9492
- Every Sun** **A.A. CWA Hall** 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599
Kuranda Bowls Club If interested in a game, Phone 4093 9583
- 1st Sunday** **R.S.L.** 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.
Kuranda Film Society 4:30 2nd March Sports and Social club
- Every Mon** **Al-Anon Family Groups** 8 pm Phone Diane 4093 0462
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm - 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Junior Rugby League 3:30pm Bartley Park Oval 4093 7177
- 1st Monday** **Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30 pm Mantaka
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- 3rd Monday** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933
- 1st Tuesday** **The KCCT** meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel.
2nd Tuesday **The KVPP** meets behind St. Saviour's Church.
- Every Tues** **Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults** 7.00 pm CWA hall Ph 4093 8682
Tai Chi Sports and Social Club 6 pm Phone 4093 8276
8 Ball 7.00 pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub. Speewah Tavern, Kuranda resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537
Belly Dance at Kuranda Resort and Spa. Have fun and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393
- Every Wed** **Craft and social morning** at QCWA hall 9 am
Kuranda Playgroup - 9:30 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre - New families please RSVP Lisa ph 4093 0038 or Michelle ph 4093 9851
Baha'i "Spirit of the Forest" 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St.
Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm - 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Yoga at CWA
Kuranda Bowls Club Barefoot Night bowls, Casual 7.00 pm
- First Wed** **Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** at 2.00 pm @ KNC
- 2nd Wed** **QCWA meeting** 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
- Every 2nd Wed - Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group** - 10 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
- Every Thur** **Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682
- 2nd Thur** **Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road
- Every Fri** **Life Span exercises** - circuit training - QCWA Hall 8.30 am.

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

Emergency Contacts

FIRE or other emergency-please phone 000
SES Flood or Storm emergency - please phone 132 500
 Kuranda SES phone Bob on 4093 9143 or 0408 939 143
 For fire permits phone Rural Fire Brigade below

Davies Creek	4093 3181	Lloyd
Koah	4093 7006	Peter
Kuranda/Myola	4093 7190 or 0408 151 199	Duncan
Speewah	4093 0211	John

Kuranda Transfer Station Opening Times

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



Kuranda Branch Library and Council Office

4 - 12 Thoree Street Phone 4093 9185

Monday	Closed	No council services are available on Sat. Council cashier closes at 4pm on Tues. Wed. and Thurs.
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Thursday	11am - 5pm	
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MAREEBA	7.00 am	9.45 am	4.00 pm	7.00 am	9.45 am
KURANDA	7.30 am	10.20 am	4.30 pm	7.30 am	10.20 am
CAIRNS	8.15 am	11.15 am	5.15 pm	8.15 am	11.15 am

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MAREEBA	9.40 am	4.30 pm	6.40 pm	10.40 am	2.15 pm
ATHERTON (arrive)	10.15 am	5.00 pm	7.15 pm	11.15 am	2.45 pm
ATHERTON (depart)	11.00 am	3.00 pm	5.15 pm		
HERBERTON	11.20 am	3.30 pm	5.35 pm		
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