Kuranda Rockin' Rollin Ridin' Celebration 15/5/10

As part of the recent Kuranda Rockin' Rollin' Ridin' busker celebrations, Tourism Kuranda commissioned a short video documentary featuring a creative mix of Kuranda's finest buskers.

The ten minute music program, which also guarantees a few giggles, showcases a variety of Kuranda buskers entertaining in their rainforest element.

Produced by local Kurandarite Peter McCabe, you can view the program on You Tube at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rs8ELHjLFm8 or go to www.youtube.com and just type in...Kuranda Rockin' Rollin' Ridin' celebration 15/5/10.

Currently all the individual uncut performances are being uploaded to You Tube so you can see a bit more of the behind the scenes action. So why not log on

















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COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

I copped some flak over my "extreme", "over the top" remarks in a recent edition of the Kuranda Paper about the plant called "mother-in-law's tongue". I reported that it was from Nigeria, an aggressive weed and classified on the national register as undesirable.

Apparently, some people like it and it grows well locally. I also put in a plug for us to celebrate the Wet Tropics native vegetation rather than copy and become like other places in the world.

I was set pondering about what really matters in the bigger scheme of things and what we should be getting our knickers in a knot about. Things are changing and I'm probably stuck in an old paradigm. Our planet is steadily homogenising due to easy travel and communication. Globally, our faces have more Asian influence and our skin is becoming not so dark or light, but more something in between.

With our ability to transport seeds, vegetation and animals across the world, we can grow anything anywhere in similar climates. If we in Australia's wet tropics want to look and feel like the similar latitudes of South America or South Africa, there's nothing to stop us. We'll lose some unique flora and fauna, but we'll gain some of the things other places have. Visitors will feel more at home.

So, in the big scheme of things, I don't suppose it matters if we are all one and the same. At least there'll be less to argue about.

Jax Bergersen, Kuranda



Dear Kuranda Paper,

Perhaps some readers might find this disrespectful but to me respect doesn't come automatically with a position – it has to be earned and also can be lost all depending on your actions.

Watching some of the last council meeting in Malanda I had the strong feeling that councillors were gagged or that the process might have been somewhat rigged.

The Mayor in his role as a chair seemed to direct the meeting appearing making a free discussion on concerns impossible.

Shouldn't council be allowed to freely debate to feed in public opinion into the decision making process as they were chosen representatives of their communities. Hopefully that should lead to a democratic informed decision.

I was rather hoping that times had changed under TRC.

I do ask the mayor and the councillors (not all of them) to take this to heart or perhaps if they can't do the job they have been voted to do, make space for others who will.

Perhaps then we have a chance to also leave the dark ages in TRC and enter the modern world, where democracy and freedom of speech are a given.

Nadine O'Brien, Koah

Dear Kuranda Paper,

In the council meeting on 19 May Tableland Regional Council chose to allow a private airstrip in Koah, 300 meters away from a residential development (Koah Township) and as little as 50 meters away from the nearest neighbour.

The airstrip and a hangar were put in over the last 2 years prior to council approval.

As a close neighbour I am extremely disappointed about council's gullibility in accepting reasons for the airstrip such as the need to muster cattle on the owner's 73.6 hectares cleared property. The strip takes up nearly the whole length of the property and the land carries only about 40 to 50 head of cattle.

I realised things weren't looking very good when concerns voiced by local councillor Jenny Jensen, who knows the area, were squashed and the debate mostly evolved around whether there should be an average of 1 take off and landing a week or a maximum of 52 take off and landings a year. It took Jenny Jensen to point out that this was the same thing.

Though the maximum of 52 a year condition has been adopted, there is no way of monitoring this as a pilot's logbook does not specifically register take offs and landings and Cairns radar can't detect any air movements below about 1000 foot. Any other pilots using the strip can get away completely undetected.

The message we get is the welfare of the community is of no concern compared to one person's hobby.

In fact now the precedent has been set, pilots out there, with TRC you are in heaven, go ahead and put your airstrip 300 meters away from Tolga, Atherton, Malanda or Mareeba because it is your god given right to land your plane on your property.

Unfortunately flawed council decisions can have costly consequences for the rate payer having to pick up the bill for expensive class actions.

Nadine O'Brien, Koah

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Betty Timmins has been singled out recently for exposing the animals in her care to 'human contact'. One can't help wondering how Betty could feed and nurture the many injured and/or orphaned animals in her care without human contact.

I wonder if the person questioning Betty's methods is prepared to take over when they succeed in closing Betty down? Is that person going to work 24 hours a day, seven days a week looking after the numerous animals and birds brought in every week? How are they going to pay for all the food not to mention the Vet bills?

It's so easy to sit back and criticise, getting in and helping takes a lot more effort. Betty has done a wonderful job saving injured animals in the Kuranda area. We all know animals in her care will receive all the care and attention they require before being rehabilitated back into the wild.

Val Howe, Kuranda

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

As a local Kuranda person and a neighbour of Betty Timmins, I was quite shocked and horrified when I read the Cairns post on Saturday describing Betty as an inhumane person.

A foster mother for children is highly respected in the community for taking in children of any race, with any disabilities and is looked upon as a living hero and a very loving and selfless person. Betty does the same thing but her children are animals. She has the same discipline as a foster mother.

I would like to see the "PERSON" who has complained have the courage to put their name to the accusation and let them come and live in Betty's shoes for one day, then see if they still can scream cruelty. This person is a vindictive person, who cannot get their facts correct before they make comments.

I am sure that everyone in Kuranda knows when Betty is in town as there is always a large crowd gathered around, it is a most pleasurable feeling to me, to know that Kuranda offers another unique opportunity for our tourists. And everyone gets to take home a little extra from their visit to Kuranda, which to me means more tourists coming to our little town from word of mouth to others. One of the first places I take any of my visitors is a trip to Betty's.

As for the so called profiteering that is supposed to be going on, could these same people please look at the cost of vet's bills, yes Betty pays for these, the chemist bills for bandaging tape, antiseptic and lots of other medical supplies, the formula for these animals, worms for the birds, fruit for the animals, fuel costs for running around and picking up these injured animals, then taking them to the vets? Betty pays for all of this and probably a lot more that even I don't realise. So to this person, step back and count the costs before you accuse.

Betty's job is a 24hr 7day a week with no thanks but to see these little creatures well enough to be released back into the wild. Would you like this job rather than your 8–5 job? I know I certainly wouldn't. I couldn't do it, but I will stand by Betty and respect her with every fibre in my body for the work that she does with "her babies".

Betty's only fault is she is too caring, and will never turn an injured or sick animal away. Is this an inhumane person? Not to me it isn't.

I have started a petition up around town in support of Betty so that we can send it to the RSPCA and the Parks and Wildlife centre and show them that we care for one of our most treasured members of this community.

From myself, and all the animals that are in your care, and the ones you have released THANK YOU Betty – you are a HERO!!!

Carolyn Day, Kuranda

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Marc's Tourism Tweets

Government Support for Kuranda

Following several lengthy rounds of meetings with Tourism Queensland, Tourism Tropical North Queensland & Queensland Rail and with the wonderful support of our local Member for Barron River - Steve Wettenhall, Tourism Kuranda has secured \$50,000 from the Queensland Government to be used to re-position Kuranda, locally, domestically and Internationally. This wonderful funding has been injected into a short term strategic marketing campaign that involves radio, TV and print media. We will be holding a number of celebrations in Kuranda over the next couple of months that showcases our diverse tourist attractions, unique cultural and amazing way of life. Music has always been an important part of our history and our recent busking competition highlighted some of our wonderful artistic talent that deserves to be profiled - Happy Days in Kuranda!

Super Agent Famil

Tourism Kuranda worked closely with Down Under Tours, Skyrail & Kuranda Scenic Railway to coordinate a HUGE SUPER AGENTS Famil last Friday the 14th May 2010 in Kuranda. The agents were in the Village for 1.5 hours and were given cryptic clues to navigate around the village like a mini treasure hunt. We were able to incorporating over 20 local business from all corners of the Village and from all reports it was a huge success the Kuranda.

FREE Business Seminar

The recent rail closure and subsequent reduction in tourist numbers to Kuranda scared many local business who were looking for support and guidance through these tough times. With the support of Paul Fagg from the Department of Employment Economic Development and Innovation, Tourism Kuranda managed to secure a FREE business seminar for Kuranda businesses - "Building Business Resilience". This meeting was held at the Kuranda Resort on 20th May and was a welcomed success with 18 local businesses attending. The ATO also attended and offered some financial assistance and payment plans which was a big relief to many attending.

Tourism Kuranda – Facebook Site Hits 1,200 Friends

Facebook has been a fantastic medium to advertise Kuranda to our local residents and industry partners & travel agents and is growing in popularity daily. Jump online and check out all the wrap up from the Rockin', Rollin' & Ridin' Celebration and busking competition with a great photo gallery and live performances of the buskers.

New Business in Kuranda

Kuranda Health & Healing, 3/19 COONDOO ST - 10yrs experience in the industry, Kim has brought a new type of health food store to Kuranda. Offering refills on household cleaning, body & hair care products and refills on nuts and seeds, all dedicated to reducing waste to help our environment. Offering free naturopathic advice, with massage, ion detox foot spa & reiki also available. Good luck Kim and stay healthy.



Marc Sleeman, Executive Officer, Tourism Kuranda & Steve Wettenhall MP Member for Barron River and Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism celebrate the recent Government funding support for Kuranda.





The Kuranda Paper Short Story Competition A Monthly Prize of \$200

Over the next five months, the Kuranda Paper is conducting a short story competition with a prize awarded each month for the best short story. We want stories to entertain, beguile and inspire our readers through the winter months ahead. If you have ever wanted to write a short story, a short story to make us laugh or cry or wonder, now is your chance!

Competition Rules:

- Maximum length 1,600 words
- Original unpublished work
- Entries must be typed
- Last date for receipt of entries Monday 18th October 2010
- Each monthly winning entry published in the Kuranda Paper
- As manuscripts will not be returned, Entrants should retain copy
- Entrant's name must not be on story manuscript
- Only story's title to be given on manuscript
- Each entry must be accompanied by **separate cover sheet giving:**
 - Title of story
 - Entrant's name, address and contact number.
- Entries should be posted to

KMA Short Story Competition PO Box 66. Kuranda. 4881

Failure to comply with above rules will disqualify entry.

No correspondence will be entered into.

All monthly entries will be read by panel, with short-listed entries adjudicated by independent judges.

So start writing!

A man is getting into the shower just as his wife is finishing up her shower, when the doorbell rings. The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel and runs downstairs. When she opens the door, there stands Bob, the next-door neighbour. Before she says a word, Bob says, 'I'll give you \$800 to drop that towel.' After thinking for a moment, the woman drops her towel and stands naked! in front of Bob. After a few seconds, Bob hands her \$800 and leaves

The woman wraps back up in the towel and goes back upstairs. When she gets to the bathroom, her husband asks, 'Who was that?''It was Bob the next door neighbour she replies. 'Great,' the husband says, 'did he say anything about the \$800 he owes me?'

Moral of the story: If you share critical information pertaining to credit and risk with your shareholders, in time you may be in a position to prevent avoidable exposure.



A sales rep, an administration clerk, and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out.

The Genie says, 'I'll give each of you just one wish.'

'Me first! Me first!' says the admin clerk. 'I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speed-boat, without a care in the world.' Puff! She's gone.

'Me next! Me next!' says the sales rep. 'I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas and the love of my life.' Puff! He's gone. 'OK, you're up,' the Genie says to the manager.

The manager says, 'I want those two back in the office after lunch.'

Moral of the story: Always let your boss have the first say.





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Neighbourhood Centre News June 2010

Youth Substance Misuse Service (YSMS)

A drug and alcohol program for young people aged 10-17 will be providing an outreach service one day per week (Wednesdays) based at KNC. This service, auspiced by Anglicare North Queensland Limited, will provide one on one support for young people, attend the school if needed, and also support families and/or any collegiate support or community development that needs support or collaboration. This service will commence on the 1st July 2010 with referrals through KNC or you can contact the service directly on 40541943. All services provided are free of charge and strictly confidential.

Computer Course

We will be running a 6 week computer course at the centre, with lessons of one and a half hours each for a cost per person of \$66.00. If you are interested in participating please leave your details at the Centre.

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.

Cards

If anyone is interested in joining a 500 Card Game Club, please leave your details at the Centre, we are looking for two more players.

No Interest Loan Scheme

NILS is a no fee, no interest loan for low income earners to purchase an essential household item in an affordable and responsible way. For more information on eligibility and processes please call to make an appointment at KNC on 40938933.

Keeping your Cool

This is a program based on a lifeline course and will be run over 4 weeks for women wanting to gain more control and skills in managing frustration and anger either big or small. Contact Ceri for more information on 40938933.

Mahiong

Please remember also that we have a Mahjong games group on Wednesday afternoons - beginners welcome. 1pm - 4pm please come along and have a go - there are also advanced players for those who desire a more challenging game.

I will be on three weeks leave from 26th May – 21st June. Ceri, Louise and the KNC volunteer team are more than capable of managing the Centre operations and services, so please feel comfortable in asking for assistance or information.

Marg Yandell, Coordinator

NEED A NEW WASHING MACHINE, FRIDGE OR OTHER ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD GOODS?



The No Interest Loan Scheme provides interest-free loans for individuals or families on low income.

How much can you borrow? It varies, but usually up to \$1,000.00 and the repayment period is up to 2 years.

Who is eligible?

Anyone holding a health care card or pension card.

See Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre for more details.

COMMUNITY LETTERS

Dear Kuranda Paper,

There has been a lot of excitment about Jessica Watson's safe return from her round the world sailing experience. There are, however, still strong comments from the sceptics who believe she should never have been allowed to embark on this epic voyage in the first place.

I quote the words written by Walter Lippman on the occasion of Amelia Earhart's death in the Pacific on 2 July 1937, in an attempt to fly around the world:

"The world is a better place to live in because it contains human beings who will give up ease and security and stake their own lives in order to do what they themselves think is worthy of doing. They do the useless, brave, noble, the divinely foolish and the very wisest things done by man. And what they prove to themselves and others is that man is no mere creature of his habit, no mere automaton in his routine, but that in the dust of which he is made there is also fire, lighted now and then by great winds in the sky."

Congratulations, Jessica.

Toni Rogers, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Below is the text of a letter I wrote last year to the Tablelands Council in response to an earlier request for suggestions for the use of the old Kuranda Primary

The letter was subsequently distributed to politicians and others at the opening ceremony for the renovated section of the old Primary School earlier this year in a folder. The only further suggestion made was that perhaps James Cook University could be involved. I have not yet had a substantive response from the Council.

It seems to me that Kuranda is suffering from a fall in interest and badly needs a new major focus to attract visitors here. The idea of a Centre of Excellence in the arts and crafts would fit with the ethos of the Village and give it added uniqueness. Combined with a major art prize, it could be expected to draw many people.

Graham R Nicholson

The Executive Officer, Tablelands Regional Council, Post Office Box 573, Atherton, Qld 4883

Dear Sir/Madam

I write concerning the possible use of parts of the old Kuranda Primary School buildings, now vested in the Council.

Kuranda Village has a history of artistic talent, and much of its success, both commercially and otherwise, has been built on the arts and crafts. In fact the whole of North Queensland has a great pool of talent in this field. I was fortunate to attend the recent Aboriginal Art Awards in the Tanks, Cairns, Queensland, and the talent on display there was quite amazing.

It seems to me appropriate that the old Kuranda Primary School buildings should be put to some use related to the arts and crafts. The setting is quite special and suitable, and access by road, rail and cable car is readily available. I note that the Council is about to spend further funds on the enhancement of this site. Its use as a centre of excellence in the arts and crafts would seem to have a lot of merit. This could extend to include, but not be limited to, Aboriginal arts and

But it would need a special focus to enable such a centre to attract the necessary interest and support from the Village and beyond, extending beyond the region, in order to make it a success.

Such a focus, I would suggest, could be an annual art award of some prestige and value held during the middle of the year. An annual North Australia Art Award, reflecting the qualities of the northern Australian region, and adjudicated by an expert panel, would seem very appropriate. This would require financial and other support from both government and private sectors plus volunteers. But it would be a great boost to the proposed centre, to Kuranda Village and to the region generally. I recently visited the Glover landscape award held each year in Evansdale Village, near Launceston Tasmania, and that was a great success and drew large crowds.

I would be prepared to incorporate a body at no cost, as the legal basis of a new non-profit Foundation to run the annual award. The Foundation Board could include representatives of the Government, Local Government, major private supporters, community and artistic members.

The award would require a large suitable area of the old School buildings for display purposes plus ongoing storage areas. Other areas could be considered for ongoing use by artists and art/ craft displays. If the centre was a success it may well attract community arts and craft organisations and outlets.

Could the Council give consideration to this proposal please.

Graham R Nicholson 28 August 2009

Perhaps your readers might like to comment.

Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



- Life is like a curry. What you do today, might burn your arse tomorrow.
- Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.
- Phone answering machine message 'If you want to buy marijuana, press the hash key...'



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inter is my favour time in the garden because there is just so much you can plant and the cooler weather encourages you to get outdoors and

The extended rain means we've had a later start to planting traditional vegetables this year so don't despair if your garden is still waiting to be dug over. But get cracking now so you can enjoy picking your own home-grown fresh produce as soon as possible. For first timers it's always good to start small so you're not overwhelmed - some lettuce, pak choy, tomatoes and spring onions are always easy. If you don't want to grow from seed, and to save precious time, we have seedlings for sale most Sundays at the Speewah Markets (in the Speewah Tavern carpark from 8am-noon).

Lettuce likes a friable, well-drained soil rich in organic matter. They have a shallow root system so are fine for planting in containers and do best when kept moist (but not wet and gluggy or you'll rot the stems). Dynamic Lifter manure pellets are great scattered around the base of plants and lightly mulch to retain moisture. Liquid fertilise as well for best results. Successive plantings ensure a constant harvest. Pick individual leaves from the loose leaf varieties like mignonette – but as they get older it is better to harvest the whole plant and put in new seedlings so they don't become bitter with age. There is a great large looseleaf variety called Australian Yellow Leaf which is wonderful fresh but doesn't keep as well as the more commercial varieties. The yellow colour also looks good in the garden against the reds and greens of other varieties.

More often overlooked (and overcooked), cabbages are slightly more challenging to grow – only because you need to be vigilant about keeping the white cabbage butterfly off them. Companion planting with sage nearby can help and spraying with Dipel (an organic caterpillar-specific natural bacteria) should do the trick. They are best grown in part shade and like a more firm soil than lettuce so avoid working the soil too much. A side dressing of nitrogen-rich fertiliser can be applied about 4-6 weeks after planting. They are especially good to follow a nitrogen-fixing crop such as peas or beans and prefer a soil pH of 6-7.5.

Cabbages should be ready to harvest in three months after they have formed a head. If you leave them too long they may split and then quickly spoil. Cabbage is a key foodstuff around the world and contains an enviable list of nutrients. Eaten raw, it contains a number of anti-cancer agents and has a delicious spicy, sweet flavour. It can be green, red or purplish, and can grow round, flattened or conical. And if you cut the head just above the lowest leaves, then you have the advantage of mini cabbages sprouting from the stem which provide a secondary harvest.

Just remember, whatever vegies you love to eat – they taste so much better when you can grow then yourself. So why not give it a go!

A thank you also to Kim at the new Kuranda Healing and Beauity Spot by the Post Office for stocking organic seeds! Make sure you drop in and check out the range.

 $Sheree\ Scott, www.moongardening calendar.com. au$

A Bloomin' Contest



Residents in the Kuranda area are being urged to start pruning, planting and perfecting their gardens for the 2010 Tablelands Regional Council Garden Awards.

"Gardening is a fantastic past-time because it not only gives great enjoyment to many people, but it contributes to the overall image of our community," Cr Shaaron Linwood

A new aspect of the Awards this year is the support of several sponsors who will provide vouchers to winners for products at their businesses. The sponsors are: Yuruga Nursery (Native Garden category); Anza Nursery and Garden Centre (New Home - northern zone); Lakeside Nursery (New Home - southern zone); Jilinda Nursery (Most Colourful category); Mitre 10 Atherton (Home garden - southern zone); Mitre 10 Mareeba (Home Garden - northern zone); TGT (Pensioners/ Seniors - northern zone); and Cr Shaaron Linwood (Country/Rural category).

The awards will feature eight residential categories - Home Garden, New Home Garden, Front Garden / Footpath, Native Garden, Country / Rural Garden, Pensioners / Seniors (over 60 years), Most Colourful Garden, and for the first time, Vegetable / Herb Garden.

There are also three non-residential categories - Community Facilities / Clubs which includes churches and halls and club facilities, Commercial / Public Institutions which includes businesses, public and private schools, aged care facilities, semi-government buildings and industrial complexes, and for the first time, Tourist Accommodation which includes B&Bs, guesthouses, and motels.

Residents will enter the zone in which they reside - the Northern Zone covers the Walkamin township and all towns north including Mareeba, Dimbulah, Chillagoe, Mt Molloy, Julatten, Kuranda, and Mutchilba, while the the Southern Zone will cover all towns from Walkamin south including Tolga, Atherton, Millaa Millaa, Malanda, Yungaburra, Herberton and Ravenshoe.

Prizes will be awarded for first and second in each category. Entries are available from all Tablelands Regional Council Service Centres, libraries, and online at www.trc.qld.gov.au

Entries close on 10 August, with judging to be done from 16 August onwards. Inquiries can be directed to 1300 362 242.

Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

On Tuesday May 4th the Chamber held a Social meeting at the Petit Cafe in the original market venue. Aurelien supplied the 17 members and guests with mouth-watering savoury crepes and sweets. Our next General meeting is on Tuesday 1st June 4.30pm at the Windmill Cafe, 9/25 Coondoo Street, Kuranda. Come and hear Shelline McKellar speak on goods on footpath

Just a reminder that 2010/2011 membership is due in July. The current membership fee is just \$2 per week and has not changed for many years despite increased costs for insurance etc. The executive committee look forward to the continued support of current members and renewal of memberships that lapsed in 2009/2010.

Don't forget to read the minutes on your website!

Robyn Vogler, Secretary



Shade Boost for Kuranda Aquatic Centre

Much needed shade will be provided at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, with Tablelands Regional Council accepting an offer from Queensland Health to allocate \$40,000 in funding.

Council will work with Tropical Regional Services to identify areas of the swimming pool grounds to plant mature trees and to indentify and area which would be suitable for a built shade structure.



TRIVIA NIGHT 5th June 2010

Great Prizes Refreshments and Heaps of Fun

6.30PM FOR FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS **QUIZ STARTS 7.00PM**

KURANDA CWA HALL

Interested in gardening?

Come along to

KURANDA GARDEN CLUB Inc.

All are welcome to our meeting on

Saturday 5 June at 2.00 pm

enjoy a tour of Bruce and Fay Copland's delightful garden at 38 Copland Road, Koah

Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea and encourage your friends to come along

Phone David or Graham 4093 9492 dpsgkp@people.net.au



KURANDA

Presidents Report

VOLUNTEERING

80s...and guess what, IT'S STILL HERE!

beautifully terraced outdoor venue smack GRONWOLD you're a legend. in the middle of Djabugay country and one As this whole blurb is about volunteering, of the world's best rainforests, and a con- might as well milk it! Coming up we have stantly evolving army of volunteers Chronic Haze - Understage Saturday (aged from 6 - 75yrs) working togeth- 29 May and Kuranda Roots Festival er to ensure everyone may enjoy our 2010 - Understage Friday 25 June and special place.

stepped up to assist with the management, so keep your eye out for staffing, maintenance and event manage- Working Bee signs, any ment of the Kuranda Amphitheatre. At the of the team leaders pub-Lee Kernaghan concert there were many lished in the Kuranda Paper June edition, or volunteering for the first time, and loving it! email kuranda_amp@bigpond.com. Welcome, and a humble thankyou to you all

On that note we'd like to introduce the Am-The Amphitheatre was envisioned and built phitheatres' volunteer of the month of June by volunteers of our community in the early This guy knows his stuff. When there's an outdoor event he's there days before, all Because of the dedication, perseverance night working at the gig (until the last of and creativity of these volunteers Kuranda the volunteers and road crew leave), and has something which is quite rare in today's days after. Everything has its place, everyworld: an Incorporated Society which is still thing needs checking and everything needs maintained and managed by volunteers, a to go back where it came from! Thanks TIM

Mainstage Saturday 26 June. The usual This year a new generation of volunteers has culprits are needed for all the usual places

Mandy



ALL IS ART

No time for words this month so here is some digital rainforest art on the

thyme of scale. Thanks Rex and the boys, Ania, Pete, Fingal, Carli, Nessie, Janice, Henry (the Frog) and the Butterfly House, and also the owners of the rainforest, the tall building and the cruise boat. seren









FOCUS Theatre is rehearsing each Wednesday evening at the Amphitheatre Understage with Janice Starck's play, "Near Financial Ruin". Our cast is complete, but

we are still looking for another two/three people who will commit to being with the play until we finish our production, hopefully in July. CALL ME!

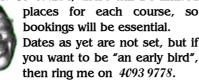
The play is very funny, and will be presented in an unusual way, but we aren't telling you how just yet!

Focus Theatre will also be presenting some theatre workshops over the next few months, with professional artists conducting them. This will consist of :-

Theatre Lighting. Use of Sound equipment and

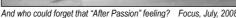
microphone techniques. Theatre Sports.

If you are an Amphitheatre member it will be free, but a charge will apply if a nonmember. Of course, there will be limited



Please remember, life is just a play! Yours in Theatre,









NEXT SHOOT: SAT JUNE 12TH

PETER'S GARDEN. 5 WEIR RD 2.30PM





7pm at the Speewah Tavern Theme of the Month: The Sun

Call Zananda 4093 0365 or Seren 0409 499 168 for more info.





June 2010

ARESIE DAGE

Local rocker's Chronic Haze, Saturday night.

With songs such as 'Shatter' and 'Waves', the Chronic Haze knows the most distinctive and captivat-

KURANDA

how to put together an energetic set for the Y-Generation. And with effectdriven, but clean

playing, and some brutal noise-production worthy of partying along to, set with intricate, sweet vocals and and thumping bass lines. some smooth acoustic guitar work. for you. Leave the kids at home, rhythms. 'coz this is an over 18's gig.

and to whet your appetite here's Rhythms show on Cairns FM. the low down on some of the hot-

The Beautiful Girls: fresh from rudekat.com, Ticketlink Cairns, touring the nation over the last two www.ticketlink.com.au, months, their performance will fea- Kuranda Videos, Shiva Moon ture the full six-piece line-up meld- and Fetish 4 Life. For proing old favourites and new tracks gramming information check from their new album, 'Spook's out www.kurandaroots.com into their most adventurous live offering ever.



"Get Reel" - 2nd place in the Kuranda Rockin Rollin Ridin Celebration

Zennith: Kuranda's very own are having their Kuranda album rude boy heavyweights have belaunch for their debut 5 track EP, come the nation's top Indigenous 'Under the Halo' at the Understage reggae act with appearances at Bywith support act Jobstopper this ron Blues Festival, Island Vibe, Fest Napuan, West End Carnivale.

Kooii: Their music is one of

ing sounds resonating out of Australia. Melding reggae, jazz and African music in lyrical & soulful

guitar work, hard-hitting vocals & song, they have a distinctive style, lyrics, intricate drumming & bass open-hearted feel with compelling groove.

Darky Roots: Brisbane's newest this is a gig worthy of attending. On reggae group have amassed a dethe flip side, the crew can also chill voted fan-base with their immacuout and play a subdued acoustic late harmonies, conscious lyrics

Chocolate Strings: Appeared Everything from calm and subdued at the 2009 Roots Festival. The Pop-Rock to the air-punching Metal! Strings will magnetize your butt to So, if you are looking to party hard, the dance floor with their powerful Sat 29th May at the Understage is vocals and Polynesian gypsy reggae

Marcus Far I & Culture Harry: June is a big month musically Dancehall pirates of the airwaves, for the Amphitheatre with the re- these two veteran selectas are turn of the Kuranda Roots Festival, also presenters on the Rasta Fari

Early bird tickets for Kuranda test acts to be gracing our stages Roots Festival are on sale till June 11. Tickets are available from www.

ROOTS 2010 PERFORMERS







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Kuranda Folk Night

Friday 4th June, 7pm CWA Hall, Barang St.

Dave Cooke's CD Launch

Supporting artists:

Astrid Elika - harp and vocal, and singer-songwriters

Bonny Cooper and Carly Halperin Entry \$7.50, Conc. \$5, Under 12 free email: kurandafolk@gmail.com

Hello Folk Night Friends,

First of all a HUGE thanks to the guys who took control of the Folk Night for the May night (Lunar, Trish, Nila, Kimmy & all other helpers). Feedback from the musicians and the audience have been great, all say the night was beautiful. It is great to see that the Folk Night is turning into a wonderful

event that involves many members of the community.

This month the Folk Night will be hosting Dave Cooke's Kuranda CD Launch. As many of you will know, Dave has just



completed a highly successful six week tour from Port Douglas to Byron Bay to promote his second self funded album 'Hieroglyphs', Dave is back in the far north just in time for the sunshine and is geared up to launch his new album to his home audience at the Kuranda Folk Night on Friday the 4th of

Be sure to come down and show your support for one of Kuranda's true treasures. To hear Dave play in a beautiful sounding hall with a fully appreciative and attentive audience is a rare opportunity. So come support your local artists and enjoy the beautiful space that is the Kuranda Folk Night.

Dave will be supported by Astrid Elika, a Harp player and singer just moved to our area from Adelaide, and 2 local Kuranda singer/songwriters; Bonny

Cooper and Carly Halperin. For any budding musicians out there who would like supporting slots please contact me on 0405 279 045 or kurandafolk@gmail.com Michael

Mantaka to appear at the Kuranda Roots Festival

val. This momentous occasion is to and living in Queensland. share in the celebration of Willie Their music is all-original 'jungle' Brim's 50th Birthday.

Mention the name Mantaka anywhere north of the border, and one old and young for over thirty people know who you're talking about.

all Aboriginal band from Mantaka,

Far North Queensland's original Ab- Kuranda. Meaning 'home of the original reggae band Mantaka are black man', Mantaka and their mureforming for a one-off perform- sic are a reflection of the realities ance at the Kuranda Roots Festi- involved in being young and black,

> melodies with a tropical reggae flavour. Mantaka have inspired everyyears!

Mantaka will be performing main-Led by Willie Brim, Mantaka was an stage, on Sat 26th June at the Kuranda Roots Festival.



Hey, hey it's the Boogies! We listen to a lot of music, and only the very best listening experiences find their way into our reviews. If you see it reviewed here, you can be sure that it's, at the very least, worth a listen. So, you won't see any nega-

tive reviews here, and we think that's a good thing. Hope you agree...

CD Reviews: The Decemberists - 'The Hazards of Love' From the swirling wurlitzer prelude, this sumptuous, textured album surges into sparkling acoustic guitar and clear, edgy vocals. You know you're in for something really special here. Touches of floating Pink Floyd; bone-hard basic rock; huge theatrical stadium epics. Beautiful reprises and every track is an adventure. We've played it many, many times getting to know all the subtleties here. A wonderful journey; an aching mosaic of memories of all that makes rock special.

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vite you to share the night. www.decemberists.com David Sylvian - 'Manafon' David Sylvian was once lead singer of Japan, who had something of a cult following in the mid 90's. He has a lovely, lazy voice that's the core of this album. If you know Scott Walker of the Walker Bro's, from his amazing solo albums, you'll understand this one. The few instruments that are used are ghost-like and sparse. Dave's voice is like a dream narrating itself - serene and dangerous. This is for playing late at night; foreboding, familiar, an almost soundless sound to them. Song titles such as 'Snow White in Appalacnia', 'The Rabbit Skinner', and 'The Depth of Dead Letters' - if you like weird dreams dressed in conservative English ambience, come in and help yourself. A midnight feast indeed. A. A. Bondy - 'When the Devil's Loose' For those of

And the lyrics! Profound, evocative, elegant period you who didn't rush out and buy A. A.'s previous repieces. This is literature man! If you could make love lease 'American Heart' after our glowing review last to a rock record, this is the one you'd hope would in- year, here's a chance to redeem yourselves. He's a gem! There's a depth of sincerity in these songs perfectly captured by the slightly cracked vocals and simple rock rhythms. Touching on innocence; spiritual seeking; and a life lived in earthly simplicity. Lovely songs - with just enough edge to them to draw you into contemplation of their meaning. He's a poet; a troubadour, and, as we said, genuinely

sincere. Try it, and we promise you'll love it. www.spunk.com.au

Quickpick: Old Crow Medicine Show - 'Tennessee Pushers' High class southern country rock. Drug deals gone bad; love lost; murderers and hustlers. High & fine music. www.crowmedicine.com

The Boogie Brothers





The Moth Man of Kuranda

THE PROFILE OF THE MONTH for this issue is that of the man who has made the moths of Kuranda one of his main interests in life: **Buck Richardson**. The great diversity in Kuranda rainforest moths is such that Buck has expertly photographed over 500 species of moth just in this area, although not himself an entomologist by formal education and training. But then, there is a lot more to this man than moths.

Born in Adelaide, he grew up in a stable, teetotal, Methodist family. He has one brother who still lives in Adelaide. Buck obtained a Bachelor of Engineering (BE) at the University of Adelaide in 1965, and then moved on to a Masters degree (MEngSc) at the University of Melbourne. He married young and had four children in Adelaide. He had a number of engineering/planning jobs, including with the National Capital Development Commission in Canberra in 1970. His marriage ended in late 1977 and he moved to Brisbane where he met Eve Stafford who was nursing. He became the Director of Planning and Research in transport matters with the Brisbane City Council.

In Christmas 1979 Buck was short-listed for a CEO job in Cairns, and came up to have a look. Eve had previously lived at Holloways Beach and Kuranda. In fact she had bought a tenancy-in-common block in Kuranda earlier, where she and Buck still live today. Eve has a daughter from her previous relationship in Kuranda. Buck missed out on the job, but together they decided it was time for a "forest" change. They moved to Kuranda in July 1980 and worked for some 10 months hand-building their present house. They were married here in 2004.

Once here, they became involved in the Kuranda Amphitheatre, then run by Trustees. The events they

worked on included the Garden Festival in 1980 and the Spring Festival of 1981, as well as many big concerts and later Festivals. Buck acted as a "middleman" in a dispute between the Trustees and the volunteers, which resulted in the Council overseeing the formation of the Amphitheatre Committee. Buck was the inaugural Secretary. He also began acting on the stage, an interest that Buck puts down to his adventures as a child in Christmas pantomimes at his home. He was a member of Junction Theatre for some time, produced and directed Alice in Wonderland, acted in several ensemble plays before becoming a solo performer.

He and Eve also ran a stall at the original markets for 15 years, "Kuranda Kreations", designing, making and selling their own T-shirts. From this, Buck's

interest in the photography of natural life exploded as it was used on their T-shirts.

Buck then took four years to meticulously research

Buck then took four years to meticulously research and write the book "Dingo Innocent", on the Lindy Chamberlain case. This interest reflects his very strong belief in the principle of justice. He is a supporter of the jury system, but believes that juries can get it wrong in some cases. At the same time, Eve branched out into the arts and arts organisation and delivery, eventually receiving an OAM.

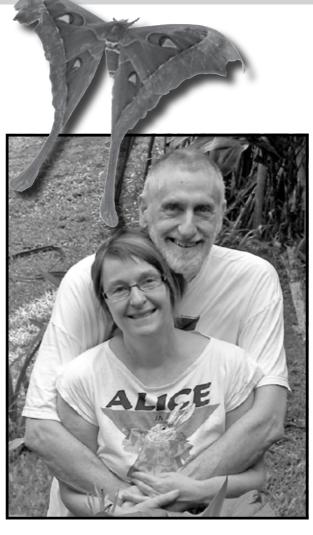
The developments in digital photography, graphic design and computers, together with his association with entomologists in Kuranda, saw Buck then experience what he calls a "segue" movement into the photography of moths in Kuranda. He decided to specialize in them because of their great diversity, patterns and beauty. But he avoids the use of the word "design" because of his difficulty with the concept of a designer. He himself produced his second book "Mothology: Discover the Magic", with magnificent moth patterns digitally enhanced to produce amazing pictures.

He is still to be seen at odd hours photographing around Kuranda. He sells his books as well as photographs, and he exhibits his work. He won the 2009 Digital Art Prize at the Mareeba Art Show, and was shortlisted for "hanging" in the Blake Prize for religious art the same year with his work "Cosmothology". He eventually made it on-line in the Directors' cut for the Blake Prize. He cites the work of Max Moulds, a world expert on the Hawk Moth, and Dave Rentz, who specializes in Katydid insects, both of Kuranda, as important influences.

Buck's next project is a critical review of Richard Dawkins' book "The Greatest Show on Earth". He is very

interested in the theory of evolution, but does not agree in all respects with Dawkins' views. He cites Dawkins, as well as De Bono, Escher and Darwin, as important in developing his own ideas. Buck says he approaches everything with a questioning mind, although tempered with a great degree of compassion and tolerance. We can expect something more of interest and value from him in the future. A very thoughtful man.

Graham Nicholson, Hidden Words Bookshop, Kuranda, tel 4093 7120





Planning Scheme Reference Groups Selected

More than 50 members of the community, and 38 business and industry groups will participate in reference groups that will have direct input into the new Planning Scheme for the Tablelands.

Tablelands Regional Council has approved the members of the Local Area Reference Groups and the Key Sector Reference Groups which will meet twice a year to provide Council with advice and direct input as the scheme is developed over the next few years.

Local Area Reference Groups have been formed for Atherton, Mareeba, Kuranda, Malanda, Julatten / Mt Molloy, Tolga / Walkamin, Yungaburra, Chillagoe, Mt Garnet, Herberton, Dimbulah, Millaa Millaa, and Ravenshoe.

Key Sector Reference Groups have been formed to represent Primary Industries, Tourism and Business, Environment, Property Development, and the Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DIP) and other state agencies.

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New Fees and Charges Approved

Tablelands Regional Council has approved its fees and charges for the next financial year in preparation for the 2010-2011 Budget which will be handed down in June.

The majority of fees and charges will be increased by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or lower. Some charges will rise by more than the CPI to recover the cost of providing services.

"In the case of development applications, Council has taken the decision to increase these by 30 per cent across the board to try to recover a portion of the costs incurred providing these services," Mayor Tom Gilmore said. "Traditionally, the charges for applications of this nature have been much lower than cost recovery so, as a Council we must start lifting them to try to close the gap in this area."

Garden Groups Asked to Submit Ideas

Garden groups across the region have been asked to submit their ideas for how streetscapes in towns could be improved with funding from the Federal Government.

Council has secured \$150,000 from the government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program to upgrade infrastructure in central business districts throughout the region for gardens/landscaping to enhance the appearance of regional towns.

Tablelands Mayor Tom Gilmore said he wanted to hear ideas that were "sensible, practical and manageable because there's not a lot of money to spread around the whole region so we want to get the best result for the funds we will have".

Bridge inspections to be carried out

Tablelands Regional Council, in conjunction with the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB), will be conducting detailed, routine safety inspections of bridges in the region over the next four weeks. During the inspections, bridges will be either closed to traffic or partially closed to traffic. Motorists should expect traffic delays or should choose alternate routes where possible.

The inspections will be carried out between the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm and will last between 1-4 hours depending on the complexity of the inspection. Motorists who have an emergency and need to cross a bridge whilst it is being inspected will be accommodated by the inspection team.

Dates of the inspections are listed below, but are subject to change due to weather conditions. For up to date information prior to the day of closure, motorists can call Val Shannon on 0408 717 892.

26 May - Black Mountain Road, Kuranda

31 May - Chewko Road, Mareeba

31 May - Danbulla Forest Drive, Tinaroo

1 June - Danbulla Forest Drive, Tinaroo

1 June - Curtain Fig Tree Road, Yungaburra

Art exhibition for May

Two great exhibitions will take place in May - one at the Foyer Gallery and one at Tableland Regional Gallery featuring five artists.

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June 2010



Astrology Stars in June

Rob Hart



This month we are heading towards a unique cosmic event. I mean really unique. For the first time in the history of Planet Earth, we are experiencing an alignment of Saturn and Uranus, perfectly in line with our equator. Put astrologically, this is Uranus at zero degrees Aries opposite Saturn at zero degrees Libra.

Astrologers who have set their computers in historical search mode have discovered that this alignment has never, ever, occurred before.

Let's analyse it. Saturn: the structures; the traditional; the set in place in Libra; the sign of harmony, equality and balanced relationships. Uranus: the planet of wild, eccentric, revolutionary changes; multi-dimension, electric frequencies in Aries; the warrior; the pioneer, the headstrong "I am". In perfect 180° alignment with our centre, our point of equilibrium – the equator.

What do you think might be happening? Obviously there are no precedents so I doubt that our consciousness is sufficiently enlightened to be able to visualise the possibilities. But, to me, it's a huge call to oneness; retaining the best and most equitable of our traditions with a mind-blowing quantum leap of consciousness.

On a global level there will be much lasering away of the bloated; the imbalanced and the excesses, and a courageous bursting forth of the visionary; the focussed idealistic, and an awakening to our place in this vast cosmos. Contact with E.T.s? Oh yes. Recognition of our "oneness"? Absolutely. The courage to act? Well, that's an individual choice, but this is a wave to be surfed rather than to be belted by. A period of great change which is unprecedented. Nothing in our DNA knows about this one, but it's about to awaken all that is dormant in our information banks. Can you feel it happening? Into the tube!

Rob will be conducting a workshop on this exciting cosmic event at the Winter Solstice Festival.





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In the Red

Tableland Regional Gallery On display: 7 May - 20 June Official Opening: 7 May at 6pm

A dog, a cat and a cow chase a sculptor around a rose. Well, not really. But you can see this delightful and fun exhibition by artists who depict themselves as a dog, a cat, a cow, a rose and a sculptor at the Tableland Regional Gallery, Atherton during May and June.

Graeme gives us his version of modern society – latte drinking, telephones and texting, gossiping and preening. Rose creates wonderful colours with a more feminine touch – using printed and reprinted tissue papers combined with acrylic, to give the appearance of silk in her work. Pam Carey shows us her muddled mind – from flying cows in "High Diddle", blue clucky hens, to classic vessels in celadon and ox blood red.

Julie has fallen in love with cows and the country life. She delicately carves cows and calves, leaves and branches onto her work and finishes them with a smoke firing to imitate burnished wood. Wendy immerses herself in the serene – Buddha like faces emerge from her speckled pots creating a calm atmosphere.

All in all, this is a varied and interesting, but mainly fun exhibition.

Recycle Your Old Phones for World Environment Day

To help Landcare Australia plant more trees and to celebrate World Environment Day on 5 June, Tablelands Regional Council has joined MobileMuster's "Old phones, more trees" campaign where a tree will be planted for every kilogram of old mobile phones, batteries chargers and accessories recycled.

MobileMuster and Landcare Australia started the "Old phones, more trees" campaign in 2007 and since then have planted over 200,000 trees across Australia.

This year, they aim to plant a further 30,000 trees along the River Murray, the Daintree Rainforest in Far North Queensland and the Mallee in Western Australia.

To achieve this goal MobileMuster really needs the help of the residents of the Tablelands region. MobileMuster accepts all mobile phone components, including handsets, batteries, chargers and accessories for recycling.

All components will be recycled into new products using the best available recycling practices. None will be refurbished and sold for profit.

Why recycle?

By recycling your old mobiles you are keeping them out of landfill, ensuring the materials in the phones are being reused in an environmentally sound manner reducing both the amount of greenhouse gases emitted and our need for natural resources.

Did you know that:

- Over 90 per cent of a mobile phone and its accessories are recyclable, o per cent are biodegradable.
- Seven out of 10 people have at least one old unused mobile phone at home and an estimated 16 million mobile phones are sitting around in cupboards and drawers.
- One tonne of mobile phone circuits can yield the same amount of precious metals as 110 tonnes of gold ore, 123 tonnes of silver bearing ore and 11 tonnes of copper sulphide ore.

What/Where do I recycle?

Simply drop off your old mobile phone handsets, batteries, chargers and accessories at one of the following collection points (all Australia Post Outlets, TRC Council Offices and participating schools), or pick up a free recycling satchel from your local Australia Post outlet. It's that easy!

What happens to them?

All mobiles collected by MobileMuster are dismantled, sorted and separated into circuit boards, batteries, plastics and metals. These are then processed either locally or overseas for resource recovery.

MobileMuster is a not-for-profit organisation which has been established and funded by the mobile phone industry to:

- stop old handsets, batteries, chargers and accessories ending up in landfill
- to reduce the demand on the planets valuable resources
- and to ensure all components are recycled to the highest environmental standards. None of the items collected are sold for reuse.

To find out more detail about what happens to your phones go to www. mobilemuster.com.au.





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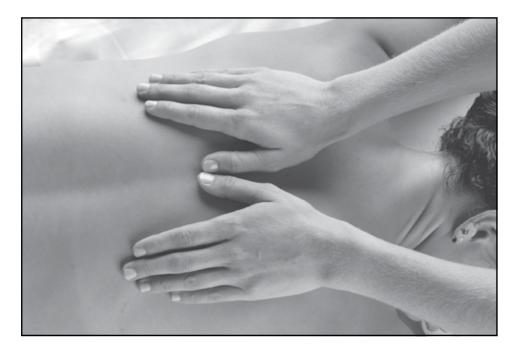
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MASSAGE

...continued from last month

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Kapha types need massage to improve their circulation and lymph drainage. Their skin and flesh are strong and thick, so can take penetrating massage styles as well as body therapies that shake and pummel the body. Kapha types love to luxuriate in body oils and lotions, but should use very little as they tend to increase the feeling of heaviness in the body. Using small amounts of hot, sharp, stimulating oils are best, mustard oil being the most commonly recommended Kapha oil plus essential oils of sage, cedar pine, myrrh, musk, patchouli, or cinnamon are also good. Other styles of massage that is good for Kapha types include, shiatsu, Tragering, lymphatic massage and vigorous Ayurvedic friction massage.

Oils are selected not only by which dosha they benefit, but also according to climate, season, and locale. Castor and sesame oils are good in dry climates because they are heavy and penetrate the skin, going deep into the tissue.

Safflower oil is recommended for damp climates where such deep lubricating action is not required. Mustard and sesame are best in cold weather, while coconut and olive are good for hot weather. Oils that can be derived from vegetation that is local to you are considered best in the same way that foods that grow locally help you to maintain balance in your locale.

With increased interest in natural health care and beauty, natural cosmetic oils have come onto the market, such as jojoba, rapeseed, avocado and canola. Jojoba is excellent because it is light as well as penetrating. Avocado is rich and nourishing. Canola is a good carrier for essential oils.



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DRAIN THE RICE AND MIX IN THE KIDNEY MIXTURE.

PACK THE LOT FIRMLY INTO THE BONE CAVITY OF THE LEG.

You could feel it necessary at this point to tie the leg around to prevent the loss of stuffing loss during cooking.

NOW, RUB PAPRIKA ALL OVER THE SKIN OF THE LEG...BE GENEROUS. SETTLE THE LEG INTO A DEEP CASSEROLE AND POUR IN A CAN OF TOMATO PUREE.

Better still, if you have a stack of really ripe tomatoes on hand, is to liquify them in your blender, and use the resultant juice.

SEASON WITH SALT AND DELIVER TO THE OVEN.

SET THE TEMPERTURE FAIRLY HIGH...SAY 200c, 400f FOR THE FIRST 15 MINUTES, THEN REDUCE TO A GENTLE 170c, 350f, FOR THE REST OF THE COOKING TIME.

Notice that we resist the temptation to mess up the dish with a load of old vegetable scraps.

YOU'LL PROBABLY FIND THAT THE RICE STUFFING WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THICKING THE STOCK DURING COOKING. IF YOU'D LIKE THE SAUCE HEAVIER AT SERVING TIME, TAKE SOME OFF INTO A SMALLER SAUCEPAN AND STIR IN AT SIMMER TIME SOME CORNFLOUR BLENDED WITH CHICKEN STOCK, WHITE WINE OR SOME MORE PUREE.

ANOTHER TECHNIQUE FOR THE FINAL SAUCE IS TO REDUCE THE STOCK FROM THE CASSEROLE OVER A FAIRLY HIGH FLAME, THEN AWAY FROM THE HEAT, STIR IN SOME CREAM. YOU'LL ACHIEVE A VERY RICH SAUCE THIS WAY...PERHAPS TOO LUXURIOUS FOR SOME DIGESTIVE SYSTEMS. THE CHOICE IS YOURS!



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Tuesday: Free for Bookings.

Wednesday: SOCCER TRAINING, Hunter Park 4.00 to 5.30pm, contact 4093 7109/4093 7511.

VOLLEY BALL and TABLE TENNIS, 6.00pm to 8.00pm, contact Lisa 4093 9659 or Leo 0405 116 066.

Thursday: BIODANZA Dance of Life, 6.00pm to 7.30pm, contact Catherine 4057 8549.

Friday: SANDRA'S KITCHEN, 5.00 to 11.00pm, Bar open. BAREFOOT BOWLS, POOL, TABLE TENNIS, DARTS. Bookings essential Thursday. Contact Sandra 4093 7393.

Saturday: Free for Bookings.

Sunday: FILM CLUB, first Sunday every month, 4.00pm to 8.00pm. Contact Margaret or Hans 4093 8393. UNITED CHURCH, second Sunday every month, contact Krishna 4093 8730.

The Club Development Plan: if you are interested in helping ring Arch 4093 7511.

Venue Hire: Need a venue for a private function? A business function or a community group meeting place? Telephone 4093 7511 or 4093 7109.

Soccer Training in Kuranda at the **Recreation Centre, Fallon Road**

Aim: To redevelop the Kuranda Rangers Soccer Club in 2011 and give kids something to do.

Free: initally, to gauge interest and build numbers to develop the structure of a committee and coaching staff. Contact 4093 7109 or 4093 7511 to help.

When: Every Monday and Wednesday afternoon, starts Monday 17 May 2010.

Time: 4.00pm to 5.30pm.

Where: Hunter Park, Fallon Road, next to the Recreation

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Who: EVERYONE and particularly 4 to 14 year olds.

What's available: Two fields that are 70 metres long and 30 metres wide. Netting is available for shooting practice and goalkeeping practice, posts available if warranted.

What else: If required, the Recreation Centre will put on food from 5.00pm and Monday night will follow with Mini Field Soccer underlights and Wednesday nights will follow on with the fun, Mixed Volleyball Competition from 6.00pm also under lights. See you there!



Kuranda Pool News

We are beginning to wind down to our brief 2 month winter recess for July and August but that shouldn't stop anyone jumping into the HEATED POOL WATER of twenty nine degrees. The MAGNESIUM SALT Water is crystal clear as usual and we now are getting visitors and tourists from outside our district finding us on the MAGNAPOOL Website and seeking us out to have a healthy public pool swim. It really is the cleanest water in the world and you should

come and try it for the health benefits and clarity. It also seems even silkier with the water warm at the moment; just bring a thick towel for when you get out, as the air is nippy.

Finally, big indicators are that much of the family friendly facilities will be agreed to by Council in the new round of budgets in July. In what should have been there when the pool was completed, it has taken 2 years to negotiate for shade, seating and some other basic amenities like bike racks. We look forward to a pool that has the laughter of families protected from the sun, frolicking on the grass and around the purpose-built toddler pool. Next will be the B.B.Q.s, Pergolas, Seating, Bubblers, and Yahoo! Rejoice.

Pool management supports a future swim club at the Kuranda Recreation Centre as a base at the re-vamped facilities in Fallon Road. The centre now offers a shared facility for multi sports activities. This million dollar community asset offers options of volleyball, tennis, barefoot bowls, netball and basketball. All under lights with kitchen and bar facilities available, ideal for the grassroots development of a swimming club for Kuranda locals. Development of new soccer, swimming and tennis clubs will allow children and their parents to choose some of the most popular winter and summer sports in Kuranda.

This sports facility will have benefits for our swim club members who can choose several sports for one basic fee. Additional benefits will be gained by having more than one child involved in the sports as basic membership covers a family. Families who have more kids involved, and do multiple sports at the one place, will gain the most. That applies to lots of our local families around here.

Our current training swimmers and next year's members of the Squads and Stroke Development classes will be offered membership to the Kuranda Swim Club. The Swim Club will use the Recreation Centre for fund raising, presentations, functions and meetings. The Centre's incorporation and insurance will cover us for these

Imagine the day when you don't have to chase around from one venue to another to give your youngsters healthy activity (well not as much anyway and we could all do with that.)



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SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer.' said mother. 'I don't need to,' the boy replied.

'Of course you do.' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.'

'That's at our house.' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook!'

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St Cristopher's Catholic Church Barang St

Our Sunday Mass will be held at 6 pm

1st Wednesday of each month Mass 7.00 pm

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A Thought for June

This month we read from St Johns Gospel Chapter 14 verses 8-27.

In the weeks since Easter this year millions of Christians have been reading this Gospel according to John. We are going back over all the things Jesus said to his disciples in the upper room before he was crucified. Why? Because now we know he is risen, we can hear them in a new way.

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father!" Philip wants certainty and all of us want that from time to time, especially when our faith is being strained and we are no longer sure of anything. We long for that specific response from God that leaves no doubt.

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father!' It is very important that Jesus does not say he "is" the Father; he says that he "is in" the Father. No further nagging is going to get us very far because at this moment we are at the very heart of the great Christian mystery, the mystery we call the Incarnation, the interfacing in Jesus Christ of humanity and divinity. We can ask our "how" questions for ever and we cannot unravel this mystery.

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do" All we know is that in some way when we look at Jesus we are looking through a window toward God. What Jesus says to us is what God wants to say to us. Jesus actions are his carrying out of the will of God in the world: if our actions in any way reflect those of Jesus then we are carrying out the will and nature of God.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Once again we hear Jesus link love to obedience. Love for Our Lord is never just a nice feeling. Love abides where there is obedience to him.

"He [the Father] will give you another Advocate."

Here is a frequent theme of Our Lord. He was saying that his disciples' relationship with him could not stop at this point, it was only beginning. In fact, the relationship would have to grow all their lives. Jesus says the same to each of us. The relationship between a Christian and Jesus must be constantly growing.

Jesus speaks to his disciples and to us of his life being both our window to God and our introduction to the Holy Spirit.



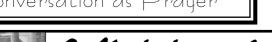


Kuranda Faith Community Meets Second Sunday of the month 4.30 - 5.30pm

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Thought of the month from the Baha'i Faith

"Again, consider how much the principles of the religion of Christ have been forgotten, and how many heresies have appeared. For example, Christ forbade revenge and transgression; furthermore, He commanded benevolence and mercy in return for injury and evil. Now reflect: among the Christian nations themselves how many sanguinary wars have taken place, and how much oppression, cruelty, rapacity and bloodthirstiness have occurred! ... It is then clear and evident that in the passage of time religions become entirely changed and altered. Therefore, they are renewed."

> (Abdu'l-Baha, Some Answered Questions, p. 166)

Meditations/Reflections, spiritual readings from the great religions, every Wednesday 7.00pm, Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda, new theme each week.

Morning Prayers each Tuesday 8.00am, park in

centre of Kuranda, all welcome.

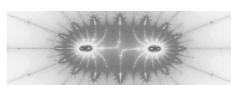
Study Circles and devotions by arrangement.

Ascension of Baha'u'llah, Prophet/Founder of Baha'i Faith, Friday 28 May at 7 pm, locally in Kuranda, please ring for directions.

Other events in Cairns, Atherton, Malanda etc. All welcome

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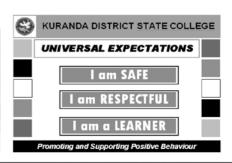
From the Baha'is of the Tablelands











Principal's Message



Our college has received a very substantial boost and hopes for a second one from Sport and Recreation. We recently were recipients of a \$5000 donation from the Stanwell Group. This group is a very significant employer and business operator in Far North Queensland and supports the Beacon foundation. Our college has become a Beacon member to be part of a program for year 10 students. The program involves specifically training and supporting our students to ensure they are prepared for the workforce or further education. This wonderful donation will be used to purchase much needed resources for our students including many more home readers for our younger grades. Our sincere thanks go to the Stanwell Group.

The second boost we hope to gain is a recently submitted Sport and Recreation Grant Application for the completion of the Fairyland playing field. This field has been a community and council project for quite some time and we need funding to put the final touches to it. We have applied for money to correct the soil content and PH level as well as slight reshaping and irrigating. If successful we will move straight into action and have the oval work completed as soon as possible. Then the field will be a true community facility for many sporting events in the future. A couple of working bees will also be needed to complete this enormous job. Our special thanks to all those workers who have already committed many hours of hard labour to have the field almost ready for action.

Another group of people deserving our thanks is the volunteers that share their time in our school to help in many ways. Approximately 30 parents and citizens come into our school each week to help students with many tasks including reading and artwork. Some volunteers help in the libraries and others on grounds projects at the college. Whilst volunteer week has just past we are always keen to recognize the work of these people who make such a difference to a small school such as ours. Thank you from the staff and students of Kuranda District State College.

Gary Toshach Principal

The ART of Drawing to Learn With Year 1M

The children of Year 1 at Kuranda District State College are celebrating the completion of a wonderful mural on the exterior wall of their classroom. The visual interpretation of the "Bulurru Storywaters" was sourced and interpreted by local artist and parent Ms Angela Meyer.

It is based on some facets of the traditional stories explaining the naming of specific localities, prominent geographical features, special and sacred to the Djabugay peoples. Every student in both Year 1 classes contributed to the piece under the expert tutelage of Ms Meyer.

It was exciting to watch the children make their ideas visible, as they participated as artists, and as audience, engaging their senses, physical skills, emotional and spiritual sensibilities, and their intellect to make meaning of the world. A fantastic, stimulating exercise and there are sure to be many more.



On Thursday 13th May 2010, students in year four at our College made a special presentation to Mrs Glenys Duncombe a representative from the Cairns Base Hospital Children's ward. The students presented a cheque for \$326 which was money they raised by students running their own class shops.

This fundraising idea was imitated totally by the students themselves and it started with a handful of children bringing items from home - toys & books to sell. It quickly blossomed into a full blown "class shop" that ran two days a week, with many students from the two classes involved in a variety of jobs which included: class & school advertising, money collectors and counters, home baking, craft

items and a table display & pricing. No items were over \$3 and children and staff enjoyed the enthusiasm.

The students chose the Children's Ward at the Cairns Base Hospital to donate the monies raised as they wanted to help local children who were unable to go to school because of illness. There has been an amazing amount of "Real Life Learning" that has taken place and the students were thrilled to be able to present the cheque and hear just how the money would be used to help sick children in our area.



Front: Joel Rivers, Paige Stevenson, Jazzlyn Richardson, Aurora Clark, Mrs Glenys Duncombe , Grace Carr.

Front: Maggie Slater, Penny Krockenberger, Melodie Mounier.

About Our Shop

We started our shop in October 2009. Miss Jones said that we had to have a good reason to have a shop. What were we raising the money for? Some members of our shop worked together and thought about raising money for sick children. So then there was no stopping us bringing in toys and cooking up some delicious food. Together the two shops raised over \$300 for sick children. By Paige

I got an idea to start a shop from a girl named Jemmima -Lilly. She started a shop and I thought we could make one of our own. So I told my friends that we should get things that we don't need anymore to sell. We put the things to sell on a big table, then people started coming. We raised over \$300. We donated the money we made to the Cairns Base Children's ward. By Aurora

My friends in 2/3 D started a shop at Kuranda School in 2009. We collected toys from home and sold them in our school shop. Then we started another shop. The shops raised over \$300. The money went to the Cairns Base Hospital and we hope it will help sick children get better quickly. By Jazzlyn

A group of people in our class wanted to start another shop and they asked me, so we did. We opened the shop every week. Some people brought lots of things that they didn't want from home. We raised over \$300 and every week we took money that we made from the shop to the office and then the other class (3P/5) wanted to start another shop. By Penny

Last year a group of students from Kuranda District State College Primary set up a shop to raise money for the sick children in hospital. At first people thought we made only a little but then we raised a few hundred dollars. I helped by being a body guard and helping behind the counter. By Joel



a your library

May has been full at the Kuranda Library. Ros has been on her longest holidays ever (three weeks!) so Rachael, our casual has been in every day. She has heaps of library experience and local knowledge and it has been great getting a new perspective on things.

To add to our little family here we are looking for a volunteer. You need to be able to come in for a fairly regular couple of hours each week and will be helping us prepare resources and clean audiovisual items. Please call us or pop in to discuss the position if you are interested.

We have had a great month with heaps of kids experiencing the Library for the first time. The Steiner school's prep group came in for a library tour with their lovely teachers Lisa, and Lisa. I haven't seen a group of kids with such a love of stories before... I think they would have sat and listened to us read picture books all day if we had obliged, which is of course what we like to see. Plans are made for the State School will come in for a tour next term so almost every prepaged kid in Kuranda should have experienced our little world. Now we just need all the Home Schooled kids to come in for a day!

Storytimes have also been heaps of fun. We even had a little special guest – Milo the Rat for a 'mouse and rat' themed day. Storytimes are at 10:00am each Friday, although we are starting to fill the library with little ones keen to read and do craft. Maybe we will have to have some outdoors readings now the weather has cleared?

For the older kids, please remember that we have Homework Help every Tuesday afternoon. There is a laptop with wireless internet access the kids can use in the Library to research and write assignments, create resumes and search for jobs. It would be great if you can let us know you are coming so someone is available to help.

And for the big kids in all of us, come in to use our internet computer (new ½ hour time for \$1.50 available), read the newspapers (sodoku!) or borrow a magazine (new titles coming soon). Of course we also have new fiction and non-fiction arriving each week and new CDs and DVDs rolling in too.

The opening times are in our lovely and loved Kuranda Paper, or call us on 4093 9185. Don't forget that dog registrations are due soon, and to call us to renew your books before the due date. Enjoy the weather getting chilly. As always there is a bright side. Great curl-up-and-read-a-book weather J

See you soon.

Ros, Rachael and Maddie



Bursary on Offer for Young Sportspeople

TRC **NEWS** The call has gone out to young people all over the region who are seeking to excel in their chosen sport.

Tablelands Regional Council will be nominating two aspiring young sportspeople from the region to the North

Queensland Sports Foundation for the 2009 BHP Billiton Cannington Mine North Queensland Sport Development Bursary.

The \$500 bursaries as well as a unique embraidered treak suit insket for each suggestful.

The \$500 bursaries, as well as a unique embroidered track suit jacket for each successful applicant, will be awarded to two recipients to enable them to pursue their chosen sport.

Applications must be submitted through member Councils of the NQ Sports Foundation. So, now Council needs to hear from people in the community to be able to determine the two

Applicants must be under the age of 18 during the year the Bursary is awarded (that is, they must be still 17 years of age on 31 December 2010). The applicants must also live in the Tablelands Regional Council area.

Applications need to be received by Council by 25 June, 2010. Application forms can be obtained from all Tablelands Regional Council service centres or by contacting Amanda Louden on 4043 4351.



Kuranda Film Society Sunday 6th June at 4 pm

at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road

Bring a plate to share.

Yearly subscription for 2010 is now due

\$20 per year or \$5 for a one-day membership. For more information ring Hans at 4093 8393

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A tense, realist prison drama based on the infamous Bathurst prison riot in New South Wales and its aftermath. The film forthrightly explores the barbarity and cruelty of systematic institutionalised violence without analysing the situation politically or laying blame on those in authority. Brown plays a young but experienced convict determined to protest against the mindless, dehumanising rules and limitations placed on prisoners. Harassed constantly by the brutally sadistic warders, he is gradually drawn into the activities of a group planning rebellion. Writer, Bob Jewson, was a prisoner at Bathurst Goal in 1974 and based his script on the events and personalities which led to the rioting that took place at that time.

Blowup

Thomas, a young photographer, in 'swinging' London, finds that he may have photographed a murder. As in several of his other films (L'Avventura and Passenger for example), Antonioni uses the narrative structure of the detective story while changing its intent. Nothing is discovered in the course of the narrative which is diverted from the search for an elusive image and finally loses itself. Objects assume a life of their own. Personal relationships become so attenuated that they virtually disappear. Thomas' confidence in his perception of reality, always tenuous, finally collapses. Antonioni uses spatial depth and appearances to question the viewer's sense of what is real and what is not. Cast: Vanessa Redgrave, Sarah Miles, David Hemmings, John Castle, Jane Birkin.

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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Kuranda's Gymkhana was on the 22nd and 23rd May. We would like to thank all our Sponsors: KURANDA FOODWORKS, GIFTS FROM KURANDA, KURANDA VIDEO, KURANDA LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES, KURANDA VETERINARY CLINIC, CAIRNS WILDLIFE SAFARI, DOT MC LAUCHLAN VETERINARY CLINIC & DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES, GEOFF BLACKLOCK, THE MEYERS FAMILY, STAN REBETZKE.

Without your support our event could not be held. Please support our local businesses. More info and results next month.

Kuranda Horse & Pony club has 2 entrants in the Zone 18 Personality & Fundraising Quest. Zone 18 is from Tully to Mossman. The quest will be held in Mareeba in October. In the senior section we have Sophie Curtis, Junior section Stevie Richardson.

We have been able to organize a major raffle. With the generous support from these businesses. Kuranda Scenic Railway, Big Cat Green Island Cruises, Crocodile Explorer wilderness cruise, Rainforestation Nature Park, Cairns Wildlife Safari, Australian Butterfly Sanctuary. The girls would like to give a huge Thanks to you all. Tickets will be sold around Kuranda so if you see them please help by buying some.

Also the date has been set for an under 15's Blue Light Disco at the pony club clubhouse on the 19th June.

This fundraiser is \$5.00 entry with snacks and drinks on sale. 6.30pm to 10.00pm. ALL WELCOME.

Remember our **Friday Social Nights every fortnight. The next one is 4th June**. Good food great prices. From 6.30pm. Try your luck with our Great meat tray raffle from Kuranda Butchers – always well worth winning.

The Club is holding a Georgia Bruce clinic on the 6th June. This is a great chance to learn from an experienced instructor.

For more information contact Rosemary Meyers 40 930 033 to book a spot.

Remember the club is subsidising the clinic for pony club members.

The photo is Sophie Curtis on her pony Evening, and Stevie Richardson on her pony Aura, our Miss Personality & Fundraising entrants

Till next time, Happy Riding!

For enquires about pony club email Di Curtis at paulanddi@bigpond.com





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During the past month, our members enjoyed an "Irish" day in Cairns hosted by the QCWA Cairns branch shamrocks and Irish songs in abundance with a hearty meal provided as well. An interesting note was that over 60% of those attending had Irish ancestry.

A trip to Mossman to see the official launching of a new Younger Set was a pleasure. With more than 15 eager young girls present to become members plus mothers and members from supporting branches - it was quite a noisy but happy event. What is a Younger Set? Younger Sets are a section of the Queensland Country Women's Association, which is designed especially for young women (married or single). Girls can be members of a Younger Set up to the age of 25. A Younger Set is made up of girls who participate in arts and craft, cookery, international work, hold positions in their Set (such as president, treasurer, international officer, secretary and vice president), community work and fundraising.

Craft: Quilling is the craft to be taught on the lesson day - June 16, kits will be available and lunch provided at a small cost. If you would like to join us, please contact Yvonne on 4093 7016.

Bits and Pieces:

Our Mother's Day Raffle Pamper Basket was won by Samantha Mapp. We thank everyone who purchased tickets in this raffle.

Garage Sale/Bring & Buy: We apologize for the necessity of cancelling this event in May but will announce a new date later in the year.

For Hall Bookings: please contact 40937599 or 40938229.



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- Hatha / Turiya Yoga, Laughter Yoga and Labyrinth
- 1-Day Workshop
- Cost: \$150/pp
- Includes all workshop material and refreshments
- Lunch Participants to bring a plate to share.
- Numbers Strictly Limited to 8
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- · Full Payment 7 days prior to Workshop

To receive Registration Form Contact

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Call Jacqueline on 0413 085 406

KURANDA **IRIS** CO-OP

Any Place I Hang My Hat Is Home...and we have a new one.

Perhaps we should gather some hats and hooks and paint a sign saying.... Any place I hang my hat is home.

The Kuranda Arts Co-operative will be opening again in Coondoo Street at the beginning of

Many locals have been watching over the past month the comings and goings at the Forest Art Gallery, the packing up and the appearance of yet another empty shop in the main street. The Arts Co-op has contracted to make this gallery 'home' for as long as it is available to us.

We hope that our local support base will welcome our return to the Village and continue their support, visit the gallery and view the new work by our member artists.



Regardless of culture, no Father says to his daughter 'Please marry an artist'.

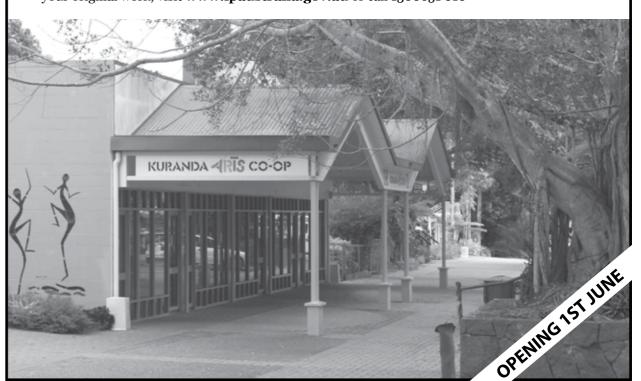


The Federal Government has been running a number of workshops in the region on Intellectual Property Rights. They include patents, trademarks, and designs.

IP Australia is the agency responsible for granting intellectual property protection in these fields. They raise the awareness of intellectual property issues and provide **FREE** information and resources about IP protection to the Australian community.

This information on design registration could be vital to all our local artists. The purpose of the design registration system is to encourage innovative design activity by giving designers an exclusive right to exploit their designs for a limited time and prevent others from copying them. The life of design registration is 10 years. Examples of famous designs already protected in Australia include Speedo's swimwear, the Dunlop tyre and Ken Done bed linen.

For more information on how to protect the visual appearance of your products, and protect your original work, visit www.ipaustralia.gov.au or call 1300651 010



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Date:

Thursday 27th May 2010

Time:

10.00am - 12.00 noon

Cost:

\$5p/p (includes Morning Tea) Fashion Parade, Raffles & Prizes. Come along, bring a friend, enjoy a cuppa with old friends and help support a worthy cause. Proceeds go to the Cancer Council for research, education and support services.



Washouts and Landslips on the Kuranda Range Railway:

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HE RECENT INCIDENT when the Kuranda Range Railway was out of commission from March 26 to May 7 this year was a major event for Kuranda. The closure of the range for six weeks caused considerable disruption to the local business community, which relies heavily on the tourist trade. The people of Kuranda were understandably relieved to welcome the resumption of the rail service, which delivers a significant influx of tourists to the town each day. The slip that caused the closure of the line was particularly small when compared with other slips in the past, and the people of Kuranda might ask why a minor incident of this nature should cause the range to be closed for such an extended period.

The Kuranda Range Railway is constructed on notoriously unstable ground, and since it was built in the 1890s there have been numerous slips as the embankments have collapsed. Some of these incidents have been minor, with little or no disruption to the rail traffic, but others have been more destructive. In the 1950s a series of slips caused the Railway Department to undertake major restructuring of the embankment. The railway department used heavy machinery to repair the embankments in an attempt to minimize slippage.

However, the worst damage to occur on the Kuranda Range Railway came in April 1911, when heavy rainfall caused large areas of the embankment to collapse. On Saturday 1 April 1911 the Cairns area received 20 inches of rain (500mm). The first three days of the month saw over 1,000mm of rain fall on the area, with the total rainfall since the beginning of the year 3,280mm.

The first report on the damage to the railway track came from three men who managed to travel from Mareeba to Cairns along the track. They were Willie Walsh, a commercial traveller, J.A. Harvey, a representative for a Townsville business, and E. Gore, a mining engineer working for the Chillagoe Company. The men travelled by railway trolleys where the line was still usable, and by foot when it was too damaged. They found the rail line from Mareeba was trafficable for the first 13 miles. At Kambul a bridge was washed away, with a bad washout on the approaches on each side. In one place the line was suspended 14 feet above the washout. There were also large washouts at Koah and Oaklands.



Line hanging above washout near No. 11 tunnel
Cairns Historical Society Photo



Washout at Kuranda side of No. 10 tunnel
Cairns Historical Society Photo

The men left Kuranda at 3 p.m. by rail trolley and came to a big slip about half a mile past the Barron Falls. The bank had collapsed and the line was covered with about 18 feet (5.8 metres) of soil and rock. The bank continued to collapse as they watched. Mr. Gore estimated there was 1,500 tons of soil and rock on the line. They also reported a major slip on the Kuranda side of No. 15 tunnel, with the rail hanging well above the surface in many places. There was another major slip at the Bluff, with another 1,000 tons of earth covering the track. The entire embankment had slipped away at Stoney Creek, with the bridge covered in logs and debris. Luckily the bridge was intact. At one place the travellers came across a complete train caught between two slips.

Within days the Premier, Mr. Denham, travelled over the line to inspect the damage. It is to his credit that he travelled by foot for much of the way, and had to scramble over the washouts. The editor of *The Cairns Post* put it this way:

While all must regret that the Premier of Queensland was compelled to suffer the discomforts and dangers of a journey yesterday down the Cairns range on foot, there is a good deal of consolation for the people of Cairns and the districts behind it in the fact that the experiences gained by Mr. Denham regarding the stability of the line has proved useful and instructive to him.

The Premier promised that no expense or effort would be spared to reopen the line as soon as possible.

The entire reconstruction of the line was undertaken without the benefit of machinery. From the information available it appears that more than 300 men were employed on rebuilding and repairing the line. After the first group of labourers had been put to work the railway engineer, J.A. Fraser, said he "would pick up another hundred men to speed up the work". Groups of men had to climb the hillside above the track and remove all loose material. The overburden was then loaded into wheelbarrows by pick and shovel and wheeled across the tracks and tipped over the bank into the gorge. The lack of machinery was bad enough, but the wheelbarrows then in use had steel wheels and were poorly designed, with all the weight being placed on the operator.



Train load of workers ready to leave Cairns for the Kuranda Range
Cairns Historical Society Photo

An ambulance bearer was stationed on the line to attend to any accident victims. By 3 May he reported that he had treated 29 accident victims and 61 "other cases". Presumably the afflictions of the "other cases" would have had various causes, including bad food (lack of refrigeration to keep meat etc.), hangovers (the railway men were notorious drinkers), and fever. The ambulance bearer reported that: The various gangs engaged on the range naturally appreciated the presence of a bearer and subscription lists were readily subscribed to. So far the sum of £56/8/9 has been received, and it is expected when the lists are complete the amount will be over £60.

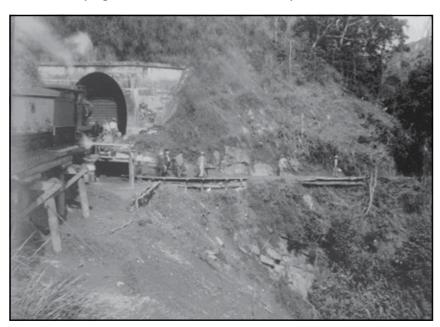
District Railway Engineer J.A. Fraser announced through *The Cairns Post* on 22 April that he would take passengers through from Cairns to the hinterland on Monday 24 April. Despite the severity of the damage to the line it was closed to traffic for only 21 days. Number 11 tunnel was still not open to traffic, so passengers left the train at this point and walked around the blockage to another train waiting on the Kuranda side of the tunnel. Mail was also carried on the passenger trains. Fraser said that freight would be carried from the Springs to Kuranda and Mareeba for a few days, but he expected that freight trains would commence operations from Cairns on Thursday 27th.

Making a Molehill Out of a Mountain?

Peter Ryle

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Although the line was now open, there were deviations around some sections, and work continued for a considerable period before the repairs were complete. The backlog of freight on both ends of the line took some time to clear, as freight trains carried only light loads until the track was fully restored.



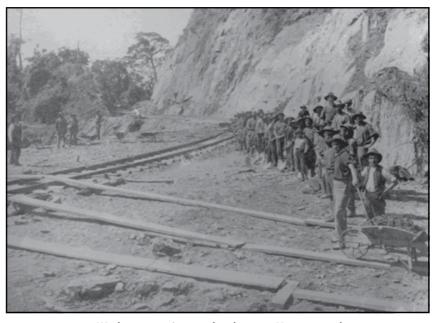
Passengers walking around No. 11 tunnel
Cairns Historical Society Photo

The Cairns Post had nothing but praise for Fraser:

The flooding of the line caused a difficult situation for the time being but that was splendidly grappled with by the Engineer, to whom the greatest credit is due for what has been accomplished in the shortest possible time. The news of the re-opening of the line will be welcomed by the Premier who saw the railway at the time the flood had done its work, and whilst expressing the utmost confidence in Mr. Fraser to handle the situation, said that it would take many weeks before conditions would obtain for a resumption of passenger traffic. It is pleasing to know now, however, that the difficulties have been sufficiently surmounted to enable passengers to be taken. It was the hearty co-operation of the Premier and the Railway Department which helped Mr. Fraser to attain what has been done. The repairs to the whole of the line are not yet complete, nor will they be for some time, because there are many places where deviations will be made later and other works carried out by the maintenance department, but sufficient has now been accomplished for the safe transit of passengers, mail and goods. Communication with the hinterland has once more been established.

The disparity between the time it took to resume normal traffic movement in 1911, when a significant portion of the track was severely damaged, and the recent episode, when there was one small landslip, is stark. In the former case many thousands of tons of material had to be shifted by hand using basic hand tools, and long sections of the track bed had to be replaced. Despite these disadvantages, the line was open to the public again in only 21 days. In 2010 the track suffered one small slip which blocked one section of line. The bed of the line suffered no significant damage. Despite the relatively minor damage and the availability of machinery to perform the heavy work, the track was closed for about 34 days.

Obviously there are some restrictions now that were not applicable in 1911, which would make the job more time-consuming. The present workplace health and safety practices hopefully ensure that the workers on the job are not subject to as many risks as they were in 1911. Present EPA laws and practices also prevent the dumping of overburden down into the gorge, as was done in 1911. The present safety procedures and environmental practices would undoubtedly cause some delays in performing the remedial work on the line. However, the people of Kuranda might be excused for asking if we have made much progress in one hundred years!



Workers removing overburden near No. 11 tunnel
Cairns Historical Society Photo



Two scenes of repair gangs working near No. 10 tunnel
Cairns Historical Society Photo

All dramas should have an interesting ending, and this "tragedy" has a very interesting ending. When the final repairs to the line were completed in August 1911 Dr. Tyrie of Cairns organized a moonlight excursion to Stoney Creek for a concert. About 300 people travelled by train to Stoney Creek where they were entertained by the combined Caledonian and Cairns Town Bands. The workers employed on the line were invited to attend. *The Cairns Post* reported the trip:

The journey to Stoney Creek was made under pleasant conditions, and the train steamed into the station in moonlight. The falls were a spectacle worth witnessing and the effect of the pale light on the volume of water tumbling into the gorge below is difficult of description. The railway men who are engaged on the range attended in large numbers and soon after their arrival, the musical programme by the band and various singers was commenced. A fine clear night, pleasant conditions, and good music all tended to the general enjoyment, and the band sent the echoes reverberating amongst the hills and valleys, and to silent places where the sound of the cornet, whirl of the bagpipes, and beat of the drum had never before been heard.

The train left Stoney Creek at 10.30 p.m. and arrived back in Cairns at 11.30.

CAIRNS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The Cairns Museum has displays and collections which include local history, Aboriginal history and Chinese history. Operated by volunteers of the Cairns Historical Society, the Museum and Historical Society are housed in the city's historic School of Arts building, corner Lake and Shields.

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THE KURANDA PAPER

June 2010

Inside My Studio

Interview by Toni Rogers



LIVE WALTERS lives and works in a tree house in the central Kuranda village. Through his pen drawings Clive brings us all back to a reference point; to the environment and Life; their symbols and meaning. He chooses specific creative themes, in fact global in character, which give a clue to his poetically oriented personality. His 'to be published' book '2012 Handbook' later in the year, is evidence of the importance he places on sharing, in particular with his grandchildren, the knowledge he has acquired in a lifetime of drawing and study of stories, writings and prophesies of old, from different cultures, religions

Where is your current studio?

In my tree house in the village of Kuranda. Although I am very much a "where I hang my hat is home" sort of person, and as I have always been drawn to nature, I spend much time in my rainforest tree house keeping company with this particular environment. It suggests a different time scale to that of the hurried eye.

Do you work alone or with others?

Mostly alone but I have undertaken a lot of collaborative projects. I enjoy working with others and will take on collaborative work at the drop of a hat – large or small projects.

How long have you been working in your current studio?

Two years, and loving it.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Natural light, lots of greenery and total peace and quiet. These are certainly the aspects of my life which make my wheels spin.

Describe your work pattern - hours/days/weeks.

Erratic, but committed. Sometimes I may work all night. My work pattern is constant. I am always working on something.

Describe the work you do in your studio.

Carved wood, staffs, walking sticks, spiritual and esoteric wooden pieces, combined with drawing ancient mandalas expressing symbolism, rhythm and flow.

Why are drawing and woodcarving your chosen mediums?

I have always doodled, since I was a kid, and over the years I have pursued different forms of expression settling comfortably with my mandala drawings and symbology. However, the most influential, in terms of my woodcarving methods and spirituality was when I met an Alaskan Indian (Haida) totem pole carver. He had the most impact on my development and direction in terms of the technical side of my work and I became very engaged in the production of stylised art forms. We, in turn, exchanged knowledge on many of life's subjects.

List three things you listen to while working.

The wind, birds and the whispering rainforest. I have the uncanny ability to shut out lawnmowers and car horns.

Your favourite tool?

A 100 year old chisel and a leather hammer given to me years ago by my Alaskan friend. I treasure them and use them on all my wood work.

How do you identify your work?

With my stylised signature on my paper and canvas art and with an external wooden ring cut from and embracing the wood piece I am carving.

How do you sell your work?

I am not what you would call 'mainstream'. My works sells mainly by word of mouth, or through personal contact, however, I do have some small display pieces in 'Kuranda-Made'.

Do you teach or sell from your studio? I do not teach from my studio at home, but I do hold woodcarving classes at various local venues from time to

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

Less mould and more dry and airy storage spaces would be a great help. In addition I would also like to be able conduct the direction of the wind and rain from my living and working areas.

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

My toes would be turned up and I would be in a box. I cannot imagine not being involved in my artwork on a daily basis one way or another. It is my life.

Clive Walters' book launch and exhibition of works included in '2012 Handbook' will be on 10/10/10 at the Tanks in Cairns. Watch this space for details nearer this very significant date. Clive has a few carved wooden pieces on display at 'Kuranda-Made', The Settlement Building, Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda.



"The Empathic Civilization"

(Polity, 2009), Jeremy Rifkin ISBN 978 07456 414641 RRP \$39.95

We are frequently told of some major crisis or another in the world. We are much less frequently told whether there is anything we can do about them, apart from small local actions such as to stop using plastic bags or the like. It is commonly assumed that doing anything about the big global picture, with all its faults, competitiveness, waste, violence, conflict and insecurity, is beyond each of us. There is a line of thinking that categorises humans as inherently slavish to self interest, aggressive, greedy as material consumers and apathetic as to the interests of others, which creates feelings of resignation and helplessness.

While there are certainly plenty of examples of such attitudes and conduct, and perhaps we may all be guilty to different degrees at different times, it is refreshing when some learned author challenges the assumption of inherency in this respect. Jeremy Rifkin does that in this new book. He says that a radical new view of human nature is emerging in the biological and cognitive sciences and creating controversy in intellectual circles, and even in the business community and in government. Recent discoveries in brain sciences and child development are forcing us to rethink the long-held belief that humans are, by nature, aggressive, materialistic, utilitarian, and self-interested. He asserts the view, relying on the concept of "empathy", that humans are more properly characterized as being empathic towards one another in the social setting. In so saying, he runs into some conflict with the views of certain influential philosophers, Hobbes, Locke, Bentham and the like, as well as that of the predominant paradigm of thought in modern western capitalism.

He might not have needed to rely on the modern sciences to form this view. The teachings of the founders of the great religions have been saying much the same for thousands of years – love thy neighbour and the golden rule, as variously expressed in all those religions. But human standards change over time, and arguably a forceful restatement of these spiritual principles is long overdue in the global circumstances of contemporary times.

But Rivkin is not content to merely restate principle. He describes the urgency of the present global situation as he sees it. The most important question now facing humanity, he says, is whether we can reach a global empathy in time to avoid the collapse of civilization and to save the earth. He is not content for us to tinker with small, localised changes to our attitudes and conduct. He sees a far greater challenge being thrust upon humanity as a whole. The empathic nature of us all has been largely submerged by the far more complex, energy consuming vastness of the civilization of today, pulling individuals away from the tribal "we" to the individual "I". We are only just beginning to extend our empathic connections beyond our own local and regional circles to across the globe. The race is on to establish a global consciousness of our empathetic nature before undesirable future scenarios emerge that may well shake the global society to its very foundations. He has a vision of a sustainable and equitable global society, one in which full expression can be given to our empathic nature, which is a challenge to us all.

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Medicare Chronic Disease Scheme

What is the medicare Chronic Disease Scheme?

The government initiative assists people living with a chronic and/or complex medical illness by providing Medicare rebates for treatment from allied health professionals who are assisting in managing the

Who is eligible for this scheme?

The scheme allows for a person with a complex and/or chronic illness that is present or is likely to be present for 6 months or more. The chronic illness must be managed by a GP under a specific management plan (called a GP Management Plan and Team Care Arrangements, or an Enhanced Primary Care Multidisciplinary Care Plan) which includes a GP and two other Health Care Professionals. They can claim this Medicare rebate for up to five visits (in total) within a calendar year. These illnesses include:

- Asthma
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular illness
- Diabetes mellitus
- Mental Disorders
- Arthritis

Musculoskeletal Conditions

What do patients have to do in order to claim this benefit?

Any patient that is eligible for this claim must be referred by a GP and patient must present with an EPC (Enhanced Primary Care Multidisciplinary Care Plan) referral form from their GP for Dental Services under Medicare.

Dentists cannot accept any patient before they have been to see a GP and they have set their GP Management Plan in place.

Once the patient has received the referral, they can then arrange an appointment with the Dentist or Allied Health Professional. The patient can ring Medicare on 132150 to check that the relevant GP care plan item numbers have been claimed (721 or 723) and how much of the \$4250 in Medicare benefits available has already been claimed for the period (\$4250 over a 2 year period) if the care plan item numbers have not been claimed and paid by medicare or the patient has used their \$4250 allocation, no medicare benefits for dental services can be paid to the patient.

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Our May meeting was held in the evening at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre to see if that time of the day allowed more people to attend than the mid afternoon meetings

While we saw some new faces, we lost most of members who prefer the afternoon time slot.

This creates a dilemma. President Con Bambacus suggested that those who preferred the evening meeting time might form a sub-committee so that they were able to discuss issues of interest or concern. The management committee would ensure it was represented at both time slots so all information was shared across the community.

For major issues, meeting(s) will be held at weekends at a large venue to allow full and informed discussion.

It was also suggested that meeting times alternate each month so that the whole community can participate.

Venue is another problem. While the old primary school looks like being the most suitable venue, it is still weeks, if not months, away from becoming available as a meeting place for community groups. The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre is very pleasant and has a well appointed meeting room, but is not available for the 4pm time slot.

So, Advance Kuranda's next meeting will be at 4pm at Debbie's restaurant at the Heritage Markets.

Cr Jenny Jensen was present at the May meeting and updated us on:

- what is proposed to do to improve the health of the main street's big, old fig trees.
- the funds that will be available to upgrade the river walk between the railway station and the markets; and
- the installation of the sewer line along Myola Road to service Kowrowa, Mantaka and the College.

Reports were also given from the Chamber of Commerce (Kylie) and Tourism Kuranda (Cathy Harvey) along with an update on the slow progress of the plans for the old primary school site.

At our June meeting, the responses to the survey regarding display merchandise on the streets in Kuranda will be presented and we'll learn how the decoration (colour, themes etc.) of the roller shutter door revitalisation project is progressing.

NEXT MEETING: 4pm at Debbie's restaurant at the Heritage Markets on Wednesday 2nd June. All welcome.



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Kuranda SES News



Well April was a busy month for our volunteers, starting with our members helping with the Mareeba search of Colin Wilson. Janne & Dennis Driver, Jim Partridge, Josh Warrington and Brian Parker were among those who walked bushland in and around the Mareeba district.

Our members attended Anzac Day March with Josh Warrington and Bob Hammond laying the wreath. Our sausage sizzle on that day was also a great success raising a fantastic \$280.00. Costa arrived and autographed several photos for our team members and had his photo taken with Bob who never stopped smiling for the rest of the day. Thanks Costa for supporting us, and to all the Diggers /wives who sat with me under the tree for a feed and a lovely chat reminiscing. A big thank-you has to go to the Foodworks store who donate and support us on every level and also to Kuranda Butchers – Thank-you

We then had our Car wash and garage sale and I couldn't believe that it rained, but that didn't seem to deter those who wanted their car washed, and the boys were kept very busy. Thanks must go to Mark Freeman for donating the car wash. Due to the rain though our garage sale wasn't as good as we had to try and cram everything under cover, but all told we raised a whopping \$750.00, which means we are well on our way to our target of \$4000.00. Thank-you to all the people who donated items for this day, and we will be having another very soon so if anyone has any items they wish to get rid of please contact me on 0409758122 or drop into the BP. We can arrange to pick up goods from your house. Stay tuned for when the next Car wash and garage sale will be.

Sandra & Bob Hammond went to Innisfail recently for Sandra's Pbell's and first aid training which she enjoyed immensely and Bob had a great time catching up with old faces.

One of our longest members is a wee bit low at the moment, but I would like to say Betty Timmins we all support you.

It was great to see new faces at our meetings recently and we are looking forward to them coming back and joining our team.

Our next training night is on the 8th June at 7.30pm next to the ambulance station on Fallon road, so come along and see what SES could do for you. Please contact Jim on 0402119642 for more information.

Thank-you again for your support

– Carolyn Day

Large Tailed Nightjar (Caprimulgus macrurus)

Scientific Classification

Kingdom – Animalia Phylum – Chordata Class – Aves

Order – Caprimulgiformes
Family – Caprimulgidae
Genus – Caprnimulgus
Species – C. macrurus

The nightjars have begun calling at Myola Road where all the new plantings (between Little Street and the Fire Station) have been made and you can hear their nocturnal song from dusk to dawn - *t-chop t-chop*. Nightjars' behaviour is said to be scheduled with the lunar schedule, they are territorial and continuously call to each other. They are nocturnal, eat moths and insects and they feed on the wing. These birds are of a brownish buff and white cryptic coloration and they are sexually dimorphic.

They roost during the daytime on the ground in an unlined nest of leaves with a clutch of two eggs and these are pale cream to dull buff with white, blackish brown spots and their colours blend in with the brownish colour of the leaves. The incubation period is 21-22 days. The fledgling period is approximately three weeks and they are a buff brown.

Joanie



Kuranda Village Tax Tips By Fay Allen BCom CPA

It is almost that time of year to begin thinking about lodging your tax return. Here are a few issues that you may want to address.

Education Tax Refund: I am hoping that you have all been keeping your receipts to claim this refund. If you are eligible for this refund you could get 50% back on a range of primary and secondary school education expenses. You may be eligible if you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for your child. You can claim 50% of eligible expenses up to \$1,558 for secondary school children (refund of \$779) and \$780 for primary school children (refund of \$390).

What expenses can you claim? You can claim the cost of buying, establishing, repairing and maintaining any of the following items.

- · school textbooks and stationery
- laptops and home computers
- computer-related equipment e.g. printers, USB flash drives
- home internet connections
- computer software for educational use
- prescribed trade tools

Super Co-contributions: If you are eligible and make personal super contributions to your super fund by the 30th June 2010 the Government will match your contribution up to \$1,000. Your total income less business deductions needs to be less than \$61,920 and is reduced by 33.33 cents for each \$1 of your total income over \$31,920. 10% or more of your total income must be from eligible employment, running a business or a combination of both. Please contact your accountant to ensure you are eligible before contributing

New Items on the 2010 Taxation Return: Don't be surprised if your accountant asks you for information that you have never had to provide previously. There are a number of new items required to be reported on the 2010 individual tax return. These include, but are not limited to, tax-free government pensions, reportable employer super contributions, net financial investment loss and child support you paid. Don't worry, these are not taxable but they are used to means test a range of tax concessions and obligations such as certain tax offsets, medicare levy surcharge, deductions for personal superannuation contributions and HELP repayments. Hey, didn't I hear recently that individual tax returns may be simplified in the future? Yeah right! The above information is a summary only. If you have any questions please feel free

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But what do they contain and what are they really doing? Many of the substances that go into these products have the potential to do more harm than good.

It is common belief if it's on the shelves, it can't be harmful. Toxic ingredients aren't allowed in Australia, right? Think again. Unfortunately, there is very little regulation of personal care products nor to prevent the inclusion of thousands of toxic ingredients.

Many believe that what we put on our skin, we are not putting into our bodies. The skin is, however, the largest organ and experts believe "up to 60% of what we put on our skin is absorbed into the bloodstream" through our pores, hair follicles etc. meaning areas with hair have an increased absorption rate. This raises questions such as, what is in your shampoos and conditioners.

Common irritants include ammonium lauryl sulfate, sodium lauryl sulfate, bht, coal tar, dea, fluoride, saccharin, lanolin and butylparaben, just to name a few.

Others best to avoid include petrolium, mineral oils & aluminium. Studies are continuously taking place to explore links between these additives and many ailments such as alzheimers, breast cancers, immune related issues, organ damage and more. Whilst companies use these known toxic ingredients in small amounts, little is known of the long term effects.

Take control of your health and become more informed of what is in your hair and body products. Using these products is a matter of personal choice and many of these chemicals can be avoided. Just because your products aren't making you sick right now, doesn't mean they don't have the potential to effect your health in the long term.

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There are still some places available in our after school care program. After school care is from 3pm till 5.30pm Monday to Friday, and is available to primary school children up to grade three. The Kuranda bus can bring Kuranda District State College kids straight to our door.

Welcome to Rhonda Haines who is filling in for our Director, Lorraine who is on long service leave this month. Rhonda has had a casual affiliation with Kuranda Kindy for many years and it's great to have her back for a short time, to share her experience with our children and staff.

Fundraising

We have had two fundraising events so far this year raising just under \$800. Yeah!! We would like to send out a very special thank you to all the local businesses that have donated gifts to us to be used either with our famous Lucky Wheel or for our Mother's Day raffle. Thank you to these businesses:

Amber and Michael - Cafe Kuranda Kuranda Candy Kitchen Fiona and Brenton - Gifts from Kuranda Kim and Lesley - Stillwater Workshop Gerhard - Nature's Face Kathy - Heritage Books Tom - Stones Down Under William - V People Mike - Kangaroo Fur Shop Sugar Works Fudge Bar Belinda and Leon - Village Vibe Cafe The T-shirt Shop Nanna's Secret Rohan and Tracy Rusch Beaumont's Bromeiliades Bernie and Rimei - Bath Shop Mitre 10 Mareeba

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Enrolment Opportunities at Candlenut Steiner School

Due to an increase in facilities and the completion of with a nurturing of the human spirit so as to produce member school of the Australian Rudolf Steiner Schools an expansion of our campus, places are now available at Candlenut Steiner School. Candlenut offers kindergarten through to class 7, with our high school and first year 8 class anticipated to commence next year. Places are immediately available in most classes. In addition, Candlenut Steiner School has recently lodged an application for establishing a Steiner High School Boarding facility.

Education at Candlenut endeavours to educate the whole child. It addresses equally the areas of academia, artistic experience and practical skills, along

well-rounded, capable adults. Through this balanced approach, students develop clarity of thought, a sensitivity of feeling and a constructive strength of

Steiner designed a curriculum that is responsive to the developmental phases of childhood and the nurturing of the child's imagination in a school environment; he developed schools that encourage creativity and free-thinking. His teaching seeks to recognise the individuality of the child and through a balanced education, allows them to go into the world with confidence. Steiner schools, the largest and fastest growing group of independent private schools worldwide, have now earned the enviable reputation as warm and caring institutions that produce creative, socially aware, freethinking and motivated adults, with Steiner graduates entering all walks of life - generally with great energy, self-confidence and commitment.

The school is fully government accredited and receives both Federal and State government funding. As an accredited school we are required to offer a curriculum that meets the educational standards set by the Queensland Board of Studies; as are all Queensland schools. All of our teachers are fully qualified with State recognised education qualifications. Candlenut is a Association. Currently the Association is in negotiation with ACARA and the Australian Government, seeking recognition for a National Steiner Curriculum to be approved as comparable to the National Curriculum that is due to be imposed upon all schools in the near

If you are interested in more information about the Steiner Primary or High School and/or the Steiner High Boarding Facilities, please visit www. $can dle nut steiners chool. qld. edu. au \, or \, contact \, the \, school$ on 07 40938809, or admin@candlenutsteinerschool. gld.edu.au

In addition, Candlenut Steiner School is a gold sponsor of this year's Permaculture convergence, hosting the event at the school. You may be hearing from the APC10 group soon with their own press release. This is looking to be a huge event with amazing benefits and spin offs for the local community.

Visit the Official APC10 website at www.apc10. org and watch for updates and developments in the program.

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George Albert Austin

The funeral of George Austin, Austie to his friends and family, took place at St Saviour's Church on Friday 16th April. George Albert Austin was born on the banks of the Barron River at Kuranda, near the railway station, on the 6th July, 1919. He was the eldest of ten children to George and Ruby Austin.

George attended Kuranda State School. There are records of him in the Punishment Book. After leaving school at the age of 13 he helped his grandfather with building and rowed the boats across the Barron River for tourists visiting Paradise. He worked for a surveyor for a period time.

Following on from this he then spent ten years timber cutting with his cousins, the Veivers family, at Speewah. He enjoyed a very active life with many ad-

River Brickworks for the Hasties. He met and married his wife Violet Muller while working there. They lived on the Clohesy River, just below the present site of the Clohesy River Country Gardens Restaurant, with their two sons, Gavin and Breen.

ventures. After timber cutting he worked at the Clohesy

In 1965 George joined Violet and the boys in Townsville, where he worked at the Copper Refinery until his retirement in 1984. His youngest son, Shaun was born in Townsville. George's wife Violet passed away in 1985. George then took on the role of single parent and housekeeper. He enjoyed many camping trips on the Burdekin and Running River with his family where he passed on some of his bushcraft. He also toured with his sister Dell and Billy and attended Country and Western Festivals in Charters Towers.

In 2001 George returned to Kuranda where he enjoyed a sense of homecoming to the place of his birth. He relished meeting up with his brother, sisters, cousins and friends and walking familiar paths. He especially delighted in worshipping at St Saviour's the Church his grandfather built and ringing the church bell on New Year's Eve each year, an event that caused Fr Chris to be unavailable for complaints.

Health problems caused George to enter OZcare in Malanda last year (2009). He was very proud to see his 90th Birthday where he caught up with his extended family and friends.

We will remember George's zest for life and his passion for his family and Kuranda.

In loving memory Lynette, Dave & Family



UNCLE GEORGIE

Uncle Georgie was his name
Working hard was his game
To the timber he did roam
Then the Clohesy was his home
Making bricks was his trade.

Uncle Georgie was his name
Then to Townsville he did go
With his family he called this home
Many dogs he did name
Spotty was the last he owned
Telling stories and reciting poems
Loved taking my grandchildren to his
home.

Uncle Georgie was his name
Back to Kuranda he did go
Then Malanda became his home
Many friends he has made
90 years was his age.

Uncle Georgie was his name
Now in heaven he will roam
Meeting all his friends and family
Now this will be his final home.

Uncle Georgie was his name.

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Kuranda's Back On Track

The sun shone bright on Kuranda for our Rockin', Rollin' Ridin' Event that took place last Saturday, as we celebrated the train being back on track. Tourism Kuranda organised an Outside Broadcast with HOT FM from the Kuranda Train Station, and the wonderful sales team from Kuranda Scenic Railway (namely Susan Crockford and Ivana Andacic-Tong did a great job organising over 300 helium balloons that were handed out at the train station and eventually lined the streets of Kuranda on the morning of the festivities.

It was a magic day for locals and visiting tourist alike as kids enjoyed the MEGA Jumping Slide, Farmer Pete's animal petting zoo, circus work shops, magic shows and the amazing street performers did an excellent job entertaining all the visitors to our wonderful Village in the Rainforest.

The "Back on Track Busking Competition" was a HUGE success with a total of 19 amazing buskers being involved on the day of the competition. The streets were entertained for three hours by some fantastic performances including Aboriginal dances, ballads and blues, bush folk & country and some world class guitar vocals.

The local community were also involved in the Busking Competition by voting for the best performance of the day. Tourism Kuranda received over 300 votes on the day of the event and the winners and now current "KURANDA BUSKING CHAMPIONS" are "THE ORIGINIES" who performed in front of Djurri Dadagal. This group of local indigenous men and children were an inspiration to our community and serve as a role model for our youth - well done and keep up the great work!

Second place in the Busking Competition went to Kirk Steele, Dave Martin & Gail Betts from "GET REEL" who

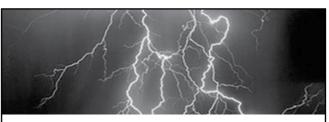


"The Origines", Kuranda Busking Winners

played some amazing Accordion & Fiddle in front of Vibe Cafe. "GET REEL" also received a little help from our local Member for Barron River - Steve Wettenhall MP who got into the Vibe and joined in with his own fiddle and help celebrate a wonderful day in the Village.

Third place went to a wonderful musician Heather Angell who amazed us with her brilliant solo guitar playing and vocals. Heather is only 17 years of age and performed in front of the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets. Congratulations Heather and we look forward to welcoming you back again next year for our Busking Event.

> Marc Sleeman Tourism Kuranda



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"IT'S ALL GO!!"

With the sudden drying off it's full steam ahead on our new nursery facility at Kuranda District College, Myola Road. The volunteer work shed is completed. Our germination igloo has received its finishing touches.

Our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers have been working flat out – in the next few weeks shade area and sun hardening racks will be installed......this is the heart of our organization, however, we're involved in a number of activities:-

- Seed collecting; hone your skills on our Rainforest tree i.d. courses
- Nursery plant potting and care
- Revegetation planting on council reserve and private property willing to covenant

- Speaker meetings on all topics "green"
- Land for Wildlife assessment
- Pig, Cat and Rat Traps
- Sighted Cassowary recordings
- Trailer Hire & mulching hay
- Native Plants available to community – discount for bulk, members and volunteers
- Revised "Welcome to Kuranda" booklet
- Revegetation plans for private land

Our volunteers are a diverse group from Australia and overseas who have chosen Kuranda as their home, have a profound love of this very special environment and wish to protect and maintain it for future generations.

SO COME AND JOIN US!!

AND A BIG THANK YOU

Envirocare would like to say a big thank you to the F.R.R.R. (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) for their Small Grants program's generous contribution towards the cost of our new germination house (Kuranda's own "Crystal Palace" ballroom). Without this contribution we would not have been able to build a secure structure to house our seedling trays.



Some Square Hay Bales still available (members discount) 4093 9926 Box trailers 6x4 & 7x4 hire available (member discount) 4093 8393.

Date claimers PLANT IDENTIFICATION COURSE- Friday 4th June

Courses for the 23rd and 30th May are full but we have two spaces left on Friday 4th June. Run by Druce Horton, in his popular plant identification

course you'll learn about identification of our rainforest trees via the 9 main families. Please ring Margaret, 4093 8393

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY SATURDAY 5th JUNE – 9am to noon 284 Myola Road, Kuranda School farm side

We'll be celebrating at our nursery site in progress. Come and join us for a bit of tree planting, mulching, nursery working bee (you choose) or just come and check out our progress and displays on our local environment including our local endangered species. We'll have garden sized native plants for sale and BBQ from 11:30am.

PLANTING - ANY SATURDAY 8 - 9:30am

Several private plantings planned this month. Please ring 4093 9926 for directions

"Recycling on the Tablelands" a talk by Kirsty Lamperd Senior Advisor, Environmental Planning, TRC

Kirsty gave an interesting talk on the differences in recycling between the old shires and how they are likely to be amalgamated into one policy across the TRC. A group of concerned community members learned that the Cairns Bedminster system is non-operational at present and may stay that way for the rest of the year. TRC is considering withdrawing and setting up its own recycling processes across the Tablelands. Current waste disposal costs are \$8million including recycling so policy will be based on willingness to pay. Good news – our Kuranda transfer station recycle items are taken to Atherton for further processing so keep those cans, bottles and plastic coming. And encourage the Kuranda transfer station man to allow local re-use of dumped items through positive suggestions.

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IT'S ALL GOOD NEWS Cassowary numbers up

We've had some exciting news over the past month regarding sighting of Cassowaries around Kuranda.

An all-brown juvenile has been spotted by more than one observer, catching some early morning sunshine in the vicinity of Barron Falls Road. While Cassowaries were known to be there in the long distant past, this is the first bird to be seen for quite a while. The landscape has settled down since the burst of housing development some years ago and we must ensure the habitat remains rich enough to support this young bird and its offspring in the future.

The second great sighting came from Speewah. The observer tells how she became aware of something in the bushes beneath her kitchen window in the early morning and made it out to be a young Cassowary. Then she realised she was looking at two young birds. But that's not all! While she maintained her frozen stance, another young bird and the parent bird came into sight. Wow.

Both these sightings have been added to our webpage database. We've now added a page where you can note if you've seen Cassowary poo. At least it tells us the birds are around and what they're eating at this time. You can note your observations on the website at www.kurandaconservation.org.

The fact that these young birds have survived chick-hood is a fair indication that habitat is improving – because residents are planting native Cassowary food vegetation – and that dogs are under control. So, development doesn't have to mean devastation – it's people who make it or break it.



Pig numbers down

We can't claim mind-blowing pig trapping success, but there are three less feral pigs at the end of Boyles Road, thanks in part to our new wide gate with large trap design and some excellent marksmanship.

Nature gets some credit as the season changes. With the ground firming up, the pigs are looking for above-ground fruit rather than digging in the mud. Grapefruit and guavas are proving popular. Bananas are everybody's favourite, including wallabies, so not a good choice if there is any danger of catching the wrong animal. If you have an excess of citrus (can be damaged or going rotten), we'll happily take them off your hands. Please give us a call on 4093 8834 if you'd like us to collect.

Some other traps are trying to look like part of the landscape and still the pigs are not tempted to enter.



That's Better



All those piles of Singapore Daisy came out of the roadside garden at the entrance to Pademelon Lane, thanks to Jackson who weeded out every last runner. When the weeds are thoroughly dead, they'll be dumped on top of the mulching hay so the nutriment can go back into the ground. It's certainly looks better than the Singapore Daisy tangle.

Kuranda Conservation is at the top of the hill – open most of the time – come in.

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Chuckle time...

A man walks into a bar, notices a very large jar on the counter, and sees that it's filled to the brim with \$10 bills. He guesses there must be at least ten thousand dollars in it. He approaches the bartender and asks, "What's with the money in the jar?"

Well, you pay \$10, and if you pass three tests, you get all the money in the jar and the keys to a brand new Lexus."

The man certainly isn't going to pass this up, so he asks, "What are the three tests?" "You have to pay first," says the bartender, "those are the rules."

So, after thinking it over a while, the man gives the bartender \$10 which he stuffs into the jar.

"Okay," says the bartender, "here's what you need to do: First - You have to drink a whole quart of tequila, in 60 seconds or less, and you can't make a face while doing it."

Second - There's a pit bull chained in the back with a bad tooth. You have to remove that tooth with your bare hands. Third - There's a 90-year old lady upstairs who's never had sex. You have to take care of that problem."

The man is stunned! "I know I paid my \$10- but I'm not an idiot! I won't do it! You'd have to be nuts to drink a quart of tequila and then do all those other things!"

"Your call," says the bartender, "but, your money stays where it is."

As time goes on, the man has a few more drinks and finally says, "Where's the damn tequila?!"

He grabs the bottle with both hands and drinks it as fast as he can. Tears stream down both cheeks - but he doesn't make a face -- and he drinks it in 58 seconds!

Next, he staggers out the back door where he sees the pit bull chained to a pole. Soon, the people inside the bar hear loud growling, screaming, and sounds of a

terrible fight -- then nothing but silence!

Just when they think that the man surely must be dead, he staggers back into the bar. His clothes are ripped to shreds and he's bleeding from bites and gashes all over his body. He drunkenly says, "Now, where's that old woman with the bad tooth?"

A husband and wife were watching a TV program about psychology and mixed emotions, when he turned to his wife and said: "Honey, that's a bunch of crap. I bet you can't tell me anything that will make me happy and sad at the same time."

She replied: "You have a bigger penis than any of your male friends that I've met so far."

▼ A 7HY Questions

V Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, 'It's all right?' Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, 'That really hurt, why don't you watch where you're going?'

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

And

The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.





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

Congratulations: The Kuranda Visitor Information Centre recently celebrated 10 years in Kuranda. Well done to Cathy Harvey and all the Volunteers for a fantastic effort over the years. More volunteers are always welcome.

Ros Common Speewah: Project planning for the new developments at Ros Common will begin soon. The federally funded works will include lighting for the Tennis Courts, upgrading of the Dressage Arena and installation of outdoor Fitness equipment. Let me know if you would like to be involved in providing feedback on the planning.

Consultation on Infrastructure Projects: The Kuranda Infrastructure Program funds and guides the development of infrastructure in the Kuranda Village area (funded through contributions to State Govt from Skyrail and Kuranda Scenic Rail). It is important that local residents and businesses have their say on the sort of infrastructure that is needed in Kuranda. What sort of streetscape, trails, footpaths, and infrastructure would you like to see here? The current surveys (conducted by ARUP Consultants) close on May 31st. Check at the Library or Visitor Info Centre or go online at www.kurandainfrastructureplan.com.au to have your say.

Work is continuing to progress on the Kowrowa sewerage project which will provide sewerage services for the Kowrowa community and the Kuranda State District College. During June there will be some disruption to traffic along Rob Veivers Drive as pipes are laid. (Full details in the TRC column in this paper) For further information, please contact TRC Project Manager John Stevens on 4043 4313 or 0428 989 212

Use the TRC Website: Council's website is worth having a look at. You can "Report a Problem" (just use the link), email info@trc.qld.gov.au, check out information, look at the Council Meeting Agenda, find a lost dog, apply for a job, or even read the Minutes of Council Meetings. Simply log on to www.trc.qld.gov.au. There's lots of info on there!

Budget: Council is currently finalising the Budget for 2010/11. The budget is a tight one with the key focus on delivering services without raising rates. Council has reviewed all aspects in great detail and has also developed a 5 year planning cycle for many of the programs such as Civil Works. The Budget is due to be handed down in June.

New TRC Planning Scheme: The next stage of consultation on the new Planning Scheme is now underway. The Kuranda District Local Reference

Traffic Disruption along Rob Veivers Drive: Group as well as the Industry of the Sector Reference Groups has been formed. These groups will provide feedback as the New Planning Scheme is developed. The first meeting of the Kuranda District Reference Group will be held in early June. For further details, please contact Planning Officer Sarah Rizvi (Email: sarahr@trc.qld.gov.au Phone 4043 4382)

> Kuranda Scenic Rail and Tourism Kuranda: A great promotion conducted in Kuranda last Saturday. The "Kuranda Rockin Rollin Ridin" celebrations were a big success. It was fantastic to see the Village so alive with events and busking and lots of character... enjoyed by locals and tourists! Another big day is planned for June 27th with lots of free events for everyone. (Check out the Tourism Kuranda column in this paper).

> Councillor Contact Details: Ph: 0417 002 046 or 4093 8601 (all numbers have voicemail; please wait for the message)

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Council Meetings: Council Meetings in June will be held on Wednesday June 2nd in Herberton and Wednesday June 16th in Mareeba. Anyone can attend. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's office.





Steve Wettenhall MP

Member for Barron River and Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Tourism

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Hurry to Nominate a volunteer

I am calling for individual nominations from the Kuranda area for the annual 'Barron River Queensland Day Awards'. As part of the 'Queensland Week' celebrations, I ask people to nominate volunteer inspirational Queenslanders to raise awareness about the benefits of volunteering and to recognise their efforts.

I will host an awards ceremony morning tea at 10.30am on Sunday June 6 at the Yorkeys Knob Community Hall – with everyone invited to come along by registering on 4038 2800 or email barron.river@ parliament.qld.gov.au

Queensland Day commemorates Queen Victoria signing Letters Patent - separating Queensland from the colony of New South Wales. Queensland Week, derived from the celebration of Queensland Day, provides opportunities to celebrate our State's people, places and achievements.

The 'Barron River Queensland Day Awards' have been a great success over the past few years with over 50 people receiving awards.

Range Rail

The Kuranda Scenic Rail resumed full services on Friday May 7. Following the landslip on March 26, Queensland Rail (QR) undertook an extensive geotechnical review of the track, undertook a full risk assessment of operations, and put in place additional safety measures.

I successfully lobbied to introduce Kurandato-Barron-Gorge shuttle service running until the resumption of full services . Tourists flocked to shuttle services over the Labour Day long weekend, with more than 1700 passengers.I know these were a welcome boost to local businesses, but I am pleased it is "full steam ahead" for the service in time for the peak tourist season during winter.

Following meetings with QR, Tourism Kuranda, Tourism Tropical North Queensland and Tourism Queensland, I announced a \$50,000 funding package to position Kuranda to take full advantage of the resumption of the KSR and to build the resilience of local businesses. QR and tourism Kuranda will also contribute to the marketing and promotion effort as we move into the peak tourist season.

The Rockin Rollin and Ridin weekend was a tremendous success and demonstrates what can be achieved when everyone works together for the benefit of the whole community.

Ready Readers needed

The Bligh Government's Ready Readers program is looking for volunteers ranging from late-teen students, parents and carers, business people, professionals and members of the immigrant community to read to

Ready Readers are a key element of the State Government's A Flying Start for Queensland Children community discussion about the future of education. We know that simply reading to kids at an early age helps their development, that's why this program is so important.

Contact Volunteering Queensland to become involved by calling 0730027600, email: readyreaders@ volunteeringqld.org.au or visit the website www. volqld.org.au to find out more. Once registrations are received local volunteers will go through the Blue Card application process, reference checks and undertake specialist Education Queensland training. Local training will be held periodically over the next six months once registrations are received. It is hoped that

we can get local Ready Readers trained and working in our local schools as soon as possible.

Have your say on draft laws for tree and fence neighbour disputes

Draft new laws designed to help neighbours resolve disputes over trees and fences are open for consultation to the public until July 9.

The draft bill modernises outdated laws regarding dividing fences, which were introduced almost 60 years ago. It also clarifies parts of the current legislation, while establishing a formal resolution process for dealing with disputes about trees.

The Bill will place an obligation on a tree keeper to prune branches overhanging onto their neighbour's land when the neighbour gives notice to them.

Key changes proposed in the draft Bill include:

- · clearer definitions of "sufficient dividing fence" and the types of trees covered by the proposed
- · a framework for resolving disputes between neighbours over trees and fences, including the use of form for contributing to and/or maintaining a dividing fence
- clarification of the responsibilities of a "tree keeper" (usually the tree's owner) to ensure their tree does not cause injury or damage to persons or a neighbour's property
- the use of the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal to adjudicate disputes.

The draft Neighbourhood Disputes Resolution Bill is available at www.justice.qld.gov.au.





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- 1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
- 2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
- 3. If you don't have a sense of humour, you probably don't have any sense at all.
- 4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
- 5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
- 6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
- 7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
- 8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
- 9. Scratch a cat and you will have a permanent job.
- 10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
- 11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
- 12. There are worse things than getting a call for the wrong number at 4.00am it could be the right number.
- 13. No one ever says "It's only a game." when their team is winning.
- 14. I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
- 15. Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
- 16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
- 17. Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old men and old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!) No! Say it isn't so!
- 18. Money can't buy happiness but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than in a Camry.
- 19. After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.

The husband leans over and asks his wife, 'Do you remember the first time we had sex together over fifty years ago? We went behind the village tavern where you leaned against the back fence and I made love to you.'

Yes, she says, 'I remember it well.'

'OK,' he says, 'How about taking a stroll around there again and we can do it for old time's sake?'

'Oh Jim, you old devil, that sounds like a crazy, but

A police officer sitting in the next booth heard their conversation and, having a chuckle to himself, he thinks to himself, I've got to see these two old-timers having sex against a fence. I'll just keep an eye on them so there's no trouble. So he follows them.

The elderly couple walks haltingly along, leaning on each other for support aided by walking sticks. Finally, they get to the back of the tavern and make their way to the fence. The old lady lifts her skirt and the old man drops his trousers. As she leans against the fence, the old man moves in...Then suddenly they erupt into the most furious sex that the policeman has ever seen. This goes on for about ten minutes while both are making loud noises and moaning and screaming. Finally, they both collapse, panting on the ground.

The policeman is amazed. He thinks he has learned something about life and old age that he didn't know.

After about half an hour of lying on the ground recovering, the old couple struggle to their feet and put their clothes back on. The policeman, is still watching and thinks to himself, this is truly amazing, I've got to ask them what their secret is. So, as the couple passes, he says to them, 'Excuse me, but that was something else. You must've had a fantastic sex life together. Is there some sort of secret to this?'

Shaking, the old man is barely able to reply, 'Fifty years ago that wasn't an electric fence.'



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Once Was Cassowary Country

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ll of the Tablelands, including Kuranda, were their neighbours than the Forest Garden scenario in Avirtually covered in rainforest and wet sclerophyll at the time of European arrival. Then the rainforest was cut over and cut back, clear felled for farming, so that any original that remains is on the hills and gullies which now make up the National Parks in the World Heritage area of the Wet Tropics. With the push back of the forest so too the wildlife was pushed back. The process of regrowth of the forest, which started when people bought land here in the 60's and 70's with no intention of farming; just replanting the forest or letting it return, as it will where there's enough rainfall, has clad the area in new trees.

Now people are coming again into the regrowth areas and clearing part of the land again for housing. We understand our environment better now; that we are a part of the environment which supports our life form too and people are keen to see wildlife around (well maybe not the bush turkeys and rats if you value your veggie garden).

Many people buy acreage with the intention of having space around them and being a bit further from

Cairns or Sydney's Paddington provides. Consider then, how to share the bush on the land purchased with the wildlife we enjoy seeing and particularly cassowaries.

Cassowaries are such vital creatures to the survival of rainforest, with their seed dispersal maintaining biodiversity but, though estimates indicate there are not many left (<1500), what will happen when their habitat is full? (This could be brought about by either shrinkage of their space or a resurgence of their numbers.) Would they be seen by us perhaps more often, as juveniles seeking new territory and new food trees, driven out of the area they grew up in as the food sources in that area couldn't sustain both the latest offspring and the parents?

Cassowaries are inquisitive creatures - they like to check out what you're up to in the garden, could be you've found a new food source! They like a quiet life too; loud noise will send them running. Fence around the cleared house area perimeter to contain your dogs rather than the property boundary. Walk in the street and the bush with dogs on leads rather than roaming free. The sight of a big bird running away could be too tempting for them not to give chase and even kill it.

Besides the sightings on the Range Road and Top of the Range and near Rainforestation, there have been sightings of adult and juvenile cassowaries in the last 3 years on private property near Little Road in Myola, Fairyland Road, Jarawee Road, Kuranda Heights Road, Barron Falls Road and Wrights lookout, near Douglas Track in Speewah and even Koah Road.

Cassowaries are being sighted this year at the top end of the Barron Gorge National Park in the vicinity of Barron Falls Road. Slow down on local roads. We haven't had a bird killed on local roads yet this season and nor do we want to, but pademelons and bandicoots are being killed, especially at night. Remember, speed kills wildlife as well as people.

No one of us owns the cassowaries but we all have a stake in their future and that of the rainforest. If only for self- centred reasons, many of our medicines are based on native cures derived from rainforest trees. We hope to empower you with information about their presence in our community so you can be aware, be considerate and above all adjust and learn to live with these vital creatures of the rainforest.

Have you seen a cassowary somewhere other than these locations below? Was it in the last year, last 3 years, 5 years or 10 years? Let us know and we'll add it to the list that we intend to publish every six months.

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Local Rainforest Trees: available at Nursery 19 Kullaroo Close (off Barron Falls Road). Donations to support land care work. Kuranda Envirocare 4093 9926.

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

Pottery Classes: Learn, Relax, Create. Lessons based on individual projects in small classes, hand building and wheel throwing. Beginners and experienced welcome. Fully equipped Kuranda studio. Wednesday 9.30–12.30pm. Flexible 4-week sessions. Information & bookings phone Mollie 4093 9063.

Kuranda Visitor Information Centre: is looking for enthusiastic volunteers willing to join our team at the Centre as Tourism Information Providers! Currently we have two vacancies on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided, as well as shirt, badge, real coffee and biscuits. Please call Cathy on 4093 9311 or 0407 748 645, or drop into the Centre and talk to us there.

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Musos wanted: For circus band. Preferably with fully sick chops. Please Phone 4093 9043 or 0428 284 305

Jewellery making classes: 8 week beginners course. Ring Jan 0400 770 854

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PUBLIC MEETING

RURAL FIRE LEVY ACCOUNTABILITY

Where: Kuranda/Myola Rural Fire Brigade Shed When: 21 June 2010 Time: 7.30pm

Mareeba District Fruit and Vegetable

The Mareeba District Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association is once again preparing for its Annual Fruit and Vegetable Dinner for 2010. In previous years this event has proved to be very successful with up to 180 people attending. This year, the dinner will be held on

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Training is every second Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm plus the occasional Saturday. For further information please call Jim on 0427 037 054.

Lifeline Counselling

in Kuranda

A Lifeline Counsellor is coming to Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre each Thursday to see Kuranda people.

There are up to 6 free sessions available with no obligation to have ongoing counselling. If you think this may meet your need or you want to know more, you can ring either Ceri or Marg or you can contact Lifeline directly on

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for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au

Aquafitness 8:30am at Kuranda Aquatic Centre 262 Myola Road.

Ph 4093 7109

Tai Chi Chuan 9.30am Tai Chun Kung Fu 10.30 am CWA Hall.

Not on public holidays.

Kuranda Camera Club - Photo Shoot 1st Sat

2.30pm, (see Art Pages for this month's location)

Garden Group 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492

Music Jam at the Nevermind Cafe 3rd Sat

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Every Sun A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599

Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361

R.S.L. 5.00pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street. 1st Sun

Kuranda Film Society 4.00pm to 8.00pm Kuranda Recreation

Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393

2nd & 4th Sun Simply friendship club. Men and women over 45.

Kuranda Resort 12.00 to 3.00pm. Nola: Ph 4093 8824 Al-Anon Family Groups 8.00pm. Ph Diane 4093 0462 **Every Mon**

Tribal Belly dancing at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road

contact Lisa 0458 182 489

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 OCWA 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.

3rd Mon Ph 4093 8933

Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30 pm CWA Hall **Every Tue**

Ph 0437 438 196

1st Mon

Aquafitness 6.15pm at Kuranda Aquatic Centre

262 Myola Road. Ph 4093 7109

8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah

Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537

Belly Dance at Amphitheatre Understage. Have fun and keep fit at

the same time Ph 0429 070 393

1st Tue The KCCT meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel. 2nd Tue

Tourism Kuranda meets behind St. Saviour's Church.

 ${\bf Kuranda~SES~Training}, 7.30 {\rm pm}$ sharp at Fallon Road.

Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642

Volleyball under lights at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road. **Every Wed**

contact Lisa 4093 9659 or Leo 0405 116 066

Aquafitness 8.30am at Kuranda Aquatic Centre 262 Myola Road.

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Craft and Social Morning at QCWA hall 9.00am

Kuranda Playgroup – 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please RSVP Michelle Ph 4093 9851

Weekly Meditations/Reflections 7.00pm at The Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street.

Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm - 7.15pm for more info call Geoff

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1st Wed

Kuranda Interagency Network Mtng 2.00pm at KNC 2nd Wed QCWA meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016

Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group - 10.00am

Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Rotary 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206

Every Thur Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30 pm CWA Hall

Ph 0437 438 196

Aquafitness 6.15 pm at Kuranda Aquatic Centre 262 Myola Road. Ph 4093 7109

Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)

Women's Acapella Choir Smithfield Neighbour Centre Stanton

Road 7.00-9.00pm Thursdays

BioDanza Dance of Life at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road. Contact

atherine 4057 8549 or visit site biodanza.com. **Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

2nd Thur **Every Fri** Sandra's Kitchen at the Recreation centre Fallon Road. Contact

Sandra 4093 7393 Thursday. Bookings essential Barefoot Bowls at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road, weather

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PLEASE CHECK THAT ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT

Kuranda Amphitheatre June Events

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Friday 25th & Saturday 26th: Kuranda Roots Festival. See music page for more details.

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