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Those Were The Days

A SLIP OF PAPER pinned to the noticeboard outside the old corner store was my first sign that there was a push to start a local community paper in Kuranda. That was about the only way you found out what might be happening in those days (1990s) when very few people had a computer, there was no internet and no email. Phones and faxes ruled. A letter to the editor of the Cairns Post was just that – paper, envelope and stamp.

I became involved in the beginning of what would become *The Kuranda Paper* through the amazing Joan Dods. A group of residents came together – the very first edition, July 1991, was put together by Shep Humston and his wife Sammy.

He had the experience and while most of us were I think imagining something along the lines of a glorified newsletter, he organised for *The Cairns Post* to take on the printing so we ended up with a real live newspaper. Local businesses provided advertising dollars for the first paper and I think the rest of us threw some cash in as well.

After the first edition the idea of a community-driven paper really took off. We asked for contributions and got them: stories, letters, poems, jokes, music and arts, school, sport and clubs' news, drawings, mastheads and photos. They came in as letters or more often as scraps of paper, scribbles on envelopes etc collected over the month and later dropped off at the video store.

It is hard to believe now just how basic the production of the old *Kuranda Paper* was – it was cut and paste but not in the computer sense. We literally “cut out” pieces of text or photos (more often a photocopy of a photo as we had no scanner) and “pasted” them with a hideous type of brown contact glue onto the full sized “storyboards” *The Cairns Post* provided.

I worked on the paper from about Issue 3 up until just before I started working in Cairns and the paper made the giant leap into the digital world. In the beginning we were putting it together issue by issue while looking for a “home” and at times never knew where we would be the next month.

We put together the last three issues of 1991 in the back room of the old restaurant down by the Honey House markets – it was running as a Skilshare project at the time and there was a photocopier and electronic typewriter (with a very handy erase function) we could use at night. One night the bulb in one of the two rooms we were working in blew and we had no other, so we would work, kneeling on the timber floor, pasting copy onto the gridded storyboards until we ran out of copy. Then someone would climb up on a chair, remove the working bulb and we all moved into the other room where the typewriter and copier were, screwed the bulb in there and started making copy all over again. The Christmas/New Year issue was memorable for the sweaty nights and a swarm of bugs which became embedded in the glue. We left a few in and celebrated with a bottle of warmish champers.

Between December 1991 and the end of January 1992 we had to look for a new space. The primary school offered us the staff room after hours, but in the end we were able to use my upstairs living room for a few months. I had just acquired my first real computer and

printer and that helped enormously, although everything still had to be typed in, unless it came in a format we could use by either shrinking it or enlarging it on the printer. It was safer to type everything in and that started as soon as copy was in.

Once it was all printed out our band of volunteer “eyes” would scrutinise it for typos or other mistakes. We would then figure out where things would go and consider the big question...how many pages would we need to print? Not an easy decision as we couldn't just add one or even two – it had to be another four and extra pages meant extra cost.

However, once we made the decision to go four more we then had to find enough copy to fill the space. We developed an emergency folder of bits and pieces – the REAL last resort piece was a pattern for a “pineapple” doily – I kid you not. Every month we would joke about it. If my memory serves me right I think we did eventually use it to mark some milestone.

The last night each month before we had to have the Paper finished and in its box ready for Kuranda Carriers to pick up first thing in the morning and deliver to *The Cairns Post*, we worked into the wee small hours.

We would do the final clean up of glue, double check the page numbering (there was a required sequence and we did it get it wrong one month and had to actually cut the story boards and reconfigure them after finishing the paper layout – we never did that again!). We triple-checked we had put everything in and then there was the final “polish” of the all important

front page.

Joan had a strange little drawing of a “dead cocky” and each month just as our energy was really flagging she would hover over the laid out pages looking for a place for it – it was her “editor's” comment and the paper was not finished until at least one dead cocky was glued in.

We would finally leave with bleary eyes and aching backs – out into the night of Kuranda at 2, 3 or even 4am in all kinds of weather. For a number of years we would leave as the baker was pulling out the morning loaves and the smell of fresh bread was so tempting – but bed even more so.

When you lay down lines of type swirled in your head – and once or twice you realised (!!!!!) oh no, we made a mistake – which meant an early wake-up and a frantic quick fix before the Paper headed down the hill. There is nothing so unforgiving as print.

I left production just as the deadline for switching to digital was coming up. I have such great memories of all the people I worked with during my time on the paper and nothing but admiration for those who came before and after. I think it says a lot about the Kuranda community that we have been able to establish and maintain a real community newspaper which pays its way and is delivered free into every Kuranda household.

It is such an incredible asset – long may the presses roll!

Gayle Hannah



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however, we would appreciate you not waiting until the deadline to send it.

The earlier the better! Thank you.

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Thursday 30th January 2014

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Letters 

Please keep your letter to the point and under 250 words. All letters are subject to editing. Anonymous letters or those of doubtful origin are not published. Correct name, street address and phone contact are to be submitted with your letter. See left for postal and email addresses.

A Happy Visitor To Kuranda

Jill (Just Gorgeous) received this letter from a happy customer recently. Thanks for sharing it with us Jill.

Dear Ladies,

I'm unsure if you remember me or my dress, but in January I came upon your shop by chance on a trip to Cairns for my God-daughter's Christening. We were on our way home when your beautiful shop caught my eye and the curious child in me decided to explore the treasures you seemingly held.

I saw a dress hanging on the back wall high up in a corner. I thought to myself "what a delicate piece". I was not shopping for a wedding dress but more so I did not think I would do it justice as I do not believe I am a delicate person. Upon the insistence of my best friend and daughter I decided to try it on.

I feel comfortable in a 12 but all you had was a 10 or 14. My friend said "try the 10, just drape it on don't zip it up. Just look, at the very least you can cross it off your dress list".

So you brought me this, the material so delicate the zip that may get stuck. Low and behold the dress slips straight on and then zips with no catch.

I stepped out and my friend tears up and my daughter says "Mum, you look beautiful".

So we bundled it up in white plastic and shoved it in a bag to hide from my husband. And there it stayed in Cairns until two weeks before my wedding.

I tried it on and fell in love with it once more.

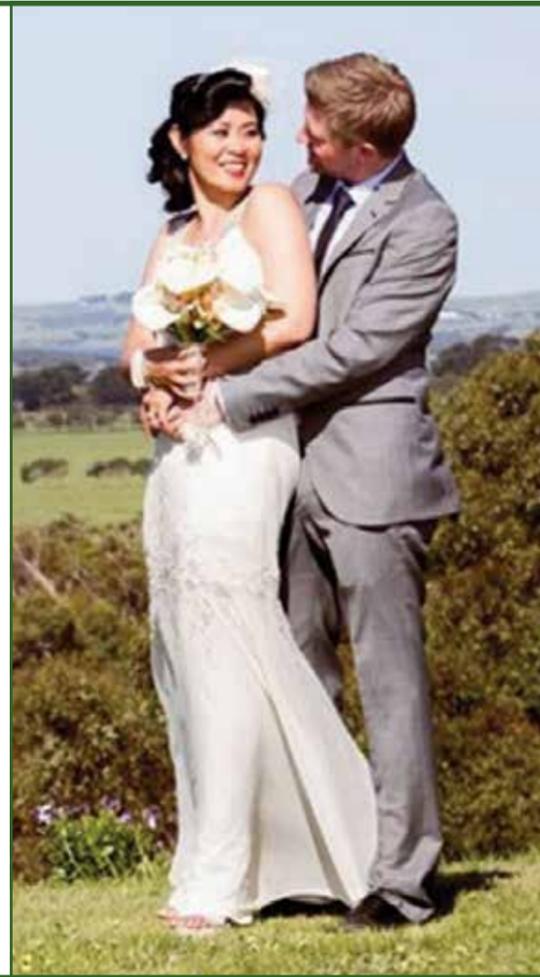
I have told this story a million times, it is my favourite! My accidentally beautiful wedding dress.

I cannot thank the universe enough for ending up in your shop that day. I felt so beautiful on my wedding day.

I just wanted to share this with you.

Kind regards,

Anna Ramos, Preston, Victoria



Dear Kuranda Residents...

What a great outcome for the Kuranda district to have one of your local candidates in Jenny Jensen achieve success in the recent Council elections. The mix of Councillors is quite good if you look at where they are based around the shire with three from Mareeba town, Jenny from Kuranda and two from the western areas of the shire. Top that off with a Mayor plus three females and three males and you have a recipe for a well-balanced representation of the greater community.

The de-amalgamation process rolls on with major achievements in the past month including release of software systems for testing; completion of the data centre for TRC; completion of the services provision reviews for both new Councils to ensure we have the necessary staff, equipment and skills to continue providing services; and training for staff who will be involved in the Disaster Co-ordination Centres in both the new MSC and TRC.

Planning is underway for the Mayor and Council elect to meet for a few workshops in the lead up to Christmas to give them as much information as we can to assist them in their role, especially in regard to the adoption of the first Budget before the end of January. Councillors and staff normally dedicate a large amount of time over several months in preparation of the annual budget so the 31st January deadline is quite extraordinary, but it will be achieved.

There is an advertisement in this paper with the new contact details for Mareeba Shire to take effect from 1st January. Until then please use the existing TRC numbers if you have need to contact Council.

I am aware that this is the last Kuranda newspaper for the year so the next time you read my name in this publication it will be as the Acting CEO for Mareeba Shire Council. Please accept my appreciation to the members of the Kuranda community I have dealt with over the past six months for your openness and passion for your area, it is a strong indicator for the long term success of your community.

Finally to all residents I extend my best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas season and a great year for 2014.

Rod Ferguson, Transfer Manager Mareeba Shire

A Big Thank You To:

Belinda and Karen at the Village Vibe Coffee shop; Hope and Sheila from the Kuranda Fudge Shop; Patrick from the German Tucker shop; and Sue from Cafe Kuranda for all your help throughout the year. Also thanks to Kuranda community for your continued support. Carol and I wish all a great Christmas and a very safe and Happy New Year for 2014. May God Bless you all.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary on the 26th October and to Marriage Celebrant Cheryl Tonkin, who did a beautiful service on our wedding vows. And thank you to our beautiful daughter Michelle Shambler who let us use her gardens that night. She worked so hard for weeks to have them just right. And to our daughter-in-law Annmarie and two grandchildren who helped get us ready.

Betty and Cliff



FROM THE EDITOR

Don't Waste Your Chance To Vote

The results have now been declared for the Mareeba Shire election and our new Mayor is Tom Gilmore. This paper believes Mr Gilmore is the best man for the job and congratulates him on his victory.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to the successful Councillors: Alan Pedersen, Mary Graham, Jenny Jensen, Nipper Brown, Allan Holmes and Karen Ewin. Together with the Mayor they have a difficult job ahead of them, prioritising spending carefully whilst maintaining service levels. We are confident they will have the best wishes of all the new Mareeba Shire, including the Kuranda District, as they set out into a future which is largely without guideposts.

The Mayoral race in particular was very close and serves to show us all how important our votes are. If 148 voters had not turned up on the day the result would have gone the other way. If only a fraction of the 1863 who never voted or the 300 who voted incorrectly had exercised their right the result could have massively gone the other way.

Never think your vote doesn't count. If you are a young person who doubts the need to become a registered voter, think again. We get the government we deserve. Elsewhere in the world people think so much of the right to vote that they are fighting and dying to attain it. The right to choose who governs us is perhaps our most precious possession. Don't waste it.

Col Jeanes





Kuranda District Resident Group Newsletter No 7 (September–November 2013)

www.KurandaNewDeal.com

Dear All,

Phew – what a few months we've had.

We digested the news we couldn't realistically legally challenge the de-amalgamation, dusted ourselves off and then went headlong into looking at the best outcomes we could get of the election "we had to have". And now we have a new Council with a Mayor we know will do the best he can for Kuranda District and the new Shire and a range of Councillors very tuned to the character and power of Kuranda District. Talk about rising from the ashes.

The KDRG Committee is still here and firmly committed to acting as the "glue" that brings the many wonderful aspects of Kuranda District together as part of the larger Tablelands community. The KDRG Committee and its members will continue to pick up and objectively progress issues for the social, economic and environmental well-being of our community.

The Transition Process

The new Mareeba Shire Mayor and Councillors have been elected and will form the new council on January 1 next year. They are: Mayor Tom Gilmore, Councillors Jenny Jensen, Mary Graham, Karen Ewin, Alan Pedersen, Allan Holmes and Nipper Brown. The Transition Manager, Rod Ferguson will be the acting CEO of the new council, until the appointment of a new CEO early in the new year. It is expected that the new Council elect will be actively looking for someone to fill this post but it may take until the end of March for it to be filled. Rod Ferguson and the Transfer Committee will stay on as consultants to the new council for six months.

Rod Ferguson believes the costs of de-amalgamation are on track to be less than the \$6.3 million estimated by the Queensland Treasury Commission but still greater than \$5 million. As at 21 November the running total of costs approved by the Transfer Committee was \$2,166,000.

There is an excellent area set aside on the TRC website to allow residents to keep themselves up to date on the de-amalgamation. The process is completely transparent and all reports and minutes of meetings are posted and available for all to see. The site link is: <http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/my-council/de-amalgamation-what-happens->

Membership

Sarah Jane Hart did a sterling job of organising an info stand at the Kuranda and Speewah election booths profiling the KDRG and what it represents to our community. Out of this effort we have nearly 100 more members. These member numbers are important as when it comes to the KDRG lobbying for appropriate social, economic and environmental outcomes for Kuranda District, the larger the number of people we represent the more political clout we have. The people who signed up go through a membership endorsement process and their names are kept in a database so that information can be distributed effectively. Thank you to those who put your names down – this is the way we can shape and protect Kuranda's future.

Where to from now...

The Kuranda District Residents Strategy has been drafted and being circulated; forming one side of the latest KDRG handout provided at the election booths. This will be the basis of discussions at our next public meeting. Worth noting that one of the main activities will be ensuring at least one Committee member attends all Council meetings and reports back to the community at large. We would also like to ask one or two KDRG members to accompany each meeting as well by working through the Membership list, so don't be surprised if you are contacted to come along.

Please continue to post your concerns

We are getting the minutes of the Council meetings and putting them on our website. If we are to continue to monitor and respond to how our Council goes in office after the de-amalgamation we need facts to address the shortfall. Let us know when you notice services and regional development projects being lost as the de-amalgamation process rolls out. The KDRG website: www.kurandanewdeal.com, Facebook site or any of the Committee members will continue to act as the conduit for escalating concerns around any Council services you notice diminishing or are alarmed may be cut or reduced.

Many thanks for your ongoing support. Our unity is our strength.

Garth Owen
President

Kuranda District Residents Group



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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Nominations For Australia Day Awards Open

NOMINATIONS are open for the 2014 Tablelands Regional Council Australia Day awards and new Mareeba Shire Council Australia Day awards.

Categories for both Councils are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Senior and Junior Sports awards, Sports Administrator, Cultural, Community Service, Development Commerce and Quiet Achiever.

"While we live in a wonderful part of the world, it is always the people of the Tablelands that make this such a special place," Mayor Rosa Lee Long said. "And these annual awards are a way to recognise those whose contributions have been truly exceptional.

Nomination forms are available at Council service centres at Atherton, Herberton, Malanda, Mareeba and Kuranda and from Shire libraries, as well as on the website at www.trc.qld.gov.au.

Conditions apply. Entries close 4.30pm Friday, 10th January 2014.

Winners will be announced at the annual Australia Day celebrations, to be held in 2014 at the Atherton International Club on Sunday, 26th January 2013 and, for the new MSC, at the Mareeba International Club. Entries applying to the new MSC that are made before 1st January 2014 will be passed to the new Council once it is in place.

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Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee

Prior to the recent Mareeba Shire Council election the committee surveyed candidates for Council positions on their support for the planned program for re-development of the Precinct site.

In particular we were keen to ensure support for the continued commitment to funds already budgeted by the Tablelands Regional Council for the current financial year as well as ongoing commitment to future funding.

In general we were very happy with the level of support from candidates and particularly (in view of the subsequent election results) with the strong and detailed support given by Tom's team. It had become obvious in recent months that time constraints would prevent the preparation of tender materials to allow spending of allocated funds by the end of the year.

The present budget allocation which it is now clear will be carried over to the new year includes: \$60 000 for relocation of the Council Library and Kuranda Business Centre to Block C and \$100 000 for construction of off street parking, removal of old concrete and the commencement of some landscaping.

At our November meeting we met with three of the officers acting in positions with the new Council who will be responsible for working with the committee to deliver the project. We were very pleased to see the enthusiasm and commitment they displayed for working with us.

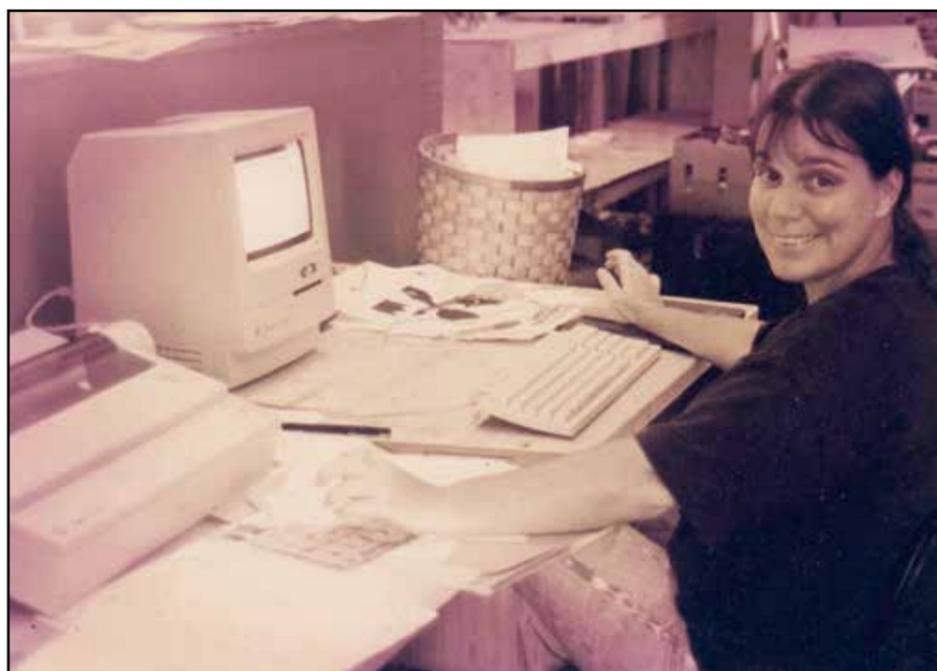
Great work from committee member Arch Mc Arthur who has been successful in obtaining an FIKS grant for \$2 000 which should enable us to complete the tile project with the help of community volunteer labour.

We are currently arranging the required Council induction program for volunteers which is required for us to start work. If you would like to be involved please contact Arch, Peter Thompson, Mandy Dewey or myself. Plans drawn up by Peter have now been submitted to the Council, with thanks also due to Bob Colefax who volunteered support on the engineering.

We will be inviting Mayor elect Tom Gilmore and all elected Councillors to our next meeting.

– **John Baskerville** (Chairperson)
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Above: Gayle Hannah at work on the Mac (circa early 1990s)
Below: The Kuranda Paper 5th anniversary at Frogs



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Ian Church CEO Tablelands Regional Council

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We found the pleasant surroundings of the park allowed people and furry friends alike to find a cool shaded spot to listen. Guest speakers included Mr Mark Ellwood from the Palm Cove NHW, Mr Michael Trout MP, and Senior Constable Mark Elliot. Each speaker introduced the residents to different issues on the subject of the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Senior Constable Perry Woods was introduced as the Liaison Officer for Top of the Range and positions were explained and subsequently filled.

Website: www.nhwq.ort

Mail: kuranda.range.nhw@bigpond.com

Special Request

We are now in a position to call for further assistance from the community. Each Block or Street in the Top of the Range area will need a Co-ordinator. This appointment is on a voluntary basis and will entail being the first point of contact for your neighbours in regards to matters of safety and security in your area. For more information contact NHW by email.



Region Now Disaster Ready

TRAINING and a series of exercises has made both the new Mareeba Shire, and the continuing Tablelands Regional Councils disaster-ready.

As part of the de-amalgamation process the existing disaster management arrangements for the TRC have been split, as has every other council activity, TRC CEO Ian Church said.

"As recent years have shown it is essential that we are ready to cope with natural disasters," Mr Church said.

"With the new MSC coming on line in the midst of the cyclone season, it has been important to ensure their disaster management preparations are in place and that the continuing TRC also remained able to act if necessary."

In recent weeks specialised training, and then exercises for the full Local Disaster Co-ordination Centres for both councils have taken place.

"Exercise Beacon confirmed that the TRC would continue to have very sound disaster management processes in place," Mr Church said.

Transfer Manager for the new MSC Rod Ferguson said the new LDCC for Mareeba Shire had weathered its testing during the exercise well.

"We are undertaking some smaller, focussed additional exercises but are ready and able to provide necessary support to our communities if necessary from 1 January 2014," he said.

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The Arts Page



"Count your age by friends not years. Count your life by smiles not tears" - John Lennon

One of Daniella's "Wild Tiles" (see article below left)

Wild Art, Wild Tiles! "Wild Art Tiles"



How long has it been since you have had a wander through the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets? Well, if it's been a while, you may be surprised to see the Lower Courtyard has sprung to life with everything from eco-living products to lots of art, fashion, food and stylish ceramics. Wild Art Tiles has just opened a wholesale outlet there.



Daniella Jones

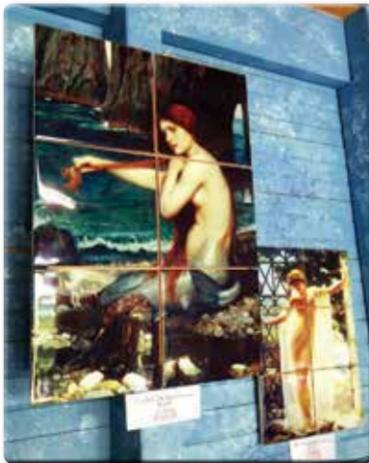
Although still online, Wild Art Tiles has now returned to the Original Markets where we have extended our range of beautiful ceramic art pieces to include new lines of decorative ceramic and glass hanging pendants and Christmas decorations featuring Australian Wildlife.



Our focus, however, remains on customers looking for new and innovative ceramic art feature tiles and art murals for bathrooms, kitchens and flooring.

Our wildlife range is huge, second to none actually, however I have recently expanded our range of designs to include funky fractal art as well as romantic and classic era pieces. We can print anything on them, including the customer's own artwork and designs.

I had so many customers asking me to put hangers on the back



of the tiles that I realised there was not a lot out there in the way of original ceramic hanging art. It can handle our wet climate too, unlike canvas.

The Wild Art Tiles wholesale shop is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10am to 3pm. Please feel free to drop in and discuss any of your tiling projects or browse our new range of ceramic products.



TILE MURAL COMPETITION:

Wild Art Tiles is offering a Six Tile Mural valued at \$165.00 as a free Christmas giveaway. Simply drop into the shop and put your name into the box! The winner can choose ANY



design in our huge range including new designs only available in the shop. WINNER DRAWN Wednesday 18th December.

...artist and business owner Daniella Jones.

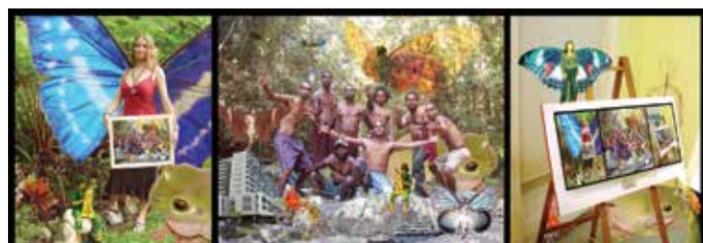
The Little Eco Hut



The Little Eco Hut was created out of the need for a more sustainable way to live on our planet. This is especially true in Kuranda where we live in such an environmentally sensitive area. Alie, owner of the Little Eco Hut says "I am a real ocean girl and my first love has always been the sea. When I was working on the boats I realised that the amount of pollution running off onto our reefs is really putting a lot of pressure on the eco system, so I thought I needed to do something about this".

From that The Little Eco Hut was born! Now you

can find all your eco friendly products right in town. No need to drive any further - Alie



Left: "Scale" seren starlight 2011

ALL IS ART

Arts to Sports, from Education to Industry. Well basically from the poor to the rich. The sad thing is that even as our country gets richer, most of us will be worse off. The country too will be much worse off with money diverted from social needs, to the pockets of those who are already bloated with greed. And while the government is quietly robbing pensioners, the disabled, and the arts, and giving the money to it's fat friends, it makes noises about a few boat people to distract us. And this is the mob that are dictating to our halls of learning! Well, I say to academia "any fool can learn from a wise man, but it takes a wise man to learn from a fool". Please learn from this poor fool, and have a great 2014. Make art, not guns.. seren

KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE Amphitheatre News

Hello Members and Friends, Welcome to new members! Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Inc. wishes the community a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. Many thanks to all who have supported the Amphitheatre in 2013!

There is much work going on within the venue at the moment with a new lockable area in the extended kitchen, which already is making volunteer tasks so much easier. Our Bottom toilets have been refurbished by Tablelands Regional Council and we await the construction of the Top toilets. Meanwhile we will be having Working Bees to continue with the constant upkeep of the venue. There are many small jobs that need volunteers to help with, e.g. painting, gardening, assisting with

WORKING BEES

We need your help!

Please keep a lookout on the roadside Notice Board for updates!

construction projects, basic clean up and tidying etc. So if you have some time, even an hour, please come along. Amphitheatre volunteers make sure it's a great day with lots of laughs to be had.

EVENTS

Fundraiser for THE PHAUNG DAW OO ORPHANAGE in Mandalay Sunday 8th December

An afternoon on the terraces with entertainment by ANDREA MULLINS. Look out around town for more information.

SOUTHERLY CHANGE Saturday 14 December, Understage

They are a hot NSW band with music ranging from blues to jazz to islander grooves...so come along and take the opportunity to see something new and support our Understage.

<https://www.southerlychange.com>

<https://soundcloud.com/benny-fowler>

<https://myspace.com/southerlychange>

Doors open 6.30 pm, Food and Bar available.

FUSION DANCE CLASSES

Saturday 21st December 8 am - 12 noon.

For more information please visit www.creaturesque.weebly.com

The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue, voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s, and still powering ahead over 30 years later! Your membership assists the Society in keeping this unique place in our hearts and ensuring not only its existence in our village, but also that it flourishes for generations to come. KAS is a multicultural and diverse Society that creates a sense of community, place and pride in those who have helped in some way. Our members bring many talents, expertise and great ideas to the Amphitheatre. Volunteering your time and effort ensures its sustainability.... KAS Thanks You!

You can obtain a Membership Form from www.kurandaamphitheatre.org "The Honey House", Therwine Street, Kuranda. Just a reminder that as we are a voluntarily run organisation, our onsite office is unattended most of the time, however support enquiries are accessed by the admin team on a daily basis...

For all Enquiries and Support go to:

www.kurandaamphitheatre.org

KAS ADMIN TEAM





Friends of the Earth Kuranda

Next Meeting

Monday 16th December at 6.30pm
at the Cybercafe, Kuranda.

New members welcome.

See www.foekuranda.org
or email us at info@foekuranda.org

Safe, Clean & More Affordable: Renewable Energy is TODAY's Technology

Most environmental "good news" is local in scale, while the most serious problems that beset us are often much larger. Foremost among the big issues is climate change. Majority scientific opinion predicts a horrific future if we continue with "business as usual" energy usage. How bad things could get is a matter of debate.. but there's a risk our changing climate will dwarf all other problems within a couple of generations.

The solution isn't hard to grasp: we need to improve energy efficiency and convert our energy supply to something close to 100% renewable energy. This must happen on a global scale as soon as possible – but we can pursue energy solutions from the grass roots up.

Astonishing drops in the cost of generating renewable energy (especially solar) – and development of smart grids – are two items of very good news that have almost gone unnoticed in recent years. Germany is the largest industrialized nation so far to adopt highly ambitious plans for renewables. Significantly "the major electricity generators (in Germany) account for just 7% of the renewable energy that now makes up nearly one quarter of the country's electricity production. The rest has come from farmers, households, communities and small business."

It's not possible to go into detail here, so if this is of interest, please search the web for articles entitled [1] "The democratisation of green energy that is sweeping Germany" (source of the quote above) and [2] "Should Australian towns buy back their grids?". Both are by Giles Parkinson, editor of RenewEconomy.com.au.

RenewEconomy.com.au is an excellent, daily source of information about renewable energy and energy policy. Many of its articles are cheerful "good news" stories – because that reflects the exciting era we're actually living through. This is a time when renewable energy is fast becoming price-competitive with polluting and dangerous sources such as coal, gas and nuclear. Another must-read article on the same website explains this more fully: "Debunking the myth of the inadequacy of 'current renewables'".

Even well-meaning politicians have become bamboozled by the self-serving myths promulgated by 'Big Energy'. If Kuranda residents become better informed, we can nudge our leaders towards more rational policies.

Twenty years ago, the landcare movement unleashed community enthusiasm for afforestation and land repair. It's time to put a grass-roots approach to energy generation and distribution on the agenda.

Mega Casino at Yorkey's Knob

The construction of a 27-storey tower and three 18-storey buildings at Yorkeys Knob on a known flood plain, as proposed by this development, are totally inconsistent with all existing local and regional planning schemes and will create a dangerous precedent leaving the door open for further inappropriate high-rise developments on the northern beaches. Concerned? Sign the petition available at <http://www.communityrun.org/petitions/stop-development-approval-for-the-aquis-great-barrier-reef-mega-casino-at-yorkey-s-knob-cairns-1>.



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Enjoy a culinary highlight on our famous deck overlooking the rainforest. Check out the website for the menu. Hope we see you soon for lunch or dinner.

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Mario Baroni - Sundays at the Sweet Leaf Cafe, at The Original Kuranda Markets from 11.00am

Mario Baroni

'A New Movement in Music'

After forty years of professional music playing, **Mario Baroni** is creating a new movement in music: *'Live Improvisational Music'*, played on electric guitar, set to nice, pure, clean sound; playing from one movement to the next. The 'feel' encompasses blues, jazz and latin - the genres of the world.

"The process I endeavour to carry out", says Mario "is to keep the flow and the sound, the surroundings, and the people as one... it is challenging, but I have done it now for three or four years". Playing the music as he hears it with his 'inner ear', then and there. From note to note, the movement evolves, beautifully produced. Each nuance of notes original, and at times highly emotive. Mario likes to use a loop, but minimally, "to have that rhythm guitar playing next to him".

Mario has been a guitarist and drummer

for over forty years. Playing the professional circuit in Melbourne. "At 16/17 there were gigs", says Mario, "now music is so exploited, the industry is dead. With much of contemporary music these days, no-one is actually playing". And there-in lies the incentive to play improvisational music. Getting away from over-produced music that is 'note perfect', Mario welcomes the human element. If there is a 'mistake' now and then, Mario will capitalise on that, and work it into his spontaneous play of notes.

Mario feels that Kuranda is the perfect place to establish a weekly event where the emphasis is on creativity.

So, if you like to do something on a Sunday afternoon and you are a music lover, and you're really not in the mood for 'Brown Eyed Girl' or anything that you have heard hundreds of times before. If you want to hear something 'real' that is being created there in front of you, come along to the *Sweet Leaf Cafe*, at the Original Kuranda Markets as it's really starting to build momentum. **KC**

Your New Year's resolution, will be a New Year's Revolution

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Brothers Leagues Club Cairns presents to you the son of legendary *Bob Marley*, **Julian Marley & The Uprising band**, straight from the main stage at the *Woodford Festival* to appear in Cairns for **New Year's Eve**.

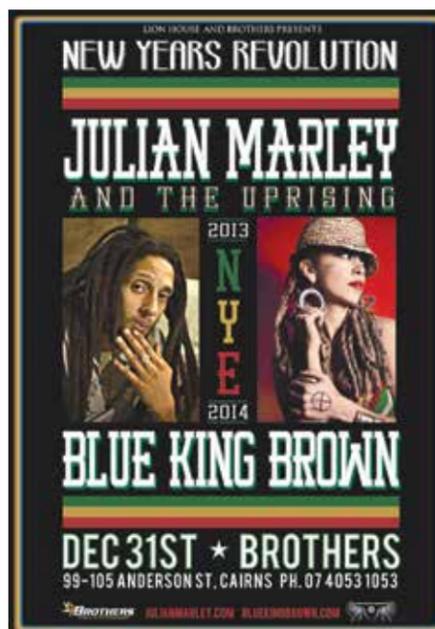
Julian, who was the first Marley to ever perform in Cairns, sold out his well received show in May, and combined with Australia's favourite roots band **Blue King Brown**, will be making your NYE a truly memorable night. So book now, be sure to wear your dancing shoes, and get ready to 'party in' 2014!

Make haste and get amongst it; time to plan who you want to hang out with on New Year's Eve, and get it happening.

There will be busses provided to and from the city, and of course this would make a incredible holiday season gift for anyone!

Tickets are: \$75 pre-sold & available from www.ticketscairns.com.au, *Easy Way Tea*, and *Shiva Moon*, Cairns.

For more information: lionhousemikki@gmail.com



KURANDA GIG GUIDE

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Kuranda Amphitheatre

On the terraces

Community Fundraiser for PHAUNG DAW OO ORPHANAGE IN MANDALAY

Entertainment by

** ANDREA MULLINS **

Afternoon event

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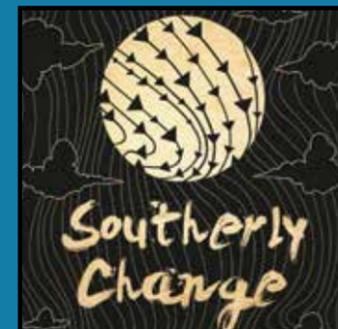
SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Kuranda Amphitheatre

The Understage

MEMBERS' NIGHT

\*\* SOUTHERLY CHANGE \*\*



Doors & Bar Open 6.30pm  
Food available

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Kuranda Hotel

Dinner, Music & Fireworks

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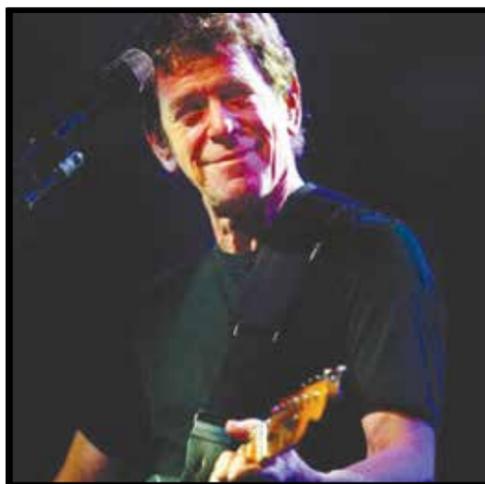
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Bookings 4093 7206



Saturday 14th December
The Understage
Southerly Change
Members' Night

Southerly Change (Reggae/Folk/Roots/Funk/Afro mix) is one of the fastest evolving bands on the South Coast of NSW. Originally a group of four mates, the band currently consist of anything between a simple guitar, vocals and hand percussion set-up, to the fourteen piece group with horn section, bass, drum kit, kora and harmonica, that will appear on their next Australian Arts Council funded recording. This versatility extends to the music's aesthetics also, with the horn and bass players' training in jazz, the heavy blues influence of the harmonica, and the simple and subtle guitar and lyrical melodies of the band's singer-songwriter **Ben Fowler**, creating a richly textured and dynamic musical experience. Many of the musicians involved have also played at established music festivals such as *Womad*, *Woodford*, *The Dreaming*, and *Corinbank*. In any one performance, **Southerly Change** will have you up for a boogie, singing along with the catchy yet beautifully poignant lyrics, or relaxing to the earthy, islander vibes. *...see you at the Amphi*



Lou Reed 1942-2013

Lou Reed: Velvet Underground, heroin, New York. *The Street Poet*, *Walk on the Wild Side*. Flat on the carpet, hash-oil immobilized, *Velvet's "1969"* or "*Rock 'n' Roll Animal*" pounding thru the speakers, the drone and the monotone, the hard-edged poetry, the dark, the light. Landmark nights of the early '70's, and, yes! **Lou Reed** made it thru to 71, and what a legacy! One of life's richest treasures, the Lou Reed back-catalogue.

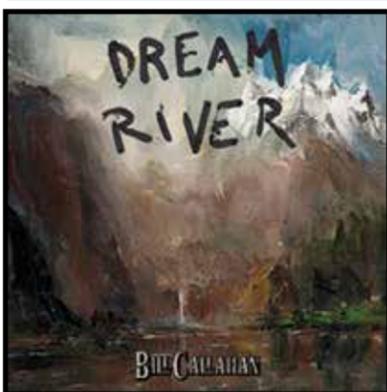
Lou Reed brought the street, the poetry, sex & drugs & rock 'n' roll together into a genre rich & deep & unique.

Thanks man. Enjoy the wild side...

THE BOOGIE BROTHERS CD REVIEWS

Bill Callahan: "Dream Weaver"

Another **Bill Callahan**, another eagle - Always a motif in his albums. That voice: dry as a dusty Texas landscape, but deep and rich as a gusher. Not country; not rock; on the edge of *Leonard Cohen* territory but making his own tracks through the wasteland. Beautiful backing music. The usual guitars, bass and drums and also flute, piano, organ and fiddle. If you can



recall the ethereal, slightly jazzy, haunting music of *Van Morrison's "Astral Weeks"* then you'll hear evocative echoes of it here. Never thought we'd compare anything with that unique, timeless album but here we are. Big wheels turning.

The lyrics are deep poetry touching gently on the political, the ecological, and of course, the human condition. Here's a sample from "*Summer Rain*": "Like a sorcerer's cape! The rain ripped the lips of the mouth of the Bay. Rended the eye, sleighted the hand, tricked the land and blew the air away." Or, from "*Javelin Unlanding*": "You looked like worldwide Armageddon while you slept, you looked so peaceful it scared me. Don't die just yet and leave me, alone alone alone, on this journey round the sun". Strong stuff. Good value on every level. Bill's a trip.

Pearl Jam: "Lightning Bolt"

Pearl Jam album No. 10. And it's well, very Pearl Jam. **Eddie Vedder** takes us through his full range. A beautiful soaring ballad. Sirens where they pull out all the jams, swooping and wailing through a classic, radio and friendly epic. Some raw punk on "*Mind your Manners*". '90's grunge given a new look on "*Swallowed Whole a Swampy*". "*Let the Records Play*" boogie; and the moody "*Pendulum*" with a *Cure* vibe.

The album closes with **E. Vedder** in melancholy mode on "*Future Days*". Stripped back musically and with a haunting sense of acceptance of life's lessons and belief in the future. Nice.

It's a tasty **Pearl Jam** and, if you're a fan then you'll really enjoy it. If not, have a listen anyway - there are some nice surprises and some very tasteful lead guitar breaks.

All CDs reviewed are available from *Colly Dolly Music*, I.G.A. building, Mareeba, ph 40 923 245



The Boogies





What's On...

MONDAY...

Tai Chi
Restart 3 Feb • Les 4093 8276
Acappella Singing
Restart 3 Feb • Jane 4093 0463

TUESDAY...

Eight Ball - Competition Night
Restart 3 Feb • Janet 4093 7104
BAR OPEN from 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY...

Social Tennis
5.30-7.30pm • Aileen 4093 7401
Yoga
6-7.15pm • Aileen 4093 7401

THURSDAY...

Rangers Soccer Club Training
Casual training - post season
Gary 4093 8399
Envirocare
7.15pm • 1st Thursday of month
4093 8989

FRIDAY...

Frogs at the Club
6-8.30pm • 0407 937 405 or email
info@frogsrestaurant.com.au
bookings recommended

Social Netball
Restart Feb • Juliet 0428 930 067
Eight Ball - Practice Night
BAR OPEN from 5.30pm

SUNDAY...

Yoga
10.30-11.30am • Aileen 4093 7401
Social Tennis
5.30-7.30pm • Aileen 4093 7401

SUNDAY...MONTHLY

Kuranda Film Society
4-8pm • 1st Sunday of month
Hans 0424 928 917
Uniting Church
4.30pm • 2nd Sunday of month
Krishna 4093 8730

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all of our loyal supporters! See you at the Christmas party!

Thanks Kuranda for a SUPER year!

Over the past 12 months, we've been working hard to improve the Kuranda Recreation Centre (KRC) and make it a venue of choice for Kuranda residents, sports and fitness groups. In 2013, the exterior of the KRC has been painted as well as the 'Jum Rum Bar' downstairs, the upstairs area has new carpet and will be repainted in 2014. The gardens have been tidied up and planted with bright plants, and all the maintenance on the property is almost complete. We also have a new awning erected downstairs to provide our guests and soccer kids with shelter in wet weather.

We've been well supported by our regular venue hirers including the Kuranda Rangers soccer teams who had their best season yet fielding six teams each week. Kuranda 8 Ball has had another successful year, with a number of players making representative teams. The tennis courts are in good condition and well patronised by enthusiastic locals. Upstairs is well used by our regulars including Yoga, Tai Chi, Acappella Singing, Kuranda Film Society, and the Uniting Church, whilst Dog Training was introduced on the oval this year. **Some of these activities will be on break over the Christmas period - please check with the contact person about times and dates.**

Perhaps our biggest change has been the increase in patrons for our regular Friday night meals and entertainment. For this we thank Terry and Vicki at 'Frogs at the Club' who have been a steady and consistent presence providing affordable meals for locals. Thanks also to the talented Peter McCabe for providing some light entertainment which our patrons love!

Expressions of Interest • We are seeking EOIs for the following positions on the KRC Committee:

President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sports and Recreation Coordinator, Bookings and Events Coordinator, Media and Marketing Coordinator, Maintenance Coordinator, Membership Secretary. These positions require nominations and will be decided at the AGM to be held at the end of February. Email your EOI to: krc4881@gmail.com

Black Friday Xmas Party and Family Fun Night

Friday
13th December
from 5pm

DINNER

3 course Xmas dinner
\$33 p/person
2 course kids dinner
\$10 (4-12yrs)
Free for kids U/4yrs
6-8pm

Don't forget to make your bookings and order your meal for our **Black Christmas** party on **Friday 13th December**. Menu and booking sheet available in the KRC foyer or email info@frogsrestaurant.com.au

Free games including:
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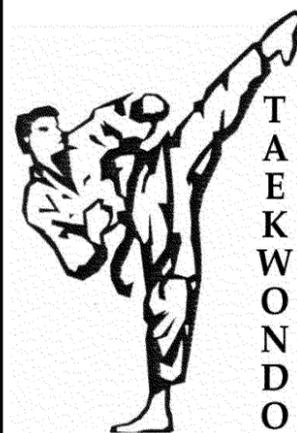
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Neighbourhood Centre News - December 2013

KNC Centre Christmas Closures: The centre will close for 2 weeks over Christmas, from 1.00pm Friday 20th December to 9.00am Monday 6th January 2014. Please ring Lifeline on 131 114 in a crisis.

Women's Craft Group: The craft group meets on Thursday mornings from 10.00am at the Playgroup area at KNC. The current activity is weaving. Please come along and find out more, or ring Sheila Brim on 4093 7298. The craft group is supported by Ngoonbi, Medicare Local and KNC. There is a current display at the Post Office – drop by and have a look at what the group has been doing.

Vegie and Food Donations: The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre welcomes any donations to make nutritious soup for homeless people. We have a volunteer who will be making soup on a regular basis and we will accept donations of food items that can be made into yummy soup. Anything that is growing prolifically in your garden would suit. We also support a food project on Tuesdays being coordinated by Ngoonbi and any food donations towards that program is also welcome. Please call 4093 8933 for more details or to donate. THANKS.

WuChopperen Counselling at KNC: There is a counsellor coming up on Monday mornings to see parents who are needing some help around substance misuse or other issues affecting safe and happy parenting. Please contact Ceri/Marg for a referral – counselling is strictly confidential.

Uniting Care Community Gambling Help: Counsellors from Gambling Help in Cairns will come up to Kuranda if there are 2 or more clients able to book in. Please ring directly on 40504955 or through Marg/Ceri on 40938933 – any counselling is strictly confidential.

Furniture Exchange: If you have items in good condition to donate, please let us know and we will arrange pick up. All items go to Kuranda families and individuals in need and right now we need tables and chairs, lounges and fridges. THANKS.

– *The Neighbourhood Centre Team*



Top of the Range Neighbourhood Watch

On Sunday September 22nd the inaugural AGM of the Top of the Range Neighbourhood Watch group was convened in the Park on Gregory Terrace. This meeting was in direct response to the recent attack on a resident. Neighbours and friends gathered to call for greater protection to property and residents' well-being. We are now in a position to call for further assistance from the community. Each block/street in the Top of the Range area will need a Co-ordinator for that said block/street. This appointment is on a voluntary basis and will entail being the first point of contact for your neighbours in regards to matters of safety and security in your area. For further information please email kuranda.range.nhw@bigpond.com.

Thank you for your support.

Top of the Range NHW

Reef Feast Receives State Funding Boost

Reef Feast at Palm Cove has received a State government funding boost of \$15,000 for 2014.

Member for Barron River Michael Trout announced the funding under the latest round of the Tourism and Events Queensland Regional Development Program.

"Reef Feast this year was a huge success. It's an extremely popular annual event, attracting both locals and tourists. It has witnessed a tremendous growth in popularity, and brings welcome business not only to Palm Cove, but to the entire region," Mr Trout said.

Francetta Bridle of Tourism Palm Cove welcomed news of this substantial funding. "It is fabulous news. This gives us the ability to make Reef Feast even bigger and better next year," she said.

Mr Trout said that funding received through the Regional Development Program can be used for marketing activities to increase awareness of the event and destination, strategic planning, the engagement of short-term personnel and hire of temporary infrastructure.

"I encourage tourism bodies around my electorate to put applications in to the next funding round of the Regional Development Program, which is now open. Applications close on 14th February 2014 for events held between 1st October 2014 and 31st March 2016.

To apply for Tourism and Events Queensland Regional Development Program Funding visit www.te.queensland.com.



The Kuranda Paper is produced on the last Thursday of the month, except December. The deadline for the receipt of all copy and ads is the Friday prior to the publication date. See page 2 for contact details.

The paper is delivered by Australia Post to PO Boxes and residents in the general Kuranda district, and bundles are delivered to strategic distribution points across the Atherton Tableland and Cairns.



Visitor Numbers Highest in Five Years

Visitors at Tablelands Regional Council Visitor Information Centres reached their highest total since 2008 in the July-September quarter of this year.

That information was included in a report to Tablelands Regional Council at its most recent meeting.

Visitor numbers totalled 86,226. The report showed steady increases in visitor numbers for the same quarter dating back to 2011, and a marked increase over 2008, when 60,000 visitors were recorded.

"The report indicates that the new Malanda Visitor Information Centre has contributed to the latest result," Mayor Rosa Lee Long said. "However I believe the dedication of our staff and our wonderful volunteers at all the VICs is a major factor."

In the report, the role of the Atherton VIC as an agent for Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service campsite booking was identified as extremely popular now that no online campsite bookings were available in Queensland.

Kuranda Visitor Information Centre is awaiting finalisation of tenders for construction of a new facility while work on developing the potential of touch screens for archiving and presenting local stories continued.

The Mareeba Heritage Centre attracted almost 150 people to the opening of the Carrier's Arms, part of a new street facade at the museum.

A temporary Visitor Information Centre was established during the Cycle Queensland tour of the Tablelands, taking bookings for tours and accommodation as well as information and advice to cyclists.

Also included in the report was an indication that Recreational Vehicle traveller numbers to the area have increased 21 per cent over last year.

"Our region has a great environment, wonderful landscape, top attractions and a network of Visitor Information Centres that help tourists make the most of their stay," Councillor Lee Long said. "An annual visitor survey has shown 75 per cent of respondents indicating they would extend their stay after visiting a VIC in our region. That is a great indication of the valuable contribution all of our VICs make to our tourist industry and regional economy."

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Downward facing dog, rag doll, bridge and dolphin pose are some inversions that provide the same benefits as more advanced poses while also building strength and technique. They teach basic skills needed to move safely into more advanced poses.

Eight reasons kids (and adults) should practise inversions

1. Rests the heart and lungs. Inversions reverse the blood flow in the body and improve circulation with a little less effort from the heart. Inverting helps blood to flow into the upper lungs and brings pressure off the lower lungs.
2. Increases immunity and helps to prevent illness by working with the lymphatic and nervous systems. (The lymphatic system has no 'pump' and relies on muscles to move lymphatic fluid around the body.)
3. Energising. Heating inversions (handstands, dolphin pose) get more blood moving to the brain which results in physical invigoration and mental revitalisation. Brain cells are nourished with oxygen rich blood.
4. Relaxing. Cooling inversions (legs up the wall or shoulder stand) work to calm the nervous system. Activation of the parasympathetic nervous system calms the body and mind, relieving stress and anxiety.
5. Improves balance and focus while also increasing core and upper body strength.
6. New perspective on life. Inversions teach us through metaphor. There is always another way to approach the situation/person/problem/yoga pose.
7. Reduces back pain. Using your own body weight, inversion elongates the spine by increasing the space between the vertebrae, relieving the pressure on discs, ligaments and nerves.
8. Inversions are fun!

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Pyphah (Rag doll)



Jenna (Dolphin pose)



Lani (Bridge pose)



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Girls Night In Cancer Council

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- Babara from Opals from the Earth – Quartz Necklace
- Kim at Kuranda Health & Healing – Pure Essential Oil Blend, and
- Stampin' Up – with a variety of prizes, plus
- Two scarves crocheted by Lorne Weber of Cairns.

The raffle was a success, with some people winning more than one prize (it pays to buy more than one ticket), so far we have raised \$366.00, which included the door takings for the Girls Night In fun night.

The following Businesses have donated also and these prizes will be in the NEXT raffle to be drawn in the presents of a JP [Karen Mc Laren], on **Wednesday 11th December**, the tickets are \$2 each and again these are very good value. There are a total of 20 Prizes, not as much as the first raffle but some of the items have a greater value. My Thanks go out to:

- Kuranda Pharmacy for a pamper pack
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- Stephen at Doongal Gallery for a painting
- Sheryl at Dolce Bella Beauty for a Manicure
- Farri at Kuranda Rainforest View Restaurant for Lunch for Two Voucher
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- Skyrail for Double pass Voucher
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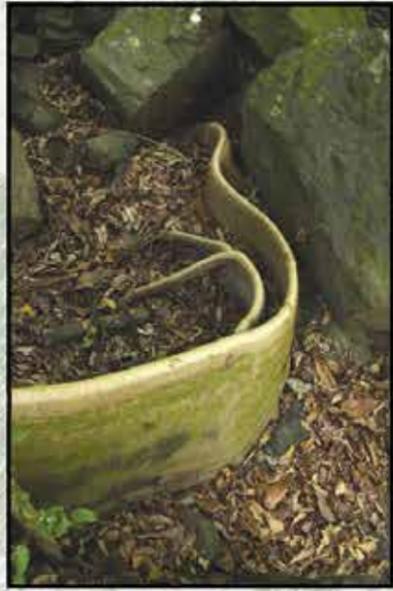
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Tender Let For Construction Of New Kuranda Visitor Information Centre

A \$578,765 tender has been let for the construction of the long-awaited new Visitors Information Centre at Kuranda.

Tablelands Regional Council at its most recent meeting voted to accept a recommendation that the tender go to Osborne Construction Solutions.

The tender assessment process, reference checks and a recent history of similar projects all helped put the Cairns-based company over the line, Mayor Rosa Lee Long said.

"These checks also identified this company as having experience in the supply and installation of architectural façade systems. This is an area of the project where we need a very high standard for the finished installation," Councillor Lee Long said.

Divisional Councillor Jenny Jensen welcomed the awarding of the tender.

"I am extremely pleased to now have tenders awarded for construction of the new Visitors Centre in Kuranda," Cr Jensen said.

"This has been a long time coming and the new Centre will provide excellent facilities for the many visitors to the Kuranda Village. For many years the current centre has provided outstanding service within a tiny space of just 33sq metres and the efforts of the many volunteers have been quite remarkable.

"The Kuranda VIC is the busiest centre in our region and in 2012 the centre was awarded the title of QICA Qld. Visitor Centre of The Year. When the new centre opens next year, there will certainly be great celebration."

The project is to be funded mainly from Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee funds, with a contribution from the Tablelands Regional Council. The Transfer Manager for the new Mareeba Shire Council has been consulted and advised of his satisfaction that the project should proceed.

Cr Lee Long endorsed Cr Jensen's comments noting that the new facility will boost Kuranda as a major tourism gateway to the entire region.



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CAIRNS REGION...RISING at LAST...

Last week I spent time with one of Australia's most highly respected senior economists, Dr Andrew Wilson, who specialises in property analysis.

We were definitely on the same page in terms of what's happening in the current regional market and more so about what we think lies ahead. And it's all good news! CONFIDENCE is back.

I've been having this discussion with my customers now for 6 months and if you think about it logically, the key factors are there for all to see.

We hit rock bottom at the end of 2012 and since then unemployment's continued to fall and the number of new jobs being created is steadily increasing. The population growth's up 2% and guess what? Building approvals for both houses & units are at an all time low since the housing peak in 2009!

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Exhibitions

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A number of Co-op artists are included in this exhibition of handmade contemporary paper creations. This exhibition marks the final event for the 2013 exhibition calendar at the Tanks Art Centre, Collins Street, Cairns. View the exquisite variety of paper artworks created by artists of the Far North.

22nd November–18th December, Open 9.30am–4.30pm weekdays and 10am–2pm on weekends.

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This much acclaimed exhibition by ten Arts Co-op artists, and recently shown at KickArts in Cairns, will now be shown, plus more pieces, at the Tableland Regional Gallery, Atherton, during the months of January and February 2014.

Official Opening is at 6pm on Friday, 10th January. All welcome.

Little Boxes

This exhibition by Co-op artist Sasi Victoire, along with Elizabeth Hunter, continues at Vivo, Williams Esplanade, Palm Cove until 22nd January 2014. Expect the unexpected in the quirky and unique boxed artworks while you enjoy a cup of coffee or a glass of wine on the beachfront.

Visit From Friends Of The Cairns Regional Gallery

The Arts Co-op will be hosting a visit from the 'Friends' on Friday, 14th December. Member artists have made their home studios available to the visitors, and a floor talk will be conducted at the Gallery. We welcome our regional Friends.

Festive Season Greetings

Chairperson, Mollie Bosworth, the Management Committee and member artists of the Arts Co-op would like to extend very best festive season wishes to the Kuranda community. We thank them for their ongoing support during the past year.

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Kuranda Visitor Information Centre volunteers celebrated the 25 years of World Heritage listing on Saturday 16th November in Centenary Park. Joining them on the day were Envirocare, BatReach, MiniBeast Wildlife and Wet Tropics Management Authority. Handing out information and free stickers and posters, the volunteers also took the opportunity to dress up and have a bit of fun – photos Beth Edwards as the cassowary, and Erica and Marg (the cassowary).

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Robert Paul

Enhancing Communications Between Police and Community

I profile this month the well-known Kuranda police identity Robert Paul, who has just been promoted to the position of Senior Police Liaison Officer. He is a humble, friendly, interesting man, part Aboriginal, who in my opinion is making a real impact improving communications and relations between the local Police and the Kuranda Community generally, and in particular with the Kuranda aboriginal community.

His parents comprise a father of Dutch origins and a mother from the Alice Springs/Central Australian Arrente tribal grouping. Robert's parents had an unusual marriage for the conservative and somewhat divided Alice Springs community of the time, indicating that the parents had a lot of courage. Robert was brought up in Alice until the family moved to Brisbane when he was 6 years old. Both parents worked, the father being employed by a mining group at the time and the mother originally working at the Alice Hospital and later with the Education Department in Brisbane. Education was valued by his parents. Robert and his two siblings were educated in Brisbane – Robert made it through to year 11.

From school, Robert enrolled in TAFE in Brisbane and completed a 4 year apprenticeship in bricklaying. His parents had instilled a good work ethic in him, and they made sure he did not leave school until he had something worthwhile to do. At the age of 21, as a qualified bricklayer, he struck out on his own, moving to Cairns. His trade carried him all over the region. He met and married his wife Karen in Cairns, she being of part Aboriginal/part Italian descent from Cairns, although originally her mum was from Alice Springs. Through his work, Robert began his acquaintance with the aboriginal community of the region. Originally he had not liked to identify himself by his aboriginal inheritance, but gradually this changed through school and then work, to the point where it ceased to be a problem and in fact became something he valued. He learnt over time to deal constructively with the sometimes subtle forms of discrimination and jibes that came his way.

At the age of 40 he decided it was time for a change. He wanted to find out more about himself and his aboriginality and had had enough of bricklaying in the sun. This led him to enquire about a police position, for which he was a successful applicant. In June 2009 he received a probationary appointment as a Liaison Officer at his preferred station of Kuranda, a place he really liked and which of course has a significant aboriginal community. After six months learning on the job, he took a training course at the Police Academy. As a way of meeting the local



aboriginal community, he began by visiting every aboriginal household in the area and introducing himself. Initially there was some hesitation in receiving him given that he was with the police, but he persisted and has been able to break this down. He now considers he has good relationships with the community. His primary police duty is to build better communications between the indigenous peoples of the area and the police, seeking to bridge the gaps that police often find it hard to bridge. He has sought to do this in a positive manner, not so much as a law enforcement officer but more in a conciliatory manner. He has taken an active interest in the aboriginal community in so far as his position will allow, involving himself in their activities: promoting party-safe programs, assisting the elderly, trying to keep some of them out of prison if possible, building law awareness including in relation to public drinking, helping the local itinerants and long grass people to be safe and helping them with access to amenities. It is a busy job.

The end result is that the job has helped Robert to acquire a better understanding of his own aboriginal identity and his connection to all aboriginal people around Australia. He sees them as a traditionally itinerant people, wanderers. Modern Australia has helped build a more united

aboriginal identity everywhere, such that he now has a sense of belonging wherever he goes. He has paid several visits to his mum's relatives in the Alice and feels much at home with them. At the same time he feels like a "Dinky Di" Aussie and is proud of his dual heritage. He remains an optimist as far as the future of the aboriginal people is concerned within the wider Australian community, even though the aboriginal people have travelled a hard road so far and still have hard road to go. He sees personal effort and taking ownership of one's problems as being the key to success.

A committed home/family man with a young daughter, Robert likes his sport and his music. He is a Catholic, and his philosophy of life is to treat others as he likes to himself be treated, irrespective of race, colour etc, taking people on their merits but with respect and always allowing people time. He will say hello to anyone.

I salute Robert for his work and also the Police Service for having the foresight to introduce the program in which he is employed.

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The astute gardener is already mulching any bare soil or newly cleared banks to prevent weed-growth, compaction and run-off in the Wet. As well as losing your soil, run-off enters creeks and rivers further threatening the long-term survival of the Great Barrier Reef.

Have you prepared your garden for the Cyclone Season? Removal of any tree or limb with the potential to fall on building, power-line or fencing, dead palm fronds, hanging baskets and garden furniture becoming missiles in high winds, overflowing pools and ponds carrying off introduced fish and plants into our waterways.

Helen, a keen reader of this column, has suggested that, in 2014, coverage is given each month to a plant that is or may be of potential threat to our environment through its ease of dispersal through offset or seed. Already a number of plant introductions have proved highly invasive – think Syngonium, Miconia, Mimosa pudica (Sensitive Weed) – the list grows. Your observations and contributions to this list are most welcome.

To my readers, a barrow-load of Festive Best Wishes and may the New Year see all bugs and blights, moulds and mites far from your door. Thank you also for your questions. I enjoy meeting you in the Village, at Markets' plant stalls and via emails – thank you for sharing your interests and knowledge.

Date Claimer: For Gardening buffs – the Friends of the Flecker Gardens Plant Sale is on Sunday December 1st.

Plant of the Month: Continuing with the ornamental leaved Anthuriums, the diversity of shape and size of leaf form, growth habit and general ease of cultivation provides an endless source of satisfaction for the gardener looking to understory plant. Easily grown from seed, division or top-cut, Anthuriums are almost pest free and are fairly tough, able to sustain relatively low water requirements once



established. Of course, larger and more luxuriant foliage is produced in better conditions – water and fertilise weekly weakly.

Probably top of the most wanted list, very desirable and very hard to find is *A. corrugatum*. Difficult to grow well on the coast, this high altitude somewhat slow growing species with its intensely fine-grained rugose leaf will probably eventually become scandent. Sometimes confused with *A. corrugatum* is the more readily available *A. rugulosum* with its more open textured rugose leaf surface – be careful here, you can easily pay top dollar for the wrong plant.

If BIG is your thing try *A. cupulispalum* or *A. faustomirandae* but leave plenty of room for their wide spread of stunning giant foliage with *A. dussii*, a strictly scandent species, also in the BIG leaf stakes.

Anthuriums are easily grown from fresh ripe seed extracted and carefully cleaned from their berry pulp and placed on damped chopped sphagnum in a covered container like a take-away server, remembering to provide drainage holes. Place in filtered light, misting only when needed. Germination is usually rapid.

Probably the best and most informative site for information and pics of Anthurium species is that of the late Steve Lucas and his wife Janice at The Exotic Rainforest <http://www.exoticrainforest.com/index.html> – a veritable mine of information and a tribute to one man's passion.

Q&A: Dear Tessa, The plant in question is *Osmoxylon lineare* (Araliaceae family), one of near 40 species, and is readily available at markets and plant nurseries. A fairly slow growing under-storey shrub to 1 metre (?) that can tolerate tough conditions once established. It may also be used for pot cultivation, tolerating short spells as a house plant. As well as the green form there is a more desirable gold form sometimes available.

Dear James, While undeniably containing many very beautiful flowering species, the Clerodendrum family has some serious drawbacks as many are prone to serious suckering and fruits, attractive to birds, are easily spread. I would definitely avoid *C. bungei*, despite its alluring scent and *C. minahasae*, which in my own experience is a poor flowerer, prolific seeder and like *C. bungei* a bugger of a runner, appearing up to 3m away. Commonly seen around the area is *C. nutans* with its white pendant flowers, *C. paniculatum* (Pagoda Flower) with its orange towers and *C. thomsoniae* (Bleeding Heart) a climber. Its variegated leaf forms are much more restrained but fairly difficult to obtain. Also available is *C. ugandense* (the Butterfly Bush – not to be confused with the many Buddleias, also called the Butterfly bush) with its two tones blue flowers. I would urge you keep any planting under surveillance for suckering or seed dispersal and culture in large pots may save some serious future work.



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Little Communicators

THE BACKGROUND NOISES we hear coming from our gardens and local rainforest are not made by small animals buzzing, whirring and croaking just for the sake of it. All the sounds emitted are for an important purpose – survival. Whether it is to attract a mate, defend a territory or entice food, calling is an effective way of communicating for minibeasts. But by no means is it the only way. Like ourselves, these small animals have a variety of methods of sending messages to communicate with their own species and others within the animal kingdom.

Sound is an obvious way for animals to communicate. Small vertebrates such as frogs use audible calls to attract mates, and it is the male frogs that call to attract the attention of females. Each frog species has its own distinct call, and many only have the ability to hear the sound frequency that matches their own call in order to block out other sounds. Some frog species even have a distinct territorial component in their calls to warn off other males. Many insects use sound in a similar manner, but it is created and received in different ways. Crickets and katydids rub small structures on their wings together to create their sounds. Again, the males perform the calls and the females select their mate based on his ability to 'sing a good song'. These insects hear through a simple ear called a tympanum located on their front legs just below their knees. These calls range from low buzzing sounds through to ultra-high pitched tunes which are beyond our scope of hearing. Some species like the Mole Crickets even go so far as to construct highly engineered audio chambers in the ground to project their sounds over greater distance.

With so much sound flying about at night, it's not surprising that some animals have evolved other strategies for communication to avoid the busy airwaves. One of the most commonly used tools of the silent communicators are pheromones. Pheromones are airborne chemicals used to convey messages. Invertebrates use these extensively, with some pheromones able to be detected from kilometres away. Insects use their antennae to detect pheromones, and in most cases it is the females that release them and the males follow the signals. For this reason, males often have much larger and more elaborate antennae than the females.

Visual communication is another means to get messages across in the minibeast world. A large number of species use movement and patterns to identify one another. Butterflies have distinctive patterns which make visual identification easy. The use of colour is another way of sending messages – bright vivid colours such as red are universally symbolic of danger in the animal world. Many minibeasts use this to their advantage – even if they have no bite to back up their 'bark'. Some praying mantids and stick insects flash patches of bright red to announce to would-be predators that perhaps they should be trying something else.

Tactile forms of communication are also commonly used. Tapping the ground, vibrating leaves or even plucking at silken threads are all common ways in which minibeasts send messages directly to each other. Male orb-weaving spiders identify themselves to females using special 'codes' plucked on the threads of the females' web. Getting the code wrong could mean that the male is wrongly identified and eaten.

As with any communication method, there are always hackers who will crack the codes and use the information for devious means. The Spotted Predatory Katydid mimics the call of cicadas to lure them in. The Bird-dropping Spider releases a replica pheromone of a species of moth to attract male moths to their waiting jaws. White-tailed spiders impersonate mates of other species of spiders by plucking particular sequences of vibrations on their webs. They wait for the misled spider to emerge expecting to find a mate, and then eat them.

Just like in our human world, communication at this micro-level is incredibly important. To these creatures, communication is absolutely critical, and it is often a matter of life and death that they get it right – and know who they are actually dealing with!

Alan Henderson
Minibeast Wildlife



Katydids and crickets hear sounds through a tympanum located just below their 'knees'.

PHOTOS: Alan Henderson



The antennae of a male Emperor Gum Moth are large to pick up the chemical signals released by females.

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The Northern Quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*), often called Australia's Native Cat, is a marsupial that is both arboreal and terrestrial. Quolls are a species of carnivorous marsupial called a dasyurid. Dasyurids include quoll species such as the Spotted Tail Quoll, the Antechinus and Tasmanian Devil. Northern Quolls are the smallest and most aggressive of the quolls. Quolls are opportunistic feeders, their diet ranging from soft fruit to insects such as grasshoppers and beetles to small vertebrates such as small birds, mammals, and frogs. The female lacks a true pouch, and instead possesses a flap of skin that becomes enlarged which allows her babies to cling to her for the first eight to ten weeks of life. Once the babies' eyes open the mother will start leaving them in the nest to forage. Northern Quolls are officially listed as an endangered species, as their numbers have dwindled due to habitat loss and the spread of cane toads. Quolls commonly eat cane toads after mistaking them for frogs (one of their favourite foods) and are absent from most of their former range.

Five baby quolls were found on a banana plantation near Mareeba. The mother had made a nest in an old work shed, and when the shed was being cleared out the mother got caught up in some old machinery and shot off like a rocket, never to return. The young quolls were brought to BatReach for care, and they are a delight to look after, despite their occasional silly and marauding antics.

Iain, BatReach Volunteer



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Kuranda Community Initiatives

By **CONSTABLE JAI TAYLOR**

CONNECTING THE KURANDA COMMUNITY AND KURANDA POLICE

The stars are out and you are sitting on a picnic blanket in Centenary Park in the heart of Kuranda. You have a sausage sandwich in one hand and a (non-alcoholic) cold drink in the other, el fresco style.

You can smell the barbeque on the cooling outdoor air and hear the sound of kids playing behind you. Looking about you see other members of the Kuranda Community who are just as content as you. The music starts and the movie screen in front of you comes to life with the nights feature film.

If this was you then you were lucky enough to attend a **Kuranda Community Movie Night** in 2013. Two Kuranda Community Movie Nights have been run this year with the most recent event being a roaring success seeing the attendance for the evening swell to eighty people from the first event which saw around fifty people attend.

Kuranda Community Movie Night is a free community based event run and organised by the Kuranda Police and Kuranda Justice Group. I would like to thank the following community groups and local businesses for their contributions: the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre's generous loan of their projector, sound system, movie screen, seating mats and furniture; the TRC's approval of the venue and for providing the electricity and kindly opening the toilet facilities after hours; the Indigenous Health Men's Group for volunteering their time, the Kuranda Butcher for providing the sausages; and a big thank you to the Kuranda Justice Group for paying the \$165 licensing fee to play the movie and for supplying the drinks and bread and manning the BBQ on the night. Finally thank you to Senior Police Liaison Officer Rob Paul for thinking of the idea and working hard to help it become a reality.

The next Kuranda Community Movie Night is planned for the evening of **Wednesday 15th**

January 2014. The BBQ will be on from 6.00pm and the movie will start as soon as it gets dark.

The Kuranda Police in conjunction with the Kuranda Justice Group will also be hosting a **Blue Light Disco on Wednesday 18 December** at the Kuranda CWA Hall on Thongon Street. This is an alcohol and drug free event for young people up to fifteen years of age. There will be music, flashing lights and heaps of fun on the night.

Please seek information about the Kuranda Community Movie Night or other Kuranda Community Initiatives at the Kuranda Police Station, the Kuranda Justice Group in the Kuranda Original Markets, the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on Rob Vievers Drive or on the Lions Club notice board near the Post Office on Thongon Street.

If you would like to contribute as a volunteer or provide a service, food or financial support for Kuranda Community Initiatives please contact Constable Jai Taylor from the Kuranda Police on 07 4093 7356. We do need funding for the licensing fee of \$165 to show movies publicly. Any donations will be welcomed and accepted accordingly.



Regional Arts Development Fund and De-amalgamation

TABLELANDS Regional Council will continue to manage the 2013-14 Regional Arts Development Fund for both the new Mareeba Shire Council and the new Tablelands Regional Council.

A report to the most recent meeting of Tablelands Regional Council outlined how this would help ensure applicants from the new MSC were not disadvantaged.

Residents in the new MSC would still be able to apply for Round Two of the 2013-14 RADF, which closes on 1 May 2014 for projects commencing on 1 July, 2014.

Funding for the 2013-14 round was approved by Arts Queensland in March 2013.

"In order to be eligible for RADF funding, Mareeba Shire Council will need to establish an RADF Committee and adopt an Arts and Cultural Plan, and make a submission to Arts Queensland by 31 March, 2014 for the 2014-15 year," the report noted.

Community Support Reaches Groups Across the TRC

Groups in Tolga, Atherton, Mareeba and Kuranda were among recipients of the latest round of Tablelands Regional Council Financial and In Kind Support program.

Council, at its most recent meeting, unanimously supported a recommendation that the \$2000 was provided to each of four local groups. Those receiving \$2000 included the Atherton Local Ambulance Committee (toward the purchase of two defibrillators), the Mareeba and Memorial Bowls Club (toward the cost of transport between Cairns and Mareeba for the Australian Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships next year), the Kuranda Community Precinct Arts Group (to assist the community with preserving an historic commemorative tile wall at the Kuranda Community Precinct) and the Mareeba Tennis Club (toward buying seating).

Mayor Rosa Lee Long said the FIKS program allowed Council to provide practical help to young Tablelanders to pursue their goals, and to a wide variety of groups which in turn made their own contribution to the Tablelands community.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOUR NEW COUNCILS



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Facsimile: **4091 4300** (All other facsimile numbers will be redirected for three months).

Email: info@trc.qld.gov.au

The existing Tablelands Regional Council website remains in place at www.trc.qld.gov.au



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A new Mareeba Shire website is operating at www.msc.qld.gov.au

Christmas and New Year Closure

Council operations will be closed between Christmas and New Year period on the following dates:

From Noon Tuesday, 24 December, 2013

Wednesday, 25 December, 2013 - Christmas Day Public Holiday

Thursday, 26 December, 2013 - Boxing Day Public Holiday

Friday, 27 December, 2013 - Council Closed

Monday, 30 December, 2013 - Council Closed

Tuesday, 31 December, 2013 - Council Closed

Wednesday, 1 January, 2014 - New Years Day Public Holiday

Thursday, 2 January, 2014 - Tablelands Regional Council and the new Mareeba Shire Council open for business.

A skeleton crew will be maintained on duty for the duration of the shutdown to maintain basic community services.

Please refer to Council's website for any changes to services over this period.

After Hours Support: If the matter is a life threatening situation please dial 000 immediately. Otherwise, please call the relevant 1300 number if your call relates to urgent matters such as dog attacks, stray or distressed animals or infrastructure emergencies you will be asked to press 1 to be diverted to our After Hours Contact team. If the matter is not urgent, you will be asked to press 2 to leave a voice message. Alternatively please call back on 2 January during normal business hours.

Ian Church, CEO Tablelands Regional Council

Rod Ferguson, Transfer Manager, Mareeba Shire Council

Should either Council, in the New Year, receive calls for the other Council, staff will provide the caller with relevant contact details so they can best redirect their issue.



Driver Education Program

Kuranda District State College is committed to ensuring that students that exit our College are prepared to successfully access the future pathway of their choice. As part of this we are providing a comprehensive Driver Education program at the College.

This year we have been lucky to have the support of the Regional Pathways Officers based at Education Queensland Regional Office, who have organised an intensive driver training program as well as the Indigenous Licensing Unit from Queensland Transport to come to the College on Thursday 17th October. Ten senior students were issued with a Learner Licences as a result. Two students completed their Provisional Licensing testing through this program.

Also, the P&C has worked to fund a free driving lesson for all Year 12 students. Nine senior students undertook driving lessons on Friday 18th October. Lessons were provided by a qualified driving instructor from Howards Driving School.

Funding organised through the P&C also enabled ten Year 12 students to attend

the Driver Safety Program in Edmonton on Monday 21st October. This hands-on program covered contributing factors in crashes, vehicle maintenance, tyre selection and care, reactive car control skills, driver attitude and behaviour, wet weather driving, risk taking and peer influence and more. Students have been overwhelming in their positive response for the program. Jamila Maconachie, a Year 12 student who has completed all aspects for the Driver Education Program, stated, "The program was thoroughly worthwhile, and I think that everyone should do it".

We would like to thank all the parties who have made this program possible. We would like to thank the RSL for their kind donation of \$1000, the Missing Link for \$500, Kuranda Lions for \$1000 and Warren Entsch for \$100. Mostly, we would like to thank Clare Hensley, the P&C Vice President, who facilitated grants and donations from a range of sources. We would like this program to be embedded in future years, to ensure that all senior students have access to such a valuable opportunity.



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Candlenut Steiner School is excited to announce that our building development project is now well underway. We will be constructing new facilities including a science laboratory, art studio and multipurpose

manual arts workshop, which will have a significant impact on our ability to provide a high quality, broad and well rounded educational programme in the middle and high school. After a very careful process including vegetation and fire audits, we have located the new buildings on an area of the property mostly covered in regrowth such as black wattle and stringy bark. Once the buildings are completed, we will be working with local community groups to landscape and replant as much of the site as possible.

We have taken this opportunity to consider our custodianship of the remaining 40 acres of rainforest on our property, and have commenced incorporating a special focus on rehabilitation of the forest into our curriculum. With this in mind, we invited input from community groups who joined us for a walk through the rainforest on our property to gain an idea of the diversity of species and general overall health of the forest. It was an informative morning, and we were pleased to discover that our forest is relatively healthy and diverse, with no weed species. Candlenut is excited to be working with local community to develop a rehabilitation programme to bring in more native rainforest and fruit bearing species.

Candlenut would like to encourage other community members to contact us with any questions or suggestions that they may have in relation to our vision for the future. We are always excited to share what we do, and welcome visitors to our school. If you would like to come on a tour of the school, or would like to know more about Steiner education, please contact us at 4093 8809 or admin@candlenutsteinerschool.qld.edu.au

Wizard of Oz a Charmer

Candlenut Steiner School would like to congratulate their high school students on the success of their recent play "The Wizard of Oz".

The play was performed by classes 8-10 to full houses on two consecutive nights, with some audience members returning for a second viewing. Director Regan Cameron said, 'working with such wonderful and committed actors made my job very easy'.



Inside My Studio

Interview and Photographs by Toni Rogers

Janice Starck, quiltmaker, constructs layers of memory, rich in visual impact and beauty. In her studio Janice builds from recycled fabrics a variety of 'spreads' which characterise contemporary textile practices. Her use, and love, of her numerous sewing machines is an indication of the link between tools of the past and of the future while finding a 'language' to express her artwork. Janice's quilts and spreads are reconstructions of reflections and they balance between the traditional and contemporary.

I asked "what makes a quilt a quilt" and she quoted from the Latin – 'culcita' meaning cushion or softly stuffed. However, she also sews 'spreads' made from double thickness patchwork sheeting and no stuffing, making a much more suitable cover for this tropical climate.

Where is your current studio?

In a shipping container with one window and one open end on my front lawn in Kuranda. It has power, lighting and plenty of room. I can use it day and night and has proved to be a perfectly good working space. My studio is nicknamed "The Box" and when asked I say "I am going up to The Box".

Do you work alone or with others?

Alone. I prefer it this way. While sewing I think a lot, not necessarily about what I am sewing. I write plays, poetry and run funny stories through my head.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Daylight on my sewing machine, although when working at night I have a rear light. I require space for my cutting table – a wooden door set on boxes. I need shelves for my recycled fabrics. I say 'recycled' as I am constantly being given pieces of fabrics and cast offs. I am very grateful for this largesse. I like to think that I am working in the true sense of patchwork.

Describe your work pattern – (hours/days/week)

I go to "The Box" first thing each day and assess where I am up to and what needs to be done, then it's breakfast or maybe I hit the village for a coffee shot before returning to sit working for several hours until the hunger pains kick in. That could be the end of that sewing for the day. Otherwise I will go back to "The Box" for a short period in the evening.

Describe the works you do in your studio

At the moment I make patchwork spreads and cot quilts. I also run through a scene of a play or a poem or whatever I am writing. I modify the dialogue, play it out in my head and then come back into the house and type it into the computer. My last performed play was at Focus Theatre "Near Financial Ruin".

Why is patchwork your chosen medium?

Partly because I am a maths teacher and I love the geometry of patchwork. I also like patterns, colour and design. My large patchwork spread "Savannah" is using shades of the savannah – brown and ochre. I tend to use what I have.

List three things you listen to while working.

The ambient sounds of the rainforest, the crickets and my resident scrub turkeys. Music steals my consciousness. I hear the telephone ring and I have to sprint down to the house to answer it if there is not another person in the house at the time. I don't listen for the phone but I hear it when it rings.

Your favourite tool?

Sewing machines. I have four functional machines at the moment. I would also have to list my collection of screwdrivers which I use when pulling apart my machines. I enjoy the mechanics of the machines and I can pick up a change of sound when one is not running well.

How do you identify your work?

I have a little red and white label which says Miss Melba. Melba is my middle name and many of my friends and relatives still call me Miss Melba.

How do you sell your work?

I used to have a market stall in Kuranda, but now I get so many private commissions for spreads and baby quilts I just work from home. I have made a lot patchwork pieces this year and my forthcoming exhibition "Patchwork and Places" in December will be a good way to display and sell the collection.



Do you teach or sell from your studio?

Other than teaching my daughters and granddaughter, no.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

No paid jobs now. I am a retired High School teacher – science and maths, and I am thoroughly enjoying the freedom. I can now scheme grand things to do and places to visit.

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

I would opt for more natural light and a bigger space. "The Box" is a long structure, nearly as big as a railway carriage but without the luggage racks and no leather on the wooden boxes. Any addition to these two commodities of light and space would be great.

If you were not sewing patchwork, what would you be doing?

I would be doing more creative writing and photography. I am currently writing two books, my history as a diver/marine biologist and a biological look at stinks, smells and other odoriferous offerings of the human body. I am certainly going back to my writing with new glasses. If I hadn't become a science teacher and a dressmaker, I would have liked to have been a surgeon. Perhaps it is a good thing mankind is spared my patchwork tendencies.

Janice Starck, contemporary quilt maker
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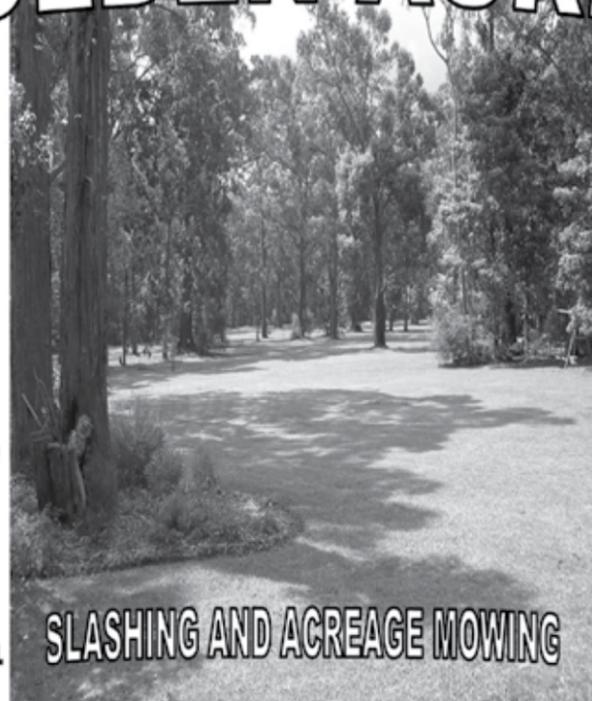
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QCWA Kuranda Branch December 2013

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The sobering part was hearing the stories from our country members – we are very lucky to be living along the tropical coast – and not in one of several areas now declared “drought stricken”. Many branches will try to aid by donating to our QCWA Public Rural Crisis Fund. Anyone can donate through our State Office (all money goes to those in crisis – no money is withheld by our association). Many branches are “buying a bale of hay” – which is co-ordinated through the head office.

Locally, we have been busy with fundraising, raffles and community projects. However, Christmas is approaching and our branch will take a well-earned break over the festive season. Officially, our branch holiday break will be from 27th November (final craft morning for this year) to the 4th of February 2014 when we will back in the hall with more craft mornings for the New Year. Our hall is available if required. Please contact Sarah on 4093 7599 or Yvonne on 4093 7016.

All our members would like to thank the Kuranda community for their generous support over the past 12 months and wish one and all a safe and happy Festive Season. Have a Happy New Year and we will see you again in 2014.



The final monthly dinner meeting of the Kuranda Lions Club for 2013 was held at the Kuranda Resort with Lions Zone Chairman Chris Symonds attending. Thanks go to Kevin and staff at Kuranda Resort for their support throughout the year.

October and November have been active months with Lions International Chairman Barry Palmer and a large group of international Lions visitors making a day trip to Kuranda in early October, followed by the formation of the Bulwai Cultural Heritage Lions Club shortly afterward. Kuranda Lions Club wishes the new club every success. Both clubs will serve the community in different ways.

Kuranda Lions Club assisted Kuranda High School Year twelve students this month with half funding of a driver training programme. Donations to the Rural Fire Brigades and the SES were also made.

New Lions Club members are always welcome. Details can be obtained from Col Jeanes, who will be found most days “up town” in Kuranda promoting Kuranda Lions Club.

We wish the Kuranda community a safe and happy Xmas and look forward to community project opportunities in the New year.

- We never grow up; we only learn how to act in public
- Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy
- I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one
- War does not determine who is right – only who is left



Council Confirms Upgrade to Intersection on Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda

Tablelands Regional Council today confirmed its decision to undertake improved safety measures at the intersections of Morton Street and Rob Veivers Drive Kuranda. However the works will not be started this calendar year.

The improved safety measures will include closing the western intersection of Morton Street with Rob Veivers Drive by the installation of bollards and signage, and squaring up the eastern intersection of Morton Street with Rob Veivers Drive. This will provide for safe vehicle access and egress in both directions and will require minor property resumptions.

Council is also conducting a survey of the residents of Morton and Harriman Streets to ascertain residents' opinions and input.

Division 8 Councillor, Jenny Jensen, noted that both the intersections of Morton Street have been identified as unsafe and Council's engineers have tabled a number of reports recommending that the intersections be improved. A suitable design plan has been identified and design plans are ready to be implemented so that Council's obligation to improve driver safety can be implemented.

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Christmas, New Year, school holidays and back to school requirements are a huge financial burden to most families, but also tonnes of waste products enter our landfill sites. What a better time to go green, save money and reduce environmental impact.

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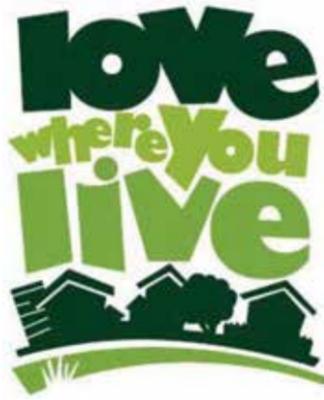
- A gift of an 'everlasting experience' instead of more "stuff" saves resources, reduces waste longer term and creates happy family bonds and memories.
- Make it personal; Buy stress-reducing presents such as swimming, dancing, meditation massage, yoga, singing or piano lessons.
- Consider gifts that help save lives; First aid classes, 4 w drive or coastal navigation courses.
- Make 'I Promise' gift vouchers. Buy toys that use rechargeable or solar batteries.
- Pass along treasures like family heirlooms. Build that longed for garden shade house or vegetable garden.
- Re-gift, or upscale second hand items into trendy items.
- Is it a need or a want? Reuse or donate gifts you no longer want to charities and people who need it.
- If you must buy, then choose the most energy and water efficient appliances or technology.
- Choose sustainable timber products that will last.
- Do you need to buy an expensive, rarely used item that will only be stored in the garage? Consider pooling/sharing, renting or hiring amongst willing family members.
- Ask yourself – does the manufacture or disposal of this damage the environment?
- Reduce over-packaging. It creates landfill methane (a powerful greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change). Complain to the manufacturers or leave over-packaging behind at the store.

Grocery shopping:

- Buy in bulk, buy local, seasonal produce. Use cardboard boxes, home made textile shopping bags or refillable containers. They help reduce waste.
- Buy Australian products and help our farmers. Say "no" to unnecessary imported produce. Buy fresher seasonal produce that hasn't travelled thousands of miles just to be eaten at your table for one day.
- Say "yes" to sustainable or local seafood. 60% of our seafood is imported. www.sustainableseafood.org.au Print or download an app here.

Food wastage:

Reduce, recycle, reuse by making compost, feeding your earthworms or using a bokashi bin.



Cleaning up: Biodegradable cleaning products are healthier for our soil and water system, please use them.

Avoid plastic disposable products and individually wrapped items for your family picnic or party. Cloth or textile tablecloths and serviettes add glamour. <http://intentblog.com/30-days-greener-you/>

Be Safe:

- Buy a real tree or living plant, not a plastic flammable Christmas tree.
- Save money, refuse to use electrical decorations, make your own recycled inspirations.
- If you must buy, choose safe dependable decorations for re-use year after year.
- LED light bulbs in decorations last longer and dramatically reduce electricity consumption.
- Turn off your Christmas lights etc, at the power point when not being viewed.
- Remember to turn off Christmas tree lights and other electrical decorations before going away on holidays.
- Buy a smoke alarm and new batteries and install them immediately. Don't give candles as gifts.
- Because children DON'T HEAR fire alarms while sleeping arrange a fire drill and test their responses.
- Children respond quicker to a familiar voice shouting at them and calling their name.
- Bang on their door and shout their name loudly!! But do not scare them.
- Christmas time in Australia is also the season for many natural disasters. Be prepared. Make Care kits and donate when needed. Choose products that will help keep your family safe.

Cartoons: There is a great cartoon called Holiday Landfill showing what happens at this time of year. A shopping trolley full of new purchases going one way and other consumers with their old discarded purchases heading for the landfill with rubbish bins and trolley! www.cartoonistgroup.com/store/add.php?iid=25576 also www.cartoonstock.com/directory/d/disposable_society.asp

Christmas tongue twisters: <http://xmasfun.com/Fun/TongueTwisters.asp> Twisted Christmas Songs with consumer overtones. www.buynothingchristmas.org/resources/carols.html

Over-consumption questions: Refuse first, then reuse, repair, then lastly, the recycle bin. Living a green lifestyle means looking at the resources your family consumes and trying to consume within your means – and the planet's. <http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/overconsuming-mother-natures-laws-of-supply-and-de.html> My Seasons Greeting e-card to you 2013 World by Camilla Eriksson . <http://tinyurl.com/2bw7tof>

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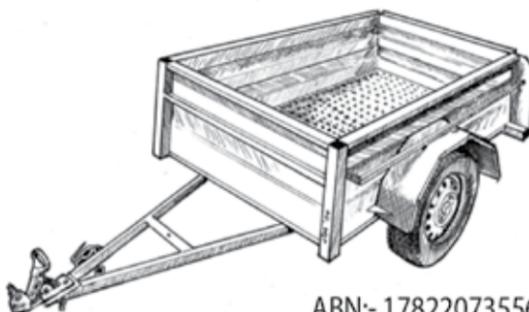
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Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters.
Your opinions are always welcome.



Have a safe and Happy Christmas! Christmas is almost here again. Best wishes to everyone for a happy Christmas. Time to rest and relax and enjoy!

Thank You: My sincere thanks for your support in the recent Council elections. Thank you for placing your trust in me for the very difficult job ahead. Congratulations to "Mayor Elect" Tom Gilmore and "Councillors Elect": Nipper Brown, Karen Ewin, Allan Holmes, Mary Graham and Alan Pedersen.

Congratulations to every candidate, as it is no easy task to put your hand up to stand for election. The "Council Elect" will be meeting informally during December, ahead of the official commencement of the new Mareeba Shire on January 1st.

I am very confident that this will be a "new look" Mareeba Shire Council.

New Mareeba Shire: The new Council has a website and contact number which will become operational on January 1st. Phone: 1300 308 461 Currently, all staff and operations are in the process of transferring over to the new MSC, so that operations can continue as normal on January 1st. There are many challenges ahead for the new Council as money will be very tight. As yet, the accounts balance is not finalised, but we do know that Council will need to find ways to reduce the impact of the De-amalgamation debt and we also know that some capital projects may need to be deferred. MSC is required to adopt a Budget for Jan-June 2014 by January 31st. All current contracts are binding

Disaster Management: It is the season! Very important that everyone prepares for the forthcoming cyclone season. There was a great Preparedness Information meeting held last week, however, if you missed it, please take a look at the link on the TRC website. Should a disaster event occur around the time of December 31st, please contact either TRC at 1300 362 242 or MSC at 1300 308 461. The most important thing for each household is to be prepared and to have a plan. Remember that there are no cyclone shelters on the Tablelands and you need to have a plan for where you will go if you think that your own home will not provide safe refuge. Discuss with all family members and be prepared.

Tenders let for the construction of new Visitor Information Centre: Great news! Tenders for the construction of the new VIC have been let. The

successful Tenderer is Osborne Construction Solutions. Work on construction is expected to commence soon. The actual start date of construction work will depend on the Contractor (and the weather), but should be early 2014. This Budget will not be affected by the De-amalgamation as the funds are secure and the Minister has signed off on this project.

Lisa Curry (former Champion Swimmer) to visit Kuranda 24 November: As part of a tablelands tour, Council has sponsored Lisa Curry's visit to the Kuranda Pool at 2pm on Sunday November 24th. Anyone can come along and meet Lisa and "swim with Lisa" Entry is free.

Rob Veivers Drive/Morton St: Council is surveying residents of Morton and Harriman St to provide further input to the final design for the Safety Upgrade to the intersection of Rob Veivers Drive and Morton Street. There are approx. 4500 traffic movements on Rob Veivers Drive every day and it is important to improve the safety of intersections for all roadusers. Funding is approved for the construction works which are expected to occur later in 2014.

De-amalgamation Costs: Fortnightly reports appear on the TRC website along with a list of costs being incurred. The figure looks like being around 6 Million. Contact is the Transfer Manager, Rod Ferguson Email: rodf@trc.qld.gov.au Ph: 4043 4930

Australia Day Awards: Nominations close on January 9th for Australia Day Community Awards. There are lots of categories. Details are advertised on TRC Council website and in the media. Consider nominating someone from your community. Categories include Citizen of The Year, Community Service, Sporting, Cultural, Environmental. It does not take long to complete the nomination and there are certainly some worthy nominees in our community.

Kuranda Library: Council has approved more opening hours for the Kuranda Library so that the Library will open on Mondays as well as later hours on other days.

Customer Requests system: Requests for Council action can be done online either via email to info@trc.qld.gov.au, or by using the link "Report a Problem" on the Council website, or by phone 1 300 362 242 (this number is also the TRC after hours Emergency number).

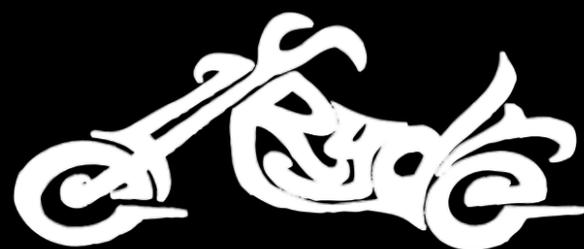
Council Meetings: December 5th (Mareeba), December 19th (Atherton). Meetings are public meetings. Meeting Agenda published on the TRC website Monday immediately prior.

Councillor Contact Details: Ph: 0417 002 046 (mobile is best) or landline 4093 8601

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Cr.JennyJ Email: jennyj@trc.qld.gov.au

*Another election has come and gone, but I would like to express my sincere thanks to **Garth Owen** for his outstanding community work, not only in standing for election, but also for the key role that he plays in a number of Kuranda's community groups – without hesitation and with great commitment.*

Thank You, Garth!



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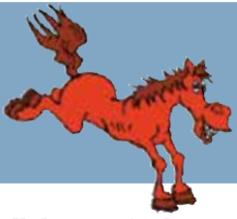
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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well the year is almost coming to a close – how time flies and it's been great to look back and see how much all the riders have improved. It's such a pleasure to watch the kids really enjoy their time with their horses.

In the month of November the Zone 18 Gymkhana and Sporting weekend was held in Malanda. This was when the Personality and Fundraising Quest entrants were judged and winners were announced at the Dinner Cabaret at the Malanda Hall. Our club's Senior and Junior entrants looked beautiful and did the club proud. After fundraising all year they did a fantastic job; unfortunately they both just missed out on placing by half a point and both came second in the fundraising efforts. Congratulations and Well Done to Sophie Curtis raising \$2550.00 and Kristy Lane for raising \$6000.00 in this year's quest leaving \$6440.00 to go back to the Kuranda club which can go towards upgrading of the grounds and to purchase some new equipment. So this was a fantastic effort.

Kuranda Club also came 2nd in the March Past at the Zone Gymkhana. It was such a great way to end the competition year.

Then also in November many of the Kuranda riders were tested for certificates in different levels from D, D*, C and C*. The instructors Les Adams from Mareeba and Betty Hepple from Atherton were very impressed with the abilities and attitude of the kids, with all riders passing.

These certificates will be presented at the club's break up on the 7th December at the Speewah Tavern starting from 3.00 pm.

We are hoping all members can come along for the end of year presentation of trophies and a relaxing get together to share pizzas and a drink. Please let Fionna Lane or myself Di Curtis know if you are coming for catering.

Dates to remember for 2014: AGM and sign up 11th January 2 pm at the club house so I'm hoping for a great deal of interest for members of the Kuranda horse-riding community to consider an active involvement in the committee. First Rally Day at the pony club grounds weather permitting will be the 18th of January. More dates to be advised later.

Thank you to my current committee Secretary, Shanna Janz, Treasurer and Instructor; Fionna Lane, and Vice President Dot McLauchlan for all their hard work and help throughout the year. We could not run the club without you.

But a big thank you goes out to all my riders and their best four-legged friends and of course to all the parents who have contributed and travelled to other events – you have all done so well. I hope you have all enjoyed your time at the club.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy festive season, See you all in 2014.

Till Next Time Happy Riding,

Di Curtis, Chief Instructor and President



Malanda March Past 2013



Kristy & Sophie Quest Entrants



De-amalgamation continues to achieve milestones

With less than two months to go before de-amalgamation takes place, milestones continue to be achieved, Tablelands Regional Council has heard.

De-amalgamation project manager Brett De Chastel, in his latest report on the massive undertaking, advised the most recent meeting of Tablelands Regional Council that the process was continuing to resolve issues.

A two-day meeting of the Transfer Committee this week had reviewed progress for each of the 10 working groups dealing with the details of the changeover to two new Councils.

With the Transfer Committee of TRC CEO Ian Church and Transfer Manager for the new MSC Rod Ferguson providing direction on any outstanding issues and formalising decisions, it was a significant milestone, Mr De Chastel said.

Among unexpected issues to arise has been the cost of travel entitlements for staff forced to relocate to a workplace requiring more travel than they presently have to undertake, which might add as much as \$538,000 to the cost of de-amalgamation.

Another issue being resolved was how the new Mareeba Shire would establish Disaster Management operations for the upcoming cyclone season without a council in place to make necessary organisational arrangements.

Mr De Chastel said the State Government had recognised the issue and was in the process of passing necessary legislation to resolve the matter.

Among other matters now resolved was how Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement-funded road-works would be administered and how Geographic Information System mapping services would be provided at the new Mareeba Shire.

Council voted unanimously to note the report.

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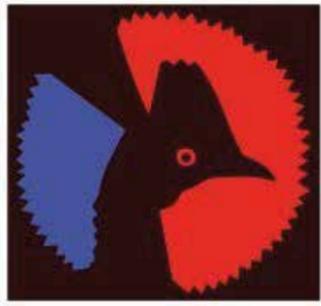
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- ❖ Location
- ❖ Cassowary's name (if it has one)
- ❖ Photographer's name (if you wish it to be included)
- ❖ Any other information such as how often you see this bird and what it was doing will also be useful.

If you don't have all the above information, please let us have what you can.

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- ❖ Drop them off at 1 Pademelon Lane
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"Dad" in 1988. This cassowary is still producing 3-5 chicks each year. Photo: Rita Squire

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PIGS: Thanks largely to Kalle Oiderman, the feral pig population is much reduced. The worst of the pig season is now over so with plenty of water and food in the forest, the pigs can withdraw and regroup to invade us next year. However, they are still around. They're dangerous, a nuisance and a threat to our native wildlife so please keep us posted – 4093 8834 – if you know where they are wallowing.



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A Thought for Christmas

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There were the angelic messages – dreams, perhaps we would say, but dreams with very important results on the lives of Mary and Joseph. There was that long journey to Bethlehem, hard for a pregnant mother; the birth itself in far from ideal conditions – a stable, smelly – but what a delight after all! Then the visitors – shepherds, hot-foot and panting, with their stories of angels, visions, messages. All who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. Yes they were astonished, and no one questioned the shepherds' account of what had happened. But also the wondering is in the other sense – what is going to happen next?

What is the future for this child? What is the future for themselves? What is the future for us?

So at Christmas we rejoice with the carols, all the decorations and the trees, the presents and the gathering of the family, the joyful services, the happy faces of the children. Yet we must also be aware of questions for the future.

Think of what is going on. Already the Wise Men are journeying to Jerusalem, led by their star; soon they will be at Herod's court, and having heard them, the cruel and frightened king will be planning the massacre that he believes will make sure there is no threat to his throne and his power.

It was soon indeed after the joy of Christmas, the coming of the Child, that there was to come the brutality and sorrow of a callous act that would leave so many mothers desolate, so many families bereft. The first Christmas was to be, for many, the last Christmas. In our own time we look ahead at uncertainties.

The constant violence and brutality, the killings and unrest in many parts of the world. The often tragic scenes in Bethlehem and throughout the Holy Land, the terrible violence in Africa between rival tribes, and the murder of innocent people in many parts of the world.

All this adds up to an outlook, in so many places, which no one can say is settled or certain.

Yet there is one great certainty - it was into just the same kind of world as our own, full of crises and problems, anger and violence, that the Lord chose to be born.

In full knowledge he took the step of coming to our uncertain planet, our all-too-easily-upset little earth, our tiny lifeboat floating in the vastness of inter-stellar space.

It was certainly not into any kind of certain future that Jesus was born, nor that he grew up in, nor in which he began his mighty work of reconciliation.

Out of sorrow comes joy: the sense of wonder at the crib contains in itself the shadow of sorrows to come.

Yet out of those sorrows comes the final joy. In the Birth we see foreshadowed the Death; yet also foreshadowed is the Triumph, the New and Risen Life, the Saviour.

'Behold I bring you good news of a great joy; to you is born today the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!'

And so our wonder is swept up into joy, and with the angels we say, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those in whom He is well pleased!'



NEWS FROM ST SAVIOURS

Christmas is coming and there are lots of preparations coming on at St Saviour's for the Christmas Services. On Sunday the 15th of December we are holding our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.00 pm. On Christmas Eve, Tuesday the 24th, there will be Carols by Candlelight for children, mums and dads at 7.30pm and, at 10.30pm, the Christmas Eve Eucharist. On Christmas Day, Wednesday the 25th, there will be the Christmas Day family service at 8.30am. Once again this year St Saviour's participated in Operation Christmas Child providing Christmas gifts to disadvantaged Children overseas. This year's appeal was fantastic result and over 30 boxes donated. Many thanks to Lee for coordinating the appeal again this year.

Baha'i Faith Community of the Tablelands

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

The spiritual world bestows joy!

...all the sorrow and the grief that exist come from the world of matter – the spiritual world bestows only joy!

– Abdul-Baha

Be a succour to every lamenting one.

Be thou loving to every afflicted one, a dispeller of sorrow to every grieved one, a refuge to every fearful one ... a consolation to dejected hearts ... and a succour to every lamenting one

– Abdul-Baha

- **Study Circles** now available in Kuranda. Anyone can join in the study circle. No charge.
- **Morning Prayers** each Tuesday at 8.00am in the park in central Kuranda followed by coffee.
- **Meditations/Reflections** devotional meeting based on the Scriptures of the World's great Religions. Please phone for details.
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Library Lines

With voting over, we can now look forward to new Council developments. But how does that affect YOU and your library service? There are some finer points that are unknown, and will not be known until after the new Council is sworn in.

What is known is that after 2 Jan 2014, the libraries comprising the Mareeba Shire Council will be Kuranda, Mareeba, Dimbulah and Chillagoe. At the time of writing this article, all residents are still able to view, and request, all titles held in all collections in all current Tablelands Libraries. Closer to the end of the year, this will change and residents of the Mareeba Shire Council will only be able to view the holdings in their four libraries. Conversely, Tablelands residents will only be able to view and request titles held in the Tablelands Libraries.

Holiday activities: We have two Christmas Decoration Craft sessions planned: on the 18th and 19th Dec. both between 11.00 am-12.00 noon. It is the same craft so only book in for one session and, as usual, places are limited so booking is highly recommended.

Holiday activities: Ceramic Mug Painting activity – watch out for this activity coming on 22nd and 23rd Jan 2014: again, places are limited so booking is highly recommended.

Christmas Closing: please be informed that all council libraries and offices will be closed from noon on 24 December 2013 and re-open on 2 Jan 2014.

During the school holidays Kuranda Library will be suspending its usual Story-time sessions and these will re-commence the first week in February 2014. The actual day may change so, please, WatchThisSpace!

In case we do not get a chance to see you before the holidays, please have a wonderful and safe Christmas.

– Wendy, Natasha and Katrina

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Monday – Closed • Tuesday – 11.00 am to 6.00 pm

Wednesday and Thursday – 11.00 am to 5.00 pm

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Kuranda Library and Council Office: Telephone number 4093 9185

NOTE: All Council offices and libraries will be closed from noon 24th December 2013 and reopening on 2nd January 2014.

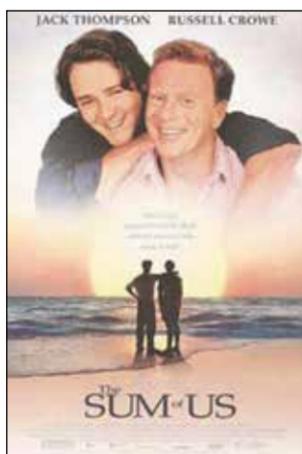


**Sunday 1st December at 4.00 pm
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Bring a plate to share.

Subscription for 2013 is \$20 per year or \$5 for a one-day membership.

For more information ring Hans at 4093 8393

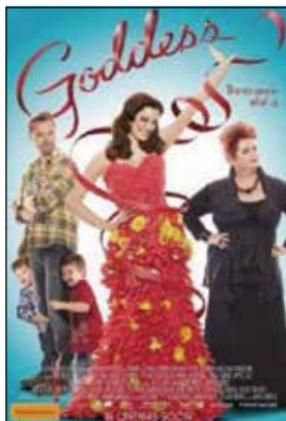


The Sum of Us

Widower Harry Mitchell (Jack Thompson) lives with his gay son Jeff (Russell Crowe), with both men struggling in their searches for true love. Harry is completely comfortable with his son's sexuality, and is almost over-eager in his support for his son's search for a boyfriend. Harry meets an attractive but judgemental divorcee through a dating service, and this leads to some conflict between the two main characters. However, when Harry suffers a stroke and loses the power of speech, the story takes a darker turn, becoming a meditation on the enduring strength of love, both familial and romantic, in the face of adversity.

Goddess

Elsbeth Dickens (Laura Michelle Kelly) dreams of finding her "voice" despite being stuck in an isolated farmhouse with her twin boys (Phoenix and Levi Morrison). A webcam she installs in her kitchen becomes her pathway to fame and fortune, making her a cyber-sensation. While her husband James (Ronan Keating) is off saving the world's whales, Elsbeth is offered the chance of a lifetime. But when forced to choose between fame and family, the newly-anointed internet goddess almost loses it all.



Trout On Line

December hails the end of a somewhat tumultuous but rewarding year for Kuranda, with many positive developments bringing an air of optimism accompanying a rise in tourist numbers and news that the property market is also on the up. Things are looking better for the

Far North than they have in many years.

Congratulations to Tom, Jenny and the team. Looking forward to working with you to keep Kuranda moving forward.

The recent announcement of a significant upgrade to the current Yorkeys Knob Cruise Ship Infrastructure was well received by the greater Cairns community, and will have welcome flow-on effects to tourism Kuranda. Passengers from the large cruise ships mooring off Yorkeys Knob were spending a good proportion of their on-land time waiting waterside to board the tenders ferrying them back to their ship. This will extend the time they can spend in Kuranda village.

My electorate is championing a huge project, aptly named 'Operation CAN DO' aimed at providing much needed canned food to the stricken communities of the Philippines in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda. Canned food, water and tools are priority needs, and shipments are being coordinated out of Brisbane.

With vital, and much appreciated support and assistance of the Toll Group and Big Blue Storage, by the time you read this we will have launched this initiative, which it is hoped will be taken up by other electorates throughout the Far North, and perhaps further afield.

Toll Group has pledged assistance in providing road transport for canned food to Brisbane, and Big Blue Storage will assist us in storing donations. Schools around the Far North will be encouraged to hold can drives and both Toll and Lifeline have offered local pick-up and delivery services. Donations can be made to my office, and should you have a suitable community central collection point in Kuranda, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. We will be looking for donations of boxes in which to pack the cans for transport to Brisbane. A huge thank you to Toll Group and Big Blue Storage.

A concert is planned by the Cairns Filipino Community at Fogarty Park on 1 December, with performances by three bands – from the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and the Cook Islands. An entry fee of \$7.50 includes a sausage sizzle and drink. Everyone is encouraged to bring a donation of canned food.

Applications for the Caring for our Community grant close on 2 December. Funding of \$1.29 million is available in 2013-2014 for one-off small grants to assist community and volunteer groups to purchase essential equipment. The majority of grants will be up to \$5000, but a small number of grants between \$5000 and \$15,000 may be available depending on the needs of particular communities for specific projects and equipment. You only have a couple of days left to get your application in. Visit <http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/funding-and-grants/funding-available> and click on the 'apply now' link.

And last but not least, congratulations to all those students graduating from Kuranda District State College. I thoroughly enjoyed your presentation night and wish you all the best in your future careers.

Thank you to everyone for your support in 2013. There have been challenges but I believe we can look forward to a bright 2014 for this community. I can honestly say that I seem to have spent more time in Kuranda than any other part of my electorate.

I wish everyone a very merry Christmas, and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Below: Michael with Tayla Canny and Madi Kotzur, two of the 111 amazing achievers at KDSC who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge – 20 books read between May and September



Michael Trout MP Member for Barron River
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Robert

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TELEPHONESCHOOL

Dragon's Question



SKY RAIL ADVENTURE

This Essay Competition is for all kids 5-13yrs. Check the Rules at the bottom of the page.

'The Rainforest'

Best Entry shall receive a Family Return pass on the Kuranda Sky-Rail.

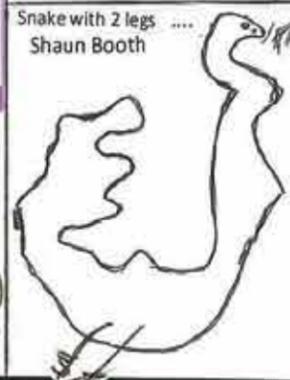
ALL entries must be received by December 14.

Send to Murgatroyd, c/- 68 Byrnes St Mareeba. 4880.

Don't forget to ask Mum for an envelope and stamp.



Jett Reily



Snake with 2 legs
Shaun Booth

PINK SUGAR MICE & MINT BALLS

Ingredients: 1 pkt pure icing sugar - 1 egg white - strawberry essence - green food colouring, peppermint essence - silver balls - coloured wool. (It is the same basic recipe for Mice and Balls). To begin put the egg white in a bowl & add icing sugar a bit at a time, till mixture is stiff - then turn onto a board sprinkled with more icing sugar & knead till no more can be added. Cut mixture in quarters & cover with damp cloth to stop it drying out. Method: Add Strawberry essence to one half a drop at a time - shape into mice with your hands - add silver balls for eyes & wool for tail. Repeat with another quarter but leave this one white. Add peppermint essence to both remaining portions & green colouring to one. Pinch small sections off roll into a ball & pop onto a plate. Repeat till all mixture is used. Hint ~ Dipped in melted chocolate extra YUM.

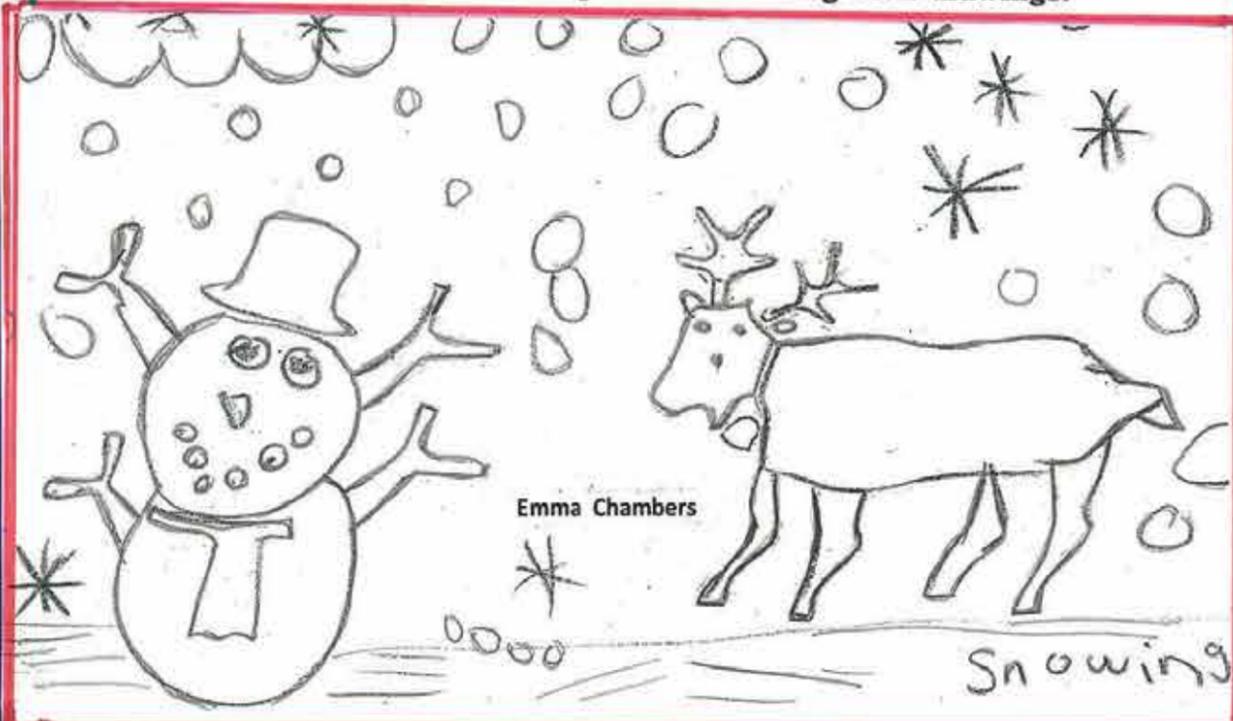
GIGGLE TIME ... HAVE YOU HEARD THESE ???

sent in by Pixie L

- Q. Who delivers gifts at Christmas to cats? A. Santa-paws.
- Q. What ball doesn't bounce? A. Snowball.
- Q. What nationality is Santa? A. North Polish.
- Q. Who gets the sack on Christmas Eve? A. Santa Claus.

* CHRISTMAS COLOURING IN *

Colour in both drawings and send them to Murgatroyd before December 14. (68 Byrnes Street, Mareeba 4880). There are lots of Special Mystery Gifts. Emma and Alyssa have both won a prize for entering their drawings.



Emma Chambers

Snowing



Alyssa Bale

Merry Christmas

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A Scrubland Tour: North Queensland Beauty Spots

These are excerpts from an article that appeared in the *Cummins & Campbell Monthly Magazine* in October 1931. The article illustrates the fascination of many writers of that period with the Kuranda area and its attractions. It is interesting to note that the writer gives Dr Thomatis as "Thomatus" and places "Thomatus Creek" on the range, while we know Thomatis Creek as the creek crossing the main road between the Yorkeys Knob roundabout and the Holloways Beach roundabout.

"After several months spent in the dry areas of tobacco country in the Cairns hinterland, a visit to the many beauty spots scattered through scrubland, with its evergreen jungles and beautiful streams of water carries a strong appeal. It is therefore with infinite satisfaction the writer steps off the train at the garden railway station of Kuranda, which is to be the starting point of a circular motor tour over the mountains.

KURANDA: The little hilltop township nestles away up on the coast ranges, 1,080 feet above sea level and is the centre for visitors intent on viewing the Barron Falls and Gorge. As many accomplished writers have from time to time already furnished brilliant pen pictures of these wonderful works of nature it is not intended to attempt a further description of their scenic attractions, which have become world-famed by means of the thousands of tourists who visit and proclaim their irresistible fascination.

A feature, however, which comes more within the scope of these articles is the opening up of motor tracks through the surrounding scrubs to many new beauty spots, and down the famous Smithfield Range to Cairns. The opening of these tracks is largely due to the energy of local residents, who, by voluntary labour and private subscriptions, have bridged the Barron and provided access to the jungles of the river and gorge.

After a natty and well served luncheon at the Hotel Fitzpatrick, which it may be mentioned offers a most comfortable home for visitors, being equipped with electric light, septic system and every modern comfort, a start is made to inspect the various attractions. To enable an inspection of these points of interest Mr W. Fitzpatrick is in attendance with his powerful Pontiac car, and is unsparing in his efforts to allow a visit to be made to every corner of the jungle where a car can be taken.

FAIRYLAND: A short spin in the car to the riverside upstream from the township brings us to the track to Fairyland.

*And glamour led us on To the distance rainbow-spanned;
For the road we travelled on Was the road to Fairyland.*

The way lies along the river bank where the railway runs inland, and the cuttings are lined with moss and ferns, and various openings, where the small creeks pass from the hillside to the river, allow glimpses to be obtained of the beautiful watercourse studded with densely wooded islands. These are surrounded by foaming cascades as the river passes to its gigantic leap over the falls. On the far bank the dense jungle penetrates to the waters edge with an occasional undulating clearing covered with bright green grass, and terminating at the river side with beaches of silver sand. A walk of a little over a mile with these attractive surroundings proves all too short, when a signboard alongside the railway line indicates Fairyland is being approached. Following a narrow path down the river bank we presently arrive at the boat where Mrs. Glyn Dick, in anticipation of our arrival, awaits to ferry us across the beautiful reach of clear water fringed by virgin jungle in which nestle her home and teagardens.

GIANTS OF SCRUBLAND: The boat runs alongside a wee landing stage at the entrance to a pretty little creek which emerges from a tunnel-like opening in the dark green undergrowth of the scrub. The little stream ripples between fern and moss covered banks, canopied by tree ferns and palm trees, over which again tower such giants of the scrub as immense Kauri Pine, Walnut, Maples, Silky oaks and other varieties of valuable timbers.

DEAN'S LOOKOUT: Next on order comes a trip to Dean's Lookout, which, since opened up, has presented the Barron Falls and Gorge in an entirely different manner to the usual view obtained from the railway.

In the early morning, as I recline in the shade of the many beautiful trees surrounding the hotel, watching the play of large numbers of brightly plumaged birds, my worthwhile guide, Mr. Fitzpatrick, or "Bill" as he is called by all and sundry, toots me out and suggests the visit. One or two visitors from Melbourne join in and we are also accompanied by Mr. Frank Dean who is indefatigable in his efforts to place Kuranda on the map.

Passing over the river by means of the bridge erected by the townsfolk, we are treated to a fine view of a twelve foot carpet snake which gracefully glides into the undergrowth as we approach the crossing.

OLD LANDMARKS: It is just about the spot that John Doyle, discoverer of the Barron Falls first crossed the river, and whose story I wrote in the last issue of this magazine. For a couple of miles the road passes through the scrub by way of the old Smithfield Track, and thence through Mr. Dean's property for about another quarter of a mile. Here the jungle is again seen to advantage as the car wends its way over the narrow track with the giant trees towering overhead.

COFFEE PLANTATIONS: Leaving the car in the jungle the track becomes a mere footpad and passes along Street's Creek, named after the old time coffee planter whose home was for many years in the vicinity when he grew his famous Kuranda Coffee. Presently we emerge into a large clearing which Mr. Dean explains was originally the coffee plantation of an old pioneer, Dr. Thomatus, and the writer recalls a visit made over 35 years ago when the plantation was in full swing and coffee production an important northern industry. A tramp of three quarters of a mile brings us to Dean's Lookout, which is the summit of the high wall of rock on the far side of the falls from the railway, where Street's Creek descends into the gorge just below the falls, and is known as "The Grey Mare's Tail." The view of the falls gained from this vantage point is very fine, and the vast rift in the mountains forming the gorge can be seen to perfection.

THE SMITHFIELD ROAD: It is again due to the skilled driving of "Bill" Fitzpatrick the trip is made by motor car over the Smithfield track and down the mountains to Cairns. Passing over the bridge already alluded to, the route to Dean's Lookout is followed for two miles, and the principal obstacle on the road, Street's Creek, is found to be well bridged. This and also the crossings of the Barron River and Thomatus Creek, another stream on the range, have all been made easy for motor traffic by the stirring energy of the little community of Kuranda, and the road to the bottom of the range is also due to the same progressive spirit.

The road through the jungle on the mountains is of wonderful beauty, and follows the route taken by the old pioneers who traversed the mountains with horses and pack teams to gain the interior when the Hodgkinson and Herberton mining fields were in their infancy.

KELLY'S LOOKOUT: Four miles from Kuranda the tunnel-like track through the jungle brings us to the summit of the mountains overlooking the coast, and is called "Kelly's Lookout," after a district pioneer. The panorama presented at this spot is of wonderful attraction. On the coastline can be seen Double Island to the north, then Yorkeys Knob with a line of surf breaking on its fine beach. In the distance, and out at sea, the Barrier Reef can be traced with light and shade on its coral reefs, and Green Island nestles like a gem in a setting of silver formed by the coral reef from which it emerges. Away to the south-east False Cape and Trinity Bay are sighted, and on the country at the foot of the mountain the beautiful green canefields are varied in colour by red fallow lands and the white bungalows of the cane farmers. Traversing the flat country after it emerges from the Barron Gorge, the Barron River is seen as it passes to its mouth at Barron Spit. The whole presents a never-to-be-forgotten scene.

From Kelly's Lookout the track descends the mountain for a mile and a half by way of a long spur. The original grade was one in four but the voluntary workers have reduced this to one in seven, and with good brakes and careful driving it is easily negotiated. At the foot and a little over 5 miles from Kuranda the Double Island-Cairns Road is gained, and after a short run to Redlynch where the Barron River is again crossed, the metal of the main road is reached and the eighteen miles from Kuranda to Cairns is completed after a journey of one hour and twenty minutes."

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Aileen's Yoga will be breaking up for Christmas as follows: Wednesday at 6.00pm on the 4th December, 2013 and Sunday at 10.30am Yoga on the 8th December, 2013. Not sure what date in January I will be restarting classes but my phone number is 0419 726 955 if you wish to contact me in the new year if I haven't been in touch. Hope all my lovely Yogis and Yoginis have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. Namaste.

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- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.



December/January Stars

So we roll through another Summer Solstice and into a New Year. December has Mars moving into Libra on the 8th, where he will remain for quite a long stay: until July 2014 in fact. A very positive transition in many ways as it brings warring parties into negotiation and balance. Worth working on, on all levels, from personal to global.

This fits nicely with Uranus going direct on 18th December in Aries. Sudden, exciting breakthroughs; electric beginnings. Very high voltage. Watch for electrical disturbances around this time. Jupiter is retrograde right through Dec-Jan, holding back the tide as Saturn in Scorpio comes into trine aspect and the roots are fed and watered. The Jupiter-Saturn trine is exact on the 13th December (right on midnight G.M.T actually). Perfectly controlling the flow and nurturing the roots in the water signs Cancer and Scorpio.

Mars comes into an exact square with Pluto on the 31st December which suggests a very explosive New Year's Eve around the world. Avoiding potentially dangerous situations is a very good idea for this one. It goes out with a bang! Mercury is also conjunct Pluto, square Mars at this time so things could get out of control at lightning speed. Then the Sun comes into the picture on New Year's Day - also conjuncting Pluto: Sun, Mercury, Mars, Pluto all in hard aspect to each other. That's about as explosive a beginning to a New Year as you'd ever want. Huge and irreversible changes being heralded. Oh yes and **also** it's a New Moon sitting on the Sun, Mercury, Pluto conjunction (very rare) volatile; lightning-fast; explosive and transformational. Some kind of Phoenix is going to rise from **these** ashes!

A New Moon on New Year's day is ultra-symbolic of 2014 as being a year which is "The Dawn of a New Era" to cliché it. What do we want to end or to begin? Resolutions should be very potent this New Year.

The Full Moon on the 16th January sees the Moon at full strength in her own sign, Cancer as Venus and Mars square off. Family and relationship issues very prominent and demanding of new initiatives. Whatever comes to light now really needs creative action. Now is the time.

There are high lights around the 24th-25th January and some real flashes of insight and inspiration. Act on them. And with the month ending with another New Moon, this time in Aquarius **and** Venus going direct, female energy is high and clear and the sisters are dancing. It's a nice buzz and harmony is in the wind. Have a super Summer Solstice.

Rob Hart

Resident Astrologer & Tarot Card Reader

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Rainfall 28/10/2013 to 24/11/2013 - 154mm

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SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 28

If someone in your family has a drinking problem, you can see what it is doing to them, but can you see what it is doing to you?
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- 1st Sat** Garden Group 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
- Every Sun** A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599
Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361
Yoga with Aileen 10.30am Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401
- 3rd Sun** Kuranda Film Society 4.00pm to 8.00pm, Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Garth 4093 9926
- 2nd Sun** Uniting Church Recreation Centre 4.30 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
- Every Mon** Kids Aerial Circus with Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphitheatre 3.30 pm, 0424 928 917
Kurandacoots adult circus jam Amphitheatre at 6.30 pm. Bring any circus toys.
Yoga – Gentle 8.15am for 8.30 start. Energise your life with HALS (Health across the Life Span) QCWA Hall, Phone Aileen 4093 7401 or Sheila 4093 7617
- 3rd Mon** KNC Management Committee Meeting 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933
- Every Tues, Wed & Fri** Al-Anon Family Groups 6.00pm Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- Every Tue** Tribal Bellydance at Kuranda Community Precinct. Ph Lisa 0409 367 967.
Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre
- 2nd Tue** Tourism Kuranda meets behind St Saviour's Church.
Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642
- 2nd & 4th Tue** Mareeba Toastmasters meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.
- Every Wed** Yoga 6.00 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401
Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)
Craft and Social Morning at QCWA hall 9.00am
Kuranda Playgroup 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lynda 4093 0891 or 0410 337 932.
Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome
***New* Wing Chun (Kung Fu)** The Amphitheatre 6.30 to 7.30pm. Ph Kurt Golden 0400 772 645
- 1st Wed** Yoga for kids. Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283
Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting 2.00pm at KNC
- 2nd Wed** Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce 4.30pm Kuranda Hotel
QCWA meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
- Every Thur** Rotary 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206
Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
Capoeira Training and Roda. 7-8:30pm. Phone Ole 0468 408 963
Kuranda Rangers Soccer: casual post-season training 4.00-5.30 Gary 4093 8399
Kurandacoots Adult Circus Jam at the Amphitheatre 6.30pm
- 2nd Thur** Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

CONTRIBUTORS: PLEASE CHECK DETAILS AND ADVISE CHANGES





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the BARRON FALLS SHUTTLE BUS
KURANDA ON A BUDGET

Cairns Airport Transfers

24 HOURS A DAY - 7 DAYS A WEEK - 365 DAYS A YEAR

Kuranda	\$39*
Myola/Speewah	\$49*
Koah/Boyles Rd >>	\$59*

PH. MARK 0437 440 996 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

*First passenger + \$10 extra per person info@chakana.travel

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS

Davies Creek	4093 3181	Lloyd
Koah	4093 7006	Peter
Kuranda	0408 077 746	Nick
Myola	4093 7190 / 0408 151 199	Duncan
Speewah	4093 0211	John

Permits required for ALL fires

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS "The Local Bus"

	Mon & Tues	Wed to Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
To: Speewah	0900	0900	1000
Koah		1300	
	*1530	*1530	
	1750	1750	1645
Ex: Koah	#0705	#0705	#0815
	#1315	#1315	
	*1550	*1550	
Ex: Speewah	#0710	#0710	#0820
	#1320	#1320	
	*1540	*1540	

*SCHOOL DAYS ONLY # BOOKING REQUIRED
 NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY

Departs Bus Stop "D" Lake Street Transit Mall, City Place, Cairns

	Mon & Tues	Wed to Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
Departs Kuranda	#0720	#0720	0830
	1330	0900	1530
	1530	1130	
		1330	
		1530	
	*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY		
Departs Cairns	**0825	0825	0930
	1710	1000	**1615
		1230	
		1710	

All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required
 **Mareeba
 # Via Caravonica, Redlynch, Raintrees, Westcourt, TAFE, Cairns City
 NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY

Tel John 0418 772 953

Trans North Bus & Coach

CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
CAIRNS Mall Zone D	6.45am	8.30am	11.30am	1.30pm	*3.00pm
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	*3.05pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	7.05am	8.50am	11.50am	1.50pm	*3.30pm
KURANDA	7.25am	9.10am	12.10pm	2.10pm	*3.55pm

KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	*7.30am	9.15am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
CAIRNS Mall Zone D	*8.30am	9.55am	1.10pm	3.00pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	*8.35am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.05pm	4.55pm

*7.30am Shuttle via TAFE, Trinity Bay High, Cairns High - Excluding Sunday
 *3.00pm Shuttle via Cairns High, TAFE, Trinity Bay High - Excluding Sunday

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
ATHERTON	6.15am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.15am	9.00am	9.00am
MAREEBA	6.45am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.45am	9.30am	9.30am
SPEEWAH	7.10am	9.55am	4.25pm	7.10am	9.55am	9.55am
KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.35pm	7.30am	10.05am	10.05am
CAIRNS Service Terminates	8.30am	11.15am	5.40pm	8.30am	11.15am	11.15am

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	8.45am	3.20pm	5.45pm	8.45am	3.20pm	3.20pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	9.00am	3.35pm	6.00pm	9.00am	3.35pm	3.35pm
KURANDA	9.20am	4.05pm	6.25pm	9.20am	4.05pm	4.05pm
SPEEWAH	9.25am	4.10pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.10pm	4.10pm
MAREEBA	9.55am	4.40pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON Service Terminates	10.30am	5.10pm	7.30pm	10.30am	5.10pm	5.10pm

Atherton/Cairns Services - PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OPERATE ON SUNDAY TIMES
 NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY

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Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas, peace, health, and happiness in the coming New Year. Thank you to all of our clients over the past year and look forward to meeting many more new ones in the coming year. We would also like to thank Lucy McGinness for the past 3 years and wish her well with her husband in their new business. We would like to welcome Jane Truswell to the position of Property Manager.

Diarmuid Houston
Sale Consultant



Phil Larkin
Sales Consultant



Tony Richards
Sales Consultant



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