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ANZAC Day Kuranda 2007

The Anzac on the Wall

I wandered thru a country town, 'cos I had some time to spare,
And went into an antique shop to see what was in there.
Old bikes and pumps and kero lamps, but hidden by it all,
A photo of a soldier boy - an Anzac on the Wall.
'The Anzac have a name?' I asked. The old man answered 'No.
The ones who could have told me mate, have passed on long ago.
The old man kept on talking and, according to his tale,
The photo was unwanted junk bought from a clearance sale.
'I asked around,' the old man said, 'but no one knows his face,
He's been on that wall twenty years... deserves a better place.
For someone must have loved him, so it seems a shame somehow.'
I nodded in agreement and then said, 'I'll take him now.'
My nameless digger's photo, well it was a sorry sight
A cracked glass pane and a broken frame - I had to make it right
To prise the photo from its frame I took care just in case,
Cause only sticky paper held the cardboard back in place.
I peeled away the faded screed and much to my surprise,
Two letters and a telegram appeared before my eyes
The first reveals my Anzac's name, and regiment of course
John Mathew Francis Stuart - of Australia 's own Light Horse.
This letter written from the front... my interest now was keen
This note was dated August seventh 1917
'Dear Mum, I'm at Khalasa Springs not far from the Red Sea
They say it's in the Bible - looks like a Billabong to me.
'My Kathy wrote I'm in her prayers... she's still my bride to be
I just cant wait to see you both, you're all the world to me.
And Mum you'll soon meet Bluey, last month they shipped him out
I told him to call on you when he's up and about.'
'That bluey is a larrikin, and we all thought it funny
He lobbed a Turkish hand grenade into the Co's dunny.
I told you how he dragged me wounded, in from no man's land
He stopped the bleeding closed the wound with only his bare hand.'
'Then he copped it at the front from some stray shrapnel blast
It was my turn to drag him in and I thought he wouldn't last.
He woke up in hospital, and nearly lost his mind
Cause out there on the battlefield he'd left one leg behind.'
'He's been in a bad way Mum, he knows he'll ride no more
Like me he loves a horse's back, he was a champ before.
So please Mum can you take him in, he's been like my own brother
Raised in a Queensland orphanage he's never known a mother.'
But Struth, I miss Australia Mum, and in my mind each day
I am a mountain cattleman on high plains far away.
I'm mustering white-faced cattle, with no camel's hump in sight
And I waltz my Matilda by a campfire every night
I wonder who rides Billy, I heard the pub burnt down
I'll always love you and please say hooroo to all in town'.
The second letter I could see, was in a lady's hand
An answer to her soldier son there in a foreign land.
Her copperplate was perfect, the pages neat and clean
It bore the date, November 3rd 1917.
'T'was hard enough to lose your Dad, without you at the war
I'd hoped you would be home by now - each day I miss you more'
'Your Kathy calls around a lot since you have been away
To share with me her hopes and dreams about your wedding day.
And Bluey has arrived - and what a godsend he has been
We talked and laughed for days about the things you've done and seen'
'He really is a comfort, and works hard around the farm,
I read the same hope in his eyes that you won't come to harm,
Me Connell's kids rode Billy, but suddenly that changed.
We had a violent lightning storm, and it was really strange.'
'Last Wednesday, just on midnight, not a single cloud in sight,

It raged for several minutes, it gave us all a fright.
It really spooked your Billy - and he screamed and bucked and reared
And then he rushed the sliprail fence, which by a foot he cleared'
'They brought him back next afternoon, but something's changed I fear
It's like the day you brought him home, for no one can get near.
Remember when you caught him with his black and flowing mane?
Now Horse breakers fear the beast that only you can tame.'
'That's why we need you home son' - then the flow of ink went dry-
This letter was unfinished, and I couldn't work out why.
Until I started reading, the letter number three
A yellow telegram delivered news of tragedy,
Her son killed in action - oh - what pain that must have been
The same date as her letter - 3rd November 1917
This letter which was never sent, became then one of three
She sealed behind the photo's face - the face she longed to see.
And John's home town's old timers - children when he went to war
Would say no greater cattleman had left the town before.
They knew his widowed mother well - and with respect did tell
How when she lost her only boy she lost her mind as well.
She could not face the awful truth, to strangers she would speak
'My Johnny's at the war you know, he's coming home next week.'
They all remembered Bluey he stayed on to the end.
A younger man with wooden leg became her closest friend.
And he would go and find her when she wandered old and weak
And always softly say 'yes dear - John will be home next week.'
Then when she died Bluey moved on, to Queensland some did say.
I tried to find out where he went, but don't know to this day.
And Kathy never wed - a lonely spinster some found odd.
She wouldn't set foot in a church - she'd turned her back on God.
John's mother left no Will I learned on my detective trail.
This explains my photo's journey, of that clearance sale.
So I continued digging, cause I wanted to know more.
I found John's name with thousands, in the records of the war.
His last ride proved his courage - a ride you will acclaim
The Light Horse Charge at Beersheba of everlasting fame.
That last day in October back in 1917
At 4pm our brave boys fell - that sad fact I did glean.
That's when John's life was sacrificed, the record's crystal clear
But 4pm in Beersheba is midnight over here.....
So as John's gallant spirit rose to cross the great divide,
Were lightning bolts back home, a signal from the other side?
Is that why Billy bolted and went racing as in pain?
Because he'd never feel his master on his back again?
Was it coincidental? same time - same day - same date?
Some proof of numerology, or just a quirk of fate?
I think it's more than that you know, as I've heard wiser men,
Acknowledge there are many things that go beyond our ken
Where craggy peaks guard secrets neath dark skies torn asunder,
Where hoofbeats are companions to the rolling waves of thunder
Where lightning cracks like 303's and ricochets again
Where howling moaning gusts of wind sound just like dying men
Some mountain cattlemen have sworn on lonely alpine track,
They've glimpsed a huge black stallion - Light Horseman on his back.
Yes sceptics say, it's swirling clouds just forming apparitions
Oh no, my friend you can't dismiss all this as superstition.
The desert of Beersheba - or windswept Aussie range,
John Stuart rides on forever there - Now I don't find that all strange.
Now some gaze upon this photo, and they often question me
And I tell them a small white lie, and say he's family.
'You must be proud of him,' they say - I tell them, one and all,
That's why he takes - the pride of place - my Anzac on the Wall.

COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

We're writing to you about our recent wonderful visit to your "Village in the Rainforest. We traveled to Kuranda on the train and back to Cairns on the Skyrail. Both experiences were first class, the views fantastic and the staff more than helpful.

When we arrived in the village we wandered around for some time taking in the sights and doing a little shopping at the wide variety of businesses available. Some were first class - unfortunately some were not. At a small number of the stores the staff seemed uninterested in our presence and some were quite surly leaving us with an unpleasant feeling of almost intruding on their time.

However further down the main street we were treated to a most pleasant aroma which immediately took us back to our childhood in which we spent many happy moments at places such as Blackpool and Brighton in the UK.

Following our noses we discovered a delightful little shop called the Candy Kitchen. The candy makers were just starting to make candy so we stayed and watched. They were happy and talking to the large audience describing how the candy is made which I must say was enthralling. It was obvious that they enjoy what they do by the banter which took place between them and the audience and at the completion of the candy making demonstration they even gave all of us a free taste. What a wonderful experience and we bought some of their delicious candy to take home for our family.

However that night we started to sample our purchases with the result that next day we hired a car in Cairns and drove back to Kuranda to purchase more. To our surprise they remembered us from the day before and greeted us warmly which left us with a very pleasant feeling of our time in Kuranda.

We'll certainly be coming back and will tell anyone who is going to North Queensland to be certain to go to Kuranda and experience what we have.

**Robert and Elizabeth Bradford,
Birmingham. UK**

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Like many Kuranda locals who were just going about their normal daily business today (Monday 7th April), I was shocked & totally horrified to witness a bulldozer in the process of knocking down the old Kuranda Medical Centre at the crossroads of Coondoo & Thoree Sts this morning. I understand this demolition is about making room for a new supermarket.

I felt totally sick to my stomach to witness this event. It was not just the brutal, totally unnecessary physical wastage of Kuranda Villages' heritage ...i.e. gorgeous silky oak windows, french doors, etc that were flattened before my very eyes this morning that appalled & saddened me, but also the destruction of memories of our village as a community that I & other bystanders felt we had witnessed.

Like many long-term residents of Kuranda Village we remember that building with great affection as symbolic of our community. Our doctors were known as simply Ashleigh or Ian & the lovely receptionists/nurses as Keiran, Julie or Louise

(etc)....u saw them at the Amphitheatre on a Saturday nightthere was no separation between "us" & "them". This sense of genuine personal caring, connection & confidential contact was very much a factor in my belief that Kuranda was indeed home. That building symbolised for me, and I believe very many other villagers - a sense of unity & purpose & community.

To me the destruction of that building symbolises the slow but sure disintegration of community.....what does that actually mean?

To me it represents a sense of personal belonging in a place and a community which developed for the sake of and without awareness destroys. I do hope Kuranda does not lose its heritage & uniqueness in place & time for another Woolworths, KFC or Coles, more stuffed koalas etc etc ...when is enough, really enough?

R.I.P. Old Kuranda Medical Centre & all who sailed in her!

With fond memories,
Elaine Cushman, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I noticed that the tree sub-contractors of Ergon Energy have removed a number of palms on the entrance to Kuranda

In the last edition of the paper there were a number of letters published from individuals who objected to the removal of a palm adjacent to the Kuranda Rotary sign which was obviously in a very poor condition.

I wonder if those same individuals will now object to Ergon Energy for trying to ensure that we in Kuranda have a reliable electricity supply or were the original objections an attack on Rotary and its members in Kuranda.

Might I point out that Rotary is a well respected world wide organization which was set up to assist those in need and to educate those less fortunate than ourselves.

Perhaps the original authors of those missives could apply the same principles.

Ross Breadsell, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Recently a group of young people gathered at Big Sands for an overnight camp, to celebrate a 15th Birthday. During the night uninvited people arrived. The end result was our children and their friends were robbed of their personal possessions.

I have spoken to many of my friends in the area to find out who was responsible and ask for help in returning the stolen property. Thank you to those who have returned some articles. The matter has been reported to the police.

I-Pods and mobile phones are tracked down by police on first use. These items are of no value except to their owners. Receiving stolen goods and stealing are serious offences. The utmost discretion is taken with returned items.

Please contact Jo-JO if you have any information or want to return items confidentially.

Jo-Jo at Hair and Body, Kuranda

Fire Season Awareness

Regardless of where a fire originated or who lit it, a landholder or occupier of a property with a fire on it, is responsible to contain or extinguish that fire immediately upon becoming aware of its existence.

Heavy fines can be and have been imposed in the past, for inaction. Litigation by neighbours has also occurred.

Adequate breaks must be maintained by occupiers of land to prevent fire escaping onto other property and also stop fires entering.

A permit system is in force for the lighting of fires. Your local Warden will issue a permit with certain provisions stipulated, depending on weather and other conditions at the time. This is for your protection. An applicant MUST abide by the conditions on the permit and not be of the belief, that just because he/she has a permit "I can burn when or how I wish".

Rural fire fighters are there to assist. They are community minded volunteers, not servants - they do not get paid, so be active and help out where possible. Remember, where volunteer brigades are located, there is not a situation of fee for service, as there is in towns. You are not just entitled to a service. Volunteer brigade members give their time freely to support their local community, so please if you can, become a member. Learn how to protect yourself, your property and your community. (The Fire & Rescue Authority Act 1990 Q'ld. : Section 66: Occupier to extinguish fire.)

Yvonne Thomson - Hon. Admin. Officer, (Davies Creek Brigade; Koah Brigade; Kuranda/Myola Brigade; Speewah Brigade)



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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.

Active Agers Getting Fit Together at Kuranda Resort & Spa

The patriarchs of Ngonbi Cooperative Society's Home and Community Care Day Respite Program have recently begun enjoying the benefits of being more physically active.

The exercise program is a joint initiative of Kuranda's HACC and Sport & Recreation Programs which are based at the Indigenous Housing Organisation, Ngonbi Cooperative Society.

The group's local Trainer, Linc Campbell, an Exercise & Sport Science Student said that "with increasing age, people can become limited in their mobility and their strength to perform basic chores, making them more susceptible to falls, hospitalisation and less independent in and around their own home. However, an active lifestyle has many benefits and those benefits extend to people of all ages even our Uncle Merv who turns 80 this year. Some of the benefits include improving joint function, balance, strength, stability, mobility and endurance, all of which helps in the prevention and management of chronic disease."



Fossil Forum



Congratulations to Jenny Jensen, our Division 8 Counsellor on the Tablelands Council and well done the other nominees who put up excellent platforms. There was certainly much to think about in our first election choices for the new Council. The new Council seems to be active already with the playground finally installed, Information Centre clocks working and painting of the public toilet facilities listed for early completion. Keep abreast of future developments in Jensen's Jottings – a regular feature in the Kuranda Paper.

Bouquets of waterlilies and lotuses to the establishment that has certainly jumped to a new level of ambience and style with their refit, new décor and wireless internet and sweet to see some great lolly coming to another business with a glowing letter of appreciation to the Kuranda Paper.

However, a couple of village businesses continue to make their reputation on regular complaints of surly staff and poor service. Volunteers at the Information Centre continue to field these same complaints without any seeming improvement in the way tourists are treated. Unfortunately, these bad experiences stick and do little to help with return visits and recommendations, rebounding on all Kuranda trade when so many proprietors take such pains to ensure that tourists see Kuranda as "more than a Village in the Rainforest".

Want to make new friends, share your expertise and knowledge, learn new skills? So many of the Village organisations are looking for volunteers – the Neighbourhood Centre, Information Centre, SES and Rural Fire Services, Possums Op Shop, Amphitheatre – the list goes on – make your mark and give your time.

The Acting HACC Coordinator at Ngonbi Cooperative Society said "it is very encouraging to see our men involved in an exercise program because exercise contributes positively to overall quality of life, enabling our HACC clients to enjoy daily living and to remain in residential housing as long as possible."

The men's exercise group meet at the Kuranda Resort and Spa Gym on Tuesday mornings and use the range of gym equipment available to do resistance exercises, low impact cardiovascular exercise and stretching.

Many thanks go to Kuranda Resort & Spa for their support and initiative to support this active ageing program for residents in our community. Doug Stephens from the resort said "The resort has an excellent gymnasium and we are proud to support such a worthy community program." For more information about memberships and casual visits at the Resort Gym phone 4093 7556.

We wish to acknowledge Queensland Health and Sport & Recreation Queensland for making the HACC Program and Sport & Recreation Programs available to our community. To find out more about both programs contact Thea (HACC) and Jane (Sports & Rec) at Ngonbi on phone 4093 7177.

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Volunteer Training: Was held on 3rd April. As a result we have three new volunteers starting to assist us with reception, shop and admin needs at the Centre. I will be arranging more vullie training in the next 3-6 months. If you would like

to volunteer at the Centre, you do not need to wait until the training. We have three unfilled shifts from 1-5pm every second Monday, every Wednesday and Friday. Please drop by and have a chat about what is involved.

Family Support Worker: I am very sad to report that Sylvia McGregor is leaving KNC to take on the challenge of Link Up Program Coordinator based in Cairns. This valuable program coordinates and assists to reunite families separated mainly in the Stolen Generations. We have Robbie Baldock filling the position on a temporary basis while we complete the recruitment process to fill the position permanently.

Tenancy Advice Info Session: Shirley Law from the Tenancy Advice Service will be here to provide information about Tenancy rights and other processes and services available on the 15th of May 2pm till 5pm.

Child Protection Info Session: We will be holding an information session around Child Protection/Child Safety Legislation in the next 4-6 weeks. It may be held before the next issue of the Kuranda Paper, so if you are interested, please keep an eye out on the notice boards or ring the Centre for details.

Rummage Boutique: Everyone must be having an Autumn Clean as we have received many donations of books, clothing and bric a brac. Thankyou for your generous donations and please drop by and have a browse.

Kuranda Interagency Network: A network of locally based services and agencies, as well as services from Cairns and the Tablelands met on the 2nd of April. Items discussed include Disaster Management Plan for Kuranda; Lifeline Gambling Help Programs & other Lifeline course information and waste management issues at Mona Mona and Top Kowrowa. If you would like to attend we meet monthly at 2pm the first Wednesday in the month. If you would like

to receive minutes, reminders and opportunity to put items on the agenda, please contact me. The purpose of this network is to link with other services, share information, work on collaborative projects and have a voice on community service matters.

DNTAC: Djabuguy Native Title Aboriginal Corporation has received funding to set up an office for the Prescribed Body Corporate that is representing the Native Title rights to the Barron Gorge National Park. They have employed Hanz Spier to manage the office and progress projects. They are renting office space at KNC Mon-Thu 9-5 for a period of 6 months.

Kuranda Playgroup: Has started meeting at KNC on Wednesday mornings from 9-12. Please contact Michelle Smith on 40939851 or Davini Lewis on 40937357/0414994123.

KNC Raffle: Winners were Ticket Number 16B for First Prize and Ticket Number 68B for Second Prize. Thank You for supporting the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. All proceeds contribute to the Car Port project to provide all weather access from the Disability Car Park and front access to the Centre.

Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator

Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother:



"Never trust a man who parts his hair in the middle"

"Never trust a male driver who wears a hat"

"Kissing a man without a beard is like eating an egg without salt"

Cedar Park

Rainforest Resort

3 Year's Celebration

We would like to celebrate our 3rd anniversary with you on the 5th of May. The Cocktail party is from 1.30pm until 5.00pm.

Come in for a welcome drink and cocktail nibble's and enjoy an afternoon at our place

Live music with the local band "KOAHLITION"

We are proud to be a part of Kuranda, and would like to thank the many people who have supported us over the last three years. You are the reason that we stand strong,

a great reason to have a party and say

THANK YOU

*Bookings are essential please. *

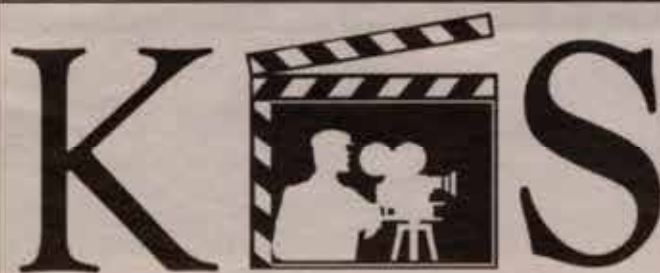
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Kuranda Film Society at the Sports & Social Club

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

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 4093 8393

Bedazzled

Comic duo Dudley Moore and Peter Cook collaborated in this comic parody of the Faust legend

that satirises life, love, desire and eternal salvation. Moore plays Stanley Moon, a short-order cook in love with a colleague oblivious to his yearnings. Contemplating suicide, Stanley is approached by George Spiggott (Cook) a human representation of Satan who offers Stanley seven wishes in exchange for his soul. After some consternation Stanley agrees, only to be consistently fooled by the slippery Spiggott, who slyly manages to skew all of Stanley's choices.

Directed by Stanley Donen, Moore and Cook (operating at the tail end of their joint career) steal the show with their anarchic, sardonic and madcap humour that showcases their comedic and writing talents, whilst producing one of the most enduring British comedies from the 1960s. The buxom Raquel Welch stars as Lillian Lust, one of the deadly sins sent to tempt Stanley, steering him away from his beloved. For his part Cook relishes in his role as a devil who, in his quest to make wretched the lives of ordinary mortals, scratches vinyl records, tears the end pages out of books and flicks parking meters to expired.

Babakueria (short film)

A thought-provoking comedy based on role reversal: the whites with their distinctive culture become the original inhabitants of the Australian continent; the blacks are the invaders.

Amelie (Language French)

Amelie Poulin (Audrey Tautou) lives in Paris, and in a world of her own. Introverted, but with a very extroverted imagination, Amelie is obsessed with the small pleasures of life; skimming stones over water, plunging her hand into a sack of grain, and cracking the top of her creme brulee with a spoon. Amelie believes she can twist the fate of those around her by affecting the slightest changes in their environment. She sets about making people fall in love, punishing her nasty neighbours and giving a new lease of life to the lonely or unloved. But when it comes to finding her own true love, Amelie conducts a campaign of stealth to win the heart of Nino and is almost afraid of where her destiny will take her...

Remember The Tropical Garden Fair Sunday May 11th at Cannon Park Racecourse. It looks to be a great day with over 60 plant and garden related stalls, lucky gate prize and some interesting guest speakers: 9am Aroids: - Peter North, 10am: Tillandsias and Bromeliads - Bob Hudson, 11am: Tropical Flower Arranging - FNQ Floral Art Designers, 12 noon: Poultry for the Home Garden - Brian Poppett, 1pm: Importing Plants and Plant Quarantine - David Liddle, 3pm: Tropical Fruits and Vegetables for the Home Garden - Roger Goebel. See you there!

Also coming up soon the International Bromeliad Conference in Cairns - "Bromeliads Down Under" - 24th to 29th June 2008 at the Cairns International Hotel. Hosted by the Cairns Bromeliad Society Inc., it promises some pretty amazing plants and speakers as well as giving Bromeliad buffs the chance to meet some of the world's leading growers.

For the fertilizer fanatic, I came across a locally manufactured liquid fertilizer "Bella Barra" made from Barramundi waste. With ratio N 2%, P 1.4%, K 1.7%, it is proving excellent for boosting leaf growth, pushing ahead seedlings and an all round tonic. Its fishy smell is quickly dissipated and with its dilution rates gives excellent value for money. The product is available from the Enviromart stall at most markets or phone order on 4041 2233.

Plant of the month: Turbina corymbosa (Convolvulaceae) from a genus of some 15 species of plants, native to tropical America and Southeast Asia, belonging to the morning glory family. This is a rampant aggressive climber now spreading along our waterways and covering all plant growth in its path. During the warmer

months, it carries large heads of small whitish flowers followed by prolific seed set. Mature vines produce corky twisted stems. Like so many other introduced plants, this one poses a real threat to our rainforest. As responsible gardeners, we should monitor closely any new introduction to our gardens. Presently I am monitoring *Macuna bennettii* (Flame Vine) which is proving somewhat worrying in its seed spread. The health of the rainforests is the responsibility of every FNQ gardener. Do not dump your garden wastes in or near any rainforest growth and avoid any water plant material escaping into the waterways.

Q & A

Dear Dimity, I am reluctant to provide advice re vegetable growing as all my attempts at same have been



Victoria cruziana

extremely costly and decidedly unsuccessful - between the predators and lack of suitable position receiving the sunshine required. I would certainly welcome any

beautiful spots on the property.

As Members of Wildlife Rescue and Release, Rosy, Markus and Christoph have created a haven for wildlife by planting native trees and plants that attract and feed the wildlife, and have built a lagoon which is visited regularly by frogs, wallabies and birds. There is a sitting area and bush bar where you can watch all the action while relaxing with a cool drink and a tasty snack.

The tropical spa is nestled in a lush 'rainforest batch' that was designed and built for the resort by Markus and Christoph. Guests spend many hours relaxing in this unique outdoor spa set amongst huge



Markus Ryf, Rosy Maccarrone and Christoph Huber are proud to be a part of Kuranda.

rainforest trees, particularly after dinner under the moonshine.

The restaurant has one of the most stunning settings in the region. The huge timber deck overlooks the rainforest and creek, with the open structure allowing guests to enjoy the tropical environment and wildlife. Markus and Christoph are dedicated chefs that have been well accomplished in their field of expertise for over 25 years. Both know and appreciate that while fresh food with unique local flavors is important, the most key to keeping the regular guests coming back is consistency, and this is their secret to long time success.

Cedar Park Resort has also achieved the reputation of being the place for a romantic wedding or other celebrations that may arise. With only six rooms, there is the option to book the whole resort for larger functions and we love to do these types of functions because that's what we have done



reader doing well with their vegetable garden to make a regular contribution to cover this noticeable lacuna in these columns.

Dear Sue: Congratulations on the flowering of your *Victoria cruziana*. You've certainly made me envious.

Named after that redoubtable British queen, the Victorias with their large rough leaves growing up to two metres across with reddish upturned rims and large tissue paper waterlily flowers, are the "holy grail" of every ponder. Well grown, the floating leaves, supported underneath by a network of strong heavy veins are exceptionally strong, easily bearing the weight of an average-sized person. Close examination of the leaf surface with a hand glass reveals fine holes perforating the entire leaf surface allowing rainwater to drain away and giving added protection against fungi and algae. Sue, after your success, I think I'll go away and throw myself into my fish tank!

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for over 90 years (all 3 of us together of course).

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by many locals, and the tourists are so excited when they find this 'secret place' that enables them to watch the wildlife at close proximity and explore the native rainforest. Are you interested in Cedar Park Rainforest Resort?

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For more information about Cedar Park Rainforest Resort call 40 937 892 or go to www.cedarparkresort.com.au

KURANDA and DISTRICT GARDEN GROUP

Sunday 11 May

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Three years at Cedar Park Rainforest Resort

Once upon a time, there was a run down and neglected hideaway named Cedar Park Rainforest Resort. 2004 was the year when Christoph Huber, Markus Ryf and Rosy Maccarrone discovered this secret place at the end of a very muddy and bumpy dirt track. The first thought was "Who in their right mind would build such an unusual place in the middle of the rainforest 40 years ago?"

We could see the potential in this very unique structure with the gothic arches, glass stained windows, and pristine location, and while still running the Atlantis Restaurant at Trinity Beach, the mission began to reinstate Cedar Park Resort to its former glory. The decision to buy and renovate the resort was a huge step in our lives, and one that has exceeded our initial expectations.

After nine months of sweating, swearing and nursing sore muscles we completed the first stage of renovations and opened for business. The Cedar Park Rainforest Resort had just had the biggest make over in four decades. This once dark and tired establishment was now a stunning and classy resort.

After three years we are still here and are thrilled that the resort is going so well with huge support from the Tableland and Cairns locals, along with the tourists who are looking for the wildlife and nature experience that the resort offers. There is still maintenance, fixing, hammering, painting, gardening and other things to do, but that's the way to keep this rustic old place in top shape.

When you walk down the 31 meter hallway with seven gothic arches you can feel the magic in this place, it draws you in. It's like being in another century, in another place. The Cedar Park team have travelled extensively and are confident in stating that there is nothing else like this in Australia. The rooms are all individually decorated with their own ensuite and veranda, and the wildlife is abundant in the natural and safe environment that is enclosed by the Ganyon Creek.

Ganyon Creek flows right past the Resort and has a 'flying fox' that goes over the creek and the swimming holes allowing guests to explore the walking tracks that meander through the rainforest on the other side of the creek. This is one of the most



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Anyone been past the Amphitheatre recently? Hal Betcha didn't recognise it did you? Well, that would be due to the efforts of the fantastic crew that gave up their Sunday last week for the working bee. So a HUGE thankyou to all of you! The place looks amazing, ready for a full calendar of events this year.

First up we have "Zenith", Saturday 10th May. Fresh back from the Nimbin Mardi Grass Festival, Kuranda's homegrown superstars show you exactly why they are getting so popular... come and see them while you can still afford it... these guys are gonna be pretty famous one day, so don't miss seeing the boys performing in their home town, this is definitely a gig not to be missed! Doors/Bar at 6:30, \$15 non-members, \$8 members, and remember that if you join/renew your membership on the night you get free

entry!
7th June we're going to repeat the fun we had last year with an "Open Mic Night", so if you think you can sing, (or even if you're certain you can't) or you think you're a bit funny, or you can play the Tibetan nose-flute or something, come along! There may even be prizes, but I wouldn't count on it. If you are brave or drunk enough to want to get involved, get in touch with Scott Charles 0431 604092 or scottcharles@hotmail.com, just so we can get an idea of the numbers beforehand....



The Kuranda Roots Festival is confirmed for the last weekend of June, and though we can't confirm the line-up yet, looking at last years' you know that it can only get better!!



Kuranda Photography Group

Interested in Photography?

Then come along to our 2nd. meeting at 27 Black Mountain Rd. on Saturday, 3rd. May, at 3:30 pm.

This month's theme is "Kuranda", so bring yourselves, your pics, your equipment, and share with us the joys of the photographic process.

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Yours in Theatre, Diana.

The Sound Of Angels



If you think that you are hearing the voices of angels on a Thursday evening, don't think that your number is up. It is the Aeapella group practising their stuff at the



Neighbourhood Centre in Rob Veivers Drive. Under the baton and expertise of Sue Jones, this new group is developing a beautiful harmony.

There is still room for more voices and new recruits would really be welcomed. No experience is necessary, only a love of singing. Quite a few of the 'angels' do not read music. This female group sings at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

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Interested musicians would need to have a Blue Card for working with children or be prepared to get one and be able to offer their teaching skills at a nominal rate. Of course, if there are any musicians who would be prepared to offer their services on a voluntary basis, we would be extremely grateful.

Interested? Then please contact Katy Whipp on 4093 7666 or email Melissa Clinton on kurandavillas@iprimus.com.au. We look forward to hearing from you.



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KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

Limited edition prints by Jan Fowell

A number of limited edition prints by Jan Fowell, both signed and unsigned, have been donated most generously by Jan's family to the Kuranda Arts Co-operative in memory of our valued past member.

The collection includes:

- "It's raining again" signed and unsigned, printed on archival paper.
- "Rainforest Mandala" signed and unsigned, printed on archival paper.
- "Licuala Palms" signed and unsigned, printed on archival paper, and
- "Bats" printed on Japanese tissue.

The limited edition prints will be featured at the Arts Co-operative gallery this month. All prints are for sale at heavily discounted prices.

New neighbours

The Arts Co-op Gallery has new neighbours. Recently a Sri Lankan restaurant has opened beside the gallery. The aromas of eastern spices are certainly tantalising the taste buds. That restaurant and the Arts Co-op gallery has always been a great combination over the years at the Settlement Building, for diners to peruse the gallery while they are waiting for their luncheon order. We wish our new neighbours well.

ARTS CO-OP ARTIST OF THE MONTH HENRI HUNSINGER

Henri Hunsinger was born in 1938 in Paris. After years of travel and time spent studying and painting in Montreal, Canada, he settled in Australia. In 1989, he established his studio in Kuranda.

Henri's production of figurative art, under the pseudonym of Teval, has given him the luxury of developing more personal work for his own pleasure. Apart from his participation in various group exhibitions, his last major show was in 1997 at the Cairns Regional Gallery. He has also previ-



Henri Hunsinger "Teval"

ously exhibited in Canada, the USA and France.

Henri's latest exhibition will be opening on Wednesday, May 14 at 5.30pm. at the Reef Hotel Casino Foyer, 35-41 Wharf St, Cairns. Henri writes about this forthcoming exhibition:

"Living in tropical Australia has inspired me with its landscape of vibrant colour and light. I experiment with different media in an effort to portray the exuberance of the environment. Through trial and error I have arrived at the series of canvasses exhibited here. 'Wind' and 'Kooka Flight' are prime examples of this exploration. Using colours from the same palette drawn from this place, I've also created other works inspired by a variety of subjects/moods e.g. 'Trajectories', 'Indian Voyage', 'Mid Life Explosion' are only a few. These works are generally done with acrylic paint on an assortment of surfaces such as canvas, ply and Arches paper.



Kooka Flight

I have always mixed monotype techniques with pastel and acrylic paint on paper to produce works with interesting textures. I've experimented with lithography, etching, and engraving but have never felt comfortable with the cumbersome mechanics of the hand printing process and the incredible amount of preparation necessary. With the digital technology now available, a completely new area of exploration is open to the visual artist. Access to a high quality printer has given me the ability to create the limited edition prints in this exhibition. They are produced on premium German paper with pigmented ink and I individually hand retouch



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each one to get the vibrant colour I seek. The works exhibited represent a cross-section of my Australian production, as well as new work prepared specifically for this exhibition. I hope they will bring a smile to your day and colour to your dreams."

This exhibition will be showing at the Casino for three months and an invitation is extended to Kuranda residents to view these significant works by one of the village's leading artists during this time.

Kuranda Arts Co-operative
 Settlement Building,
 Rob Veivers Drive, next to the Butterfly Sanctuary
 Gallery hours 10am - 4pm daily.
 Look for the coloured flags on the bamboo poles.

RECONCILIATION GET-TOGETHER

Dear Kuranda Person, the democratic on-line organization "GetUp" whose members had such influence in the recent election are organizing a Reconciliation GetTogether all over Australia, on April 29th, - yes, there is one happening in Kuranda, - follow the link below to RSVP

Right now we have an historic opportunity to turn the momentum generated by February's apology into real reconciliation. You can help make that reality by joining a simple conversation, taking place nationwide on Tuesday April 29th.

Already almost 200 hosts, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, have put up their hands everywhere from Alice Springs to Annandale to host a 'Reconciliation GetTogether'. Would you like to attend one? Go to the web-link below for your place in the national conversation making cultural history:

www.getup.org.au/community/gettogethers/series.php?id=17

"Why do you go barefoot everywhere?" - someone asked.



Well, in this hot climate I used to wear thongs all the time, then one day I noticed that my toes were becoming floppy, like a thong! I had to change my habits. I was too used to the open air to go back to shoes and socks, and even sandals didn't feel right. Bare-foot was the only option left. At first I would wince and complain when I stepped on the rough gravel, but after about 6 months perseverance my souls toughened up and I can now walk on most surfaces. This change of habits into permanent bare feet brought about unexpected delights that I would otherwise never have known. The refreshing relief of stepping onto the cool moist grass after walking on hot bitumen, the warm river mud oozing up between the toes, the soft sands washed off at the next puddle, the freedom and sensual delight in walking over any surface, polished wood, cement, carpet, muddy paths, garden mulch, rock, river, sweet grass, anywhere at all (except QITE and the pub!). Oh, such joy in carressing our mother Earth with every step taken. "Ouch! I just stepped on some broken glass!"

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

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(Baha'u'llah)

Spiritual readings from the great religions, every Wednesday 7 pm Baha'i Info Centre, bottom Therwine St. Kuranda, new theme each week.

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From the Baha'is of the Tablelands

A Thought for May

This month we read from St John's Gospel Chapter 14 verses 1 to 14

In this Gospel passage as Jesus says to his disciples "Let not your heart be troubled," he is actually touching the heart of our human situation. We are all deeply troubled about many things, about ourselves, our relationships, our future, our society. The list is long. In the face of this Jesus reminds us that our lives are not merely isolated and meaningless phenomena. Our lives are the creation of God, and for the duration of our lives Our Lord offers himself as our lifelong companion [v 1].

Jesus then speaks of the destiny of our lives. Life in this world is not all there is of life. This may seem a most obvious thing to say to Christians, yet this sad fact is that many Christians are so affected by the culture we live in that they no longer see their lives as being lived out as part of a greater life. We need to be reminded of this greater life by Jesus clear and most direct word in this passage [vv 2 and 3].

Thomas's sudden cry [v 5] is expressing something we all feel. What is the purpose of human life and how do we live it? For a Christian the response comes from Jesus as it did to Thomas. The way we try to live our lives is Jesus way. The truth we try to find is Our Lord's truth, and the meaning we attach to our life is the meaning Jesus attached to his. For Jesus the truth about life is that it is a gift given by God. The way to live it is to give it back to God in service day by day in all that we do. For Jesus this was the way and the truth and the life. So it is for a Christian.

We live at a time when there is much discussion as to who Jesus was and who he is for Christians. Such discussion will continue to the end of time because Jesus Christ is a profound and eternal mystery. But if we look at what Jesus says in this passage to Philip we will hear one great truth about Jesus which we can hold to in any discussion. Philip asked Jesus to show him God. It is what we all desire, to know the essential meaning and source of life. But Jesus turns to Philip and tells him that he [Philip] has already seen a portrait of God in this very friend [Jesus] to whom he

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Barang St

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1st Wednesday of each month
Mass 7.00 pm

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Grown up Children:

You wiped our bum and wiped our nose
And listened to our childish woes.

Meals on table piping hot
Whether you were well or not.

Advice you gave and wisdom more
By which we then, set little store.
But now we're older, somewhat wiser
Looking back and no surpriser

Mother:

Forget the hanky, breakfast in bed
I'd prefer a stud instead!
Forget the flowers and sweets in box
I'd much prefer a man in socks
To visit me and off my rocks.
Forget the card and saccharine
I'd much prefer a Valentine.
For underneath the mother prim.
Lurks a woman deep within.
So off the husband, kids and home,
I'm off to visit my erogenous zone.



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CAMOMILE: There are two different kinds. The Roman Camomile used for centuries. The essence is obtained from flowers. It is a tonic, antispasm, gastric stimulant, anti-anaemic. Externally is used for conjunctivitis, dermatitis, eczema. In its action the German Camomile is similar to the above. It is very good on the skin, decontracts it and helps the penetration of other elements in treatments.

CINNAMON: The cinnamon tree is evergreen and found in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Java and Madagascar. The essence is obtained from the bark and the leaves. Very strong antiseptic – hemastatic, slightly aphrodisiac – anti-venomous, facilitating digestion – can be used in inhalations – very effective against scabies.

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CLOVES: The extract is obtained from cloves dried up. The tree is found in Madagascar and the West Indies. Very antiseptic, antineuralofic, antispasm, excitant, slightly aphrodisiac. The Arabs use an unguent called Kheul with oil of clove, against ophthalmic infections. Well known in dentistry and in general use in cooking. The West Germans have perfected a general anaesthetic containing cloves.

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

Valarie Birchall, Aesthetician

The Kuranda Paper needs You! If you have anything you would like to share with the community that fits in with the mind body and spirit page send copy and photos to zananda at cretechik@hotmail.com or drop them in to the video shop.



Astro-Action for May

Much movement this month. On 3rd May, Saturn turns direct and begins forward motion in the first degree of Virgo. All the practice and attention to detail begins to pay off and starts to take form. A great day to begin crafting something which will endure and be a tribute to your desire for perfection. Mercury, the messenger, moves into Gemini, the sign of ideas and communication. Mercury will thus square Saturn creating the challenge and opportunity to ground the ideas and begin the great work.

On the 9th May, Jupiter becomes stationary and begins retro-motion at 22 degrees, 22 minutes Capricorn. Master numbers, high vibrational spirit energy activated in Capricorn, earthy, material structure. Very lucky for investment in future material prosperity. Mars is moving into Leo on the same day and so is the Moon. Tune into this energy pattern and you could aim confidently for the gold and be very persuasive.

This month's full moon is a true blue moon, the second of two consecutive full moons in the same sign: Scorpio. It is full at around midday on the 20th May at 29 degrees Scorpio – a blue moon right on the sting in the tail of the Scorpion! Moonset just before dawn and moonrise at sunset on the 20th will both be potent with stinging Scorpio energy. This is a highly charged emotion and passion, bringing on the acts of loyalty, love and devotion, or stinging strikes of vengeance. Take your pick. Anything that was happening around the zero Scorpio full moon in April will swing back with full force now. This is a very rare event we may not witness again in this lifetime.

At the same time, around 2am on 20th May the Sun moves into Gemini crossing the "Cusp of Love". This is a special night – heightened passions, intense emotions and a brilliant opportunity to forgive, release and move on, relinquishing any feeling of vengeance or payback wiping clean your personal karmic slate as it were.

Venus crosses the "Cusp of Love" into Gemini on the 25th May as Neptune becomes stationary in Aquarius. The phone-sex lines will be running hot and those of us who like to weave fantasies into our love life will create some beautiful erotic tapestries.

As you can see, Gemini energy is highly active this month so enjoy the synchronicities, the dance and the beautiful lightness of being.

Rob Hart

AYURVEDIC RECIPE

PULAO

- 1 cup of basmati or brown rice, uncooked
- 1/4 cup ghee or butter
- 3 cups water
- 1 tablespoon sunflower oil
- 1/2 teaspoon mustard seeds
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1 cup green peas
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/8 cup cashews, chopped or 1/8 pumpkin seeds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons curry powder, mild or hot to taste

In medium-sized saucepan heat ghee or butter. Add the rice. Stir constantly over low heat for 3 minutes, watching carefully. When it is coated all over and glistens slightly, add water. Cook until soft: 15 minutes for basmati, 35 to 45 minutes for brown rice. Cool in the saucepan.

In a medium-sized skillet heat oil and add mustard seeds. When they pop, add turmeric and vegetables. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Add nuts or seeds and raisins and mix well. Add cooked rice, fluffing it with a fork as you take it from its pan. Add salt and curry powder. Mix well. Serve

COMMENTS: This goes well with yoghurt and a side dish of eggplant.



Mind Body & Spirit



Images by Zananda aka Creative Chik

KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE – FALLON ROAD*

(Ex Sports and Social Club)

Heaps of administration, networking and meetings have been happening behind the scenes this month. Without the work of a handful of active volunteers this place would be shut already.

Thanks mainly to Arch McArthur for all the letter writing, proposals and phone calls/emails, to local tax consultant Fay Allen for sorting out incorporation and budget issues and to Steve Boag and Walter Barnekow for getting the grass and grounds in order.

Via the networks being set up with State Government, Local Government and "valuable others" we might just keep our head above water.

Our new local Councillor Jenny Jensen has been quick to pay attention to the issues and recognises the valuable role the centre can play in the community. Mayor Tom Gilmore and Community Services Representative Matthew Hyde have already met with the committee and provided us with ideas and support to move forward.

Likewise we are definitely back on the radar at a number of levels and with enough time and effort we may just re-condition people's ways of thinking to bring back the vibrant energy of the past.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday afternoon/evenings acoustic music sessions with Richard and Kiah; B.Y.O.
- A Car Boot Sale on Saturday the 3rd of May 8.00am – 12.00pm \$5.00 per Car / Stall
- A Free how to run committees Seminar on Saturday 10th May from 9.00am to 4.00pm. This is run by the Department of Sport and Recreation as a service to any club. R.S.V.P. Michelle Bielken on Phone 323 54368 or, locally, Arch on 40937511
- Regular weekly happenings *
- Friday evening B.B.Q.s 6.00pm – 9.30 pm*. A social night of Snooker, Bowls, Table Tennis, Darts and Mah Jong. Cheap food, limited drinks available. Book by Wednesday for catering *Sylvia 40937124*
- Tai Chi* – Tuesday nights at

6.00pm, with Les

- Tennis* – practice sessions available for adults and children, phone Jean Soenario and Ernie on 40939007 to arrange times.
- The "Film Club" has sessions on the first Sunday of the Month at 4pm

Stimulus for discussion starters for the near future - To be closely looked at, at our general meeting for members and guests on Saturday 3rd May at 3.00pm. The proposals:

- Changing some or the entire floodlit Lawn Bowls rink into Grass court Volleyball, Netball, Multipurpose courts. We need to hear from Lawn Bowlers. Is there anybody out there? *
- To run (in conjunction with S&R Q) twilight 3 vs. 3 Basketball on the existing hard courts, one of which is already marked out for such purposes.
- To host Council and Citizens' meetings at the centre on a regular basis.
- To reactivate the liquor licence, with training for a new licensee.
- To mark fields and a Softball Diamond on the Hunter Park field in conjunction with Tablelands Regional Council e.g. Touch Fields.
- To host and cater seminars and P.D. days for government agencies and professional organisations.
- To re-open the kitchen for hosting ceremonies and for nights like trivia nights, film night, televised events.
- To host a motor cycle display on the car park and adjacent fields.

These are some of the ideas thrown up for comment to help this facility provide the service for our wonderful community.

We encourage all of you to help with the people power part of this "Active Community Club". A sensible roster of duties and a calendar of upcoming events in advance will be developed.

It is impossible for the current 4 or 5 on the committee to do everything. If you think you would like to help come along on 3 May at 3pm. We promise you it won't be boring. For enquiries Call Gary 40938399 or Arch 40937511.

Gary Davis President



KURANDA SES NOTES



Training Nights and Courses

There was a small sign-on at our first training night in April- I hope it wasn't because it was the first of April. We were pleased to welcome new member, Steve Boag. EMQ Regional Manager, Wayne Hepple, showed us how **Requests for Assistance (RFAs)** were to be completed by computer and we addressed problems caused by our low numbers trained in Working Safely at Heights by giving all present training in tying knots used in setting up the Main Line and Working Line. At training on 15 April, we welcomed Jo Thomson, training Co-ordinator from Emergency Management Queensland's Far Northern Region. Jo gave expert advice in a debriefing exercise on a Working Safely at Heights Operation. As a Vertical Rescue team leader, she also gave details on a training exercise to be conducted at Skyrail early in May. We also welcomed prospective new member, Mark Spurr.

Last month, the gremlins got into my statement about the new Rank Structure-

Community Members have only to complete *Perform CPR, Induction, Volunteering in the DES and SES Safety. Field Operations Members must complete the requirements for Community Members plus *Provide Basic Emergency Life Support* and five other school of Emergency Management courses appropriate to their roles. The statement about **Senior Field Operations Members** was accurate.*

Kuranda Group Roles:

Last month I started outlining **our roles with Storm Response**, which includes temporary roof repairs, working safely at heights, chainsaw operations, debris clean up, sandbagging and pumping operations. The next role is **General**

and Disaster Rescue, which includes, but is not limited to: rescue from heights and depths, rescue from mountainous, remote or hazardous areas, entrapment rescue such as industrial, domestic or adventurous settings (excluding road crash rescue) and urban search and rescue category 1 (USAR).

A minimum team of four applies for all these activities with all members trained in Perform CPR and two in each team trained in Perform Basic Emergency Life Support. Amongst our members, we have two trained in Urban Search and Rescue, thirteen in SES Safety and six trained in Operate Communications Equipment. While some of us have trained in Fundamentals of Rescue, Ladders, Power and Lighting, Casualty Handling, Winching and Hauling, Anchors and Holdfasts, Knots and Lashings for Rescue, Fires and Elementary Fire Fighting, the new Rank Structure requires that for each member, Assessment Checklists be completed by a qualified Trainer-Assessor.

Training nights will remain fortnightly from Tuesday 6 May, but we'll be including practical activities on one day of the weekend per month. This arrangement will give us the opportunity to practice our skills in daylight and generally away from the SES HQ.

Recent Activations:

A successful Land Search on Black Mt Road for two motorcyclists missing overnight.

The Regional Executive Conference was held on Saturday and Sunday, 19 & 20 April.

Interested in joining – Contact Bob Hammond 0408 939 143 or HQ 4093 8816

Bob Hammond Group leader

KURANDA VILLAGE TAX TIP

By Fay Allen BCom CPA

INCOME TAX RETURN LODGEMENT DUE DATES

Do you ever wonder when your tax return is due for lodgement? I generally find people are confused about the due date. Your individual tax return is due for lodgement on 31st October each year unless it is prepared by a registered Tax Agent like myself.

If your return is prepared by a registered Tax Agent for the 2007 financial year then it is due on 15th May 2008. **So, if you have been procrastinating about doing your 2007 tax return you can take it to a Tax Agent to prepare and providing it is lodged by 15th May 2008 you will not be late!** However, the lodgement due date was 31st October 2007 if you had one or more prior year returns outstanding as at 30th June 2007.

If you lodge your tax return late the Australian Taxation Office may apply a failure to lodge on time penalty. However, it is the policy of the ATO not to apply a penalty if it is lodged voluntarily and does not result in a tax payable i.e. you are receiving a tax refund.

The ATO is likely to apply a penalty if you have more than one tax return outstanding, you have a poor lodgement history or you have not complied with a request to lodge your tax return.

If you require any further information about due dates for individual tax returns or due dates for other entities please feel free to call me on 4093 8222 at Kuranda Village Accountancy or visit the ATO website www.ato.gov.au.

Spectacled Flying Foxes



Flying Foxes are the potential victims of electrocution and gun shot wounds, in orchards not to mention barbed wire which is very hazardous for Flying Foxes because once caught on the barbed wire in an effort to get free themselves they entangle themselves even more and this results in severe wing/ membrane damage and quite often death.

These species already declining are also vulnerable to tick paralysis because of the wild tobacco growing in North Queensland. The wild tobacco (*solanum mauritianum*)

grows 1m to 4m tall with small round green berries which after ripening turn yellow which attracts the Flying Fox. Normally the Flying Fox would not come so low to forage, however, due to habitat loss and food shortages they will in an endeavor to find food.

Flying Foxes are actively engaged in creating healthy Rain Forests because they pollinate and spread the seeds while static or in the process of flying. Unfortunately, the berries on the tobacco plant ripen about the same time as the female Flying Foxes are carrying/nursing their young (the female Flying Fox has only one offspring a year). If the female Flying Fox forages from the tobacco plant this could result in her getting a tick and suffering from tick paralysis. Furthermore, if she dies, the juvenile is left to defend for itself and will also die.

The key to Flying Fox survival and good health is their own native food source which is in the Rainforest. Education about the ecology of these mammals is critical.

Dr Louise Shilton, CSIRO Atherton is presently engaged in research in sustainable Ecosystems, solutions for Management for Spectacled Flying Fox.

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Another Life...

In 1930 Joan Dupuis was born in Dalhousie, India as was her brother Richard. She spent the first eight years in India. Her father, a colonel in the army, stayed on but her mother took the children to live in a Scottish village called Yetso Muckhart, where the siblings attended local schools and then boarding schools.

After that, Joan went to live and work in Cambridge, where her favourite pastime was rally driving (and winning) in her vintage BSA car.



She moved to London and trained to be a nurse at St. Thomas's Hospital and spent her evenings with friends who remained her friends all her life, going to the theatre, to concerts, having a ball.

Once qualified, Joan stayed in London and eventually was fired for being a too-active union member.

In 1958 Joan travelled to Australia for the first time. She rode a motorcycle throughout New Zealand and Australia and then found work on a station in the Northern Territory.

Joan returned to the UK, but in 1963 ended up boarding a ship back to Perth. On the boat was a tall, bearded, handsome traveller named Robin Dods who was on his way back to his homeland after many years away.

They bought a VW beetle and drove the unsealed roads from Perth across the Nullabor, to Alice Springs and then north to Darwin and Tennant Creek.

Both were captivated by North Queensland, particularly Kuranda where they bought a property and made it their home. They married in Cairns and then had a big wedding in Sydney.

Their daughter Nicola was born in 1966 and their second daughter Tracy in 1970.

For the rest of the Joan Dods' story read on...



The first management committee of *The Kuranda Paper* (from left to right) Krishna Buhler (Secretary), Lydia Graham, Jean Anderson, Joan Dods (President) and John Woodbridge (Treasurer) 1992

JOAN was foundational in the development of the Kuranda Amphitheatre, playing a key role in the venue's first event – the Plant Festival in 1980, this being the forerunner of the Kuranda Spring Festival commencing in 1981, appealing to a wider audience and with expanded profile.

One of four Trustees of the original lease, Joan was the only trustee elected to the incorporated Management Committee in 1982-83, a tribute to her willingness to join in the hard yakka with everyone else. The period of transition to Committee was a great lesson in the value and working of participatory democracy and open decision making. Serving time as President during the National Folk Festival and leading the Amphitheatre's building project of the new stage, Joan was consummate in securing collaboration and working together.

Joan was one of a small enthusiastic and dedicated group that initiated a Kuranda branch of the Queensland Arts Council, serving as President. This saw large local art exhibitions at the CWA Hall and a FNQ-wide survey exhibition of sculpture at the Trading Post, ever before there was a Regional Gallery in Cairns. Still talked about are memories of the Arts Council Fancy Dress Ball held at the Rainforest Resort where the creativity and invention of Kuranda shone.

Also initiated was a two year Djabugay Corroboree Reconstruction Project to bring home to the community where they belonged: the dances, songs and cultural skills of the original people.

Later Joan and Sue McArthur undertook the mammoth project of an archival documentation of the history of the Amphitheatre.

With the Kuranda Branch of the Arts Council winning the State Award for the most active branch with a record of 224 members, it was decided to close the branch with most members deciding to devote their time and energies to more pressing issues concerning the future and well-being of Kuranda township.

The early thread of this civic interest emerged in the mid-to-late 1980s with Joan and others with business and tourist interests – Joan and Robin with their Chinese red Pagoda, the homemade ice-cream booth on wheels and others with Markets stalls and T-Shirts as members of the emerging Kuranda Chamber of Commerce. As this group with Joan were all women they were dubbed the Chamber Maids and with their focus on a civic voice for the community at large at the Chamber, successfully prevented the development of a large shopping centre at the Railway Station designed to capture all the tourists.

Around this time, Joan and other enthusiastic and dedicated people united to develop and produce *The Kuranda Paper* as a means of providing open communication in order to provide the spirit of community involvement and reflect the ongoing aspirations of the residents of the Kuranda area.

Joan has left us an inspiring legacy as a role model and exemplar of the importance of actively contributing to public, civic and community life and how that enriches us all.

Thanks to Eve Stafford for these memories.



Third birthday of *The Kuranda Paper* 1994



Dear Kuranda Paper...

It is with deep sadness that I write this letter knowing that Joan will not be one of its recipients. I offer my condolences to the committee for the loss of your president and friend. We all know that Joan was such a valuable asset and without her effort and energy this paper may not have existed.

I know that we will all feel the loss of the very strong thread that has woven so much of the fabric of this community and that we will continue to feel her presence for many years to come!

Jill Melody, Kuranda

I, like so many others who have known Joan Dods over the years, am extremely saddened by the news of her passing.

Joan made such an outstanding contribution to the village in the rainforest and was 'Kuranda through and through'. I was privileged to have known her. Those in the compilation room of *The Kuranda Paper* will shed a few tears preparing the next edition, as I am writing this.

My thoughts are with Robin and family. I am truly saddened by their loss. May God be with them, now and always.

**Cliff Stevens,
now resident of Bundaberg**

Such a sad loss of one of Kuranda's most respected members in the community. Joan Dods was one of the great community contributors. She taught many of us what living in a small community is all about. I admired her greatly for her level head, her expertise and enthusiasm, her clear vision and her wonderful humour. Joan helped me so much when I first started on the production team of *The Kuranda Paper* a few years ago and I thank her for her guidance and her patience. My heartfelt sympathies go to her family and friends. Joan will be sadly missed by the Kuranda community.

Toni Rogers, Kuranda



Tribute to Joan Dods

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Joan Dods. Joan was one of the founding members of the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society, then called the Kuranda Recreation Society.

On the 3rd of October 1979 a notice appeared in the *Cairns Post* confirming the 10 year lease of 6 acres of land from the Mareeba Shire Council. As Kuranda had no Town Hall, Joan and a group of interested residents proposed the building of a sound shell, which would be used for community events, theatre and music. Work progressed as volunteers raised money, built facilities and planted the gardens.

In November 1980 a Plant Festival was held on the cleared and landscaped site. The lawns were established in time for the first Spring Festival which was held in September 1981. Joan Dods, along with the other founding members of the Amphitheatre, put her heart and soul into the creation of a dream which would enrich the community, providing a social and cultural focus for generations of Kuranda residents and an outstanding venue which attracts world class performers.

Joan was a key figure in the formation of the Kuranda Amphitheatre and we wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Dods family, and to say thanks for the vision and the work done. It was an outstanding effort and along with all her other community activities points to a life well lived. She will be sadly missed, but her work remains as testimony to her vision in life.

We'd love to hear from you for stories, anecdotes, pics and memorabilia concerning Joan Dods. Please forward to kurandamedia@bigpond.com or leave at Video Shop - Thanks and xxxx



*There was Friendship...
There was Love and Laughter and
Commitment.
And now...*

There are so many Wonderful Memories.

—JOYCE BERENDES

Words spoken at the Celebration of Joan Dods' generous and giving life

(Kuranda Amphitheatre Sunday 20th April 2008)

The Kuranda Media Association mourns the passing of its President Joan Dods. On behalf of current and past membership we extend heartfelt sympathy to Robin, Joan's lifetime partner, beloved daughters Nicola and Tracy and heart's favourite grand-daughter Grace.

Joan was President of KMA Inc. from its inception, attending the inaugural public meeting to establish the paper.

In charge of production of *The Kuranda Paper* from 1991 until 1999 when the transition from 'handmade' paper to 'computer generated' paper transpired, her editorial skills were invaluable. She returned to join the present mob about three years ago saying "sometimes it's one of the main reasons I get up in the morning".

Joan was heavily involved in the production of the book "History of Kuranda" written in the late 1980s by Shep Humston, the first editor of *The Kuranda Paper*. Joan was also a long time regular volunteer at Lifeline in Cairns in the late 1980s until mid 1990s and for some time was on the Board of Directors.

Members of *The Kuranda Paper's* production team miss that irrepressible humour, that wonderful hair colour, her steadiness and willingness to mess in, her calls for "the dead parrot" and warnings of "too much air".

We have been privileged to have the opportunity to work with and learn from you.

Vale!

KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

Vale Joan

Members of the Arts Co-op were extremely saddened to lose another of its long-term members, Joan Dods. Joan has been a valued member since our inception, not as an artist but as one of those rare, passionate and active supporters of the arts. Within her modest means she engaged in the practice of philanthropy and was our major donor. Among her many arenas of community involvement, she has had a major impact on the arts sector, in her former roles as an integral driving force in the establishment of the amphitheatre, and in the past, Kuranda branch of the Qld Arts Council. Her family and friends will feel a massive void, but the void she will leave in the community cannot be under-estimated. We will miss that rebel red hair! *Vale Joan.*

The Kuranda Arts Co-operative members extend their deepest sympathy to Joan's family and friends.

ON SUNDAY 20TH APRIL, family, friends and colleagues of Joan Dods gathered at the Amphitheatre to celebrate the life and achievements of a woman who had given so much commitment and energies to Kuranda. As the gathering reminisced with joy, laughter and some tears, flashes of a life fulfilled were recounted and shared. And as evening fell and the full moon rose, dappling the grounds with silver glow and music tugged the heart to dance, Joan was there as we paid honour to a woman who has left a lasting legacy. Joan serves as role model and exemplar of the importance of actively contributing to public, civic and community life and how that enriches us all.



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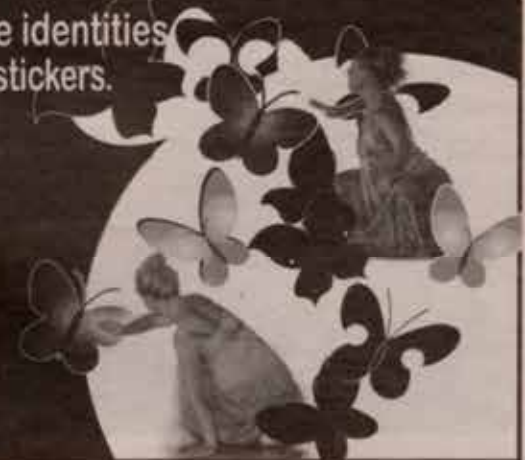
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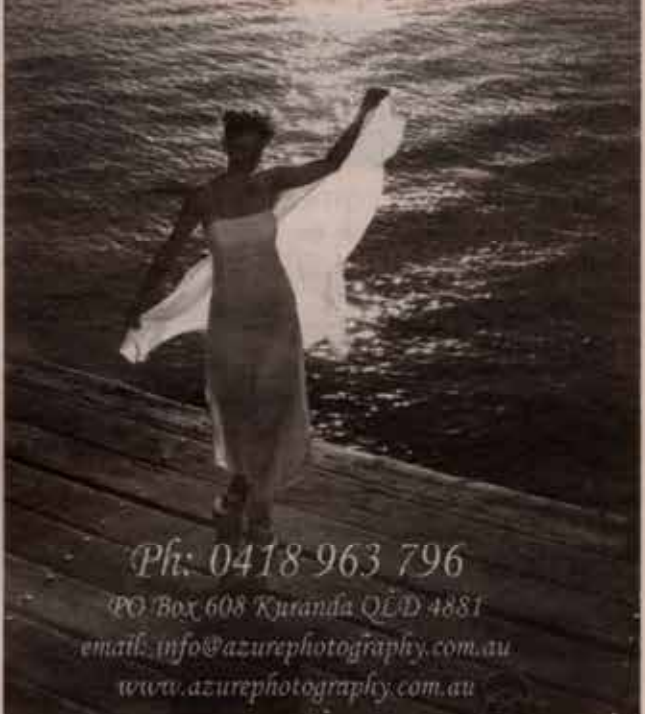
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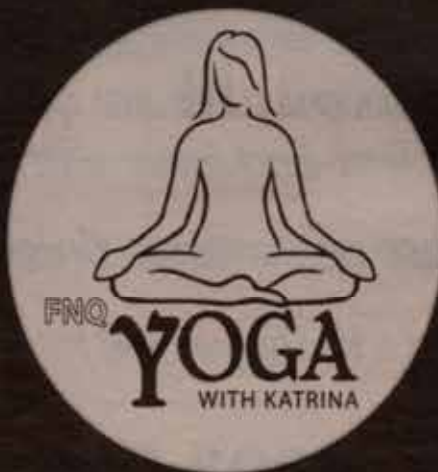
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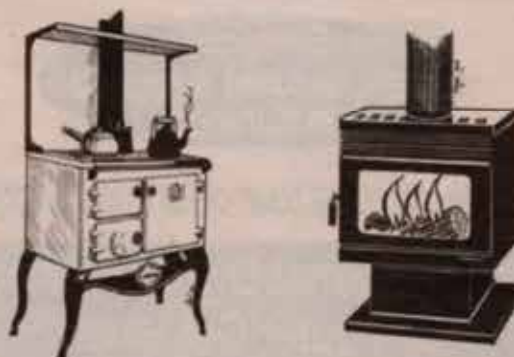
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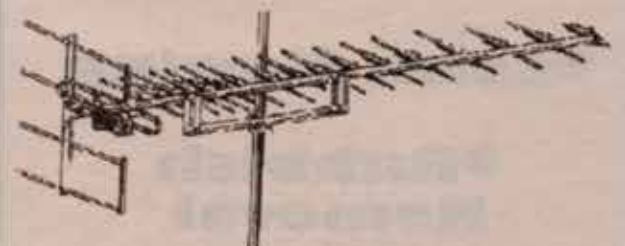
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**Division 8 Councillor
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Welcome to the first edition of "Jensen Jottings", a regular column in the Kuranda Paper.

Firstly, I wish to extend my thanks for your support in the recent election for Division 8 of the new Tablelands Regional Council. The next few years will certainly be full of many challenges, but also promise to be full of tremendous opportunity for our community. I am looking forward to representing you and to working for all the things that will make our community an even better place.

Roles: I will certainly be looking after the interests of Division 8, but will also have a regional role which will require me to be involved in other communities within the Tablelands area. (There are 8 Councillors and we will be looking after an area which is roughly the size of Tasmania).

Already it has been a busy couple of weeks. The new Council has officially been "sworn in" and has commenced work. Council will meet for two days every week (usually Wednesdays and Thursdays) in either Atherton, Herberton, Malanda or Mareeba. There will also be a number of Committees operating. I will be the Chair of the Administration Committee which covers amalgamation issues, staffing, operations and policies. I am also a member of two other Committees; Environmental Services and Business, Industry and Tourism.

Mayor's Visit: I am pleased that I was able to convince the Mayor to spend a day in Kuranda recently. It was a great opportunity to brief him on a large number of "Kuranda Issues" and we were able to meet a number of groups and inspect a number of facilities. I will be continuing to invite Councillors to visit this community so that there is a better understanding of needs of Kuranda.

Councillor Contact Details: You are welcome to contact me regarding issues, questions and feedback (however, I would request that you leave Sundays free.) At this stage I do not yet have a mobile number, but will advise this soon. Phone is **40938260** and email is **jenny.jensen@trc.qld.gov.au** Please also make use of the online facility on the Council website **www.trc.qld.gov.au** where you can use the "Contact Us" link to the online feedback form.

Kuranda Office: During the next few weeks a small Division 8 Councillor office will be established in the Kuranda Village. The office will provide a place where you can contact me or meet with me and will open when I am available in Kuranda. The office will not provide Council services and will not be open every day. The office is located in Veivers Drive near Professionals Real Estate.

Consultation times: You are of course welcome to contact me at any time, however I thought that it might help to set up some dedicated times when you know that I will definitely be available. On **Mondays 5.00pm to 6.30pm** and **Fridays 5.00pm to 6.30pm** I will be at the Councillor office (until the office is established, I will be available at the CWA Rooms at those set times)

Meetings: Over the next few months, I will also be attempting to attend meetings of various groups within our community and invitations are welcome.

Council Happenings: In future columns I will be providing updates on a range of council decisions, planning matters, works programs and budget matters. If there are particular items that you would like to see included, please let me know.



Wettenhall Watch

ANZAC Day

This year I will again attend and lay a wreath on behalf of the Queensland government at the ANZAC Day service in Kuranda. ANZAC day means many different things to different people, but for me it is a day to remember the fallen and their families and to show our respect for the men and women of our armed services who, in this country, are loyal to our democratic traditions and the rule of law and carry out the tasks our government's decide for them.

Tablelands Regional Council

On Wednesday 9 April, I attended the swearing-in of newly elected councillors for the Tablelands Regional Council. I congratulate Mayor Tom Gilmore, Division 8 Councillor Jenny Jensen and other councillors and I look forward to working with them to bring improved services to Kuranda over the next few years.

New Hospital for area

I welcome Premier Anna Bligh's announcement that Cairns Base Hospital will be expanded and that the government will buy a site for a new hospital in Cairns during the next five years. Population growth and increasing demand for health services, particularly for chronic disease, justifies the decision to sell the Cairns airport to fund these initiatives.

The government will build a new block on the existing site to immediately deal with existing and projected short term demand and the search has begun to acquire a 'Greenfield' site for a brand new hospital in the southern growth corridor which is the logical location and a practical solution.

I have previously stated that I believe it is necessary to maintain and expand services at the current Esplanade site whilst a suitable new site was identified and a new hospital planned and constructed. This decision means we will be paving the way to attack Ambulance ramping

and make a full frontal assault on surgery waiting lists. But I am also particularly pleased that the announcement brings us much closer to realising our goal of getting an integrated cancer treatment facility in Cairns in conjunction with COUCH.

Kuranda Range Road

The latest guardrail installation work on the Kuranda Range Road is nearing completion. Before Christmas, Main Roads installed 120m of guardrail and the rest of the two kilometres of new guardrail is now being installed.

I have lobbied hard for these improvement measures including the revision of advisory speed signs, renewal of signage, and doubling the number of reflective (glow) posts to improve safety on the Kuranda Range Road and I am very pleased that the result has been a 50 per cent reduction in road incidents during the wet season.

Captain Cook Highway

Travellers should also be aware of the new speed limit of 80km/h on the Captain Cook Highway - between Aeroglen and just north of the Holloways Beach roundabout, including the Machans Beach roundabout - as a result of findings from a detailed Speed Review conducted by Main Roads and community concerns about safety on this section of the highway. With 30,000 vehicles using this section of road a day, including an increasing number of cyclists - excessive speed has been a factor in a number of crashes on roundabouts and their approaches

Fluoride now law

In other news, State Parliament overwhelmingly passed legislation last month allowing for the fluoridation of water supplies throughout Queensland. Under this legislation, a statutory duty is placed on public water suppliers servicing communities of over 1,000 people to add fluoride to the public water supply. For every dollar invested in fluoridation the estimated saving per person is between \$12 and \$80 in dental treatment costs! To those constituents who hold genuine concerns about fluoridation, I respect your opinions. I did consider the arguments carefully however, I was not convinced that there was credible evidence that fluoridation is harmful.

Steve Wettenhall MP Member for Barron River,



QCWA NEWSLETTER

Another busy month behind us - I must stop saying that but it is true! The calendar each month starts out almost empty and within a few days there are red or in CWA colours - blue dots - all over the page. May is just as hectic with the State Handcraft School being held in Cairns at the end of the month where some of our members are teaching, being taught or assisting with the catering for more than 70 attendees.

We were delighted to again join with Kuranda RSL members in hosting a Brunch after the Memorial Service for Anzac Day. Very nice to have the Naval contingent from Cairns along with the SES, Fire Brigade and many more from the local community join us on the day.

April also saw our members on the road up and down the coast from Innisfail to Mossman and up to Mareeba for CWA events - fundraisers, handcraft, branch and Division meetings. Our branch handcraft teacher headed out to Mt. Isa after accepting an invitation from their branch to conduct a two-day craft workshop out there. Very enjoyable and successful trip but came back complaining that there are now Traffic lights in Mt. Isa - mind you, it has been 34 years since she left the town. Things had to change in that time.

Craft: During the month, several of our ladies attended a "Show and Tell" craft day at QCWA Cairns Hall. An interesting day spent with a CWA Handcraft Teacher from Victoria. The variety of crafts on display - from both our visitor and our own branch handcraft

members - was amazing. Everything from cards, needlework, quilts, Christmas decorations, parchment, quilling, bobbin lace, wood work to recycled articles that defy description.

There was even a challenge from our visitor to turn discarded bits and pieces from her motel room into a useful object. The look of surprise and consternation on faces as each person drew out an article from the green bag was priceless. A length of embroidery cotton; milk bottle top; clean tissues; packet of lollies; tea bag packet; empty Jatz cracker box.

I spent a few hours wondering what I would do with a handful of custard apple seeds! Inspiration came around 11pm that night and by 2am there was a bracelet and earring set on the table in front of me. Can't wait to see what creations others have made. Will have to wait until the next **Division Handcraft Day:** Nice turn up for the April lesson - Shane prepared and conducted a very good lesson in Candlewick Embroidery. The next lesson (May 21) will be Ribbon Embroidery taught by Judy Davies - again, kits will be available and lunch provided at a small cost. Come along and enjoy a social morning with our crafty ladies. Please contact Yvonne on 4093 7016 if you are interested.

Finally, it is our pleasure to welcome two new members: Christine Ritchie and Janet Percy. These ladies, we are sure, will be a valuable addition to our branch.

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

Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

The Annual General Meeting of the KCCT was held on the 6th March 2008 at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel. The office bearers were elected unopposed and are -

President: Ross Breadsell,
Vice President: Barry Smith,
Treasurer: Steve Dominikovic
Secretary: Suzanne Groves

It is the intention of the Management Committee this year to investigate and possibly implement positive recommendations of the Le Page report which will improve the experience for visitors in Kuranda. This will require close liaison with members and other organizations in the village and it is hoped that positive feedback will result in positive outcomes for business owners and residents. The Management Committee will not be influenced by negative comments from self-interested parties and will attempt to negate any such actions

Current financial members of the KCCT can request a copy of the Le Page report to peruse and it is intended that interested members attend a forum to submit recommendations of the report to the Management Committee. Members will be advised the date and location of the proposed forum. It is proposed that the forum be chaired by an independent person so that impartiality be observed

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KCCT has passed on its congratulations to all successful Councilors at the recent elections and look forward to a positive and rewarding working relationship in the future at the Local Government level

KCCT is still perusing the lack of toilet, water and rubbish facilities at the Barron Falls Lookout with the Member for Barron River and Council It is the

assist the chamber in seeking better conditions for all business operators not just driving into the village in the morning and driving out in the afternoon without giving something back to the community

The existing mindset that the tourists only arrive on the first train and depart on the last is a furphy that is no longer relevant. I might remind all business operators that an increasing number of



opinion of the Committee that this ludicrous situation should be resolved at the earliest convenience. The Barron Falls are one of the most visited locations in North Queensland and it is an embarrassment that tourists should be required to walk on the road verges all that way to observe the falls without having basic

tourists now arrive by bus or are what are known as F.I.T. (free independent travelers). Too often Chamber is made aware of tourists arriving in the village in the early afternoon to be greeted by rows of closed shops yet we still hear business owners complaining of poor income returns. My suggestion is to remain open a



facilities when they arrive then be expected to walk all the way back to the Village to access those facilities The stalling tactics employed by the relevant authorities are no longer acceptable and action needs to be taken immediately to rectify this situation. By all accounts funds are already available and it is a mystery why this problem has not been rectified after such a long period of lobbying by the KCCT

The past president of the chamber John Collingwood has been appointed as a recruitment officer to increase membership numbers in the chamber. With some 160 businesses operating in Kuranda a membership base of some 50 members is disappointing. It is hoped that we could increase the number of active members to a much higher level thus ensuring that we in Kuranda would be taken much more seriously at Local, State and Federal Government level. It would be desirable that if you operate a business in the village you would take the time to

little longer perhaps until 4.00 or 4.30pm to rectify this situation. You might be pleasantly surprised at the end of the financial year.

The next social meeting of the chamber will be held at the Kuranda District College with the hospitality students to provide the catering. This will be the **first Tuesday of May commencing at 5.00 pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to support of young students and to give something back to our community. All proceeds from the night will go to the school. Cost will be \$5.00 per head with drinks available for those interested in purchasing some cool beverages. Everyone, not only members of the Chamber are invited and it is hoped that you show your support of our local students by attending this night. Please notify the secretary via the Chamber website no later than the 25th April if you wish to attend.

Ross Breadsell, President KCCT

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Try to use plants which naturally occur in the Kuranda area. The term "native" can simply mean a plant which naturally occurs somewhere in Australia. A dryland Grevillea from Western Australia is not suitable or appropriate as it does not naturally occur in this area. Also, dryland natives are not adapted to the wet tropics. They will usually be short lived and /or succumb to disease. An exotic which grows well in the wet tropics but does not show potential to become a weed would be a better choice than a dryland "native".

Try to get a good diversity of species. If you use only a few species, your planting will be more susceptible to damage by pests and disease.

Plant small bushy shrubs

around the edges of the planting. These will serve to reduce sunlight penetrating your planting from the side and thus reduce your weed problem.

When at the nursery, don't get the biggest possible plant you can. Plants in forestry type tubes are the best size to buy (and the cheapest) and **don't** buy a plant that is more than 2 1/2 times the height of the pot - it will probably be root bound. As a general case, the larger the pot, the slower the ensuing growth of the plant will be when it is transplanted into the ground. Why? Because a healthy plant needs to have its roots and stem in proportion. In a nursery, the plant roots get it easy, but out in the wild they need to find water and nutrients by themselves. They don't have a sprinkler system and slow release fertiliser to help them out, so if the root system is too small, it will not be able to supply sufficient nutrients and water to the above ground portion of the plant. The next time it has rained steadily for a few days and the soil has become nicely moist, go and ease a tiny seedling out of the soil without breaking its roots. Compare the length of the roots with

the length of the above ground portion of the seedling.

Don't plant the seedlings too close together. Rainforest trees are competing for light. If they are close together then they will all try to outgrow each other to win the race for light. Many rainforest trees which grow to a height of 30m or more in mature rainforests will only grow to 8m or less when planted as a solitary specimen tree in full sun without competition from other trees. In many cases where a semi mature rainforest tree has had other adjacent trees cut down and thus had the competition for light removed, the tree has diverted its growth to its lateral branches and become bushy rather than continuing to grow upwards. Plant at a density of about 15 to 20 plants /100m². So if you have an area that is 10 metres wide by 20 metres long you would need 30 to 40 plants and so on.

Space the plants out fairly evenly, preferably in rows for ease of maintenance. Place the taller growing plants towards the centre of your planting and the smallest along the edges of the planting. **Next month:**

Planting and pruning

Plant of the Month- May

The plant for this month is *Castanospora alphandii* (Common Name - Brown Tamarind). A nice example can be seen overhanging the road on the down slope side of Culvert 31 on the Kuranda Range. Identifying rainforest trees can be excruciatingly difficult however, with the right tools, and patience and persistence, the code can frequently be cracked. Using just 4 features: 1) Leaves compound, 2) Leaves alternately arranged, 3) Leaf undersurface rusty brown to white and 4) pinnate compound leaves - on the CSIRO Rainforest Identification key, narrowed the possible species down from over 2000 species to less than 20.

Castanospora alphandii is a member of the Sapindaceae family. Rainforest Sapindaceae often share some obvious characteristics which enable you to narrow the identification of the plant down to this family - compound leaves with the terminal leaflet replaced by a small spine, and pulvini on the leaflets.

The distinctive feature of *Castanospora alphandii* is the white undersurface of the leaflets which markedly contrast with the brown midrib. Many species of this family develop into fairly small trees and are ideal for ornamental plantings in your garden. This does not apply to *Castanospora*. As you will see from the example growing at Culvert 31, they develop into large trees.

A common question about rainforests is - Why is there such a huge diversity of species? Ecology theory is in its infancy and there is no definitive answer. In 2001, Steve Hubbell had the idea of assuming that all individuals in a rainforest community are equivalent regarding their prospects of reproduction and death. When he applied this model to empirical patterns of species abundance, he found that it fitted quite well.

What does this mean? Well, basically it means that species survival is simply a matter of blind chance. Of course niche theorists have dashed off to find contradicting examples and no doubt the reality lies in some meld of neutral theory and niche theory.

But isn't it an interesting concept? The survival of a species being linked, not to some finely honed competitive fitness, but simply to being in the right place at the right time! It has certainly generated plenty of discussion.

The source book is:-Hubbell, S.P. (2001). *A Unified Neutral Theory of Biodiversity and Biogeography*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ

Sun 27th April. Free. Rainforest tree identification workshop. Ph Margaret 4093 8393 to book a place.



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Just about everywhere in the Wet Tropics is "Cassowary Country" so even if you don't have Cassowaries passing through your property (because you have a house, a dog and a fence on it), it's still Cassowary Country. The signs are free but a donation towards their cost is most welcome.

Aristolochia tagala (Native Dutchman's Pipe) vines have produced well this season and we have a stack of plants in the Community Nursery (Pademelon Lane) if you'd like to drop by and pick up one or two.

This vine is the food plant of the big Cairns Birdwing butterfly - the male has the vibrant green wings and the larger female is mostly black with spots of yellow, red and everything in

between. Spectacular!

BUT BEWARE, the larger, better looking non-native variety of Dutchman's Pipe is poisonous to the caterpillars of the Cairns Birdwing butterfly and will kill them. Apparently, the female can't tell the difference and she will lay her eggs on the poisonous variety. You can help by going without the more spectacular exotic variety for the sake of the local environment.

Ever seen an OWL BOX? There's one on show in the K-Cons Community Nursery. These metre high boxes are made by Barron Catchment Care for hoisting up into a tree in the hope some homeless owl pair will rear their young in it.

The original idea was to set up owl boxes in trees around sugar cane fields to increase owl numbers to predate on rat plagues which were damaging crops. Rats are not our problem and maybe it won't be an owl which will take up residence in the box, but it'll be interesting to see what does.

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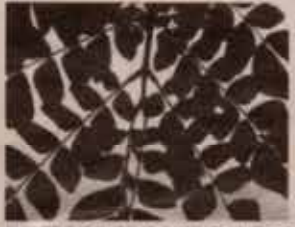
- o a kids poster competition - keep an eye out for the Wet Tropics poster competition in the News In Education pages of The Cairns Post. The winner will receive a free trip on Skyrail.
- o an Indigenous Art Exhibition at KickArts from November to February
- o World Heritage displays at QPW 100 Years of National Parks celebrations at Cardwell on 14 June and at Millstream Falls on 21 June
- o a commemorative book with a collection of anecdotal stories from the Wet Tropics community.

WTMA also has 20 years of World Heritage stickers and tattoos to give away. If you'd like some, contact Jax at K-Cons on 4093 8834.

Classifieds

22 cents per word

Boxed Classified
No more than 30 words
\$10.00



Just Gorgeous - Mothers' Day Gift Ideas. Compact mirrors, bling key rings, magnify glasses, jewel stands, candleholders, picture frames, jewellery, handbags and more... Open 7 days a week ph. 4093 7508 (opp. Chemist)



Nicola, Tracy and Robin
Wish to thank All the staff at the Amphitheatre The Music Makers And all the people who turned up To wish farewell to Joan.
THANK YOU



Pilates Classes
Kuranda Resort and Spa Monday nights at 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Cost \$12.50 Bring a mat and a bottle of water
Jennie Thompson Mobile 0409 392 155



CLASSIFIEDS

**COST 22 CENTS PER WORD.
UNPAID CLASSIFIEDS WILL NOT
BE ACCEPTED.**

Lodge at Video Shop BP Complex.

Car Trailer Hire 6 x 4 box trailers for hire \$10 half day. \$20 full day.

Kuranda Envirocare 4093 9926

Local Rainforest Trees available at Nursery 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

Sewing, Dressmaking, Hems, Alterations, Lounge Covers, Cushion Covers. Dorothy on 4093 8886

WANTED Cleaner required for QCWA Kuranda Hall. Must have commercial cleaning equipment including floor polisher Ph: 4093 8229 or 4093 7016

Creative Chik Photo & Design also does commercial and portrait photography. No job too small. Kid's pics, special occasions and events. Call Zananda on 4093 0365 or 0416 983 911

"FURYUS FEET DANCE"
Salsa and Tango workshops in Kuranda
SUNDAY 4TH MAY
"TRADING POST RESTAURANT"
2 P.M. REGISTRATION
follow up workshop May 18th
Workshops divided into two, 1 and a half hour sessions with a lunch break [bring snacks/drinks]
Price \$30.00.....ASK ABOUT SPECIALS.
for info call 0431907976 furyusfeet@hotmail.com
www.furyusfeetdance.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Recreation Centre General Meeting
3 pm on Saturday May 3rd 2008
At the Clubhouse Fallon Rd
Please RSVP Sylvia 4093 7124 by 28th April for catering purposes.

AGM Koah Rural Fire Brigade
The Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Koah Sports and Social Club, Koah Road on Monday 12th May 2008, at 7pm
An agenda will be mailed or delivered to all current members and for others can be obtained by ringing
Secretary Beverley Adamson on 40937006.

Car Boot Sale \$5.00 per entry Date: Saturday 3rd May To be held every 2nd month. Kuranda Recreation Centre Fallon Rd 8.00am - 12.00pm



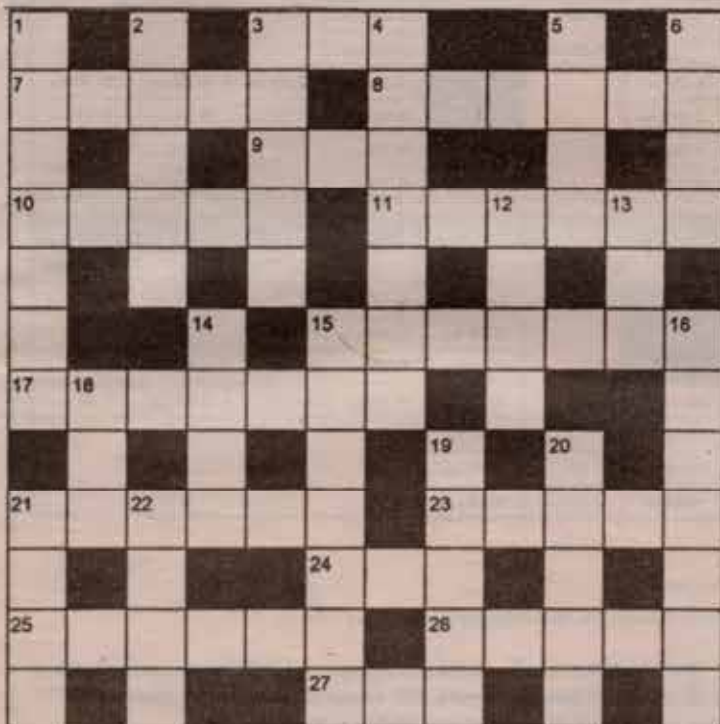
CAIRNS RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

RELOCATING
TERM 3 2008

Our caring, creative and holistic school is relocating to its beautiful new 40 acre bush site on Boyles Rd Kuranda. We offer education from playgroup to Year 7. A bus service from Cairns to the school is available.

For a prospectus, an interview or information on our excellent graduate results please contact us
Ph: 40552088

Talk: The Steiner Curriculum and the Stages of Child Development
6 May 3.15 - 5.15, 13 May 6 - 8 pm
1-3 Clachety St. Stratford
No Charge



Across

- 3. Bath at the Kuranda Resort.
- 7. Sheep like endless cattle.
- 8. Source of a golden drop in Biboohra?
- 9. Sounds as if she is on the money.
- 10. Queens' country.
- 11. Mixture of people & spirits - not at the Bottom Pub!

Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 98

Compiled by John Brooksbank

- 15. Not found in pubs or cafes any more.
- 17. Communist ribbon slows up Mareeba Shire? (3,4)
- 21. Town & restaurant both found on the waterfront.
- 23. Example about family scraping out a living.
- 25. Groups officer left abandoned.
- 26. No fir tree I think!
- 21. Old magistrate in dog-eared book.
- 22. She not in a Columbus vessel.

Down

- 1. The rest panic after marsupial gets bird.
- 2. Some say it is evil & should be punished, at Fitzies?
- 3. Danes move about in this chair.
- 4. Inspiring hip slang, maaate....
- 5. Broke if you haven't got one, mister.
- 6. Cremation is happy result from this wood pile.
- 12. In short, a likely candidate to be found in village pubs.
- 13. What Henry Lawson said the other jackeroo was.
- 14. Dust him off - he's attractive & sticks out!
- 15. Cocktail we shape up at local tavern.
- 16. Hit records.
- 18. Three toed bird for you and me, more for us.
- 19. Joint for cabinetmaker Henk?
- 20. New one on the Range Road.

Answers to No. 97





Community Calendar

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- 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 pm 4th May 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
Pilates classes at Kuranda Resort & Spa (Function Room) 6.30 pm
- 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.
3rd Tuesday **Spring Festival meeting.** 5:00pm. 1 Pademelon Ln, Kuranda 4093 8834. All Welcome.
- 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 THAT INFORMATION IS 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.
Tuesday	11am - 6pm	
Wednesday	11am - 5pm	
Thursday	11am - 5pm	
Friday	9am - 12 noon	
Saturday	9am - 12 noon	

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

"THE LOCAL BUS"

	MON&TUES	WEDtoFRI	P/HOL & SAT/SUN	
DEPARTS	#0725	#0725	0830	(SCHOOL DAYS ONLY)
KURANDA	1330	0900	1500	W/CRT 1450
	1530	1130		REDLYNCH 1455
		1330		CARAVONICA 1505
		1530		SMITHFIELD 1510

DEPARTS	**0825	0825	0930	ALL SERVICES EXCEPT
CAIRNS	1715	1000	**1600	1000 GO TO SPEEWAH & KOAH IF REQUIRED.
		1230		
		1715		

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ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS BUS TIMETABLE

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday	Sunday
RAVENSHOE	7.30 am	7.45 am	2.00 pm		
HERBERTON	8.00 am	8.15 am	2.30 pm		
ATHERTON (arrive)	8.25 am	8.45 am	3.00 pm		
ATHERTON (depart)	8.30 am	9.15 am	3.30 pm	8.30 am	9.15 am
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

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS BUS TIMETABLE

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday	Sunday
CAIRNS	8.30 am	3.15 pm	8.30 pm	9.30 am	1.00 pm
KURANDA	9.05 am	3.55 pm	8.05 pm	10.05 am	1.40 pm
MAREEBA	9.40 am	4.30 pm	8.40 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		
RAVENSHOE	Noon	4.05 pm	6.15 pm		

Operated by Kerry's Bus Service

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Ticket purchases can be made at:

- Phillips News, Atherton
- Mareeba News, Mareeba
- from the driver as you board the bus.

The bus stops are located at:

- 46 Spence Street, Cairns
- 15 Therwine Street, Kuranda
- Old Railway Station, Mareeba, and
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