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SEASON'S Greetings

EVERY YEAR, at this time, we tend to take stock of our performance during the twelve months past and variously decide to: hide our tracks better or not leave tracks, work harder or work less, work smarter or be smarter, take time out to wander around looking at things we've been too busy to notice – like the kids (remember the kids?), leave the phone unanswered and thank those who've helped us make it through to Christmas. This edition, at 40 pages, is the largest in the paper's history and we'd like to thank all who have made the paper possible through the year.

To our workers: The paper is put together by a volunteer team of graphic artists, typesetters, ruthless tyrants, proof readers, paper folders, mailbox stuffers and deliverers. Thank you one and all.

To our contributors: Thank you for your thoughts and for taking the time to put them on paper, or increasingly, on email. Without community comment and feedback this paper has no reason for being.

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XAVIER RUDD

Sunday 19th December
Kuranda Amphitheatre

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COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

Mulberry Leaves – Can You Help?

At the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, we've got plans to have a display of silkworms so that people can see for themselves how these larvae develop and then go on to create the silk that is used to make garments. In order to have a good display though, we need to do some trials and check what these caterpillars do and don't like to eat. We know their *preferred* food is White Mulberry, and although we have some trees planted, it will be many years before they are big enough to sustain even a small caterpillar population (they eat a lot). I have heard that it is also possible to feed them on other types of mulberry leaves, and that some people in Kuranda do have mulberry trees growing on their properties. Is there anyone in Kuranda that would be able to give us access to a tree(s) so that we can do some trials? Of course we would not cut to the point where the tree suffers. Any help would be very much appreciated. Please ring us during working hours on 4093 7575 if you can help us.

Anja Bakker,
Australian Butterfly Sanctuary

Damage to Fence

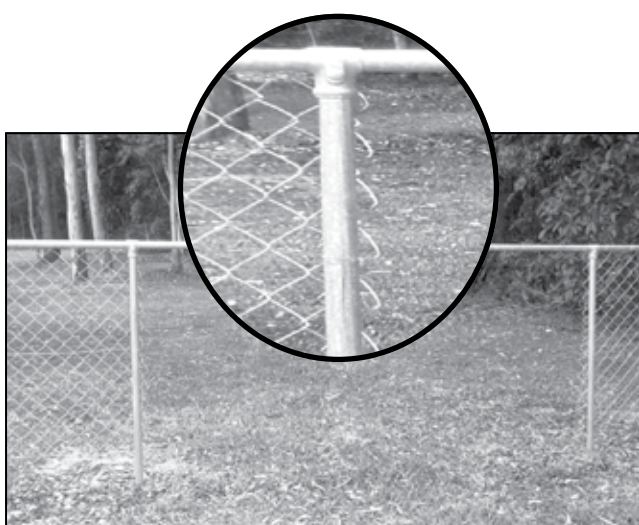
For a long time Speewah has enjoyed few facilities at the Ros Common park. Indeed the park only came into existence due to the lobbying and voluntary work of local residents some years. It is a great place for Speewah locals.

Recently Council started installing some new facilities at the park and people are already making use of the new equipment. In fact it seems that someone liked the new fence so much that they have taken a piece of it!

I find it sad that within a few weeks of the fence being erected, someone has already damaged it. Sad because the fence is there so that kids can play safely; sad because it costs ratepayers money to repair it; sad because the damage was so deliberate (*see photo*); sad because it sends a message that someone wants to destroy a community facility that so many people want to use and enjoy.

Cr Jenny Jensen

PS. Council will arrange to repair the fence.



1st Motorcycle Expo +2

As Events Manager to all three 1st Motorcycle Expos and long-term Kuranda Amphitheatre Society (KAS) member, I would like to shed some light on the 2010 1st Motorcycle Expo +2 due to the many misconceptions and misleading rumours that were generated around this event. The first Expo in 2008 was held at the Kuranda Sports and Social Club (now the Kuranda Recreation Centre). The Amphitheatre was preferable, but management at that time was disinterested in hosting it, probably not realising what a beneficial event it could be. Realising this, I went about securing mobile staging, portaloos, security fencing, skips etc. and with the help of locals and Cairns bikers plus \$18,000 of my own money to stage this event. As a first everyone agreed it to be very successful and with the help of Arch McArthur we pulled it off with all profits going to the Sports and Social Club.

The second event in 2009 was staged at the Amphitheatre. Like the first one I was able to attract some nine bands that played throughout the day and night and from the \$10 entry fee plus bar, food and merchandise and owing to the beautiful sunny day, a grand profit of \$15,000 was promptly banked as general revenue for the KAS. By this time we could see a great future for this event.

The third event in 2010 had many more people willing to help out and join the Amphitheatre, some for the first time, raising the membership substantially and it was decided by the Expo team of volunteers that we would like a headline act worthy of such an event. After realising this could cost us upwards of \$20,000, we came across a great band from Finland that were only too happy to play for free, providing we pay the flight from Helsinki to Sydney and back. Knowing that the Amphitheatre would not be in a situation to pay this upfront, some of us decided we could pay the \$8,500 instead and after putting to the Committee and KAS membership, it was agreed by majority vote that we would get our money back from takings after all Amphitheatre costs were paid back. The band LORD were on their way to Japan and heard about this event and because they were passing through, offered to play at this event for free. The whole day rained continuously but still managed to attract some 380 patrons in addition there were around 150 volunteers and band members. A great event was had by all and those that were there loved it. Owing to the \$20 gate charge, the bar and the food, we just managed to pay all costs including the airfares and PA hire. During the run-up to the event, the Amphitheatre management committee was not unified and some were susceptible to false information about the bands.

Ridiculous rumours like "white supremacists" and "neo Nazis" were bandied about. A new Treasurer had also just been installed and with Leon Cartledge, Vice President, not in town, the committee in their wisdom decided to cancel the event three weeks from its opening. After many phone calls and concerned

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conversations as by now we had some \$9,000 in sponsorship from 45 businesses, we were advised that due to the cancellation letter being unconstitutional we proceeded with caution and requested to set a date for a special meeting for the President to step down, hoping this would give us breathing space to continue on. After one and a half weeks, we withdrew the request as we were only interested to complete the many requirements necessary to stage the event. Some two weeks after the event, a poorly run special meeting was held and another general meeting some two weeks after that culminating in the Amphitheatre committee agreeing to a letter of apology to the Expo Team stating regret for their unethical behaviour. This was duly sent out for which we are very grateful.

The many people involved in this great event are far too many to be thanked by name, but some must be mentioned here: Leon Cartledge, Steve Accatino, Kate Mosely, Lyn Mosely, Anja Bakker, Mike Richardson, Shane Little, Adam and Jeannie, Simmo, Clarrie, Noel Graham, Kitty Clignett, Dave Knights, Dave Dobinson, Dave Harris, Bruce Skilbeck, Arch McArthur and Warren Entsch and all the many others I have been unable to state here. I thank you so much for your hard work and steadfast support. Without such determined volunteers through thick and thin, we once again produced a great event for the whole community.

Carl Neal, Kuranda

Coondoo Street Plantings

Congratulations and thanks to the dynamic duo, David and Graham, the Street Planting Working Party, members of the Kuranda Garden Group as well as TRC for the time, effort and hard work in restoring the garden plantings in Coondoo Street. It is most encouraging to see a long and fraught endeavour finally bedded down and growing!

From observation, the Figs in Coondoo Street are probably the most frequently photographed feature of Kuranda and these plantings can only but enhance this streetscape. So again, bloody marvellous and more power to your efforts.

Peter North, Kuranda

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Marc's Tourism Tweets

JAPAN SALES MISSION:

Tourism Kuranda will be visiting Japan at the end of the month for the very first time as a part of the upcoming TTNQ Japan Mission. The Japan Mission is designed to reaffirm our commitment to the market and show support to our airline partners. We are on target to attract 154,000 Japanese visitors by the end of 2011.

The Jetstar four times weekly service from Osaka along with the daily services from Tokyo, have been performing above expectations during the important July-September period.

Additionally, Continental Micronesia will reinstate flights to operate four services weekly between Guam and Cairns from 26 December 2010.

The mission will consist of Cairns & Great Barrier Reef seminars, workshops and networking functions held in Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka commencing on Tuesday 30 November 2010. We will meet approximately 230 key travel industry people representing both traditional channels (wholesalers/group staff), and new distribution channels (online and retail distributors) who are based in those cities. Tourism Queensland will also support and be co-partner for the mission.

The focus will be:

1. Support for Jetstar Tokyo/Cairns daily services in Tokyo
2. Support for Jetstar Osaka/Cairns four times weekly service in Osaka
3. Support for Continental Nagoya/Cairns via Guam services in Nagoya
4. Provide strong competition to alternate holiday destination in the Japan market

A big thanks to Belinda Omori from Kuranda Coffee Republic for helping put together some special Japanese promotional flyers.

MAD HATTERS & DRUIDS TEA PARTY:

Kuranda's first Mad Hatters & Druids Tea Party was held on the 13th November at the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets and was a huge success for the village. The event was coordinated by Diana Russo and was held as a substitute for the Spring Festival that didn't happen this year. Locals and tourists both joined in the tea party celebrations which ran throughout the day. The Mad Hatter and Alice in Wonderland were very popular with the tourists as the cameras went crazy. A big thanks to all the participating business who donated prizes for the day and a special mention to Petit Café for supplying the tea & special effects!

NEW KURANDA A4 "TEAR OFF" MAP:

Tourism Kuranda has released a new A4 Kuranda "tear off map" which is a first for the village. The A4 Map has been designed to complement our new DL Kuranda Map & Visitor Guide and is produced for distribution from the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre and throughout the village. The map now lists all the participating businesses on the one page and features a new colour coded reference guide for easy navigating around the village. If any businesses require supplies of the maps, they are available from the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre which is open 10.00am to 4.00pm daily.



Marc Sleeman, Tourism Kuranda and Sarah Sleeman

TQ INDIAN FAMIL:

Last month Tourism Kuranda hosted an Indian site inspection in the village. The familiarization was coordinated by Tourism Queensland which included lunch at Frogs Restaurant and a complete overview of all the activities on offer in the village including Birdworld, Butterfly Sanctuary and Koala gardens plus both of the markets. Tourism Kuranda has been working closely with Tourism Queensland this year to build a strong working relationship to ensure Kuranda receives good agent involvement and media exposure.

TOURISM AUSTRALIA INDUSTRY BRIEFING:

Tourism Australia held an Industry Briefing in Cairns on Tuesday 23 November at The Sebel Cairns. The briefing delivered the latest intelligence on tourism in Australia. The half day seminar featured an overview of the Australian Tourism Directions Conference including analysis of the issues, trends and opportunities affecting international and domestic tourism. The Briefings also included information on Tourism Australia's strategic direction and a campaign update.

TOURISM KURANDA FACEBOOK SITE:

Tourism Kuranda hits 2,000 friends on Facebook! The TK Facebook site is an excellent promotional medium and is used to update travel trade & friends about special events happening in the village and general tourism news that affects Kuranda. Jump on line NOW and become a friend of Tourism Kuranda for the latest tourism news.

Marc Sleeman

Seasons Greetings from the Just Gorgeous Girls



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Neighbourhood Centre News December 2010

KNC Christmas Closure Dates: KNC will be closed over Christmas from 5.00pm Tuesday 21st December 2010 and reopening on 9.00am Wednesday 5th January 2011. In a crisis situation please call Lifeline on 131114. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone!!

Recycled Jewellery Workshops: Peter Jaensch is back in town until February and will be running workshops to recycle and remake new jewellery pieces from your old stuff at home. Please either contact KNC to register your interest or just come by on Mondays from 10am – 12noon - \$5 per session.

Kuranda Interagency Network: The Kuranda Interagency Network has historically been hosted by KNC with meeting venue, Minutes, reminders and a general email out of information and resources. The last meeting held on Wed 10th November was at Kuranda District State College with Rosa Quartermaine in chair. These meetings will rotate across services/agencies/organizations in Kuranda into the future with the next meeting scheduled at Djabugay Corporation office on 8th December at 2pm. KNC will continue to assist with review of Minutes, email out reminders and general info, however the host of each meeting will chair and also check Minutes before they are sent out. If you wish to be added to the email grouping please contact me at knc@qld.chariot.net.au.

Computer support/training: Jean (local Kuranda woman) has agreed to become a KNC volunteer and be available on Friday mornings to provide support and information around computer and internet use. Please contact KNC to register your interest.

Young Women's Group: A pilot young women's group (age 15-24 – with some flexibility) has been meeting on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30. This has been at the direct request of young women who participated in the Safe Freedom group earlier in the year. Attendance is open, however, we will follow firm group rules around confidentiality, respect and collaboration. If you want to be involved in the group please come along, or for more information contact me at the Centre. The goal is for the group to be run *by* young women *for* young women with a view to sustainability, positive social opportunities and support (as requested by the group) from KNC.

Family Support Items Needed: Thank you to those who have generously donated items recently. We have an informal way of linking up families and individuals with different items of furniture and household goods etc that they need. Right now we know families who need: all sizes of beds/mattresses, bed bases/frames, a washing machine, a lounge suite, a fridge and a cot. If you have any of those items that you no longer need, please give us a call.

OUTCOMES Adult Numeracy and Literacy: OUTCOMES from Atherton are delivering courses to improve numeracy and literacy for adults – this is helping with learning to read, write and manage numbers. Please contact KNC or OUTCOMES directly on 40914277.

Lifeline Financial Counselling: Lifeline financial counseling sessions can be arranged at KNC on Monday mornings. The counselors are experienced workers who can help you sort out how to manage financial problems, debts and budgets. So if you find yourself in a pickle with money troubles, someone is there to help work out the best way forward. Appointments are necessary, so please call or come in to make a time.

Workers at KNC: The full time workers at KNC include myself and Ceri Hughes (Family Support Worker). Small communities sometimes require a 'fluid' nature to service delivery. For this reason we would like let the community know that in times of illness, conflicts of interest or any other reason, I can provide Family Support and Ceri can provide Personal or Individual Support. If you would like to nominate a worker for any reason at all, please let reception know.

Marg Yandell
Coordinator

Recycled Jewellery Workshops

KURANDA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Please contact the Centre to register your interest or just come by on

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\$5 per session

*Bring along your old, unused, broken jewellery
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Carols in the Park

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27TH

3.00pm–8.00pm

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COME AND SEE OUR STALLS AND DO SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

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We will then go down Coondoo Street, into Barang Street, then into Thongon Street and into Caroon Street, to be judged.

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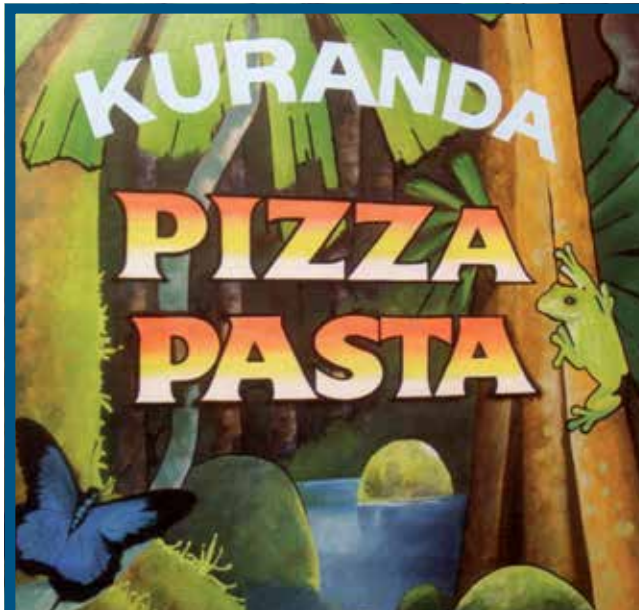
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AS **170 GUESTS** watched in anticipation, **Rohana Couch** arrived at the Billabong with her bridal party in a white Hummer. Rohana must have felt an overwhelming sense of pride as she walked on the arm of her father towards her future husband, **Luke Frazer**. She was wearing an exquisitely delicate piece of jewellery that had been worn by her great grandmother when she was a young bride in Sri Lanka. This beautiful headpiece has adorned most of the brides in the Rusch family for generations. The ceremony was relocated to inside the rustic country venue where the festivities continued well into the night. The fabulous food and dancing, for which the Rusch clan is well-known, were in abundance, much to the delight of the guests. On behalf of the Kuranda community we wish Luke and Rohana a supremely contented marriage filled with adventures that will take them into their older years.

Bonnie Harris



Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Xmas Bells are ringing!!!

KCCT's next meeting is our annual Xmas Dinner at Cedar Park on 7th December 2010 commencing at 6.00pm for 6.30pm dinner.

As most of you will probably know, Barry, our President, tendered his resignation at the Chamber meeting this month, and members of the Chamber would like to thank him for his enthusiasm and the time he gave to the Chamber during his tenure as President. In the interim, between now and the AGM in March next year, the Executive Committee will be Mike Took, Acting President and Treasurer; Malcolm McLeod, Vice President and Robyn Vogler, Secretary.

As there is no January meeting, our next General Meeting is on February 1st 2011 at Malcolm's Original Markets.

Why not make a New Year's Resolution and become a **Member of the KCCT** and let the Chamber be your networking tool?

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year from the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce & Tourism.

Robyn Vogler
Secretary

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the Arts Page



Presidents Report

Wow, here we are in the December issue already!

Solar FX Gathering on 13th November was a great success and a fantastic event. It was nice to see new and old faces in the Understage. Thanks to everyone involved, we're looking forward to more events leading up to the solar eclipse in 2012.

Working Bees are planned for 28th November and 12th December. Many hands make light work so please come along and assist in the preparations for the **Xavier Rudd** concert on 19th December.



The **Kuranda Coots'** zombies at the Understage! Part of their "RED BALL" musical circus performance on the 19th & 20th. Great show!

If you weren't at the **Loony Poets** in October, you missed a great night of entertainment. The next **Loony Poets** is on 21st December, if you wish to be involved please contact Lunar or Morgan Hurst.

We'd like to welcome **Trevor Kyle** and **Cathy Harvey**, who are joining our committee. Both Trevor and Cathy bring many skills to the Amphitheatre and have been volunteering for many years.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered at the Amphitheatre this year, it can't be done without you!

Volunteers of the Month for December and January are **Daniel Akkerman** and **Jesse Raymond**. Daniel and Jess have been working their butts off at the Amphitheatre and we thank you immensely for the hard work you have been putting in.

Lastly, thanks to the Kuranda Paper for your support throughout the year and a Merry Christmas to everyone.

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Cheers,
Mandy



The entrance to the Amphitheatre Understage for the Coots "Red Ball".

Lonesome Trio will be performing in the Understage on Saturday 11th December, so get your dancing shoes on and we'll see you there.

ALL IS ART

G'day art lovers. It's November already, and this month our Paper has grown from 32 to a massive 40 pages! The printers can't print a 36 pager, so we have an extra 4 pages to fill. So I bring you photos of recent and not so recent events, and hopefully some photos of Kuranda people and places of interest. As I type this, Garth and the rest of the crew eagerly await these pages to send to the printers in a couple of hours, and I'm yet to make a start on the centre-fold pictures! Ahhh... the joy of creation is but enhanced by the approach of the dead-line. Such is life! I hope I can get it all done in time.

It's taking a little longer this month because as well as the extra pages, we are adding more colour pages for the online version, kurandapaper.com. These Arts Pages will be partly in colour, and the centre-fold, if I get it done. It means two versions of any coloured pages need to be produced.

Anyhow, enough technical stuff, just get on-line if you can and take a look. Have a great festive season. Until the February issue then, Peace, seren.



The Kuranda Amphitheatre

and
Focus Theatre
are running a hamper
raffle valued at \$450.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5,
drawn on 19th December
at the Xavier Rudd concert.

So if you see us on the street, buy a ticket.
Be in it to win it, and support local theatre.



Diana in "the Enchanted Rainforest"
Spring Festival 2009



Focus Theatre

Hello from the wings. Some changes have taken place at Focus Theatre recently. **Diana Monahan**, our co-founder and co-ordinator has decided to "focus" more on her acting and other skills. She has handed the co-ordinators role over to **Morgan Hurst**, a long time member and contributor to Focus, who assures us he is looking forward to the challenge...

"Firstly I'd like to thank Diana for giving me this chance to expand theatre here in Kuranda. Our first production will be three one-act plays to be performed in March next year. We already have some enthusiastic members, but are always looking for more people in all areas of theatre, e.g. lighting, make-up, etc. And if you do have a play, script, or idea and would like to see it performed on the stage, then come on down to the Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm and we can workshop. Anything goes! So see you there Wednesday night.

Get some theatre in ya!"
Morgan



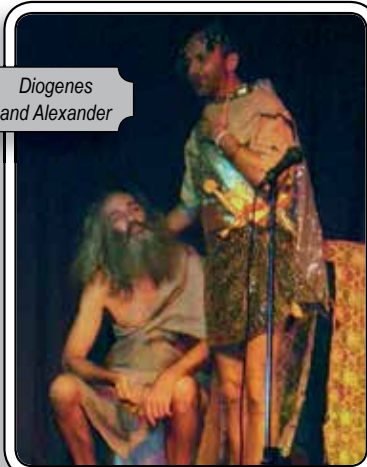
Janice, Bonnie, Jacqui and Diana
rehearsing for "Copy Cats Cabaret"



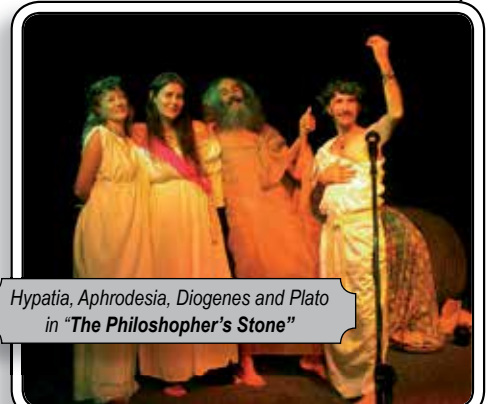
Dress-rehearsal for "After Passion"



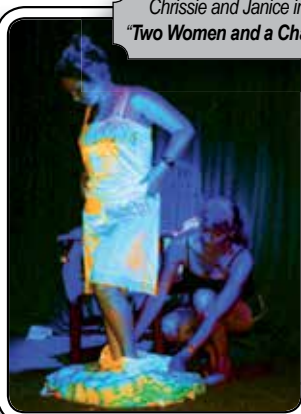
Danny Simony confounds Spiral Pete
while Danny Simony looks on. Well, it was Danny's workshop on magic and illusion!



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Chrissie and Janice in
"Two Women and a Chair"



Salome (Bronwyn) and friends dance for Herod





THE MAD HATTERS AND DRUIDS NOVEMBER RAIN TEA PARTY

at the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets



and some more
from the
Kuranda Coots...



RED BALL!



Local Author returns from the Holy Lands

Relic, written and illustrated by Clive Walters, was launched at the Solar FX Gathering at the Understage, Kuranda Amphitheatre, 13th November, 2010, with the author,



Clive signing books at the launch as well as at the Madhatters Tea Party, Kuranda Original Markets, earlier that day. Relic is available at Frogs Restaurant, Kuranda.



KURANDA CAMERA CLUB



Next shoot:

Date: Saturday 11th December.

Time: 3:30 pm.

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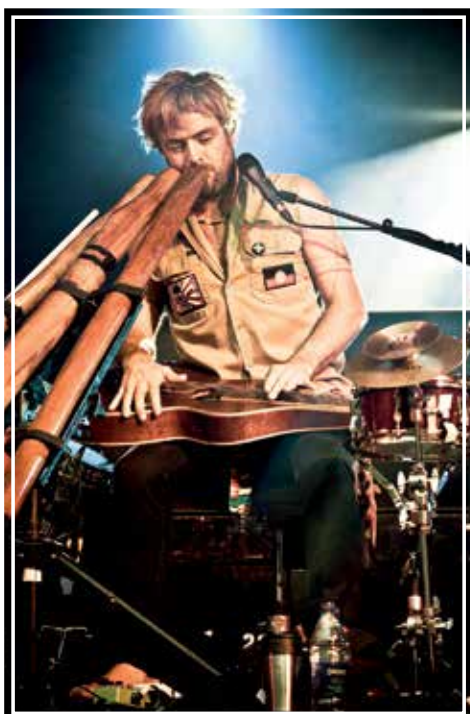
Next meeting:

Monday 7th February.
6:00 pm. Speewah Tavern.
New members welcome.





MUSIC PAGE



XAVIER RUDD returns to KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE



Global troubadour Xavier Rudd will play special extended sets at the Amphitheatre to ensure he plays music from right across his illustrious career including his raw and funky latest album "Koonum Sun" which features the tracks "Time to Smile" and "Fresh Green Freedom".

Xavier is performing together with special guest artist, Justin Nozuka on Sunday 19th December. Tickets are available locally from the Kuranda Video Shop, as well as through ticketlink. (Please check the gig guide for more details.) See you at the Amphitheatre, *Kitty*



Kuranda Coots' Trish Molloy bringing us brilliant original music at the Red Ball



The Red Ball at the Understage, 19 & 20 November 2010.



The Mad Hatter with Kitty and Diana Russo at "The Mad Hatters Tea Party" at the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets, 13th November 2010

KURANDA GIG GUIDE DECEMBER 2010

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
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Kuranda Resort & Spa
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Kuranda Amphitheatre
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plus special guest Justin Nozuka
Gates Open 6pm
Licensed, food & refreshments

TUESDAY 21ST DECEMBER
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CD Reviews

The National: "High Violet" - There's a lot of great music being created out there, variations on variations, and then there are landmark albums; firmly in the now, escaping the past. TV on the Radio is one such band, and so is The National.

Using traditional rock instruments, yes, but also trombone, clarinet, French horn, trumpet, baritone sax, cello, harp, flute and violin. Phew! This is one great new album. It harks back to the British dark drone of, say, *Joy Division* and *The Editors*. Then there are close harmonies with an edge of west coast Americana and lazy, cruising vocals oozing male sexual maturity. Beautiful, thoughtful songs flowing like a timid ghost. Take a listen, it's worth it. www.americanmary.com

Zennith: "Nothin' to Lose" - As we all know, Zennith is an explosive live act and their new album is just as impressive. Their distinctive reggae/hip-hop fusion is in full flow. The rhythm section really cooks: drums and bass dishing up diamond-hard skank and metal one moment, then sweet and soulful. Fine singing, smooth vocals and the rapping of course: like Din Din in the wet, telling it true. Tasty metal guitar on tracks like "Nothin' to Lose", and soaring solos on "Hot Topic" and "Irie". There's some tasty touches of keyboards and brass and spot-on production. A collection of just-right party grooves makes for a treat for the whole house. Make no mistake; we will now be sharing the Zennith experience with the whole world!

www.zennithboyz.com.au

Joe Pug: "Messenger" - We love this album. Totally! It brings rock/funk/country together with the lightest of touches. Think of the best of a young Dylan, and the oh-so-pure slightly cracked vocals of Steve Forbett, A.A. Bondy, and all your favourite singers. Mix in a near perfect blend of acoustics, electrics, lap steel and harmonica.

Then, best of all, awesome lyrics; scorching poetry with every phrase having an intensity of purpose and its own beauty e.g. "I was born into a circus but I ran off to join a home" very cool! This is a singer, musician and songwriter who is setting the bar very high. A joy to listen to. And, as well as the 10 track album, there's a 12 track bonus disc of Joe's two previous E.P.'s. How good is that! joepugmusic.com

The (3) Boogie Brothers



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Saturday: Free for Bookings.

Sunday: FILM CLUB, first Sunday every month, 4.00pm to 8.00pm. Contact Margaret or Hans 4093 8393.

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The Recreation Centre: a base for lots of activity. The next **Come and Try** day to be announced in the December edition of the Kuranda Paper.

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2010

First Serve 10.00am • Last Serve 4.00pm

Lunch on the Run

Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road



Kuranda 4x4 Soccer



Are you sweet enough?

by Kim Stedman

With our population ever-growing, so are our waist lines. Now classified the '6th highest nation for obesity', Australians are becoming increasingly at risk of Type 2 diabetes with approximately '275 people diagnosed every day'. It is estimated that '940,000 people in Australia suffer from type 2 diabetes with only half of them aware of it'.

What is diabetes

A disease that results in high blood sugar. The body breaks down carbohydrates consumed in foods and turns them into glucose (sugar). The pancreas then produces insulin which transports the sugar into our cells where it can be used for energy. Those with diabetes either don't produce enough or don't respond to insulin, resulting in sugar building up in the bloodstream.

There are two types of diabetes

Type 1 is typically diagnosed in childhood and requires insulin injections. There is no known prevention or cure.

Type 2 is also known as non insulin dependant or mature onset diabetes. It is often related to lifestyle and diet; associated with high blood pressure, high cholesterol and weight gain (especially around the waist). This form of diabetes is far more common (approximately 90%). It is avoidable in most cases and with certain lifestyle changes, many professionals believe reversible.

Symptoms

Increased thirst or hunger, blurred vision, fatigue, slow healing wounds, headaches, dizziness and mood swings. It increases your risk of: heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, eye and nerve damage.

Factors leading to Diabetes

Lack of exercise, family history, poor diet: i.e. excessive consumption of sugars, lack of fibre, high intake of bad fats and mineral deficiencies.

What can you do to reduce your risk

Exercise and sleep play important roles but most relevant is your diet.

Avoid simple sugars, high sugar fruits, juices, rice, potatoes, honey or any foods containing flour.

Increase your dietary intake of:

1. Fibre: psyllium, flaxseed meal or oat bran
 2. Good fats (omega 3, 6 & 9): fish oil, flaxseed, hemp oil
- Watch portion sizes, eat regularly including snacks and never skip meals.
 - Eat *low GI foods and protein with every meal. This will not only facilitate weight loss but also help keep your blood sugar balanced.

*Low GI refers to the glycemic index of foods. This is based on how quickly the sugar in foods is released into the blood stream. Low GI means it is released gradually.

Herbs & Minerals to help

Gymnema, Cinnamon, Korean Ginseng, Stevia, Bitter melon, Fenugreek, Onion, Garlic: all help to lower blood sugar levels and/ or address symptoms caused from diabetes.

Chromium is the main mineral for balancing blood sugar and also helps with weight loss by reducing sugar cravings. Lipoic acid, calcium and magnesium also play important roles.

Talk to your local health practitioner to help access your diet, address deficiencies, facilitate weight loss and reduce your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. According to *the lancet* diabetes is amongst the worlds top 5 killers. Don't risk being a statistic. Become informed and take control of your health today.



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Kuranda Pool News

Shade for the Toddler Pool area will begin soon. Shade Sails structures will be erected to protect everyone around the littlies' pool for this summer. Through the Queensland Department Of Health funding the local Council will complete the works, meaning the creation of Family Friendly spaces which will allow community users, schools and visitors alike somewhere to recreate for longer and be more comfortable. We, as the lessees, continue to drive to complete the entire facility.

Heartbeat Swim School Successes – at 2 years and 1 week old David Nube' became our youngest swimmer to complete 25m (1 lap) of our pool. David and his brother Vincent are part of the Swim School's Learn to Swim Program. David used to watch from his pram, the then 4 year old, Vincent, do his lesson. Vincent has been coming for 2 years and David only this year. Vincent can also make 25m on his back. Mum (Fokje') and Dad (Matthe'us) are very proud parents and regularly use the pool up to 3 or 4 times a week (see photos). "We love swimming in this pool because everywhere else our eyes are burning in 5 minutes. Here we are under all the time and never any reaction, it is beautiful and no need for goggles either" Matthe'us says.

Vacation Swim School Programs – Swimming Intensives: for mainly the 4 to 7/8 yr olds, just getting going. L.T.S. and Stroke Development available. Every day for one week pre Christmas and two weeks post New Year. See our advertisement for details.

Babies maintain their regular 1 or 2 days a week consistently through the Christmas holiday period. All baby groups will happen on 1 or 2 mornings.

Squads are still offered either early morning or late afternoon, already developing swimmers – available Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"Swimming early makes kids Smarter?"

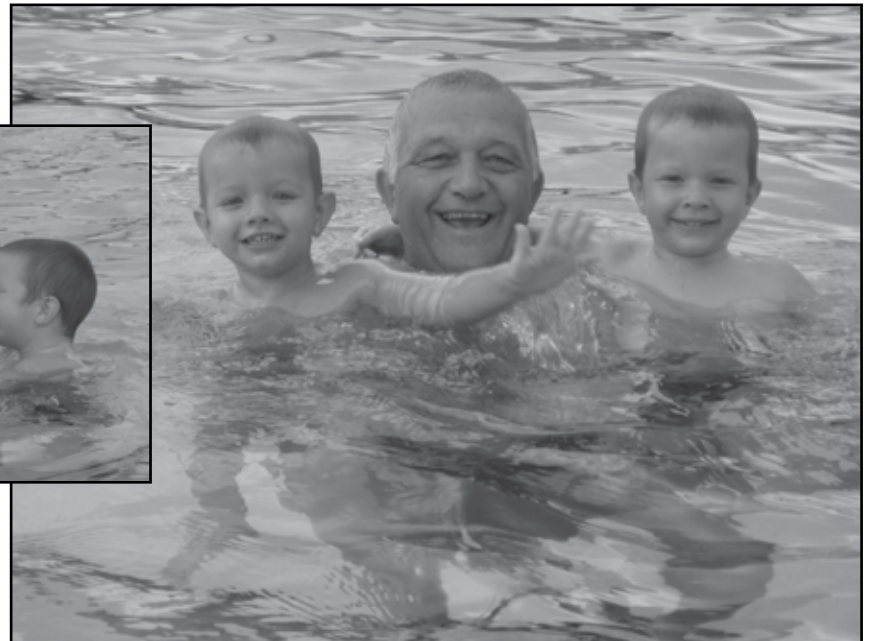
Our guru Swim mentor Laurie Lawrence is leading a 4 year Griffith University study. It is looking to prove that the formal instruction in a tailored environment for kids with their parents present is helping children to be smarter. Food for Thought!!! Look up references on ABC online – Elanor Hall "The World Today" 2/11/10.

Breaking News

A POOL PARTY WILL BE HELD ALL DAY ON BOXING DAY with D.J.Firefly, food and water fun. Hoping to put the Christmas recovery on the Calendar every year as the place to relax and unwind. An entry fee will cover all the entertainment and if the event is well supported, become a chance to cool off, be entertained and chill every year. Hold on for more details on posters around the village and environs.




Linda & Gary Davis with Declan, Ryder & David



David, Matthe'us & Vincent Nube' love coming to the pool for their weekly swimming lessons






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TERM 1 recommences: Monday 31st January 2011

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30 minutes

Stroke Development and Squad Kids can attend during the above 4 weeks on Tues and Thur at 5.00pm



Inside My Studio

Interview by Toni Rogers



I was mesmerised. The rainforest was so close to the home outside, and then inside the house the foliage was mirrored and reflected in the sleek and shiny Yamaha piano standing in the glassed breezeway. **Ruth Beasley** has been the proud owner of this piano since 1984. It is so easy to see how, in this peaceful and tranquil setting, her beautiful sacred music is created and develops. It was such a privilege to sit and talk with her.

Where is your current studio?

I have two studio areas in my home at Speewah. One is in this breezeway with the piano and the other area houses my computer.

Do you work alone or with others?

Mostly alone. My composing has largely centred around four cantatas, choral works with narration, which can be sacred

or secular. Mine are sacred. I compose the music to words supplied by my sister in Perth, Western Australia. We work together and modern technology has made it possible bearing in mind the tyranny of distance. I also appreciate the interest, expertise and critical appraisal of a close friend in Malanda. When a score is completed I am then working with a large choir – up to 70 wonderful voices.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

My piano and computer. Also, there must be no interruptions of mechanical noise. I must have peaceful surroundings. (This is no ordinary computer – it types music notes and symbols. Comprehending sheet music requires a special form of literacy. Ruth has the refined skill and the ability to look at a new piece of music and hear most or all of the sounds (melodies, harmonies, timbres, etc.) in her head without having to play the piece. TR)

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/week.

It depends what project is on hand. Currently I am working on a cantata “God With Us – A Celebration of God’s Love for all People” and it is almost a full-time job.

Describe the work you do in your studio.

I compose. I write the music on the computer. When not working on a cantata I am preparing music for a small singing group at the Uniting Church in Mareeba. My keen interest is in choral music, in particular sacred music.

Why is music your chosen medium?

I started playing the piano at the age of six and then followed the progression through the grades. At Teachers’ College I was trained in classroom singing. In schools I trained choirs, later became a piano teacher and formed a singing group in Mareeba Uniting Church. This led to the formation of a community choir. I found many of the music scores I wanted were unavailable or unsuitable so I started composing my own.

What do you listen to while you are working?

My head only, listening to the words, rhythm and melody flow until I get it onto paper.

What is your favourite tool?

I have two – they work in combination; my piano and my computer. My computer makes it easy to transcribe what I compose.

How do you identify your work?

With my name. It is typed on the manuscript below the title. For example:

Music by Ruth Beasley

Words compiled by my sister. (*Her name appears on the manuscript.*)

How do you sell your work?

My completed manuscripts are available for sale. The first copy is chargeable and this fee includes my permission to copy what is required.

Do you teach from your studio?

I do not teach anymore. I have now retired.

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

I would love the piano and computer in the one room.

If you were not working with music what would you be doing?

I guess I would be getting back into different craftwork. I have always been interested in craftwork, in particular, sewing.

Ruth Beasley’s cantata ‘**God With Us – A Celebration of God’s Love for all People**’ will be performed by her community choir and soloists just before Easter 2011 at venues across the Tablelands. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join this choir. The performances will be advertised well in advance in the Kuranda Paper. Ruth has received some financial support for her Cantata choir performances from Tablelands Regional Council (RADF) program.

Quotable Quotes:

“Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can’t help but cry. I mean I’d love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff.” *Mariah Carey.*

“Smoking kills. If you’re killed, you’ve lost a very important part of your life,” *Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign.*

“I’ve never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,” *Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward.*

“Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,” *Mayor Marion Barry, Washington.*

“That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I’m just the one to do it,” *A congressional candidate in Texas.*

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Book Review

“What Makes Us Human”

(One World, Oxford, 2007)

Charles Pasternak (Ed.)

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A few years ago there was a conference at Oxford at a biomedical centre, at which 5 distinguished speakers gave their views on this most important and topical question. To these views have been added the views of another 10 likewise distinguished persons covering a range of expertise, drawn from different countries, and designed to cover a broad spectrum of views on the same question. The result is this book. Some of the views in it canvas new scientific research but presented in a way that is intelligible to the lay reader. Others look beyond the science. They provide a wide range of perspectives and theories.

What makes us human? With recent extensions of human knowledge — genetics, brain sciences, anthropology, sociology, etc, there are now many views. They range from the purely materialist view that humans are simply animals with some particularly refined skills that have evolved from their former animal state, all completely explainable by science, to the more traditional view that humans are unique, at the pinnacle of evolution or creation, with some exclusive facets that are in whole or part non-material in nature.

This traditional view was often associated with ancient religious teachings that saw humans as a separate, once-only divine creation, invested with a soul, with the task to exercise dominion over all the earth. But increasingly, as the facts of evolution has become scientifically established and accepted, including as to homo sapiens, and as the planet and its peoples are increasingly seen as being under serious threat from environmental and other factors, these older religious ideas have had to be revised.

A contemporary holistic approach places humans firmly as part of a much wider ecological context, with vital responsibilities as to conservation, sustainability, global peace and planetary nurture. This has provoked a rethink of what it is to be human.

Some of the views in this book, perhaps even a majority, reflect the view that the whole answer to the question can be found in science. But whatever view is adopted, it has to be recognised that, even if the anatomical, physiological and genetic differences between humans and the apes are small, the differences in relation to mental capacity and the development of ideas, art and cultural expression and appreciation, ethical consciousness and its effect on conduct generally, in the capacity to radically change the environment and in other respects are significant. They can't be ignored. As one writer puts it, “*Humans are a very odd species*”.

Views still differ among these authors as to what actually caused humans to be different from the “*lesser animals*” — in very simple terms one author puts emphasis on the capacity for imitation, another the capacity for language development, another the capacity for mental time travel, another the innate curiosity and quest of humans, another their symbolic mental activity, another their deep social mind, and in some case perhaps associated with larger brain size. But one is still left to wonder whether they are in fact answering the question. They may be advancing possible causal factors for these differences, but are they really explaining exactly what makes us human?

The purely scientific view seems to reduce us to something like an extremely advanced and sophisticated computer and robot. I for one find this concept absurd and debasing. As one writer puts it, it is a form of reductionism and determinism.

Fortunately for me several of the authors take a wider view in recognising the significance of the differences between humans and (other) animals. One writer, speaking from a religious point of view, asserts that mind or consciousness is not reducible simply to the physical brain, even though they are clearly connected. The capacity for intellectual and spiritual quest points to a non-material aspect of the person.

Another writer points to a non-material, conscious, mentally empowering, but physically bounded aspect of a human that ends at death. But he says there is even something more, the spirit of a person, as testified by many ancient traditions, involving the capacity for change for the better that flows from self-directed, conscious, willed action. In other words, all is not predetermined, like a mechanical apparatus. Both physical inheritance and the physical environment play their part, but that is not the whole.

The very capacity of the human to aspire to nobility in character and virtue is in my view critical in these troubled global times. Without this I see little prospects for the long-term future of our race on this small and fragile earth. It is what breeds the will, courage, hope, faith. Read this book and see what you think.

Graham Nicholson

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Dennis Potter is arguably one of the great playwrights of the last century. His chosen medium was the television screen and his work has often been overlooked because of that. Anyone who remembers “Pennies from Heaven” or “The Singing Detective”, however, will probably disagree. Potter’s work certainly bears comparison with that of artists in the Film medium and we have here two of his early works.

Brimstone and Treacle

Brimstone and Treacle was recorded by the BBC in 1976 but not shown at the time because the then Director of Programmes found the play “brilliantly written and made, but nauseating” A slightly edited version was shown in 1987. Since then it has lost none of its relevance, humour or power to shock.

Tom and Amy Bates’ lives were transformed when their beautiful undergraduate daughter Pattie was the victim of a hit-and-run driver. Now she is wholly dependant on them: strapped to the sofa, unable to wash or eat by herself and only able to garble unintelligibly. So when a young man claiming to be an old friend of Pattie’s offers to look after her Amy gratefully accepts. But is Martin really the angel she thinks he is? A very young Michael Kitchen (Foyle, in Foyle’s war) stars.

Blue Remembered Hills

“When we dream of childhood we take our present selves with us. It is not the adult world writ small; childhood is the adult world writ large” — *Dennis Potter*.

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Candlenut opening of Majella Mary Hall & Library

Candlenut Steiner School, nestled on 40 acres of beautiful bushland on Boyles Road, has achieved two major milestones over the last week.

On Friday 11th November the school officially opened the Majella Mary Hall and Library; a large multipurpose facility funded by the federal government's Building Education Revolution program. The ceremony was opened by Wally Brim with Welcome to Country, followed by all the school children singing a song especially written for the event. The school was privileged to have Senator the Hon. Jan McLucas to commemorate the building with the unveiling of a plaque. Tom Gilmore, Tablelands Regional Council Mayor and Councillor Jenny Jenson also attended in support of the new facility.

Also on this day, the school received official word from the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board that their application to extend the educational program offered by the school to include Classes 8 – 10 had been successful.

The school opened its doors 9 years ago in a small building in Stratford, Cairns, with 25 students. Since then the school has grown rapidly and now caters for 134 children from Kinder to Class 7. 2011 will see the first Candlenut Steiner High School students begin Class 8 at the Kuranda Campus. In 2012 the school will offer Classes 8 & 9 and Classes 8 -10 in 2013.

Candlenut Steiner School is the only Steiner School in North Queensland and will be one of only 3 schools offering a Steiner High School Program in Queensland. Candlenut is a member of the national peak body Steiner Education Australia and a member of Independent Schools Queensland. More information about the school and enrolment packages can be obtained by contacting the office on 4093 8809 or admin@candlenutsteinerschool.qld.edu.au.



Pep Wright Head of College, Senator Jan McLucas, Majella Smith Business Manager, Dr Grant Watson Independent Schools Qld.

Kuranda Medical Centre Update

Kuranda Medical would like to welcome Dr Alex Lapenga who will be joining us, as of 10 January 2011 as a full-time, long-term GP.

We would also like to welcome Dr Marissa Woodburn as of 24 January 2011. Marissa joins us as a GP Registrar in her Subsequent year of Training.

Dr Aileen Traves will continue to work at the Medical Centre on a part-time basis.

Drs Dave, Helen and Julia continue to work on their set rostered days.

With this full compliment of doctors now working at the Medical Centre, please make the new doctors feel welcome to the Medical Centre and the lovely community we live in.

Appointments can be made by ringing the Centre on: 4093 7118 Monday to Friday 8.30-5.00pm.

Please note: Over the Christmas and New Year period the Medical Centre and the Pathology Department will be closed on Monday 27th December, Tuesday 28th December and Monday 3rd January.



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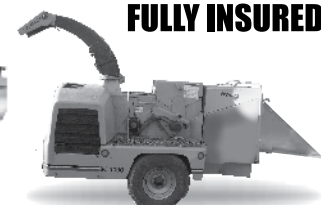
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Kenneth Chenault, president of American Express and former Steiner student.

Putting Down Her Pen

Our many readers, no doubt, will want to join with us in thanking Mrs Valarie Birchall, a long time contributor to the pages of the Kuranda Paper, who has decided to retire from 'active duty'.

Val, for many years, contributed recipes from her extensive travels and personal files. As well as gourmet repasts for high days and holidays, Val also ran a series for the young man setting up his pad. These varied recipes were outstanding for their simplicity and ease of preparation, not to omit being very tasty and well suited to impress the latest lady friend.

As well, many readers, particularly the fairer sex, (we do suspect that these notes were also read by the well groomed gentleman) looked forward to Val's monthly Health and Beauty hints. These, again drawn from Mrs Birchall's extensive travels, were always pertinent and easy to apply.

Val, before illness prevented her, was also known as the fastest, neatest, and best dressed Kuranda Paper folder with yet no serious contender emerging to challenge these benchmarks.

The Kuranda Media Association Inc. and Kuranda Paper readers join together in thanking Val for her outstanding contributions to our Paper. We'll miss you.



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KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

Award presentation

At a presentation ceremony on Sunday, 14th November at the Tableland Regional Gallery, Mayor Tom Gilmore presented Mollie Bosworth, representing the Kuranda Arts Co-operative, with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Co-op's contribution to Regional Arts through volunteering time and effort to benefit the Tablelands Community. This award was, in particular, for the Co-op artists' exhibition in March 2010 *'Tablelands - Perimeters and Parameters'*. Special thanks must also include the exhibition's curator Barbara Dover, who navigated and steered the exhibition to its success.

The benefits of being copied

We often see people in the gallery taking photographs of an artist's work. We also try not to encourage this. Some visitors have been known to bring out a sketch book and draw artworks on display. If you're onto something good, it's likely that sooner or later someone else will give it a go too. Surprisingly, this can sometimes be beneficial, especially if it is 'local' and you know about it. In the world of arts business we're always talking about being unique, developing a point of difference, or standing out. Sadly, *getting noticed* can be followed by *getting copied*, but it's not the end of the world, far from it. There are four benefits of being copied.

1. You'll be better prepared 2. You'll dig deeper 3. You'll learn and 4. Competition makes you sharper.

Someone can copy what you do, they can't copy who you are. In most cases, the first instance of copying is more cheeky than serious. Remember that competition really is good. It'll keep you on your toes, it push you to constantly improve. But yes, it's annoying.

Co-op Artists exhibiting

The Cairns Regional Gallery *Postcard* exhibition in November, *Hidden Treasures - 'The Salon'* was extremely well represented by Kuranda Arts Co-op member/artists. Judging by the prices achieved for these miniature works in the silent auction, the exhibition was a great annual fundraising success for CRG.

Margaret Genever, Laurel McKenzie and Sasi Victoire are exhibiting in *'Birds of a Feather'* exhibition at the Cairns Regional Gallery during the Chinese New Year from 21 January to 21 March 2011. *'Birds of a Feather'* visual arts project will be part of the Cairns Year of the Rabbit Chinese New Year celebrations in 2011. 30 local artists will participate in the festival by creating an original artwork inspired by the colourful bird and flower markets of Hong Kong and South China.

Margaret Genever will be part of *'The Blunt Edge of Portraiture'* - Cairns answer to the Archibald. This exhibition opens at the Pink Phoenix Studio/Gallery, 82 Boland Street, Westcourt and kicks off at 6.30pm on Friday 10th December for one night and then the show moves to two galleries due to the high number of works - **Crate 59** and gallery **c1907**, 13-24 December 2010.

Margaret has also entered the Brunswick Street Gallery, Melbourne annual *Small Works Exhibition* - 10 December 2010 - 16 January. There is \$10,000 in prizes. We wish Margaret well with her prints.

Toni Rogers - will have 3 artworks included in the **Tamworth Regional Gallery's** December 2010 exhibition *'Less is Less'*. Artworks were restricted to 10cms in size which was a huge challenge for Toni as her fibre pieces usually well exceed those limitations.

Mollie Bosworth - *"TIME + PLACE: Australian studio ceramics 2010"* at Cudgong Gallery, one of the nation's leading ceramics galleries at Gulgong NSW. The exhibition features the work of 13 Australian ceramic artists who reflect an awareness of Time and Place in their artwork. Mollie will be showing works featuring digital imagery of rainforest themes. **11 December 2010 and 31 January 2011.**

PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE 11th and 12th December

Following on from our previous popular sale days, these are the dates for the Arts Co-op's pre-Christmas sale. Many artworks will be discounted and displayed separately in the shop next door to the Gallery in Coondoo Street. Many new works will be introduced on these days. This is a great opportunity to not only support your local artists but to get your Christmas gifts of quality at a reduced price. This is the first Arts Co-op Sale since we have been in our new premises. All welcome.

Mollie Bosworth, Chairperson, the Management Committee and artist members of the Arts Co-op would like to thank the community for their support of our gallery and exhibitions and wish you all a very happy festive season and safe travelling.

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We acknowledge the support of Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, Foodworks, Ngocombi Co-operative Society, Kuranda District State College, Candlenut Steiner School and Kuranda Health and Healing.

The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Tablelands Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

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New Vehicle for Speewah Rural Fire Brigade

Member for Barron River Steve Wettenhall has welcomed the delivery of a new fully-equipped Nissan Patrol light attack vehicle to the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade.

Mr Wettenhall said the vehicle and equipment worth \$73,000 would not only be of assistance for Speewah – but also provide assistance for the Kuranda-Myola, Koah and Davies Creek brigades.

“The State Government wants to make sure our local fires are equipped to deal with our challenging natural environment,” Mr Wettenhall said. “Everyone knows local fires do a terrific job in keeping us safe, and we want to continue working with them to make sure they have everything they need for the job.”

Speewah Rural Fire Brigade’s 1st officer, Chris Plasto, said the new Nissan Patrol is a great addition to the fire-fighting team.

“The need for fire safety is part of living in rural and regional Queensland, so it’s vital we have the appropriate tools to work with if our local community is threatened. The new vehicle is a 2-person diesel pump 4x4, with carrying capacity for 500 litres of water, a single electric hose reel, 2 personal protective blankets and UHF and VHF radios.”

Mr Wettenhall said the State Government is also in the process of delivering on the “Supporting our Heroes” policy, which will invest \$13 million over five years to strengthen the response capability and preparedness of emergency services personnel by boosting volunteer numbers and providing additional equipment and resources.

The new Nissan was one of 10 vehicles delivered to rural fire brigades all over the State during the 09/10 financial year.



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Life “A Matter of Choice” – Joyce Berendes

OUR PROFILE FOR THIS MONTH is the author, actress, dancer and playwright **Joyce Berendes** of Speewah. Joyce came to my attention as a result of the launch of her first children's story “Nulla and the Purple Poison Plant” this month. By the time this is published, she will have had her first launch at Speewah on 13 November and the official launch by the Tablelands Mayor at the Atherton Library on 25 November. You can still catch the Cairns launch at the Earlville Library, a special children's launch, on Saturday 11 December for an autographed copy.

Joyce has had an interesting and active life, not without its hardships but also with its share of successes. She was born in Holland and as a young girl had to cope with life under the Nazi occupation. It was a struggle just to survive. But survive she did with her parents and sister. She grew up with a passionate interest in dancing and drama. While travelling with a children's touring theatre she met her future husband Carel, former motorbike road racer and glider pilot who liked small engines. He was planning to emigrate to Australia and wanted Joyce to do likewise. Joyce loved her work too much to immediately agree. But after about one year, she agreed and moved to Brisbane. Carel had a small engine business and she pursued her interest in the arts as a skilled and seasoned performer. They have had no children.

She studied speech and drama and then had lead roles in a number of plays – “The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie”; as Lola Montez in the musical of the same name, and then “A Game of Numbers”. She won Brisbane's Twelfth Night Theatre best actress award for the latter. She started a Children's Operetta Group, for which she wrote the book and lyrics of two musical plays that were performed. She also wrote several one act plays for children. She was a member of the Queensland Writers' Centre and on coming to Kuranda was the treasurer of the then local branch of the Queensland Arts Centre. In that capacity she was involved in organising conferences, art exhibitions, workshops, etc., as well as choreography, directing plays and teaching drama workshops.

She then set about the task of writing an adult musical “A Fool's Gold”, including composing the music with Glen Gummow, another well-known Kuranda person since passed away. The musical was due for a trial run at the Cairns Civic



Theatre but they were unable to cast the chorus-line so the production had to be cancelled.

She and Carel purchased their large property at Speewah about 30 years ago and have since made their home there. Before that they went on a four-year trip around Australia with a four-wheel drive and motorbike. They were caught in the Karumba floods in January 1974 and had to be evacuated by ship, with Joyce finishing up as the cook on board. Then they were caught in Cyclone Tracy in Darwin in Christmas 1974, the worst of which they avoided by driving down the track (a wise move). Afterwards they returned to Darwin and Joyce landed the job of issuing entry permits in the Cyclone aftermath. Joyce recalls this as a stressful time.

At the start of 2000, Joyce set about writing novels. Her first effort was not successful, but she adapted the work into her first successful publication as a novelist, “The Fourteenth Day”. This was nominated for the “Sisters in Crime” Davitt Crime Writers' award. It took some time to find a supportive publisher, but this was eventually achieved through Zeus Publications. Then she published the novel “And Then Came the Rain”, set in

Karumba. Her last novel, “Matters of Choice”, was published in 2009.

Joyce has now ventured into writing children's stories. The story of Nulla, just launched, is based on Joyce's earlier work “Nullagundi”, a musical play. It describes how the men of the area are lured away by a bad spirit. Two children go looking for their father. On the way they meet an Aboriginal boy who is looking for his father also. Together they go in search, helped by the bush creatures. Illustrated by Christine Young, it is a fantasy story set in the early 1900s in the Australian bush.

Joyce has a flair for life. She enjoys life and says she doesn't feel her age. She thinks life is for living, so she chooses to keep active. She has just been tap-dancing in the Relay for Life. May she stay active and keep writing.

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NEWSLETTER

The final newsletter for 2010 – with an opportunity to thank those in the local community who have supported our branch, and our fundraising efforts during the year.

With a small number of members to maintain our hall and continue with our community projects, fundraising is important in order to meet our yearly commitments.

Thank you to those who have hired our hall – we look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

A special thank you goes to the wonderful “tradies” who respond as soon as possible to our “please help” calls. Life, they say, was not meant to be easy but the tradesmen who fix problems within our hall definitely keep the worry wrinkles to a minimum.

The Garage Sale last month was popular and saw quite a lot of books, clothing, toys – whatever – changing hands. The homebaked goodies, jams and preserves on the CWA stall also went out the door fairly quickly. If there is sufficient interest, we may hold another Garage Sale sometime early next year.

Our “crafty” ladies are getting ready to put their needles and threads on hold for the Festive Season while cake tins etc. are back in the cupboards while everyone enjoys a break from all CWA activities. The Craft and Social Group will have their final morning on 8th December. Craft mornings will recommence on Wednesday 2nd February 2011.

All that remains is to wish everyone a safe and happy Festive Season – and an even better year ahead in 2011.

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Astrology

Stars in December

Probably the most significant astro-event for December is the planet Uranus, after five months of retrograde motion, stops and begins forward motion again on 6th December. As it begins Uranus is in aspect to Mars, Jupiter and Neptune. Quite a powerful and complex energy field. There is also a new moon at the same time and Mercury is slowing down about to go retrograde.

So, what to make of that little lot? Uranus is now in the last degrees of Pisces heading again towards the zero Aries point to begin its next 84 year cycle around the Zodiac. From now until March there will be a lot of letting go, clearing away, dissolving, demolishing and release.

It may not be gentle. Uranus signifies all that is revolutionary and rebellious, impatient and explosive. Mars represents physical action, courage and aggression. Jupiter indicates expansion, optimism and good luck and Neptune, sacrifice, devotion and dissolution. All happening on a Sagittarian New Moon – the ideal time to begin far-sighted, visionary projects.

There's a really strong feeling of good luck attending this energy pattern provided that positives are taken to let go and let your arrow fly. The 5th and 10th December (when Mercury goes retrograde) is the time to bring it all into balance.

Saturn is sitting right in the middle of Libra, the fulcrum of the scales if you like, so applying a little Newtonian physics: every action you take will have a precisely equal reaction. Take decisive action to release and unload stuff, people, obligations weighing you down and start to put plans and projects into operation to get you where you want be.

Look at this window in time as a portal through time/space to bring in instant manifestation of your intentions. Uranus doesn't muck around and Jupiter expands the whole process.

Then there's the Summer Solstice on 22nd December when the Sun tracks over the Tropic of Capricorn bringing us our point of greatest light for the year. Always a time of celebration – giving and receiving, even if we don't celebrate until the 25th. But that's another story.

How did you go on the Melbourne Cup, using the Astro-clues? We came up with first, second and third and yes, did take the trifecta. A nice result for Astrology. Merry Christmas to all.

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The Way it Was

(Part 2)

Peter Ryle

This is the second installment of the article "The District of Cairns" from *The Cairns Post*, 14 June 1890.

The District of Cairns

[By our own Reporter]

The first selection called at this week was that of:--

Mr. Charlie Davidson, which is situated on the right hand side of the main Thornborough road from the Middle Crossing, and adjoining that of Mr. Barkley. The selection, 6v Formartine, is 80 acres of scrub land, rejoicing in the rich red soil in common with all the selections over the range. (This block would have straddled the present highway and taken in the land between Rob Veivers Drive and the highway.) Its splendid situation cannot be denied and although like Mr. Barkley's far from resembling a bowling green it has every advantage for the establishment of flourishing orchards and verdant paddocks. Thirty acres are fallen and burned off which item alone represents a vast amount of solid graft. The usual estimate of the cost of falling the scrub is £3 10s per acre and £1 an acre for burning off. Getting rid of the logs and hard timber is the most difficult task to be accomplished on a selection. The manual labour required to fall the scrub is not considered by the hardy pioneers as much, but the burning off is always looked upon as a big item. Getting a good "burn" is a matter of anxiety, and unless the timber is perfectly dry and well hauled together and stacked (taking a great amount of work to do) the fire simply runs along and takes off the leaves, leaving perhaps but few of the big trees burning, which smoulder for weeks without being destroyed. When time is not an object, the selector can afford to wait until the timber is perfectly dry, and then brush the undergrowth and be pretty sure of a good burn. The problems of cultivation of paddocks covered with huge logs are manifold and patent to everyone. Besides retarding the work of the selector and taking up a lot of room on the land, all sort of noxious weeds spring from under and around a fallen log, continuous rows of plants cannot be put in, the work of the hoe is to a great extent hampered and altogether a great number

of logs lying on a paddock are not at all desirable. It is of course quite impossible to get a perfectly clean burn, but the less timber left on the ground the better. Mr. Davidson has done a great deal of work on his selection and although not going into cultivation to any great extent at the present moment he has a lot of solid improvements done ready to come in when the railway to the Middle Crossing opens. Although the clearing has had a fire over it once, Mr. Davidson intends to take the first opportunity of a spell of fine weather to get another and a perfectly clean burn. Buffalo grass is destined to spread and render green the hills and dales of this selection. A good area is already under grass but not of the variety to resist weeds and undergrowth which the buffalo will do. The growth of this wonderful grass and its utility to the selector will be seen by-and-bye when other selections are dealt with. Mr. Davidson has erected a neat and comfortable domicile built of sawn stuff cut and dressed on the ground. Fencing operations are soon to commence and in a short time Mr. Davidson will be the possessor of a grand piece of land with all the advantages of climate and situation.

Journeying back to the Crossing I rode up to a farm with a flourishing and prospering aspect, the equal of which one would be inclined to imagine could hardly be found even in a country where the difficulties of settlement were not so great as here. This selection, situated directly on the railway line at the Middle Barron Crossing, is No. 8v, Formartine, the holding of Mr. Herman Meyer, one of the earliest settlers in the district. While going in for a great deal of cultivation, Mr. Meyer has planted extensive paddocks with grass. Of the 40 acres of scrub cleared, 17 acres are securely fenced with a post and top rail provided with two strong barb wires as a boundary fence, and two thick-set four-point barb wire fence as a dividing barrier, impregnable alike to large and small animals. The chief grass paddock of 17 acres has been planted with Buffalo grass. Upon enquiring of Mr. Meyer the reason why the absence of all weeds was so conspicuous I was told that the buffalo grass, planted from cuttings lightly distributed over the area but a year ago, had

encroached upon, stifled and eradicated every weed. Indeed, from observation one could clearly see that the quick, vigorous and irresistible growth of the grass rendered it monarch of the ground, and would in a few months tread underfoot the few weeds that remained. The bright verdant aspect of this paddock and the healthy look of the 13 head of cattle and the pack horses, which I was assured were worked almost every day and received but little food except pasturage on the luxuriant grass, was quite sufficient to prove that buffalo grass, besides having the most wonderful property of running down all weeds and keeping a paddock clean which no other grass will do, possesses most important sustaining and fattening qualities which renders it the most suitable grass that can be planted by the selector on rich scrub soil. It resists drought well, and does not become rank with too much wet, spreads rapidly, and is eaten greedily by cattle and horses. Couch and other grasses commonly planted or sown on scrub land are powerless to resist weeds, apart from being unable to kill those already established on the ground. Buffalo grass is therefore by a long way superior to any other variety of grass, and its utility to the selector is beyond contention. Even the one fact that it keeps down all sorts and conditions of weeds sets it up as the best grass to plant for grazing purposes. The method of planting is simple – small shoots or runners are taken and planted in the ordinary manner at intervals among the logs. The ground requires no preparation beyond clearing as much as possible. The paddock is planted lightly or thickly, according to the length of time that can be given to allow the grass to cover the field, but its growth is so rapid that little labour need be spent upon the work. When once the grass has taken a firm hold of the soil, stock do not pull it out by the roots as they might do when it is newly planted, and the selector will, after a time need a number of cattle to keep the grass down. Mr. Meyer has made a wise selection in using this grass and his success is leading the rest of the selectors thereabouts to plant buffalo in favour of any other grass.

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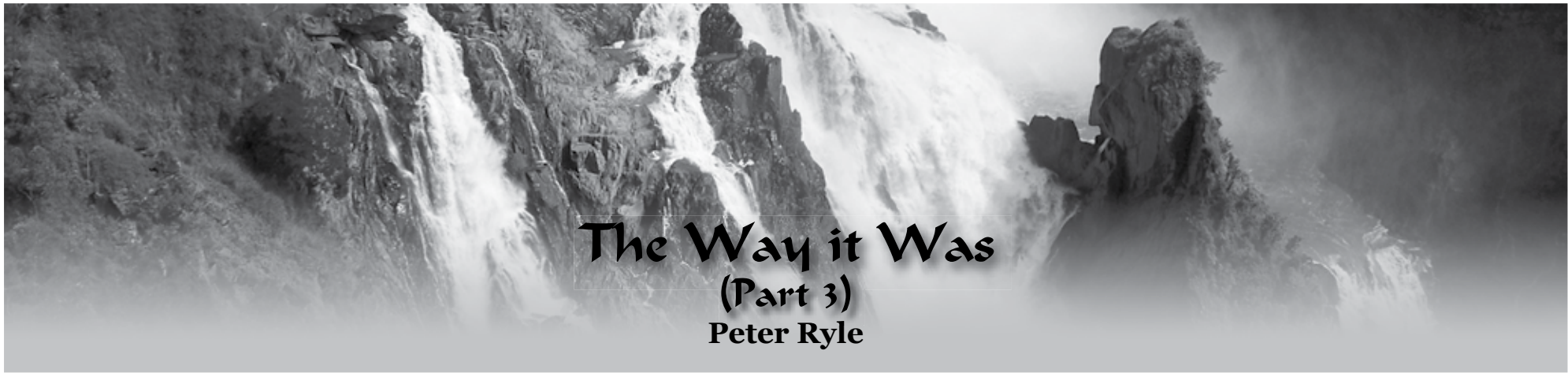
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The Way it Was (Part 3) Peter Ryle

This is the third installment of the article “The District of Cairns” from *The Cairns Post*, 2 July 1890.

The District of Cairns [By our own Reporter]

The next selection I called at after leaving that of Mr. Meyer is situated behind Gordon’s, being approached by a track from the main road, was the holding of Mr. Donald McIntyre. I found him “moving” from the valley below (close to the water) to the hill above, where a splendid view can be obtained and beautiful atmosphere exhaled. There is a nice bit of work done on this selection and to make the home he has reared up for his family more complete and enjoyable, Mr. McIntyre has laid out a garden *a la* Fred Bendig (of whom later.)

There is nothing so conducive to cheerfulness and contentment than a few flowers, and where there are children there should flowers be. The little bit of time they take can never be grudged when their presence among the wild surroundings of jungle and brushwood tend so greatly to make a place seem like home. Mr. McIntyre has accomplished a very fair amount of improvements. Sixteen acres of scrub have been felled and upon the parts prepared 100 fruit trees have been planted.

There is nothing like variety when planting fruit trees. If one sort was planted and a plague of insects deadly to that genus of plant come on a visit, or the season is too trying to that kind of tree, all hope of a return that season is gone. But if several varieties are planted the failure of one crop is but a fractional loss and a return is obtained from the rest.

Mr. McIntyre has planted citrons, oranges (seedlings), mangoes, guavas, bananas, vines, &c., besides which pumpkins, potatoes and the rest are also in evidence. Part of the clearing is destined to become a paddock, grass being planted already. A very good creek flows through this selection, scarcity of water being a calamity unknown.

From the house one of the most beautiful views towards Cooktown (Yes, I double checked what it said in the article and it indeed said Cooktown!) in the district can be obtained. Although rather rough in places the selection of Mr. McIntyre boasts of a good bit of flat and good soil. The wisdom of planting is fully recognized on this selection.

Before a plough can be put in without doubt a selector so far away from the town cannot do better than with fruit or some product that will give a fair return from a small area of ground. Fully five or six years must elapse before the stumps are rotten enough to be knocked out with the axe and during that time all cultivation has to be carried on with the hoe.

One stalk of corn takes up as much room and requires as much hoe as a citron tree, and although

about ten corn stalks can be grown while a citron tree is maturing, in five years time the tree pays for itself over and over again. Mr. McIntyre has made great progress and the house he is building up, will, in a year or two be a valuable one.

From this selection I rode to that of Mr. Fred Bendig, which although not in Formartine is very close up, being on the Cairns side of the road. The fame of “the gardener” (by which title he is known by the selectors around) has reached into town and outside for some time, and his beautiful garden is known by a great many by hearsay, but to few by inspection.

The pleasure grounds of bonnie England, and the botanical gardens of the capitals of the colonies certainly have to run their hardest to tie with the garden laid out, planted and tended by Mr. Bendig on his selection over the range some 23 miles from Cairns. The garden of Eden among the scrub, backed by trees and grape vines and with its red borders, green lawns, fantastically shaped beds, and many coloured flowers, must be seen to be fully appreciated.

Not the least attractive part of this charming place is the old gardener himself, who seems to derive such extreme satisfaction and contentment from the beautiful result of years of toil, that his cheerfulness becomes contagious, and the visitor takes more than a passing interest in the garden, and feels more than a fleeting wave of pleasure and satisfaction stealing over him. Let us walk round this scented garden with Fred. We see rose trees – such rose trees that we cannot imagine what they must look like when in full flower.

Across on the other bed is the robenus, here the snapdragon, there a group of camelias, and close by blows the gardienia (sic). Then Mr. Bendig points out other beds, and rattles off the names of its tenants with a rapidity that forbids their transportation to my note book. What a splendid blending of colours these beds will be in the summer.

I can have no idea beyond a carpet of carione designs worked out in brilliant colours. This genial clime called the “Land of sun and light,” should also be called the land of flowers, and their beautifying effect and the refreshing influence they possess should render their cultivation universal amongst our selectors.

What can be more pleasant, more resting to the wearied, more relieving to the oppressed, more comforting to the troubled or more conducive to a healthy frame of mind, than the shady luxuriant bush house or the scant flower beds?

When at the end of the days toil the selector who is struggling to make a home and attain independence sits him down to rest, his surroundings, if they are of a deserted nature tend to irritate and depress him, and make him discontented with his lot, but if he comes home to a bright, cheerful, beautiful home, be he ever so tired or depressed, he will be cheered and rested by his surroundings.

And in Queensland where such grand results can

be obtained from flower gardening, should not every selector spare an hour or two to his garden? The various forms, habits and conditions of different plants, their mode of growth, the wonderful development that may be seen to take place in a very short time must tend to induce habits of watchfulness and have a good effect upon the character of him who has a love for flowers. We are awakened from our reverie by an invitation from Mr. Bendig to have a look at his grape vines. They are laid out in beds trenched in the usual manner and trained on cane fastened to split posts.

Here are vines 12 months old which show healthy and promising canes. Black Hamburgs (in two years) are flourishing well, and the white hermitage is proving itself a very strong grower. Mr. Bendig has gone in for all the best varieties, comprising Black Hermitage, Black Spanish, Isabella, Catawba, Regina, Othello, Rockton, Diana, Goethe, Vilda &c. These are mostly the American sorts.

The Black Hamburg is the universal sort doing well under any conditions and having a ready sale as a table grape. The Goethe is a very sweet table grape, and the Catawba and Isabella have the fact that they are splendid bearers to recommend them. We shall eagerly wait the result of Mr. Bendig’s vines, and his perseverance with this most useful and economic fruit is highly commendable, while the selectors around should look upon him as a benefactor for introducing the vine to the district, and proving the suitability of North Queensland to so many valuable varieties of grape.

En passant I might mention that those who desire to start a vineyard, can obtain cuttings from Mr. Bendig. It is very easy to send sown South and get a list of grapes from a nurseryman, but it is not always so easy to be able to pick from the best varieties of vines those which the soil and climate suit best.

The only way new plants are introduced into a district is by growing tried sorts and experimenting with others out of the profits. Certainly Mr. Bendig deserves the universal wish that his vines will prove remunerative this season. Besides the grape vines Mr. Bendig has 50 orange trees – grafted.

English rose potatoes, sweet potatoes, double blossom flat china peaches and a beautiful and useful hedging, a barrier far more effective than post and rails and any amount of barb wire. Mr. Bendig will have nothing to do with seedlings and all his trees are grafted. His peaches will soon be worth interviewing. The English potatoes are growing freely and doing well and here as in other places will do the sweet spuds bad. The luxuriant buffalo grass lawns rivaling any Brussels carpet are responsible to a great extent for the beauty of the place, for beautiful it is, and whoever visits this garden in the scrub must carry away a lasting remembrance of the pleasure it afforded them.

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Permaculture Convergence

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Our school proudly hosted the several hundred participants, from our local area to the Australasian rim. Events such as these galvanise community involvement and pride in our community bringing us closer together with a common purpose - to present our school, environment and people in our best light.

As a school, we were delighted to host the forum that presented leading thinkers and presenters on environmental and social matters of international significance. The Convergence attracted expertise in agriculture, science and technology, education, humanitarian and emergency relief work and urban lifestyle. Bill Mollison, the founder of permaculture, was a huge attraction and held large groups in awe with his knowledge. Hollywood movie star and high profile environmentalist Daryl Hannah spoke at several of the workshops and was entertaining and knowledgeable.

The event hosted cultural activities with participation from local indigenous people including traditional ceremonial welcomes; a daily talking circle to discuss indigenous land management; traditional art and craft for young people; guided bush-tucker tours through the property's 40 hectares of rainforest, and involvement of the Traditional Elders in all the Convergence's proceedings. The local award winning band, Zennith had all of the guests up and dancing at the gala dinner.

The Convergence was an outstanding opportunity for the Cairns and Tablelands regions and the school's participation was seen as an opportunity to partner Convergence organisers in bringing community learning and capacity building opportunities to the region.



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Kuranda Lions Club

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'Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me.'

She responds, 'Well, let's see what we can do about that: 1, you have to be single and 2, you must be Catholic.'

The cab driver is very excited and says, 'Yes, I'm single and Catholic!'

'OK' the nun says. 'Pull into the next alley.'

The nun fulfils his fantasy, with a kiss that would make a hooker blush.

But when they get back on the road, the cab driver starts crying.

'My dear child,' says the nun, 'why are you crying?'

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PLANTING OUT COONDOO STREET:

Concern was expressed by many members regarding the choice of non native plants for the revitalisation of the planter boxes in the village. It is good to see the irrigation lines go down - this will benefit the big figs. It's also good to see the laying of ample mulch around the trees and thanks to Council staff for getting the job done. But, what an opportunity missed to celebrate Kuranda's uniqueness by planting vegetation that belongs to everywhere else but Kuranda. Hopefully the gardens will look good but they won't say much about Kuranda or Australia's World Heritage Wet Tropics.

TRC's Tim O'Brien's (now resigned), advice is, in part:

- Parks and Gardens Nursery Depot - Northern has taken delivery of plant species specified by the Kuranda Garden Club. Many of the species belong to plant groups synonymous with Tropical plantings. These over the years have been sourced from many of the world's tropical locations.
- TRC does not have a policy of having only plantings of native species as the current plantings are seen as tropical.

ON THE AGENDA:

Excitement is growing over development of a project to create a walking and cycle track from Boyles Road to Koah. There is also considerable enthusiasm over promoting products that are "unique" or "pure" to Kuranda, that is, these things will be made in Kuranda and only available from Kuranda. This might interest you!

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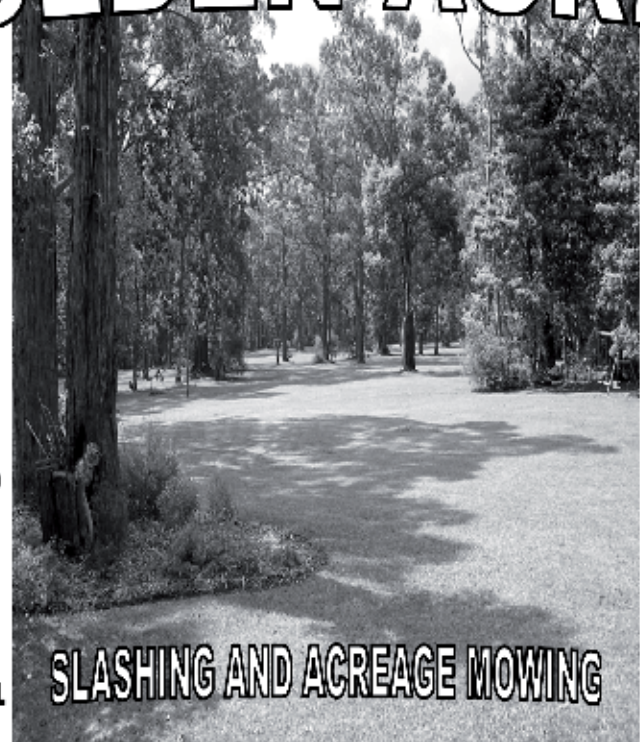
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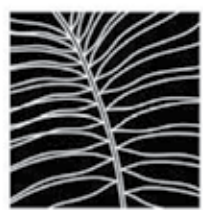


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Tablelands Regional Council is establishing an Advisory Committee to investigate the feasibility of a Regional Cultural Centre in the Tablelands region.

Suitably experienced and qualified members of the public are invited to express an interest for appointment to Cultural Centre Advisory Committee.

The committee will consist of a Tablelands Regional Councillor and seven other persons representing or having extensive knowledge and experience in Music and Choral; Drama and Dance; Finance and Accounting; Conference/Event Management; Management and Operation of the Facility; Community Representative; and Youth.

Persons nominating are encouraged to consider the Terms of Reference for the Committee when completing the Expression of Interest Form.

If you are interested in nominating for the Committee, please refer to the Information Kit and submit a completed Expression of Interest Form by Friday 10 December 2010. Previous applicants need not re-apply.

The Information Kit and Expression of Interest Forms are available from Council service centres or can be downloaded at www.trc.qld.gov.au Committee members will be selected by Council from these Expressions of Interest.

Further details about the Advisory Committee are available by contacting Glenys Pilat on 4043 4110 or Alan Lambert on 4043 4401.



Dear Kuranda Paper.

It is a pity when old trees and landscapes have to be removed or changed. However, nothing is forever and many trees in the tropics have a relatively short life. Our litigious society requires organisations like the TRC to create as safe an environment as possible. I thought Di Russo (Letters Nov 2010) was drawing a long bow to suggest cultural ties to the old Mango (an introduced tree) that was removed. I would like to point out that the big old figs that were put in during World War II are in fact South African figs (I think *Ficus jonesii*). The others put in a few years ago are native figs. The shiny leafed one down near the Top Pub is *F.benjamina* and the others, say outside the church or Art Co-op with the small leaves, are *F.hilli*. I think the latter were a bad choice due to their large leaf and fruit fall. This has proved dangerously slippery, especially in wet weather. Very careful planning needs to be done to put in appropriate vegetation in the village area to save its removal in the future and to save upsetting the locals who have got used to "old friends".

Dave Howe, Speewah.

Christmas Carols

It has long been customary for people on Christmas Eve to gather around a Christmas tree and sing joyous songs with religious or festive themes, or serenade the local neighbourhood. Lighter than hymns, most carols belong in the category of folk songs. Carols may have been sung as early as the 13th century when St Francis of Assisi arranged a manger scene in Italy and visitors to the scene sang carols that told the Nativity story. In England, in the 15th century, people sang carols to raise money for the needy. Eventually, carollers sang in the streets simply for entertainment.

Christmas Pudding

Many superstitions have surrounded Christmas pudding. One states that the pudding should be made by the 25th Sunday after Trinity, prepared with 13 ingredients to represent Christ and His disciples, and that every member of the family must take a turn at stirring the pudding with a wooden spoon from east to west in honour of the three Kings.



Christmas Candles

Candles are a traditional part of Christmas and are usually extensively in churches, often lit for the service on Christmas Eve.

They are said to symbolise Christ, 'The Light of the World'. The tradition may be related to the Jewish Hanukkah, the 'Annual Festival of Lights'. In some parts of the world, people light candles placed on their windowsills.

This is supposed to go back as far as the Middle Ages when people lit candles as a guide for the Christ child to their homes.

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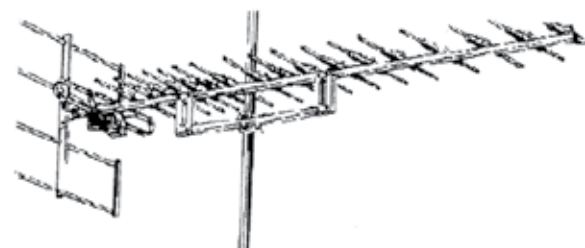
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A few minutes before the church services started, the congregation were sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate. Soon the church was empty except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. So Satan walked up to the man and said, 'Do you know who I am?' The man replied, 'Yep, sure do.' Aren't you afraid of me?' Satan asked.

'Nope, sure ain't.' said the man. 'Don't you realize I can kill you with one word?' asked Satan. 'Don't doubt it for a minute,' returned the old man, in an even tone. 'Did you know that I can cause you profound, horrifying AGONY for all eternity?' persisted Satan. 'Yep,' was the calm reply. 'And you are still not afraid?' asked Satan. 'Nope,' said the old man. More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?' The man calmly said, 'Been married to your sister for 48 years.'



Kuranda SES News



Hello again, a quiet month for us this month, but we are all still training and getting ready for the wet season. I would like to say a big thank you to our trainer Peter Angel, for all the work he puts in. I would also like to welcome Lucy and Rob Johns as new members; I am sure they will be a great asset to our team.

We have a few training away this month, with Greg doing his heights and safety course and Josh doing the working in an operations centre so good luck guys, I know you will enjoy it.

Some of you are probably aware, from watching TV, that all the volunteers who went down to Proserpine during cyclone Ului, won second prize in the NRMA Heroes competition.

Our information day was a bit of a let down, which was a shame as we had some great information and computer games for the kids. We will have another information marquee at the Carols in the Park so please come along and take a look, and get some free information. We do have a lot for the seniors as well as for people in caravans, and how disasters affect children.

Don't forget to be prepared this wet season.

Also kids mark the calendar for **OPERATION RUDOLPH** Saturday 18th December, somewhere between 4 and 6pm, depending on where you are along the road.

Our next training night will be 30th November. Love to see you there. Thanks for your support Kuranda and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Carolyn Day



CAIRNS COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE CONTINUING TO SUPPORT LOCAL NOT FOR PROFIT COMMUNITY GROUPS

Cairns Community Enterprise (CCE) continues to support local Cairns Not for Profit & sporting groups at a presentation evening held on Thursday 18th November. 31 not for profit and sporting groups shared in \$22069 generated by Cairns Community Enterprise over the past 4 months & according to CCE Chairman Stephen Devenish Cairns Community Enterprise is on track to hand out over \$70,000 this financial period. "There's no better way to assist our local sporting groups and charities who have been doing it tough to raise money in hard economic times, than giving these funds to assist them", according to Mr Devenish.

"We are proud to say that we have already injected \$40,000 of cash back into the community since Cairns Community Enterprise got started in May 2009 and we couldn't have done it without the tireless fundraising efforts of the board, our partner organisations and the generous locals who have chosen to do their banking with the Bendigo Bank," Mr Stephen Devenish, Chairman of the board said.

The funding Cairns Community Enterprise receives is from its income sharing arrangement with Bendigo Bank and from the many generous locals who choose

to bank with the Bendigo Bank. New & existing Bendigo Bank clients can nominate their favourite Not For Profit Group to receive income from their deposit & lending facilities held with the bank & people wanting to donate to the enterprise or to find out more about how their banking can support the Not For Profit community groups are encouraged to visit: their nearest Bendigo Bank branch in Cairns, Kuranda, Mossman or Port Douglas or simply visit www.cairnscommunityenterprise.com.au



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KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE



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Kuranda District State College AWARDS NIGHT

We had a fantastic Awards Night. This is a great time of the year with the recognition of student achievements taking place. Congratulations to all our student award winners. Congratulations to our Senior and Middle School Dux recipients. Sanne Boland in Year 12 received the Senior Dux Award and Liam Wrigley in Year 8 received the Middle School Dux Award. These students have now been acknowledged for the many hours of study and commitment. Congratulations also to the P-6 highest achiever award winner Year 6 student Charlie Milsom-Owen. This is a new award this year and recognises the fantastic work completed on the P-6 campus. Special Principals mention must go to Sanne Boland our College Captain. Sanne has received 7 VHAs from 7 subjects at our school. This coupled with the responsibility of college captain is the perfect achievement. She is a very special student and leader in our college and we await wonderful news when the OP scores are published. Congratulations' Sanne, we are very proud of you.



Above: Liam Wrigley Middle School Dux with Principal Gary Toshach



Above: School Captain and Senior School Dux Sanne Boland pictured here with Tom Gilmore



Above: 'Principal's Award' winner Year 6 student Charlie Milsom-Owen



Above: Mia Dunne (Year 10) receiving the Australian Defence Force Award



Above: Liam Wiggins (Year 12) received 5 Vocational Education Certificates, a school record.

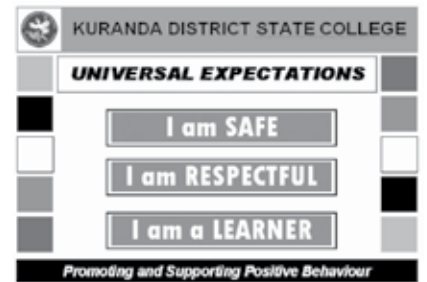


Above right: Shalaka Jarvis-Schlicht (Year 11) winning an Academic Bursary Award for the second year in a row





KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE



YEAR 12 2010

Kuranda District State College takes a great deal of pride in our students, and at this time of year we particularly celebrate our seniors. This year our senior class has been exceptionally successful in all areas of the school. We have received confirmation from the Queensland Studies Authority panels where our students work has been moderated against all the other schools. Our students and college have performed brilliantly this year with students achieving "A"s or VHAs in a majority of senior subjects. We proudly advertise that, at this point in the term our year 12 cohort have achieved the following outcomes in authority subjects.

Chemistry	48% achieving VHA
Physics	33% achieving VHA
Ancient History	100% achieving VHA
Maths B	33% achieving VHA
English	20% achieving VHA
Legal Studies	50% achieving VHA
Biology	20% achieving VHA

This is an indication of the quality students at our college, the benefits our college offers with small class sizes in senior and the quality of our teaching staff.

Congratulations to all our graduates for 2010. Kuranda District State College wishes you all the best in the next phase of your lives. Whether it be at TAFE, Uni or work endeavours, we know you will succeed.

All the Best!

Ayisha Gerussi, Sanne Boland, Lisa Goodwin, Cassie-Lee Osbourne, Miki Kohama, Jack Madden, Sarah Andrreassend, Eirian Smith-McArthur, Anais Sattler, Georgie Parker, Marcus Hunter, Zac Richardson, Austasia Kapteyn, Tai Klose, Clayton Gangley, Jacinta Beattie, Jordan Downie, Niomi Singleton, Hugh Stirling, , Liam Wiggins

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- Demonstrated cash handling and reconciliation skills.

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TRANSPORT

- Be an eco driver by going slower, watching out for wildlife and checking pouches for joeys.
- Drive the most fuel efficient vehicle that meets your needs.
- Or better still, try cycling, walking, public transport, car sharing, carpooling, telecommuting and video conferencing.

HOME

- Live in a modest home near work, school, recreation and public transport or if you live in the bush, go out less and enjoy your beautiful surroundings.
- Get a home energy audit and follow the energy-saving recommendations (contact CAFNEC Anna McGuire ph 4032 1746 for details).
- Buy solar panels or green electricity.

FOOD AND REVEG

- Choose food that is produced locally and organically.(e.g. Speewah market every Sunday morning at Speewah Tavern car park).
- Eat more plant-based foods and less meat, eggs and dairy.
- Grow food at your home and/or in a community garden.
- Grow trees at home or with a tree planting groups (Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery ph 4093 8834, Kuranda EnviroCare ph 4093 8989/4093 9926, Koah Community Group email vizorgrahams@hotmail.com).

STUFF

- Shop less, repair more and recycle what's left over.

CITIZENSHIP

- Speak out about environmental issues and join an environmental organisation.
- Vote for pro-environmental candidates.

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Ref: Suzuki's Green Guide David Suzuki & David R. Boyd Allen & Unwin 2009 Available at your library. Adapted for Kuranda by Friends of the Earth Kuranda info@foekuranda.org ph 4085 0054 New members welcome. Ring for details or see www.foekuranda.org

Seasons Greetings from the Kuranda Paper production team



Further Discussion on the Old Primary School Site

Background

- Mareeba Shire Council purchased the school from State for \$1m with no strategic plan: how is that even possible? In my mind, “for community use” is far too vague to merit funding from ratepayers.
- State had been unable to get any Govt. dept to take on the site – perhaps that’s because they understood considerable funds would be needed to turn buildings designed for primary school children into something workable for offices / adults; it seems also likely that there is simply insufficient population density to justify the use of the site.
- TRC has already spent at least \$70k on addressing vandalism to the site. From the outside, all that is apparent is the boarded-up windows. Photographs in the presentation pack show water damage, which tends to get expensive very quickly. There are ongoing outlays to ratepayers for security, maintenance and repairs. The site is an asset but the buildings are a liability.

Public Meeting community suggestions:

At the October public meeting, various suggestions were made for community uses of the site, when there are under utilized facilities already in existence within Kuranda that could be put to better use.

For example:

- Homework centre: use the purpose built Kuranda State College
- Sports centre: the Kuranda State College, where the local pool is now situated (for which ratepayers in the community pay a levy). Further State funding for Sports at the college has just been approved, ref. Steve Wettenhall, November edition of the Kuranda Paper. It makes sense to consolidate so that there is only one set of overheads for the community in terms of security, power, water, staffing.
- Arts Centre: the underused amphitheatre could be far more suitable – the Tanks in Collins Avenue, Cairns are successful.

With regards to creating a training centre for indigenous youth, this will obviously be State or Federally funded. Ratepayers cannot be asked or expected to underwrite the costs of a building for a commercial venture under the auspices of it being an NGO.

Kuranda is a rural community, with a small, widely-spread population of around 3,000 people. It cannot begin to duplicate facilities which exist in Cairns with a population of 120,000 and more. If people want the facilities justified by a city, then they need to move to a city. Kuranda leans heavily on nature as a draw card; over-development undermines that.

Ageing Population Facts

The 2006 census found Australia to be an ageing population. The proportion of the under-15s age group has decreased from 20.8 per cent to 19.8 per cent over the last five years. The 2006 Census also found that whilst the proportion of working age people aged 15 to 64 years remained relatively stable between 2001 and 2006, the number aged 55 to 64 years experienced a large increase from 9 per cent to 11 per cent; by 2047, the proportion of the population aged 65 and over will be 25 per cent.

Australians now have the world’s second longest life expectancy. Currently, there are some 2.8 million Australians – about 13 per cent of the population – aged 65 and over. This number is expected to triple in 40 years.

Australia as a whole is severely lacking in accommodation for aged care and Queensland lags behind even this, with around 50% of the funding elsewhere.

The 2006 census suggests old people and children are equal in terms of numbers in Kuranda. It ignores the fact that our elderly have to move away as there is nothing here for them, as much as they wish to stay. There are many fiercely independent older people in their late 60s and mid-70s who are beginning to find managing a rural block too much, and who are anxious that there be assisted-living communities locally. These are not people who want to be put into an isolated Care facility or a hospital bed; they simply want to be able to move to a down-sized accommodation which reflects their needs.

As people grow older, their worlds become smaller; seemingly small distances become a barrier. People wish to stay in touch with their family and friends in the community they call home.

Kuranda and the Tablelands population is rapidly aging – yet there is a desperate lack of facilities. Who has not read of the problem of Cairns Base having 55 elderly people taking up hospital beds due to a lack of places for them in aged care facilities? I personally heard one elderly lady ask Cairns Base nursing staff to shoot her on being told she was going to be sent to Atherton because there was no bed close to her family in Cairns.

There is a wide gap between deciding that a rural block is too much and a hospital bed with 24/7 nursing care. People wish to retain independence, dignity and financial control. They want to feel and be useful, and have a great deal to contribute to the community, including supporting community facilities (CWA, the Neighbourhood Centre and the OpShop are all prime examples of pensioner-managed facilities), and part- or full-time work.

Proposal for the site:

My proposal is that the TRC work with Senator Jan McLucas to turn the old primary school and Bartley Park site into a transition and assisted-living community centre for the aged. There is Federal funding available. It is ideally situated, being in a quiet residential area close to the town and the river. It means that occupants of the site can walk to the shops and along the river – a beautiful situation for anyone previously used to living in harmony with nature.

The site can be sold back to State on a Head Lease. The decision to purchase the site from State was made by an outgoing council just before amalgamation. It seems a poor decision, given there was no pre-determined strategy for the site. With aged care a State and Federal responsibility, Council’s role should be one of guidance, consolidating and reflecting community requirements.

The purpose of retaining a Head Lease is to ensure that Council retains their stake in how the land is developed. The money recouped from the reversal of the sale can be returned to this and other Kuranda community developments.

Funding:

On November 5th the Federal Government announced funding for 37,000 new aged care places. On November 7th it announced additional funding of \$293m for transition care places, which allow people to return to their homes.

Capital grants of up to \$44.5m per proposal

are available in funding www.health.gov.au/acar2008. The submission deadline is 29th December; which realistically gives us one month for preparation.

I believe it is possible to combine private and pension housing on the same complex. Aged care providers such as Bluecare and OzCare can advise.

A win-win would be to encourage local design and construction firms to provide a set of competitive designs and constructions based on a central theme. With a single vision for the site, a sustainable, eco-friendly assisted living development in the Green Village of Kuranda could be a showcase for both TRC and State.

- Invite Pro Bono architectural designs;
- Aim for a range of price and levels of assisted living.
- Encourage cost-plus capped-price construction, allowing smaller construction firms to tick-over as the construction market slows;
- Allow a degree of show-home competition, including sponsors and awards in a number of categories.
- There are numerous grants available for environmentally sustainable development.

There is a great deal of expertise and talent in terms of construction, landscaping and technologies within Kuranda, which can all be leveraged ahead of spending State or Federal funds. Many of these are people in their mid 50s who are beginning to look to their future and have a vested interest in creating a world in which they wish to live.

Welcome Pocket was and remains poor from a location point-of-view; older people need to be part of the community, not shipped out to Woop Woop. Under the 2025 plan, it appears to have run into difficulties.

There remains an urgent need for transition care, sheltered accommodation, nursing home and respite care in Kuranda and the region, a need which will only increase in the years ahead.

Thank you for your consideration,

Linda Snart, Kuranda

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While I agree with your front page article and the need for public consultation I must admit to being somewhat puzzled by the push for a purpose facility for the Kuranda Community Centre. At present we have a Neighbourhood Centre, a Recreation Centre, a Library, a CWA Hall and an SES Building. Looking at the range of activities supported by these facilities I am left wondering just what our community wishes to do that needs additional facilities? Where are these activities presently held – presumably if they are so important the participants have found a way to operate without extra premises.

Or is this a combination of misplaced nostalgia and a grab for assets? I can understand that past students and their parents may have fond memories of the old school building but it is the memories that are important, not the decrepit buildings. After all, if the buildings offered such great facilities what was the need for a new school at the present District College site?

Which brings me back to your article: we must have public consultation to determine the purpose and need for a facility but accept that one of the outcomes from a proper study may well be that there is no need.

Howard Small, Kuranda



THE RECENT PUBLIC MEETING to discuss the usage of the Primary School site brought up some interesting issues:

- There has been an investment of capital, both money and political, in Block C.
- There is currently no funding for further work on the site.
- There is some community support for renovation of all the existing buildings.
- Council proposes a sell-off of plots to finance needed works (mainly Block C and demolition of the others)
- Council proposes that the site be used for a community centre.

Time has passed, there are entrenched views and resentment, money is short, investment has been already made. Unfortunately, there are no concrete requirements for, and little or no clear definition of what a community centre should contain, how much it would cost, and how to avoid an impact on such sites as the CWA Hall. I think that we are in danger of putting the political cart in front of the matched dormice we currently have pulling it.

For me, the biggest issue in the area at present is not an additional public space or attempting to deliver inappropriate services that we cannot afford. It is finding a solution to the issues facing the elderly in the area. Kuranda has an aging population. As a rural B zone it has little in the way of aged care. There are few options between an aging couple managing a 100 acre bush block and taking up hospital beds in Cairns Base. The Welcome Pocket initiative is grinding onwards, carries its own baggage, and is physically isolated from the community. As was pointed out in the meeting, land in the centre of Kuranda is a valuable asset. Once sold it is unavailable – gone forever. There are, however, alternatives that might provide a self-funding option.

The Australian Dollar is at an all-time high. Tourism is suffering. Kuranda will feel the pinch. The construction industry is also experiencing hard times. When this occurs, the skilled workers move to where the work is, or to the mines, and deskill the area.

In my experience, a large proportion of the aging block owners are fiercely independent, and do not want to leave the area. However, managing their property has become hard, and they would like a local alternative option. They don't want to completely stop and play shuffleboard, they want to be useful.

In broadest terms, the proposal is to convert the Primary school site into an aged housing community in toto. The positioning adjacent to Bartley Park offers the possibility of communal facilities with a public segment overlooking. There is no reason that whatever community facility requirements are identified cannot be woven into the project.

In essence, the Council would not subdivide to raise money, it would sell covenanted leases and building permissions and use the community for increased leverage.

Segment the land into leased plots around a community hub. Strata title might be appropriate.

Seek a pro bono architectural design for the entire site, or run a public competition. Present allowable variations – reutilisation of existing buildings, recycling of components or green-field demolition. Ensure that adjacent public spaces are integrated.

Create a design document for the housing that provides the covenants for construction. Use the architectural vision to generate 'binding' elements to tie the designs together.

Collate and filter community needs to generate a requirement for the community space. Ideally this will be multipurpose, and used by the elderly community as well.

Either integrate Block C with a radical facelift, or demolish – guided by the architectural plan.

Seek funding at State and Federal for technology contributions, aged care, community... whatever categories can be made to fit.

Seek commercial sponsorship at all levels throughout the State; direct sponsorship, advertising sponsorship, community contributions of products and services, prizes and awards. Utilise the Tourism side of Kuranda to create and maintain a website, seek sponsors, create advertising guidelines and link it into the community.

Seek Ergon contribution for the creation of a testbed Solar Community. Impose a requirement for Solar hot water and Solar Electricity panels on every home, or as a communal plant. Consider micro-hydro from the Barron. Consider excess power generation infeed as part finance to the community. Seek Federal funding for solar power.

Involve the community at all levels: integration with tourism, input from business, contributions advice and assistance from community groups.

Plan for communal water recycling. Integrate plant and garden watering, allotments.

Create a design and build competition for the local construction firms with a number of monetary and design categories and prizes. All homes to be elderly-friendly; high efficiency, low maintenance. Range of cost is acceptable. Allow for medium to high-density buildings.

Council would raise money on the lease sales (perhaps the Estate Agents would work pro bono, too). It would impose some additional contribution for communal facilities (Water treatment). It could impose a money or resource contribution requirement on communal works.

Allocate a percentage of the plots to public retirement housing (possibly high-density), but keep them in the design competition, and use the same linking features.

Involve the environmental groups in native plantings and water-efficient garden plants.

Create garden designs (again, with community input and support) and vegetable garden allotments for residents. Seek sponsorship from hardware suppliers for hardset irrigation, design and construction.

Create, allow for and run with 'myspace' decorative areas, kid friendly public areas, community areas.

One guiding principle is to accommodate those who used the Primary School in the fifties. Western society has a tendency to try to isolate the young and the aged, but there are benefits in allowing the two groups to mix.

Neil Carpenter, Kuranda
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ON THURSDAY 18TH, after six months of requests, the Council finally permitted an inspection of the site by representatives of five local community organisations.

***“There is no doubt
that this building
will be a great asset to our
community...”***

Our main inspection was of B block, the building closest to town, but we also examined A and C blocks.

Val Shannon and Doug Barber were very helpful and explained repair and renovation requirements in full detail. I personally thank them for their time, and excellent and professional counsel.

“A” block, the oldest building in the middle of the complex, is doubtless due for demolition. We fully concurred with Council's assessment that for this lovely old building – it is time to go. B block is a different matter. Council has estimated that it will require \$70,000 to bring this building up to compliance standards and a further \$123,000 – to make it pretty and functional. However, this is really more a guesstimate as no asbestos audit has been done in recent years and no building compliance report has been prepared. Council admits that the costs are very conservative (on the high side) and they really don't know what it would cost in reality. “B” block is a very big and very usable building and would cost well over a million dollars to replace with something similar. Also Council's estimate of annual maintenance costs appear to be a figure plucked from the air rather than a fully costed and calculated amount.

C block has been extensively renovated by Council and is looking good, and very usable. Sadly the “pretties” have been done before the necessary compliance repairs. Therefore we have kitchenettes and carpets, but not fire reels. I understand that Council has done work as and when funds became available, but if the essential had been done before the optional, Kuranda could have been using this building by now. There is no doubt that this building will be a great asset to our community and there is about another six weeks of work to be done before it can be opened in reality. That doesn't mean it will be done in six weeks, just that it could be.

Part of the problem arises from Council's determination to do all of the work and present our community with a fully completed, fully renovated and very lovely facility. This is a laudable aim but it costs buckets of money and, in some instances makes a facility that is over engineered for the organisations that want to use it. Also the ongoing maintenance costs are increased and these expenses will have to either be subsidised by Council in the future or passed on in higher rental costs. For example, the estimated maintenance costs for “C” block are \$50,000- per annum and this means that the rental costs of a quarter of the building (one big classroom and a small adjoining room) would be \$250- per week plus public liability insurance. This is getting into the realms of commercial rental and would be beyond the means of most small community groups.

There is an opportunity for Council to work with our

local community organisations in a symbiotic and mutually inclusive way. For example, with “B” block; if Council was prepared to do the early hard essentials such as asbestos removal and fire hose plumbing and then agreed that renting organisations had to complete the lighting, and internal walls, and floor covering, and internal pretties on time and to Council's inspection standards – it would save tens, maybe hundreds, of thousands of dollars. It would happen much faster. It would open up means of funding presently unavailable to Council. Our community has done this many times before. Look at the CWA hall, funded and built by our community. It was later extended by the Lions Club, done with our community's effort and expenditure. We did the same for the Amphitheatre, the Scout Hut and the Sports Club. In these cases Council provided the wherewithal, and our community provided the bulk of the funds and the bulk of the work. This type of process makes it affordable to all parties. That way we are all doing what we are best at. No Council is good at economical construction work or timely response. All successful community organisations are great at getting the best results for the minimum expenditure. To me, it seems such an obvious process of mutual involvement.

As for the sale of the land, maybe the pre-school has to go to provide funds. I think it is sad, but maybe it is required. However, the sale of the large open spaces of land would be little less than a criminal disaster. We can do so much with this land in the future; maybe in a decade, or maybe two. Once it is sold, we can never get that asset back.

Mark Freeman, Kuranda

WHILE UNDERSTANDING the TRC's need to recoup/realize on monies committed to refurbishment and ongoing maintenance of the old Primary School properties, the proposal to sell off parcels of land on this site only provides a quick fix and once gone, no more.

Given the immediate and ongoing needs in the area for low cost public housing, this site provides the opportunity to develop a long term social investment and, with considered planning, a secured return.

As well as major establishment costs met under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA), this proposal would:

- Boost local public housing stock
- Obviate and militate social issues associated with homelessness, overcrowding, social dislocation and associated health issues.
- Generate an ongoing revenue
- Boost employment and local economy
- Provide possible opportunity for local “emergency” and/or specialised accommodation
- Remove need for proposed on-site caretaker

The idea that public housing needs be grim and sterile does little justice to projects that are well planned and maximise opportunities for privacy and security as well as opportunities for social interactions. This site offers great scope for innovative and considered design and layout and such an investment would be our community's. [Hopefully the bumbblings and dead-hand of Qbuild could be avoided or at least minimised in any such development.]

While not providing the immediate fix that TRC proposes, this proposal, if carefully planned and delivered over time, could provide a more enduring and considered use of this once in a lifetime opportunity to capitalise on the site.

Peter North, Kuranda

A FEW FACTS about the Kuranda Community Centre project (old school). The site will be used for community purposes. The community wants this, Council wants this, and I want this. What is built/ developed there needs a lot more community consultation. Council will be undertaking an independently run community consultation process. Until the consultation is completed, Council has placed a hold on the sale of the old pre-school block and the removal of the two oldest buildings. Whatever the end result, we all know that it has to be something that meets the needs of the whole community.

This community deserves a community facility that is safe and sustainable into the future. It will cost a lot of money and Kuranda ratepayers will not be levied to pay for it. We must work together to achieve this. There is a lot of misinformation around the community. There are a couple of groups who are pursuing their own needs for a “home” at the site. Council has asked them to wait until the needs of the whole community are assessed. Council is working to provide a proper long term plan and way to fund this. It is a complex process. There is no “hidden agenda” here.

Jenny Jensen
Councillor: Division 8



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2010 Highlights

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Our mission is to ensure local families have access to affordable, quality early childhood education and care, and our new philosophy emphasises Indigenous recognition, social inclusion, and environmental awareness.

Highlights include: the kids' circus and monster performances, lots of science experiments, obstacle and rope courses, rainforest creatures panorama and flashlight experience, gardening, woodwork, arts and craft, music, the Ditto and Torres Bravehearts show, Zoo To You visit, and the Wombat Stew theatre excursion. Our year concludes with a laid back Christmas Party at the Amphitheatre. And the real big one for the management committee - recruiting a new Director/Teacher to succeed our long term Director, Lorraine Akkerman, who is retiring this year after 22 years!!! of tremendous service to our community.

2011 Enrolments

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Heart and Soul

Lorraine is an amazing and dedicated Kindy Director. Our community is stronger and happier as a result of her years at the helm.

For this we all owe Lorraine a great debt. Lorraine is very humble, and doesn't seek public recognition or fanfare. However on behalf of past students, families and our community, we thank Lorraine for her wonderful contribution to our community.

Friends are invited to sign her card and donate to a community gift. Card pages can be found at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, Library, Kuranda Medical Centre, and at the Kuranda District State College Primary office. We will introduce you to our new Director in the New Year.

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BatReach

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These are some of the animals rescued and rehabilitated by BatReach in 2010.



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Persons with experience in working with, or in volunteer groups especially in the emergency services field, and who wish to contribute to the management and development of a professional volunteer emergency service in this community please contact Emergency Management Queensland on 4032 8679 to receive an Applicant Information Kit.

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A Thought for Christmas

I'm not generally in favour of whingeing about the world; whingeing rarely has any good effect. Yet, as we come to the end of 2010, I find myself reflecting on a world where selfishness seems to have the upper hand. It appears that bankers cannot wean themselves off the big bonus culture and obscene profits; MPs cannot wean themselves off spin culture; the Western world is unprepared to wean itself off the big carbon emission culture, and the developing nations are not prepared to try, unless they are bankrolled by the richer nations. I, of course, have my own problems, where I can't see how my selfishness impacts in a negative way on those around me. Where does self-interest turn into selfishness?

And the trouble is that one person's selfishness makes us all feel selfish: if they're looking after Number One, perhaps we need to as well.

Ultimately, the Christmas message is the opposite of selfishness: One part of the Bible puts it this way: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will not perish but have eternal life." Christians believe therefore that the baby of Bethlehem is the final word in selflessness. One early Christian wrote that we should follow Jesus' example. "Take to heart among yourselves what you find in Jesus Christ. He shared the nature of God; yet he didn't claim equality with God, but made himself nothing, accepting the humblest role. As a human, he became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

This is the cutting edge of Christmas: God loves and desires our friendship so much that he gives himself totally to us in an attempt to win us out of selfishness into love for him and the world. In a world where so many are putting themselves first, and looking after their own interests – is that the sort of world we really want? Is that the sort of society we really want to build? Or does the Child of Bethlehem have something to teach us after all? In his adult life, Jesus is quoted as saying: "Beware, keep well away from greediness of every kind, for the real quality of anyone's life does not depend on the extent or abundance of possessions".

All over the country this Christmas, the truth of these words will be lived out. There will be little and big acts of generosity, as people care for their relatives, take on the task of visiting, working with shut-ins, providing parcels for adults and children in need. It will warm the hearts of those who receive, and those who give. These green shoots of love point to a different world, and one in which the truth of Christmas becomes a fulfilling way of living. Such life is one of the truest Christmas messages of all.

News from St Saviours

Christmas is coming and there are lots of preparations coming on at St Saviour's for the Christmas Services. On Sunday **19th December we are holding our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.00 pm. On Christmas Eve, Friday 24th, there will be Carols by Candlelight for children, Mums and Dads at 7.30pm. At 10.30pm the Christmas Eve Eucharist. On Christmas Day, Saturday 25th, there will be the Christmas Day family service at 8.30am.**

Once again this year St Saviour's participated in Operation Christmas Child providing Christmas gifts to disadvantaged Children overseas. This year's appeal was a fantastic result and 17 boxes were donated. Many thanks to Lee for coordinating the appeal again this year.

Thought of the month from the Baha'i Faith

"The Body of Christ was born of Mary of Nazareth, but the Spirit was of God. The capacities of His human body were limited but the strength of His spirit was vast, infinite, immeasurable. Men asked, 'Why does He say He is of God?' If they had understood the reality of Christ, they would have known that the body of His humanity was a cloud that hid His Divinity. The world only saw His human form, and therefore wondered how He could have 'come down from Heaven'. Bahá'u'lláh said, 'Even as the clouds hide the sun and the sky from our gaze, even so did the humanity of Christ hide from men His real Divine character'."

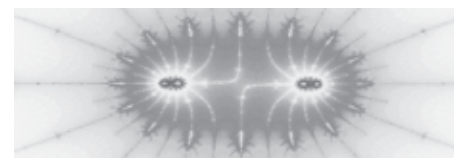
(Abdu'l-Baha)

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

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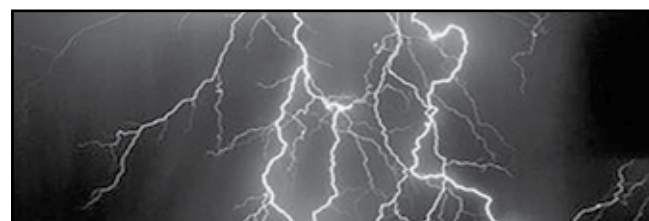
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Apart from calls for "Recent Cassowary Crossing" signs to go up on the Range Road because of Cassowary sightings, we've also been alerted about a couple of dingo pups seen on the road. Add to this the large 1 metre long monitor seen dead in the middle of the straight stretch just above the hairpin bend and the occasional bloated feral pig in a roadside ditch and the drive from Kuranda to Smithfield can be anything but boring.

Within a week of our erecting four Cassowary signs, one was missing. If you happen to see anyone tampering with the signs - other than Jax - please jump out of your car at speed, wrestle the culprit to the ground and handcuff them to the nearest tree. If you survive this gallantry, please call KCons on 4093 8834. Similarly, if you spy a Cassowary, please call us.

A NEW TRAILER

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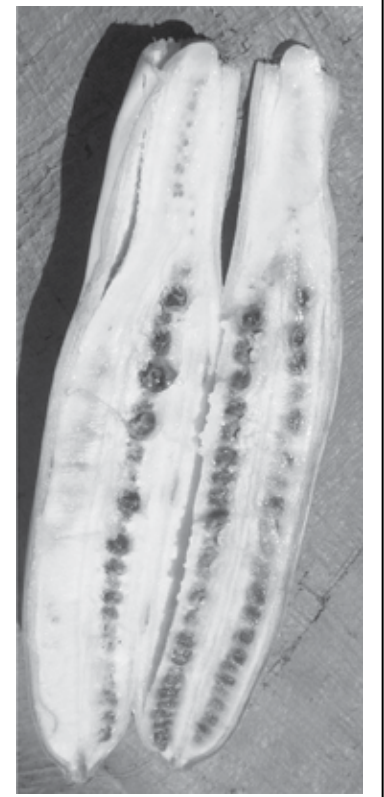
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We have plenty of trees and shrubs to provide privacy and screening, as well as plants for under powerlines and erosion control.

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PIGS: There's no doubt we've made some impact on the local pig population, but there are still some out there. Please let's know of any pig activity around your place - 4093 8834. It helps us plot their movements.

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No, not a sad banana but the real thing. This is what an unmodified, native banana looks like - with seeds.

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New State laws will apply for the governance of cats and dogs from **1 December 2010**. The laws are part of the State Government's new Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.

How does this affect you?

- All cats and dogs are required to be registered with Council from 1 December 2010.
- All cats and dogs born on or after 8 September 2010 **MUST** be microchipped and registered with Council from 12 weeks of age.
- Cats and dogs born prior to 8 September 2010 are not required to be microchipped, but **MUST** be registered with Council. Council encourages ALL pet owners to have their animals microchipped as it is the best form of identification that cannot be lost.
- A cat or dog cannot be microchipped under the age of 8 weeks.
- Cats and dogs that change ownership **MUST** be microchipped and registered.
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FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER
3.00PM
MYOLA ROAD, KURANDA
FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA**



We thank the following organisations for assistance in the form of grants and in-kind assistance for the nursery construction as follows:-

BCC (BARRON CATCHMENT CARE)
in-kind contribution of blocks, steel & mesh for plant racks.
FRRR (FOUNDATION FOR REGIONAL AND RURAL RENEWAL)
contribution towards germination house.
GCBF (GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND)
materials for plant racks, shade house, irrigation and drainage etc.
RCGCBF (REEF CASINO GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND)
contribution for office build.

**NURSERY OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER
9.00am – 4.00pm**

For the many people who have been watching (and wondering?) about the construction – now is your opportunity to come and inspect our operation. The germination house (that big white igloo), the potting shed, the plant shade area and sun hardening racks and the equipment shed. Browse through our plant stock and take home a rainforest tree for a gold coin donation. Our enthusiastic volunteers will be available to assist you.

**DATE CLAIMERS
CHRISTMAS PARTY BBQ
Following our Official Opening, members
to gather at the nursery
Friday 3rd December
5.00pm**

FOR CATERING REQUIREMENTS RSVP MARGARET 40938393

**SATURDAY MORNING PLANTING
Warril Creek Site
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Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters. Your opinions are always welcome.

Happy Christmas! Again the Christmas season seems to have crept up on us. I would like to wish all residents a very happy Christmas and New Year. Time for some festive cheer and relaxation with family and friends!

Kuranda Community Centre: Discussions are still continuing about the development of the site at the former school. Thank you to everyone who has offered feedback. Please continue to let me know your thoughts. A Newsletter will be distributed to all residents in December to update you on Council's position. At this stage, Council has agreed to look at engaging an independent consultant to fully consult with our community on the development of the site. I have pushed for this as I believe that it is important that Council hear from a wide range of residents and that the process is conducted independently. There are many, many viewpoints and desires for the use of the site. We all know that not everyone can have a piece of the facility and I am very keen that we look to the future and plan for what this community needs over the next 10-20 years. I have asked Council to carry out no further work on sales of the small parcel of land or removal of old buildings until we have the results of an independent consultation process. I have also asked Council to review the rewording of Clause 3 (f) of the 2 June 2010 Council resolution, so that lots 3 and 4 (the area on Arara St with the large trees) are used at a later date for a service that has community support and compliments the use of the neighbouring blocks. Further meetings of the Advisory Committee will take place after Council has received results of the community consultation process. The current Committee have done a great job in difficult circumstances. Please engage in the consultations as we need to hear from all sections of our community. As always, all final decisions are subject to the decision of a majority vote of Council. I welcome your thoughts. This project is your project.

Australia Day Awards: nominations are now open for the 2011 Australia Day Awards. There are many

people in our community who willingly give their own time and energy for the benefit of the community. Nominations can be made in the following categories: *Citizen Award, Young Citizen, Community Event, Coach/Sport Administrator, Senior Sports, Junior Sports, Senior Cultural, Junior Cultural, Senior Community Service, Junior Community Service, Commerce & Industry, Environmental Excellence, and Quiet Achievers Award.* Details are available on the TRC website.

Cultural Centre Advisory Committee: Nominations for consideration of a regional Cultural Centre Advisory Committee are open until Friday December 10th. Details are available on the TRC website.

New Laws for pet owners: New State Government legislation comes into force on December 1st. The new law requires all dogs and cats to be registered with the local Council and microchipped by the time they reach 12 weeks of age unless born on or before 8 September 2010. The microchip contains the details of the owner. The laws do not apply to existing dogs, except for those that are subject to a change of ownership after 1 December. Working dogs and government-owned dogs are exempt.

Ros Common: Works are almost completed. The lights for the Tennis Courts and the filling of the dressage area should be finished before Christmas. Residents are already enjoying the new outdoor fitness equipment.

Street planting Coondoo St: Garden crews have progressed the planting in the Coondoo St gardens. The irrigation systems have also been upgraded. Work is expected to be finished very soon.

Koah Hall: Koah hall users can now expect good quality water following the installation of tanks to replace the bore water.

Kuranda Infrastructure Projects: The KIAC has finalised the Strategic Plan for the next 10 years. The plan is awaiting sign-off from Council and the Minister for Local Government. A range of projects are listed for

approval, with funding to occur over the next 10 years. Some of the proposed projects include upgrade to the Visitor Centre, upgrade to Therwine Street, upgrade to river access and extension of the river walk.

Mayor's Christmas Appeal: The Mayor's Christmas Appeal is still open. Donations assist needy families in Kuranda by providing Christmas hampers. Details are available from Council Offices, the Kuranda Library, the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre or from Fr Chris Wright. Cash Donations are welcome.

Congratulations: to Carol Day and the organisers of the Kuranda Carols in the Park. Also to Piers Freeman and all those involved in the Kuranda Coots show.

Councillor Contact Details:

Ph: 0417 002 046 or 4093 8601 or 40938466

(all numbers have voicemail; please wait for the message) Email: jennyj@trc.qld.gov.au Also check out Facebook page for updates.

Kuranda Office: The small office in Rob Veivers Drive will be closing soon. The office will move to the Kuranda Community Centre site as soon as Block C work is completed (early 2011). In the interim, I will still be available to meet with residents/ groups at the Kuranda Library. I am always available by phone or email.

Council Meetings: Council Meetings in December will be held on Wednesday December 1st in Herberton and Wednesday December 15th in Mareeba. Anyone can attend. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office.

Christmas Closure: Council offices will be closed between Christmas and New Year. However, a skeleton staff will be on duty during that period to handle any urgent matters. Please phone the Council number and you will be automatically redirected to the after hours staff. Ph: 1300 362 242

Thanks Kuranda Paper: Thank You to all the volunteers at the Kuranda Paper team for another great year. The Kuranda Paper continues to be a wonderful success story for this community.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS everyone!



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Boost for justice

Funding for the Kuranda Local Justice Group of \$97,000 has been confirmed as part of an increased allocation of \$4.04 million to the State's 52 community justice groups. The Bligh Government is committed to ensuring people in Queensland's Indigenous communities have access to a fair and accessible justice system. Community justice groups play an important role in helping to reduce the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have contact with the criminal justice system and, particularly, the disproportionately high rates of Indigenous imprisonment. They also provide support directly to the courts, making submissions on relevant cultural matters that magistrates and judges can consider when they are sentencing offenders.

Candlenut Steiner School's new facilities

Congratulations on the opening of the Federal Government's \$925,000 *Building the Education Revolution* new multi purpose hall, library and shade structure. The school has also received more than \$545,000 in State Government recurrent funding and nearly \$382,000 in capital assistance over the past five years which I know has had a positive impact on the school. I look forward to continue working with the school in their incredible growth since moving to Kuranda from Stratford two and a half years ago.

New Health facility

An integral part of the \$446.3 million Cairns Base Hospital redevelopment, the new Cairns North Community Health Facility on Sheridan Street, was officially opened last month by Queensland Premier Anna Bligh. The \$15 million facility, is the new home to the Sexual Health Service, Oral Health Service as well as the Australian Red Cross Blood Service's Donor Centre.

Cancer Services

Patients travelling for life-saving cancer treatment in Cairns will have a dedicated place to stay thanks to a \$2.5 million State Government grant to Cancer Council Queensland. The grant will allow Cancer Council Queensland to develop an accommodation and support lodge for regional cancer patients who travel to Cairns for cancer treatment by refurbishing the iconic Coolabah Motel on Mulgrave Road and provide recurrent annual funding of over \$400,000 to run the lodge and provide local support services, including counselling.

Free Range Road SMS service

As the wet season approaches, don't forget to register for the free text message service which alerts you about delays on the range road. Phone the Department of Main Roads on 13 19 40 to register.

SES and Cyclone Ready

Kuranda residents are fortunate to have a dedicated crew of SES volunteers at the ready in case of emergencies – particularly over the wet season. On behalf of the community I would like to thank the Kuranda SES Unit for all their hard work during the year and for the months ahead. You can help reduce the demand on the SES by preparing thoroughly for the cyclone season. But, if you do require assistance from the SES, call **132 500**.

Every Dollar counts

Remember to access the comprehensive guide to Queensland government concessions and rebates by phoning 13 7468 or see the website www.qld.gov.au/everydollarcounts

School leavers

Best wishes to all our local school leavers whether you are going on to further study, vocational training, employment or just taking a well earned break. I am sure that all students will carry with them fond memories of their high school years. Now is the time to log onto the information guide for young adults developed by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation. Visit www.getoutthere.qld.gov.au for handy tips on finding the right job, applying for university, renting a home, buying a car and keeping control of your money.

In closing, may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy holiday season and I look forward to catching up again in 2011.



Pet owners urged to take advantage of discount microchipping

Pet owners can have their animals microchipped for about half what it usually costs at Tablelands Regional Council's microchipping days to be held in four locations across two weekends later this month.

Microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and cause no discomfort to animals, but they are of great value should an animal be found wandering and picked up by Local Laws officers.

The bar code on the microchip is linked to the owner's contact details and recorded on a Central Animals Records database for the life of the pet.

This means animals are permanently identified Australia-wide and can be returned to their owner if they are located - even if the collar and the Council ID tag has come off.

"Microchipping is a very simple procedure to have done, but it certainly pays off if your dog or cat is picked up wandering the streets," Tablelands Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"The sad reality is that 248 dogs and 146 cats have had to be put down since the start of this year because we simply can't find their owners and the owners haven't come looking for their animal."

The total number of dogs impounded since January was 492 and the total number of cats impounded was 185.

From 1 December, all dogs and cats will have to be registered by law, and all dogs and cats must be microchipped by the time they reach 12 weeks of age. The microchip contains the details of the owner. The laws do not apply to existing dogs, except for those that are subject to a change of ownership after 1 December. Working dogs and government-owned dogs are exempt.

Council's discount Microchipping Days at four locations: Mareeba (PCYC Hall, Walsh St) on 20 November; at Atherton (Atherton Showgrounds) on 21 November; at Malanda (Tablelands Veterinary Surgery, Atherton Rd) on 27 November; and at Ravenshoe (Tablelands Veterinary Surgery, Moffat St) on 28 November.

Pet owners can have their animals microchipped for \$25 (approx half of the normal charge). There is no need to book. Dogs must be on a lead and cats must be in a cage. Enquiries about the microchipping days can be directed to 1300 362 242.

Book launch for Kuranda author

The latest book by Kuranda author Joyce Berendes will be officially launched by Tablelands Mayor Tom Gilmore at Atherton Library on Thursday 25 November.

The book, Nulla and the Purple Poison Plant, is the latest creation from the author who had her first book, The Fourteenth Day, published in 2007.

Nulla and the Purple Poison Plant is a fantasy story set in the early 1900s, somewhere in Australia's bush country in the horse-and-buggy days, and is based on a musical play for children called Nullagundi, which Joyce wrote for her then Children's Operetta Group some years ago.

The story goes: "All the men of the area have mysteriously disappeared, lured away by Bulogen Dhung - the bad spirit of Mount Badoran. Desperate to find their father, Susan and Johnny Telford set off in search of him. On their way to Mount Badoran, they meet an Aboriginal boy called Nullagundi, who is also looking for his father. Helped by the Bush Creatures Society of Animals, the three children form a rescue team."

A one-time winner of Brisbane's Twelfth Night Theatre's Best Actress award, Joyce came to Australia as a fully qualified ballet dancer. She studied speech and drama for two years, then taught drama and dance, and started a Children's Operetta Group, for which she wrote the book and lyrics of two children's musicals and one play that were later performed by schools and local amateur theatres.

As a member of the Queensland Writers' Centre and treasurer of the Kuranda branch of the Queensland Arts Centre, Joyce was involved in organising conferences, art exhibitions, workshops etc, as well as doing the choreography, directing plays and teaching at drama workshops.

She and her husband travelled throughout Australia for four years, with Landcruiser and caravan, experiencing many adventures, some of which she has incorporated into her writing.

The official launch of Nulla and the Purple Poison Plant will take place at Atherton Library

from 2pm on 25 November.

Joyce will then make her way to Herberton Library for an appearance there at 4pm. Anyone wishing to attend these free events is asked to RSVP by 22 November calling 4091 2229 or emailing to athertonl@trc.qld.gov.au

Stock up for wet/cyclone season now!

People living in rural or remote areas of the Tablelands region are being strongly urged to stock up on food, fuel and other essential items now in readiness for the oncoming wet season.

With the Bureau of Meteorology predicting an early and very active season, residents are advised to act now to ensure they have adequate supplies to sustain them in the event that flooding occurs and roads are cut.

Residents living in urban and rural areas should have at least three days' supplies, while people living in more remote areas should have at least one week's supplies or more if possible. People should consider their needs in terms of water, fuel, non perishable food, medications and pet food.

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Tablelands Local Disaster Management Group Chairman Cr Chris Adams said it was imperative people took action now before the wet season rain hit.

"The message is to be as prepared as you possibly can be for the season

- everyone should have enough supplies to get them through for a short period of time at minimum, and for a week if they live in remote areas," he said. The following list contains items that should be considered in emergency preparation plans.

Water

- Store water in clean and safe plastic containers.
- Each person will need a minimum of five litres of water per day to allow for drinking, food preparation and personal sanitation; 10 litres would be preferable. Remember that following a cyclone or flood it is likely to be extremely hot and humid requiring a high level of fluid intake.
- If you live in an area with a town water supply, plan to have at least a three day supply of water for each member of the family. If in a remote area, one week's supply or more may be necessary.

Food

- Store at least three days supply of non-perishable foods.
- Choose foods that don't require refrigeration, can be eaten without preparation or cooking, require minimal water and have reasonable shelf life.
- Choose compact and light products just in case you need to evacuate.
- Ensure cooking facilities such as a gas BBQ, and gas/fuel/spirit camping stove are available for use.

Include the following foods in your kit:

- Ready to eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Canned juices, milk and soups.
- Staples such as sugar, pepper, salt and high energy foods such as peanut butter, honey, jams, biscuits and muesli bars
- Vitamins
- Food for babies, children, elderly persons or any special dietary requirements
- Comfort foods such as biscuits, lollies, cereals, milo, coffee and tea
- A First aid kit • Tools and supplies
- Plates, bowls, cups, knives and forks (paper or plastic plates and utensils do not require washing up)
- Battery operated radio and spare batteries • Battery operated torches
- Cash • Non-electric can opener • Utility knife • Toilet paper/towlettes
- Soap/detergent • Personal hygiene items • Duct and masking tape
- Matches in waterproof container • Disinfectant • Mobile phone and charger
- Insect repellent and sunscreen • Pliers, screwdrivers, drills, wrenches, spanners, bolts, screws and nails for temporary repairs
- Ropes, chains and pickets for securing outdoors items such as boats and garden sheds • Extension cords and power boards • Non-electric clock
- Plastic sheeting or tarps • Special items • Baby needs such as nappies and bottles
- Medications • Contact lenses or prescription glasses

- Important family documents in a waterproof container: Wills, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds, Passports and immunisation records, Bank account and credit card numbers, Inventory of household contents, Important telephone numbers and contact details, Family records such as birth, marriage, divorce and death certificates.

- Fuel for vehicles and generators • Pet food and supplies
- Entertainment for the family such as games, books and puzzles

\$16,000 of assistance for community groups/individuals

Tablelands Regional Council has approved a total of \$16,065 of financial and in-kind assistance to a number of community groups and organisations.

A cash donation of \$3000 was granted to CC's Boxing Team Mareeba to assist the group to tender for the 2011 Amateur Boxing State Titles, while the Mareeba High School P&C was granted \$3000 to improve hockey facilities at the school.

The Far North Endurance Riders Association was granted \$1000 to hold a Chief of Stewards School, and a Temperature Pulse Respiratory training course for owners whose horses participate in endurance events, while the Tablelands Obedience Club was granted \$3000 to improve lighting at their clubhouse in Atherton.

The Kuranda District State College P&C was given \$1000 to stage a Community Bush Festival in 2011 to raise funds for additional shade at the school, while the Kuranda Festivals Association was granted \$200 of in-kind assistance to stage their Carols in the Park in late November.

St Vincent De Paul was granted a waiving of fees totalling \$1157, while Yungaburra Community Association was granted \$828 of in-kind assistance to stage its centenary celebrations. The Tablelands I Mountain Biking Association (TiMBA) was also granted \$500 to support a visit by an expert in the field to progress the region as mountain biking destination.

Council also granted \$200 to the Mareeba High School Chess team and \$200 each to four other young people attending the National Futsal championships.

Council also waived fees for the Atherton Turf Club (\$757), and the Lions Club of Millaa Millaa (\$385). The Malanda Community Kindergarten was also granted a total of \$238 of in-kind assistance and waiving of fees to assist them in staging a fundraising disco.

Nominations are now open for the 2011 Australia Day Awards.

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

This year, Council will announce only regional winners in all categories, with towns and communities able to hold their own localised awards if they desire.

Nominations can be made in the following categories:


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

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

Nominations close on 12 January 2011. Nominations can be mailed to Events Coordinator, PO Box 154, Mareeba 4880, can be emailed to stacey@trc.qld.gov.au or faxed to 4092 3323.

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Cleaner avail Kuranda area. Please ph 4045 3895.

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Aquafitness 8:30 am Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109

1st Sat **Kuranda Camera Club - Photo Shoot** 2.30pm, (see Art Pages for this month's location)
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Kuranda Resort 12.00 to 3.00pm. Nola: Ph 4093 8824
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Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9.00am start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617
Soccer Training, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109/4093 7109
Kuranda Horse and Pony Club 7.30pm Mantaka
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
KNC Management Committee Meeting 6.00pm Rob Veivers Dr. Ph 4093 8933

2nd & 4th Sun **Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30 pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537
Tai Chi 6.30–7.30pm, Recreation Centre, contact Les Anwyl, 4093 8276 or 0400 938 276.
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Every Mon & Fri **Mareeba Toastmasters.** Contact Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089
Tourism Kuranda meets behind St. Saviour's Church.
Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642

1st Mon **Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30–9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288. Guests welcome.
Volleyball under lights at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road. contact Lisa 4093 9659 or Leo 0405 116 066
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Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

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Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)
Women's Acapella Choir Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre, Cumberland Ave, Smithfield 7.00-9.00pm Thursdays
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Barefoot Bowls 6:00pm at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road
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1st Wed **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
Tai Chi Chuan 9.30am CWA Hall. Contact Sifu Julie 042 705 4132 or Tai Chun Academy 0409 104 753.
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Kuranda Amphitheatre December Events

Sunday 28th November: Working Bee, 9am start, lunch provided.
Saturday 11th December: Christmas Members Night with Lonesome Trio Live at the Understage, Doors & Bar open 6.30pm, check posters for more details. Non-members welcome.
Sunday 12th December: Working Bee, 9am start, lunch provided.
Sunday 19th: An evening with Xavier Rudd plus special guest Justin Nozuka (Can), gates open 6pm, licensed event, food & refreshments available. Tickets on sale at Kuranda Video Shop, ticketlink outlets and online at www.ticketlink.com.au For more info check www.kurandaamphitheatre.org
Tuesday 21st: Loony Poets Night, Top Shed
Every Mon & Thurs: Circus workouts with Piers & friends, for info contact Piers ph. 0438 368 117
Every Thursday: Irish Dance Classes, 3.30pm. Info contact Joannie 4093 9039 or 0468 701 931.
Every Thursday till 9th Dec: Drum Up Big, Drumming classes with Tara, 6.30-7.30pm, \$15 per class. Enquiries 0432 399 332



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FIRE or other emergencies – please phone **000**
SES Flood or Storm emergencies – please phone **132 500**

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE CONTACTS

Davies Creek	4093 3181	Lloyd
Koah	4093 7006	Peter
Kuranda	0408 077 746	Nick
Myola	4093 7190 / 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

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS "The Local Bus"

		Mon & Tues	Wed & Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
To:	Speewah	0900	0900	1000
	Koah		1300	
		*1530	*1530	
		1750	1750	1645
Ex:	Koah	#0705	#0705	#0815
		#1315	#1315	
		*1550	*1550	
Ex:	Speewah	#0710	#0710	#0820
		#1320	#1320	
		*1540	*1540	
		*SCHOOL DAYS ONLY	# BOOKING REQUIRED	
NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY				

	Mon & Tues	Wed & Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
Departs Kuranda	#0720	#0720	0830
	1330	0900	1530
	1530	1130	
		1330	
		1530	
*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY			
Departs Bus Stop "D" Lake Street Transit Mall, City Place, Cairns			
Departs Cairns	**0825	0825	0930
	1715	1000	**1615
		1230	
		1715	
All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required			
**Atherton & Mareeba			
# Via Caravonica, Redlynch, Raintrees, Westcourt, TAFE, Cairns City			
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Tel John 0418 772 953



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CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE

<i>Departures</i>	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
CAIRNS (Spence St)	6.45am	8.30am	11.30am	1.30pm	3.00pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	6.47am	8.32am	11.32am	1.32pm	3.02pm
CAIRNS (Central)	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.10pm
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.15pm	2.15pm	4.05pm

KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

<i>Departures</i>	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.20am	9.55am	1.10pm	2.55pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.25am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	8.32am	10.02am	1.17pm	3.02pm	4.55pm

7.30am Shuttle via SKYRAIL, CARAVONICA, TAFE, CAIRNS HIGH
3.00pm Shuttle via CAIRNS HIGH, TAFE, CARAVONICA

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

<i>Departures</i>	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
ATHERTON	6.15am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.15am	9.00am	9.00am
MAREEBA	6.45am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.45am	9.30am	9.30am
KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.30pm	7.30am	10.05am	10.05am
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.15am	11.20am	5.20pm	8.15am	11.20am	11.20am
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	11.25am	5.35pm	8.35am	11.25am	11.25am

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

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ATHERTON	10.20am	5.10pm	7.15pm	10.20am	5.10pm	5.10pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OPERATE ON SUNDAY TIMES
NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY

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