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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

Thanks from Three Wild Birds

Our 'A Bird in the Hand' Exhibition in Kuranda Arts Co-op Gallery 2 in Coondoo Street is now over and there are a number of people who deserve special thanks for contributing to the exhibition's great success.

Firstly to Didi La Baysse for letting us use her empty premises to show the exhibition. We are indeed extremely grateful to her. Didi gave us the opportunity to provide Kuranda with a major art exhibition and this appreciation has been reflected in the comments from the viewers.

Henri Hunsinger, for your curatorial skills and practised ability up a ladder, we are forever in your debt. Thank you.

Trish Molloy, thank you for your beautiful music. You turned an empty main street into a space of mood and warmth.

Garth Owen, our special thanks for your generous words to and about us and your welcome to our guests at the exhibition opening. To Kuranda Media Association: we thank you for your support.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Dawn Voerman (Mareeba) for her floral display of torch gingers for the gallery and the presentation of roses to the three artists. Such a delight.

*Marcia Bird
Helen Douglas
Toni Rogers*



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ANZAC Day 2012

On behalf of the RSL Kuranda Sub Branch, I would like to thank the community of Kuranda for their attendance and help on ANZAC Day. In particular Father Chris Wright for conducting the Dawn Service and the main service in the park. Both were held in front of a large crowd.

At the Dawn Service held at the railway station there were approximately 200 people with Brian Towning and Gail Chambers from Queensland Rail supplying a great stew, with damper, scones, tea and coffee for breakfast on completion of the service. Our thanks go out to them and Les the butcher and Ray and Colinda from Foodworks for helping with the food and drink. I think most who were there agree it is a very special feeling as Lloyd Mais from the Navy blew the Last Post and Rouse on his bugle and having the echo down the Gorge.

Our thanks go to Queensland Rail for allowing us to use the station for the ceremony. The connection of seeing the local names on the Honour Board and remembering that most left from the Kuranda Railway Station to go to War, makes this a particularly special place on a special day.

The Morning Parade was escorted by the Queensland Police, down the main street to the park. The appreciation for those that have served and those that are currently serving their country was shown by the locals, visitors and shopkeepers by the applause as we marched past them, again a special moment.

The morning Service was well attended with the Royal Australian Navy from HMAS Cairns showing their professionalism and a large number from the Kuranda College, SES, QLD Fire and Emergency and Kuranda Pony Club (with horses).

Again Father Chris Wright did a great job of conducting the service with Dave Hartung giving an emotional address and Lloyd Mais on the bugle for the Last Post and Rouse, much better than a recorded bugle.

The best part was that there were a good number of children involved on the day, which is what, in my mind, the day is all about, so that they will remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we can all live the way we choose to.

I also wish to thank the SES for providing a sausage sizzle and the CWA for their cakes, these were all consumed on the day. The SES again excelled in making this day a community event.

The Tablelands Regional Council helped enormously, from looking after the road closures to erecting shelters and supplying the chairs and PA system. The crew from the Council were great, doing all that was asked of them and more. They showed what being a part of the community is all about.

Finally a special mention to the members of the Kuranda RSL without their help it would be a difficult task to organise this special day.

Mick Forde

President, Kuranda RSL Sub-Branch

Thanks Koah Mobil Roadhouse

We would like to thank the staff and management of the Koah Mobil Roadhouse for the excellent service they have given us over the years. Travis, Peter, Julie, Jim and all the rest, you are much appreciated. The staff are friendly, polite and extremely helpful, even going out to the community board to check for us, when we phone, regarding lost pets, and much more. They give us service far and above the call of duty.

We consider ourselves very fortunate to be able to avail ourselves of this service. (Many people wanted to sign this letter, but there wouldn't be room to print it in the paper.)

**Geoff & Joy Stannett,
Elizabeth Grievson**

Trashing Ros Common

My husband and I drove past Ros Common at Speewah the other day and remarked at how well the park was kept by the Council and being utilized by many residents. A group of youngsters on the push bike mounds were having great fun. Didn't see any adult supervising but they could have been there.

Unfortunately the next day we found that the tyre markers around the horse ménage were pulled out and tossed about. The bucket from the tap at the Rural Fire Brigade shed was smashed in the middle of the sand arena.

Our electric pump for our water supply at the shed has been interfered with and we once had no water to fill our fire appliance. Some time ago we had to go to the expense of pad-locking the manhole on top of the rain water tank, because children were swimming in the tank.

Better parental supervision might be in order by respecting others, so every group might have fun. If your children were the mischief makers, perhaps you might like to repair the damage for those who use the park with consideration for others.

**Yvonne Thomson,
(Speewah Brigade Volunteer)**

Stan Stirling

We are seeking a photo(s) of the late Stan Stirling, who established the "Kuranda Wildlife Gardens" on Black Mountain Road in the early seventies (or earlier).

If any of our readers have access to a photo of Stan of any quality please contact Michael Cermak at zime@bigpond.com

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Village in the Rainforest

Marc's Tourism Tweets

Congratulations to Peta Cooke who will be enjoying a weekend in Kuranda with her family after winning the Cairns Parenting Companion magazine Wonder Mum competition. Peta, who is expecting her third child, was nominated by her husband Tim in appreciation of the effort she puts in with their first two children while he is working hard. It's great to see such a deserving family win this fabulous prize.

The Cooke family will be travelling on Skyrail Rainforest Cableway and the Kuranda Scenic Train, staying at Miju Rainforest Retreat, will visit the Kuranda Koala Gardens, Birdworld Kuranda, the Butterfly Sanctuary and receive a \$250 Indigenous painting from Doongal Aboriginal Art and Artefacts, lunch at Frogs Restaurant, a Kuranda Candy Kitchen gift hamper, Emu Ridge Gallery Fossil and Gemstone Museum \$100 gift voucher, Honey House gift voucher and Just Gorgeous \$20 gift voucher. A big thank you to all the Kuranda businesses for supporting this competition by generously donating prizes in honour of Mother's Day.

Play School Visits Kuranda: Kuranda hosted another special visitor this month – Little Ted from the ABC's popular children's show Play School. Little Ted left the studio for the first time to travel on Kuranda Scenic Rail and we can't wait to see the episode of Little Ted's Big Adventure which will air from September.

Trivia Night for Cairns: The Rattle and Hum has been confirmed as the venue for the Kuranda Trivia Night in Cairns on May 31. The event will give Cairns booking agents a much better understanding about Kuranda and its amazing attractions, activities and retail options.

Tourism Trainee Starts: Earl Hobbler from Kuranda has been appointed as a tourism trainee for Kuranda. He will be based at the Visitor Information Centre reporting to Cathy Harvey and will spend one day a week at Tourism Kuranda. The role at Tourism Kuranda will include database updates, assisting travel agent famils and brochure distribution in Kuranda.

Skyrail Tops In Sustainability: Skyrail Rainforest Cableway has been named the most environmentally sustainable tourism business in the Pacific region. After a 10-year benchmarking and certification program, the company is the first in the Pacific to obtain EarthCheck's Certified Platinum rating and the only cableway in the world to achieve this status.

Google Analytics for April/May: The Tourism Kuranda website www.kuranda.org received 10,003 visits, 7,982 unique visitors, 42,443 page views, 4.24pages/visit, 2 minutes and 27 seconds average time on site with 73.07 per cent new visits in the one month period.

Man vs. Machine: All bets will be on man beating the machine in the second Cairns 2 Kuranda Train Race on Sunday June 10 when contestants try to outrun the historic Kuranda train as it winds through World Heritage rainforest with the Great Barrier Reef as a backdrop.

More than 80 contestants took part in the inaugural 18km race against the Kuranda Scenic Rail last year with Phil Bradshaw of Cairns beating the train by 15 minutes in a time of 1 hour 13 minutes.

Second was Mike Le Roux in 1 hour 22 minutes and third Bini James in 1 hour 23 minutes. In the women's section, Sue Crowe was first in 1 hour 34 minutes, second was Anthea Henderson in 1 hour 47 minutes and third Stevie Johnson in 1 hour 53 minutes. The first team across the line was Team Tablelands Trio from Atherton



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who finished fifth with a time of 1 hour 27 minutes.

The train arrived into Kuranda Station in sixth place with a time of 1 hour 28 minutes.

The gruelling race starts adjacent to Freshwater Station at Kamerunga where the train leaves for its 31km journey through tunnels and across bridges as it ascends the Barron Gorge to Kuranda.

Away from the rail track, the runners face an 18km race through cane fields, along roads and rollercoaster climbs on steep rainforest tracks to test their fitness.

For more information on the race go to:
<http://www.facebook.com/cairns2kurandatrainrace>.

Thanks Kuranda Volunteers: The hardworking volunteers at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre (*photo below*) have been treated to a thank you breakfast at the Shambala Animal Kingdom to mark the valuable hours they put in helping visitors to Kuranda. The breakfast was held as part of National Volunteer Week on May 14-20. The VIC's manager Cathy Harvey said the Centre relied on the support of around 25 volunteers from the Kuranda area.

"They are all very capable and quite amazing people who offer their services. Many have been working here for more than 10 years while Marie Bozwarva and Beverley Adamson have been here since the Centre opened in 2000," she said.

"It is pretty good that we receive so much support from a small area like Kuranda as we depend on the volunteers to keep the Centre running. We have a mix of people including part-time workers, retirees and some who are looking for a job. "The work is invaluable for people wanting to work in the tourism industry as it provides experience in operating a tour desk, how to sell, and customer service. Volunteering at the VIC not only gives people new skills, it puts them in good stead with potential employers. One of our volunteers is now providing casual support at the Mareeba Information Centre."

The Kuranda Visitor Information Centre was a popular place for tourists in April receiving the most visitors of any of the Atherton Tablelands' nine VICs which together were visited by 13,752 people. Kuranda received 4,518 visitors, more than twice that of the second busiest VIC, Chillagoe with 2,506 visitors.





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Neighbourhood Centre News June 2012

- The next **Kuranda Family Fun Day** will be held on Wednesday 4th July in the park. All welcome.
- **Book Sale** continues due to popular demand. Books \$1 Bulk Buys – make an offer.
- **The Women's Group** continues to meet at KNC on Monday mornings 10.00am-1.00ish. All women are welcome. Beading, sewing, painting and other art projects are some of the group activities that will continue to provide a focus for our women to get together, have a yarn, and share a cuppa. Craft donations are also welcome, so think of the Women's Group when you are cleaning out your craft and sewing cupboards.
- **Step Forward:** Next program commences on Wednesday 6th June 2012 at 10.30am. If you are having problems with drinking or cigarettes or other habits that are affecting your health, relationships or finances in a bad way, you might want to think about coming along to the Step Forward program at KNC. This program is run in a small group format in 2 hour sessions held weekly over four weeks.
- **Senior's Cottages:** To be eligible for Seniors' Cottages a current application with Department of Housing is required. KNC staff will assist with social housing enquiries and applications.
- **Narcotics Anonymous:** Weekly meetings continuing at KNC on Thursdays at 6.30pm. Contact 4054 3483 for more info.
- **Community Mental Health:** Catherine Flanagan continues to provide an outreach/mobile service in our area. New referrals to the service can be made via the Kuranda Medical Centre and existing clients can contact the mental health service reception on 42264871 and ask to be transferred to Catherine.
- **Uniting Care Counselling** (formerly Lifeline): Counselling appointments can be made phoning Uniting Care on 4050 4955. All appointments and referrals are strictly confidential.
- **Financial Counselling:** Monday mornings
- **General Counselling:** Wednesday afternoons
- **Gambling Help:** By appointment

– *The Neighbourhood Centre Team*



Dear Kuranda Paper ...

Pernicious Fee

Are you one of the 1,200 property owners within the Tablelands Regional Council who have your own wastewater treatment plant in the absence of being provided a sewerage service by the Council? If you are, you would have received an unsigned Notice from the Council this week to say that you are now going to be charged a \$46 per annum cost recovery service fee for this non sewerage service. Does that make any sense?

The previous Council approved this fee 12 months ago and never informed those affected. This has allowed the recent Council election to be held without anyone being held accountable for this irrational decision. The so called justification for this fee is that Queensland Government legislation requires the Council to administer the half page maintenance reports that the firms carrying out the maintenance of our systems have to send into the Council each quarter. Apparently the Council has attempted to recoup the costs of this administrative task from the Queensland Government but have been knocked back. So in cruel twist, the Council has now decided to get us to pay them for it under the banner of cost recovery for a service rendered. Strange logic indeed!

So if you are not receiving a sewerage service from the Council and you have installed your own plant and contracted a wastewater firm to carry out quarterly maintenance inspections, you now have to pay the Council (as of now, out of the blue) a service fee for the processing of a small piece of paper for the Queensland Government.

The really pernicious aspect of this decision is that the fee will be charged in perpetuity like an add-on special rate to the normal rate bill and naturally indexed each year. One can only assume that the previous Council must have passed this decision very late at night. Not only is there no justification for this fee but it runs counter to the Council's own policy on Fixing Cost-Recovery Fees as contained in the Revenue Statement 2011/12 on the Council website.

I urge everyone affected to contact the Mayor and your local Councillor (this affects all Divisions of the Council) to request that the newly appointed Council review this matter and rescind this bad decision by the previous Council. If you have a view you would like to share in an email network please contact me on mjbanks@tpg.com.au.

– *Michael Banks*



On-site sewerage treatment plants

Letters sent out late last week to property owners regarding the necessity to have their on-site sewerage treatment plants serviced regularly were the subject of discussion at the latest Council meeting.

Council was told that the letters had generated a number of inquiries, with some property owners querying a \$46 fee mentioned in the letter, and others seeking general information.

Council was told the \$46 fee was based on the cost recovery of officers administering the required service reports and maintaining an accurate database of wastewater treatment plants throughout the region.

Council voted to defer the issuing of invoices for the \$46 fee, which was adopted by the previous Council on 1 June 2011, until this could be reviewed by the new Council.

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Gardening in Kuranda



JUNE with its cooler weather and recent rains sees the disappearance of the summer foliage gems like caladiums, globbas and kampherias. Already the spikes of the Oncidiums (Dancing Lady orchids) are showing promise of things to come with *O. leucochilum*, longipes, pulchellum and sarcodes as well as their many hybrids of the easiest cultivation and relatively inexpensive for plants in spike.

Highly recommended for their readiness to make large clumps, ability to take bright light and prolific flowering, Oncidiums can be considered as essential to the vertical garden and prove more reliable than Phalaenopsis as mounted plants.

Kuranda gardens are ideal for establishing and extending the range of plants grown in vertical/epiphyte gardens with most trees, including palm and tree ferns, capable of supporting a wide range of plants – anthuriums, bromeliads, many ferns, gesneriads and orchids. Attaching plants firmly is vital to success and old stockings provide great tie-ons. A little sphagnum moss may be used as base but ideally the sooner the plant roots directly onto the supporting host the better. The sharp drainage, airy conditions and close planting provide ideal situations for many plants that otherwise struggle in pot or in-ground planting.

Plant of the Month: *Medinilla magnifica*, an epiphytic tropical evergreen shrub from the Phillipines that grows to 3m tall in its native habitat in part shade out of soil pockets on rainforest trees or in the ground in clearings. With about 150 species, in the family Melastomataceae, native to tropical regions of the Old World from Africa (two species) east through Madagascar (about 70 species) and southern Asia to the western Pacific Ocean islands, many in the family are epiphytic and make very beautiful potted or in-ground specimens.

Of relatively easy cultivation, if remembering their epiphytic nature so needing a very open well drained organic mix but requiring regular moisture during the warmer months.

Medinilla magnifica with its succulent, 4-angled stems, large, ovate to oblong, prominently veined, leathery green leaves and its long, pink to coral flowers appearing in drooping panicles (to 18" long) hooded by large, showy, leaf-like, light pink bracts is fairly readily available and prefers a sheltered position, taking some morning sun. Unfortunately, the less showy but hardier *M. myriatha* is sometimes passed as *M. magnifica*. So buyer beware – best to see a plant in bud before purchase.



Q@A. Dear Carl, Yes, you are correct. The famous Jade vine *Strongylodon macrobotrys* has its Australian counterpart in *Strongylodon lucidus*. Found in isolated lowland rainforest pockets, and also distributed throughout Malesia and the Pacific islands, *M. lucidus* with its pink to orange racemes to 35cms, when available, makes an eye-catching addition to the native garden. Of equally vigorous growth as its more famous and well known relative, this creeper requires strong support and is capable of topping the tallest trees. This plant would seem a more sensible substitute to the Flame of the Forest, *Mucuna bennettii*, a New Guinea native liana and although undoubtedly spectacular when in flower *M. bennettii* may pose serious threat to the rainforest as it seeds prolifically with very high germination rates.

For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions, contact Alectura C/- Kuranda Paper or email wortwoad@optusnet.com.au

AGM Speewah District Residents Assoc.

June 18th at 7.30 pm at Roscommon Hall

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Myrtle Rust Spreads to Wet Tropics

BIOSECURITY QUEENSLAND'S state-wide program that is monitoring the spread of myrtle rust, a serious fungal disease of plants, has confirmed further significant detections in the ecologically sensitive Wet Tropics in north Queensland.

Myrtle rust has been identified in the Mossman Gorge section of Daintree National Park, Barron Gorge and Kuranda National Park, at Smithfield Conservation Park near Cairns, and in a residential garden in Mareeba.

Myrtle rust affects a wide range of species in the Myrtaceae family including Australian natives such as eucalypts (*Eucalyptus*, *Corymbia* and *Angophora* spp.), bottle brush and paperbark (*Melaleuca* spp.), tea tree (*Leptospermum* spp.) and lilly pilli (*Syzygium* spp.)

Director of Biosecurity Queensland's Myrtle Rust Program, Mike Ashton, said the disease was a significant risk for tropical areas of Queensland due to the hot, humid conditions which were ideal for disease development and spread. The area also has a large number of potentially susceptible plant species.

"Myrtle rust was detected in a plant nursery and residential garden in Mossman in April this year, and these further detections confirm that the disease is now established in Far North Queensland," Mr Ashton said.

"The disease is new to Australia and we don't yet know what the full impacts will be, but we regard it as a major threat to Queensland's World Heritage areas. This disease could not only have a significant impact on susceptible plant species but also on native fauna that rely on those species for habitat and food."

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) Wet Tropics Regional Manager, Andrew Millerd, said that while myrtle rust had been detected previously in north Queensland nurseries, including Cairns nurseries, these are the first detections in the 'wild' in the far north.

"QPWS is working closely with Biosecurity Queensland on the outbreak in the Cairns area," Mr Millerd said.

"We are cordoning off the known areas of infestation and putting up signs to alert the public about the presence of this damaging rust.

"Myrtle rust is spread by the movement of infected plant material, and it produces

spores which can be readily transported on the wind, animals and people. People can spread the disease on their clothing, footwear and hats, and on vehicles.

"We want to minimise the unintentional spread of the disease by visitors carrying the disease spores to other national parks, and also to help people lessen the chance of taking it into private and public gardens.

"People can help prevent its spread by not collecting or moving plant material, and washing clothing, footwear and hats thoroughly after a walk through an infested area. Bikes ridden in infested areas should be washed down.

"As yet we don't know what impacts myrtle rust will have on the flora of the Wet Tropics. We are particularly concerned about the potential impacts of the disease on native species, whether on public or private land," Mr Millerd said.

Mr Ashton said while it was disappointing myrtle rust had been found in Far North Queensland, it is not unexpected.

"Monitoring where the disease is, what plants it is infecting, and what damage it is doing, will help scientists to understand more about the disease and how it behaves in the Australian environment," Mr Ashton said.

"We know myrtle rust cannot be contained or eradicated, but the more we know about the disease the more we can learn about how to manage it and its potential impacts.

"We need residents and businesses to learn what myrtle rust looks like and let us know if they think they have found it.

"I encourage everyone to visit the Biosecurity Queensland website where you can find photos and advice on what to do to manage myrtle rust in different situations."

Myrtle rust causes deformation of leaves, heavy defoliation of branches, dieback, stunted growth and even plant death in some species. There is no known direct threat to humans or animals.

The first signs of myrtle rust are tiny raised purple to brown spots or pustules on new leaves. After a few days, the pustules erupt releasing distinctive egg-yolk yellow spores.

Myrtle rust was first found in Australia in southern New South Wales in April 2010, before spreading north into Queensland in December 2010.

"This disease could not only have a significant impact on susceptible plant species but also on native fauna that rely on those species for habitat and food."

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The Arts Page



Way down the back corner of the bottom end of the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets, near the *Hidden Echidna*, a new gallery has just opened, **Sacred Lotus Creations**. I was fortunate enough to be at the opening and saw some of Bonny Cooper's brilliant art. Painting, drawing, digital art, fascinating Sacred Art. And then there's Teala Regan's beautiful unique fashion designs... anyhow, I took some photos. (see below)

Sacred Lotus Creations

Sacred Lotus Creations is a brand new sparkling addition to the Kuranda Original Markets. A unique combination of two very creative ladies. Bonny Cooper (Crystalotus Creations), a multi-medium artist focusing on graphic art and design, and Teala Regan (Sacred Creations), an emerging clothing designer/seamstress. Their forces combined have created a boutique full of all kinds of goodies. Sacred Creations is a range of unique ladies clothing designed for comfort and to express a unique individual style inspired by Kuranda's lush backdrop. Sacred Lotus Creations also has woven crystal necklaces, gemstone jewellery and beautiful dreamcatchers, all lovingly handmade here in Kuranda. On the art side of things the walls are covered with Bonny's tapestry of visual delights. Vinyl Banners, art prints and cards all possessing an organic multi-dimensional flavour. Inspired by the rich beauty of nature and the spirit of the cosmos. Bonny is also a graphic designer, multimedia artist and VJ (live video projections) and is available to meet your design needs whether it be posters, CD covers, business cards, illustrations etc



Teala

and is open to commission projects. To see examples of her work visit www.crystalotuscreations.com situated in the bottom left corner of the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets, where the fairies hang out.



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Inside Sacred Lotus Creations



President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,

Loony Poets was yet again a loony night with the biggest full moon ever! As always, a beautiful thing to see the full moon rising over the Amphitheatre stage.

Thanks again to Lunar, Amber and Morgan



Amber Lunar



& Morgan at Loony Poets Night

for presenting another night of local entertainment, and Peter Freimanis for exhibiting his art in the Understage.

Legendary guitar great, Dave Steel will be performing in the Understage on Friday 8th June. Doors and bar open at 6.30pm with the music starting at 7.30pm. Food available. Entry \$15, Members \$10.

Pay your annual membership and entry on the night is free.

Dave is a veteran of the Australian music scene. He spent four years as the guitarist with *Weddings, Parties, Anything*, seven years as Archie Roach's instrumentalist, has released ten solo albums, and been nominated for several ARIA awards. Not to be missed!

A **Special General Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday 10th June at 4pm, followed by a brief General Meeting.

AGENDA for Special General Meeting:
Adopt constitutional changes.

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See you at The next Loony Poets Night in July. Details in next month's, July issue of The Kuranda Paper

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Scenes From The last Loony Poets Night.

Loony Poets NIGHT

Psychedelic art by Kuranda artist Peter Freimanis



Morgan, Peter & friends chill out, outside



...and here's Lulu La Bent, hanging from the ceiling.

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ALL IS ART

All is Art indeed it is.

We can all see the art in nature easily enough. Just look at the stars, or a river, or snow-flake, or a tree, but when it comes to the works of man (or woman), it's another story. There are those that would judge and differentiate. They would call some art "high", implying that other art is "low". Makers of art, do not be deceived. Keep your art true, and if any should call it less, then pity them for they know not the truth of art.

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KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE What's On at the Amphi

LEGENDARY GUITAR GREAT

Dave Steel & The Welcome Wagon

LIVE at The Understage, Friday 8th June

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FRIDAY 8TH JUNE
FOOD & BAR from 6:30PM
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"Dave Steel is the kind of artist who'll be keeping Australian music honest long after the latest pop sensation is forgotten..." Mike Daly, The Age.

"One of the truly great Australian songwriters...his songs capture the harsh beauty of our land with a gentle poetry and understated feel..." Jeff Jenkins InPress magazine.

Dave Steel is a musician, a music producer and audio engineer, a father, an owner-builder, a gardener, a performer, a zen student, a deep ecologist, a writer, a homesteader, a traveller, a session musician, and whatever else need dictates he be...

Dave has made nine solo CD's, and contributed to many others. He was the original *Weddings Parties Anything* guitarist. He was Archie Roach's guitarist for many years. He has spent much of his life performing across Australia and the world. Dave's instrumental and vocal talents demonstrate the links between his own music and that of blues artists such as *Rev. Gary Davis* and *Sleepy John Estes*.

Dave will appear with his band **The Welcome Wagon** - Sandy Brady on bass, John 'JP' Parry on drums, and legendary pianist Tony Hargreaves, with their new album *'Been On This Road Too Long'*.

A Welcome Wagon show is a mixture of blues classics and more obscure material drawn from the deep well which is the blues, combined with original material of Dave's, played in the tough unadorned style that this band has made its own.

The Kuranda Amphitheatre presents **Dave Steel and the Welcome Wagon** to the Understage on Friday 8th June. Entry is \$15 for general admission and \$10 for Kuranda Amphitheatre Members. Delicious meals available. Doors & Bar open 6.30pm.

Become an Amphitheatre member on the night, and get in for FREE!!

See you at the Understage.

DAVY SIMONY



EP LAUNCH TOUR
MAY/JUNE 2012

KURANDA'S talented **Davy Simony** will be appearing at the Tanks Art Centre on Friday 1st June to launch his 6 track EP, **"Discover"**. The Cairns launch follows performances in both Melbourne and Brisbane in May.

"...his combination of intricate guitar work and inspirational songwriting create a most enjoyable atmosphere." The Saint Kilda Festival, 2012.

Davy will be supported on the night by **Simone Elias** and **Jeremiah**. Friday 1st June, The Tanks Art Centre, Doors: 7.30pm, Entry: \$10 Adults/\$7 Conc.

THE BOOGIE BROTHERS AND SISTERS

VALE

...and it's goodbye to our honorary **Boogie Brother**, Alan Dunn, a man with a big heart and an ear for fine music. Alan's pure enjoyment and appreciation of good rock music was second to none. The gypsy twinkle in his eye when he raved about some rock concert he had seen as a kid in Melbourne, or some new band he had come across, was pure joy. He lived through music and we were always grateful for the chance to run some new music by Al and hear his response - always intelligent; respectful but fully emotional. Music was sacred to Al. Right back to the 50s pioneers like Link Wray through the raw 60s concerts to the current carriers of the torch: Steve Earle, The Felice Brothers and so many more.

We will miss you Alan, but your stories, musical devotion, humour and roguish anarchy will stay in our hearts.

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Dave Steel & The Welcome Wagon appearing at the Understage on Friday 8th June
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To nominate, please read the Terms of Reference and download the nomination form from Council's website www.trc.qld.gov.au or contact your preferred Customer Service Centre for a copy.

Nominations must be received by Council on or before 4.30pm on 25 June 2012.

Should you have any questions, please contact Matthew Hyde, General Manager Corporate and Community Services on 07 4043 4101.

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KURANDA ROOTS FESTIVAL FRIDAY 29TH & SATURDAY 30TH JUNE

Australia's number one indigenous reggae and hip hop outfit, Kuranda's own **Zennith** to appear alongside the 2012 **Kuranda Roots Festival** headlining acts.

The Festival will feature the awesome talents of Melbourne agitprop-hiphop-punk ensemble **Combat Wombat** (featuring **Monkeymarc**), Brisbane's mellow dubsters **Kingfisha**, and Queensland's gloriously brutal punk-ska ensemble **Die Rude**. They will be joined by many other acts from across the world music spectrum, including **Kurandacoots**, the **Hayden Hack Infusion**, **Jobstopper** and festival regulars **Darky Roots** and **Reggae Bliss**. This year's event features, as always, a large local line-up helping showcase the immense talent of the North Queensland region.

After eight years at the Kuranda Amphitheatre, the Festival this year makes its debut in the stunning **Billabong Sanctuary** at **Kangaventure**, just three minutes from Kuranda Town. The new venue will continue the chilled vibe **Kuranda Roots Festival** is renowned for.

This year marks the debut of new festival co-director, **Billy Dread**, following the departure of Andrea Sharp, who has headed to Cape York to spend more time with her family. Billy cut his teeth looking after the Bushweek Festival. He brings a wealth of experience and musical



As well as a full **Combat Wombat** show, there will also be scintillating solo side sets from collective members **DJ Monkeymarc** and vocalist **MC Elf Tranzporter**.



Sunny Dread at the 2011 Roots Festival
Photo courtesy of Ryan Pedlow.

passion to Kuranda Roots. He also brings his own rocksteady outdoor event crew, **The Dreadagade Sound**. Billy will be working alongside co-director **Morgyn Quinn (Die Rude)** to ensure the 2012 **Kuranda Roots Festival** is one of the best yet.

As well a brilliant line-up of performers, the Kuranda Roots Festival boasts dozens of market stalls and a mouth-watering array of food. The event is proudly "all ages", allowing kids and families to enjoy a weekend of great music, dance and forest-friendly fun beneath a breath taking night sky.

Once again the Festival is set to enhance FNQ's reputation as a fertile artistic environment, with a line-up of established and emerging talent drawn from the local region and further afield. With its new site and new production crew, the 2012 Kuranda Roots Festival will truly be the re birth of cool.

Bus transfers will be running hourly from the bus stop at the Barron Falls Hotel, Kuranda, out to the Billabong site. For bookings contact Mark at Chakana ph 0437 440 996.

Early bird tickets (including camping) are \$60 adults /season pass, \$45 youth under 17/season pass or \$50 adult/day pass Saturday, \$35 youth/day pass Saturday. Tickets are available from Shiva Moon, Shi Sha Beads, & Fetish 4 Life (Cairns), Kuranda Video, and at RudeKat Records on www.rudekatrecords.com

KURANDA GIG GUIDE JUNE

FRIDAY 8TH JUNE
The Understage
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See article pg.8 for details

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Die Rude with Sunny Dread,
See Festival program for details

SATURDAY 30TH JUNE
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THE BOOGIE BROTHERS AND SISTERS MUSIC NEWS & REVIEWS



Mark Lanegan Band: "Blues Funeral" This album is a banquet; every track is a feast. Mark's old band mate from *Queens of the Stoneage*, *Josh Homme*, did a Zeppelin-ish album with *Led-Zep* bassist *John Paul Jones*, but this outstanding album goes deeper into *Zeppelin* territory; draws the essence and then holds long, solid rhythm patterns that you can really get into. "*When the Levee Breaks*" was about as close as *Led-Zep* ever got to this hard-driving, heavy-beat rock.

Apparently the drumming was sequenced on drum machines, but never mind; there is a ghost in the machine - *John Henry Bonham*.

Mark Lanegan's rich gravelly baritone voice gathers the lyrics and spreads them like jewels on velvet; the poetry and emotional intensity draws you in and the bottom end holds you in a solid embrace. Here's someone who really knows the deep joy of a solid bottom end.

It channels dirty delta blues and pounds them into rock-art, every track is a standout (and that's rare). Don't think we'll hear a better rock/blues album this year. Just check out track 6, "*Ode to Sad Disco*", Ivor Davies on ice... and track 7, the ballad, "*Phantasmagora Blues*", rips your heart out...

Pete Molinari: "A Train bound for Glory" If you love rockabilly; hand clappin', country folk, this is a winner.

Pete's a wispy, slight figure; skinny jeans, tight polka-dot shirt, belting out classic fully formed songs from some otherworld '50s era. There are *Marty Robin's* style Spanish guitar flourishes, early *Bob Dylan* piano driven, basement tapes, rollicking rock and a *Buddy Holly* kind of quivering dream-like voice edged around with pedal steel moans and electric guitar stabs.

Songs like "*A Streetcar Named Desire*" and "*What a Day, What a Night, What a Girl*" are impossible to get out your head.

"*This train's going nowhere son, to no place, it's only for the lost and the searching this train is. Bound for Glory*". And it's fully worth the ride.



The Boogies



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Swim Club: Contact Gary 4093 7109
Tennis Membership: Contact Gary 4093 7109
Kuranda Soccer Club: If you are interested in helping the Club or want to volunteer some time and energy: Contact: Melina 4093 7287, Gary & Linda 4093 7109, Monika: 0418 902 016.
BOOKINGS: if you wish to hire the club rooms for a meeting or a private function contact Janet 4093 7104

"See the Lights"

Kuranda Recreation Centre

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Kuranda Recreation Centre committee met on Wednesday 9th May for the monthly meeting. The key outcomes of the past few months included:

- We have managed to "bed down" six 8 Ball teams at the Rec Centre this year with at least 80% of the 25-30 players becoming members of the club and in the main being new members
- Soccer is back up and running and 5 teams playing in competition in Cairns. There are approx 40 players and whilst we are sorting out registrations and memberships this is again a new audience of perhaps 30 new families to the Rec Centre
- New accountability measures consider and give us information on how we are travelling as stewards of the Centre
- Tan's Kitchen now catering for the Centre and providing fresh Thai cuisine as a regular Friday night function
- The Game of Pétanque, commonly referred to as Boules, is a sport soon to be added to the list of recreational activities with the approval to reconfigure the old bowls rink.

Defying the Trend: Kuranda kids are training at home and representing their own district! More and more opportunities are presenting themselves for our youngsters to join into fun, fit and healthy structured sports. Following Rugby League there has come a Soccer Club, a Boxing Club, Tennis Coaching and more. With structured club sport comes officials and coaches (usually Mums and Dads), Safety standards, meetings and the all the expectations and skills rise. Get involved yourself, contact the appropriate people or association and with your support they will be here for kids next year and long into the future. We have so much talent in our district, it needs to be fostered and developed here at home.

New Volunteers: If you want to give us a helping hand please give Arch McArthur a call on 4093 7511 or 0409 367 967; also, Gary Davis on 4093 7388. NEW MEMBERS always welcomed.

Social Nights: The bar is open every Friday 5.00pm until late with a meal from Tan's Kitchen. Pétanque, pool and twilight soccer are also options for Friday night games – it's up to you.

Tan's Kitchen: Bookings are essential. Ring 4093 9868 by Wednesday afternoon or email order to: lumpinibloom@yahoo.com

Hire: The Centre is being used by a number of tutors and groups to take advantage of the location and we encourage anyone to make contact if there is something that you may want to get off the ground but can't find a suitable location. There is ample parking available in

this unique location. Ring Janet on 4093 7104.

Recent Events: Saturday 12th May was a busy day with Competition 8 Ball held during the day and Celeste's celebration of her coming of age, 18th evening event.

Future Events: State of Origin at the KRC, June 13, July 8. Barbeque, Drinks, Big Screen.

Eight Ball News: Kuranda -v- Innisfail May 8th 2012.

Soccer News: Soccer currently competes in Cairns on Saturdays at the Endeavour fields. We have U6 and U7 (playing 4 a side), U9 (playing 7 a side), U11 (playing 9 a side), U13/14 playing the full 11 a side game. Teams train on Thursdays from 4.00pm and less formal training happens from 4.00pm each Monday and Wednesday as well. Social players are welcome to sessions and are only charged a sign on fee of \$20.00 to have fields maintained by the



Recreation Centre. The Centre, in Fallon Road is the base for all training, carnivals and functions for the group. Littlies use the old lawn bowls square and the bigger players train on Hunter Park fields. Phone Melina on 4093 7287 or the Pool on 4093 7109 for details of how to register.

Tennis News: The addition of structured coaching for juniors has again been

boosted! Welcome to Michael Jensen who will be available for junior coaching on Saturday mornings from 8.00am – 10.00am.

Corinne Smith coaching for juniors 4.00pm – 6.30pm on Tuesday afternoons

Aileen Downs for social tennis for all regardless of age and skill, 5.30 – 7.30pm Sundays.

For more information see the activities and contacts in the What's on and When Directory.

Remember... Humans are social beings, so don't stay at home when you can be at the KRC!

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KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

Inkmasters Cairns Inc members show for 2012, "Works on Paper" is currently at Gallery c.1907, Lake Street, Cairns until 9th June. Kuranda Arts Co-op printmakers are included in this exhibition which shows a wide range of traditional printmaking disciplines including etching, linocut, lithographs and also includes new media digital prints as well.

Inkmasters is also deep in preparations for **Inkfest**, a festival of arts in the print media, a new and innovative addition to the Cairns Festival. **Inkfest** showcases this fascinating and diverse form of art.

There are many more **Inkfest** events to come, such as the Australia wide artists print exhibition at The Tanks, a public lecture by Roger Butler AM, from the Australian National Gallery, the Pull a Print Bus Tours and the Kid's Longest Print at Muddy's Playground. You can check out the full programme and all details at <http://inkmasterscairnsinc.ning.com> and at Inkmasters on Facebook.



"A Bird in the Hand" by Three Wild Birds exhibition held in Gallery2 by Arts Co-op artists Helen Douglas, Toni Rogers and Marcia Bird finished last week. It was a huge success and a heap of fun. The feedback from those viewing the exhibition was extremely positive. Many expressed how good it was to see an exhibition in Kuranda and of such high quality artwork.

On the first weekend in May, ceramicist Mollie Bosworth exhibited in the very popular 'invitation only' annual **Art Red Hill** event on the Mornington Peninsular in Victoria. Her work was really well received resulting in excellent sales and follow up interest. A truly inspirational event, the **Art Red Hill** exhibition showcased the best available and attracted over 2,500 visitors from far and wide.

Besides vital fundraising, these events educate a public not often tuned into contemporary art exhibitions and are a great promotional opportunity for the artist. This school fundraising event and is one of several Mollie participates in annually around Australia.

Kuranda Arts Co-op members are certainly out there doing the right thing as invitations to exhibit keep coming. KAC artists live in hope that one day Kuranda will have its own permanent exhibition space.

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What is happening about De-amalgamation?

Recently there has been a lot of "activity" around talk of de-amalgamation. The push for de-amalgamation is being led by a Mareeba based group.

The newly elected Tablelands Regional Council is intent on getting on with the business of the TRC, however whilst there is talk of de-amalgamation we need to deal with this and resolve the matter. The TRC recently met with David Crisafulli, Minister for Local Government. The Minister's responses were very clear.

All residents of the former Mareeba Shire will have the opportunity to have their say on the de-amalgamation issue. A Boundaries Commissioner will be appointed to investigate the full costs of de-amalgamation and should the de-amalgamation occur, all costs associated with de-amalgamation would be borne by the ratepayers of the former Mareeba Shire. Qld Treasury and the Boundaries Commissioner will provide the public with full costings, followed by the opportunity for submissions from the residents of the former MSC. Should de-amalgamation of the MSC occur, there is no ability for any communities within the former MSC boundaries to opt to be part of the Cairns Regional Council.

I believe that the de-amalgamation movement is not the way to go. The costs would be enormous and Kuranda ratepayers would bear a significant burden. The TRC has established itself through much professionalism, pain and hard work and I believe that the TRC is certainly the wise pathway to follow.

I strongly urge Kuranda residents to have your say when the Commissioner invites submissions in the near future.

– **Jenny Jensen**
(TRC Councillor: Division 8)

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I recently aided a friend in his dental experience. After getting a toothache he went to the dentist. It was free due to being a Healthcare card holder. Upon his visit the dentist simply offered to only pull one of his teeth. Many needed extensive work.

The proposed tooth was usually in good condition but the gums were not. Feeling he could save his tooth he left without having it extracted. He had substantially developed periodontal disease which had caused the gums to weaken and consequentially the teeth to loosen. I had heard good reports back from JCU dental clinic where the students map your teeth and are well supervised by their lecturer.

He booked an appointment and they decided he didn't need that proposed tooth out after all. They did, however, recommend eight other teeth to be removed and booked him in for an appointment four weeks later. I started him on propolis tincture (costing approx. \$17) and myrrh tincture (approx. \$9) rinsing twice daily whilst he waited for his appointment. When he went back, the dentist was so impressed that he asked what he had been using since the last time he was there.

The end result was only four teeth had to be pulled



instead of eight! Plus they didn't charge and he has continued to recommend JCU to other people, finding the experience all in all not so bad and wondered why he had put it off for so long.

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Hatha Yoga is the physical aspect of the practice of Yoga emphasising asanas (postures) pranayama



(breathing techniques) and dhyana (relaxation and meditation).

It can be practiced by anyone, regardless of age, but best to consult your health professional if you have a medical condition

Overall, the postures release stiffness and tension, help to re-establish the inner balance of the spine, renew energy, lift the spirits and restore health.

Some postures provide the added benefit of being weight-bearing which helps sustain bone mass (very important for women).

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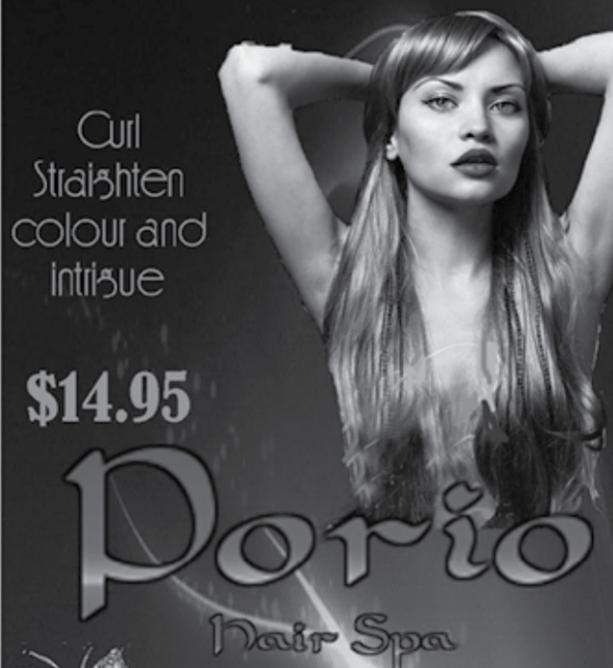
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As we go into our last month of the season the heaters are in full swing to keep our patrons comfortable even on the most inclement of days. All of our children's "learn to swim" sessions on three mornings and four afternoons are still available right through and will get underway again in the Spring when we reopen.

We are very lucky to have the heating system for 3 months and it really helps to extend the program's season, when the water is 28, 29 degrees it is considerably warmer than the air temperature, especially in the mornings and evenings so bring a good towel and enjoy the hot showers after the swim. We still have over thirty days of swimming available before we close for July and August so make the most of it.

Aquafitness classes also are proving popular, particularly our heart starter class at 8.30am on Saturdays, otherwise come along to our evening 6.15pm classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are a great long term way to get fit with major benefits

in tone, strength and Cardiovascular fitness.

The resistance of the water medium and the non impact of working in water promotes active recovery from injury and allows the individual to maintain a water routine for long periods without the risk of jar or overuse injuries.

We have a lot of patrons who use Aqua classes in combination with other forms of gym work or Aerobic activity and it aids their routine of activity all round.

Many other clients are in between or having some sort of hip, knee, shoulder surgery and find these classes aid their recovery and get them on the mend sooner. Still others are finding the Friday 11.00am therapy class beneficial for mobility and tone. See you in the water.

– Gary and Linda Davis



The last month has been very exciting and busy at the Kindy. We held our Disco (postponed from Term One) where everyone was encourage to get dressed up and 'be what you want to be'.

We had some great costumes, including superheros, princesses, fairies, gypsies and there were lots of crazy hair styles. It was a fantastic night with lots of great food, dancing and fun had by all. Thanks to all those who helped during the night, setting up and packing up.

We also had a massively exciting visit from the ABC Playschool Team! The Kindy feels very honoured to have had Playschool come and do some filming at our Kindy as part of their visit to the Far North.

The footage is expected to go to air in December, so make sure you keep an eye out for the Kuranda Kindy on Playschool!

This term we have been developing plans for a bike track and interactive gardens at the front of the Kindy building.

This project will provide an area that is more suitable for riding bikes and will also allow for other areas of interest to be explored by the children at the same time. The children and staff have been busy drafting ideas for this area and the current plan can be seen displayed in the Kindy foyer.

Donations and fundraising will fund this project.

We have three fundraising Bunnings BBQs planned for the year. Our first was held in May and was very successful. Our next will be Sunday 15th July, so please pop down for a sausage, or, sign up to help at the stall.

All fundraising will go towards building our new bike track area.

Our next big event will be our famous lantern parade on 15th June, one week from the winter solstice. This is a special night in the Kindy calendar.

After a dinner of delights from homes, the children will take their parents and siblings on a lap or two or three around the old school oval in the dark, lit only by the lights from their beautiful handmade lanterns.

Upon return from the cold we will enjoy a nice hot chocolate before going home to bed.



Last ANZAC Day our Kuranda Pony Club riders were full of Australian pride and this was shown at the ANZAC parade in town. It was great to see this display of fine riders and horses showing tribute to our country.

Everyone has been busy working and training for many areas of the equestrian field. Some members are off going to rally days and gymkhanas and doing a great job to be proud of.

Some have been travelling the show circuit and others trying to qualify for State which will be held in Cairns this September.

The big two day event for Kuranda is our annual gymkhana to be held on the 2nd and 3rd June. All the local members are very excited to be competing on their home ground.

We would like to say a huge thanks for all of our sponsors who have donated to our ribbons, trophies and food. It has been amazing and our Kuranda riders are very grateful for your support.

Just a reminder that everyone is welcome to come along and cheer on our local riders.

It's always a great couple of community days and you never know who you might meet there. Food and refreshments will be available from the kitchen.

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Keep riding!



Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

Kuranda's **Debbie Robinson** is a hugely talented singer, blending the influences of Celtic music with folk rock and pop to create her highly individual style. Debbie can be found most days busking in the village with her mandolin. Her unique voice is so strong and embracing and can also be the last wonderful memory visitors take from Kuranda as Debbie busks at the Railway/Skyrail precinct in the afternoon. Debbie has started songwriting, composing her own music and lyrics and putting her private life and thoughts into poetry.

*"I sit in my village in the sky
and watch the tourists as they're passing by
from around the world they come to see
the village that is home to me."*

Where is your current studio?

In the middle of my loungeroom. It is the creative hub of my home. Creativity spreads into my kitchen and my sewing area. Music is in the heart of the heart of my home. Although I live in the centre of the village, I am surrounded by rainforest trees and ferns. I could be miles away. It is just how I like it.

Do you work alone or with others?

Both. I busk most days on my own but I have formed a duo "Deb and the Moonbear" with Miguel Trapaga. Miguel on dobro and I play my mandolin.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Light, space, a creative view, atmosphere and solitude. Most of all, music.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks

I usually start busking in the village around 10.30am, for an hour or two. As my 'studio' is not far away, in the afternoon I return home and may work on some of the pieces Miguel and I are learning. I play at 'Frogs' restaurant some Friday nights and on Sundays I can be found at "12Bar Blue" participating in a jam session. Music fills a very large part of my day.

Describe the work you do in your studio.

A lot of metronome work. The correct timing and beat is important to me, even when I am writing music and poetry. My poetry is of a very personal nature and it is hard to put it out there in the public arena. Much deals with my private life. I also spend time on my sewing machine. I do a lot of handicraft work, sewing colourful and appealing small souvenirs of Kuranda from recycled fabrics. I am hoping to have a stall soon to sell my pieces.

Why is music your chosen medium?

I didn't choose it. It chose me. My parents are Irish and there was always music in the house when I was growing up. It was part of the diet. As a youngster I was swapped around the churches to sing 'Away in a Manger'. Growing up I was involved in ballet, theatre groups, singing lessons and the famous Ballarat Eisteddfod. I carried on these activities over the years but have now refined my music to my mandolin and my harp.

List three things you listen to while you are working.

My metronome, my voice and to Miguel when we are harmonising and singing



together. I also love listening to my harp; it is tuned to a key and I don't need to be playing a specific tune to experience the enjoyment. Just playing random notes suffices.

Your favourite tool?

My voice. I was classically trained for a long time. Today, singing is no trouble for me and that early training is the reason why. I am not straining my voice in any way so I have not suffered the throat and voice projection problems experienced by many singers.

How do you identify your work?

I guess by voice and sound recognition. "Deb and the Moonbear" had a song at No 4 on the Top of Trops for April and we have been raised to No 2 for May. That was a mid-month tally so there is still the hope that we may make No1. Miguel wrote the song called "Cyclone" about Cyclone Yasi.

It is easy to pick it is us by voice recognition. We are not like visual artists who can sign their work.

How do you sell your work?

With donations to my open mandolin case. Miguel and I have a demo CD which we can drop into various venues and we also have a webpage www.reverbNation.com/debthemoonbear. Gigs are listed in the newspapers and our name gets

out there. There have been numerous articles written about us and we have an increase in our fan base. That is important to us.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

I coach singing to both young and older students. Many want to learn how to project their voices and correct breathing methods – the tricks of the trade.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

No, not at the moment. I am having a rest after six years of operating "Nevermind" café in the main street of Kuranda with absolutely no spare time at all.

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

Changes are already taking place. I am going to move my 'studio' out of my loungeroom into another room in the house. One with an equally good view of the garden and trees. However, my harp will stay in the loungeroom as I consider it an art piece as well as an instrument. It is handmade by Mareeba artist Jim Harrold. I was lucky enough to buy it at a garage sale and it has become a very important part of my life. "Love me, love my harp." [Jim Harrold is an active member of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative and sells his harps through the Co-op gallery.]

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

It would have to be music based. Music is everywhere and I hear it surrounding me every day. For example, insects and even traffic noises.

In every job I have ever had I have sung and I see no reason for that to change. Perhaps I could become a professional traveller, with India first on the list. I can see myself as a travelling minstrel, a gypsy, reading poetry and singing my way around the world.



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Paddy passed away a few years ago, but Nora still had support from her family that allowed her to live at home. She remained somewhat mobile well past the century although with several health concerns. We express our sincere sympathies to all the family. She was an amazing lady.

Caterpillars Under Siege

GROWING UP IN THE WILD is fraught with danger, especially when you are a nice fat juicy caterpillar. Caterpillars, being the growth stage of moths and butterflies, are nothing more than plump eating machines attempting to pack in as much food as possible in order to make the transition to their adult form. Not surprisingly these little bundles of nutrition are highly sought after by other animals attempting to fill their own hungry bellies. To combat this high risk of predation, caterpillars have evolved some remarkable defences.

Camouflage is an obvious solution to being caught and eaten. If other animals can't see you, they can't very well make a meal of you. Many species of moths and butterflies rely on camouflage during their caterpillar stage to get by. Some do it by simply adopting the colours of the plants they are feeding upon. Others have taken on odd forms to match twigs, branches and seed pods. Some have gone so far as to mimic bird poo, which is definitely a way to avoid unwanted avian attention.

Another strategy is the opposite to using camouflage; be obvious but taste horrible. In this case predators can easily spot these brightly coloured caterpillars, but instinctively avoid eating them due to the horrid taste of these species. These caterpillars utilise chemicals from the plants they feed on to create cocktails of distasteful toxins inside their bodies.

Another defence is to piggy back off the reputation of others. There are many species of caterpillars that are brightly coloured and obvious to predators, yet do not have the internal chemical defences. These species are mere mimics, yet many predators avoid them just the same.

Some caterpillars use their hairy bodies to defend themselves. Depending on the species, these hairs can sting or cause irritation to potential predators. So what appears to be a soft, fuzzy caterpillar can actually turn out to be a mouthful of pain. Other species have a bright y-shaped organ called an osmeterium that emerges suddenly from behind the caterpillar's head. This is accompanied by a pungent smell that can really get up your nose!

Even though these strategies seem fantastic, they don't guarantee survival. There are always some predators out there that manage to decipher the camouflage, identify the mimic, or are immune to the toxins. One thing is for sure, without these defences, caterpillars surely would be easy pickings for any hungry predator.

Alan Henderson
Minibeast Wildlife



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ABOVE A Cup moth caterpillar (*Calcarifera ordinata*) equipped with bright warning colours and stinging hairs.

LEFT An Orchard Butterfly caterpillar (*Papilio aegaeus*) with its osmeterium exposed. (Sorry no scratch and smell available with this image).

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Rufous Bettongs are a fairly common species across the east coast of Australia. They favour woodland habitat; their diet consists of grass, roots, fungi, tubers and some herbs.

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Catherine Harvey - Co-ordinator & Artist

We profile this month the well known Kuranda-ite Catherine Harvey. If you have had anything to do with the Kuranda Information Centre next to the Park in central Kuranda you probably will have come into contact with her at one time or another. Alternatively, you may know her through the Kuranda Arts Co-op or other community organisations.

Catherine was born and raised in south England to a well-to-do family. Being independently minded, she left school at an early age, went to College for one year and then began travelling, mainly to Greece. She then married her first husband and together they emigrated to Melbourne in 1978. The marriage ended just as Catherine began various jobs in film as well as running a market stall – she has always been an avid collector of things. She went back to England for a while, working for a Richard Branson company.

She returned to Melbourne and then married her second husband Roger. She had a daughter and a son there. But they found their Melbourne house too small for their expanding family so in 1989 they moved north to Trinity Beach. She had her second daughter there. In Trinity Beach they bought Trinity Pizza, but a cyclone and the pilots' strike ended that enterprise. They moved to Speewah where they bought a property. Catherine took on various jobs around Kuranda. She also became involved with the P & C at the school, the Spring Fair, the Kuranda phone book and other community activities. They liked the warmth and beauty of the north, with room for the children to grow up. Catherine managed to fit in a year doing a multi media course as well as working and running a weekend market stall at the original markets. It was a busy life.

In 2000 she volunteered at the Kuranda Information Centre with Roger on Sundays. She enjoyed the contact with people through the Centre. She must have done a great job, as in 2005 she became the KIC Tourism Officer, co-ordinating the activities of the Centre. She continues in that job. Notionally, - it involves 27 hours per week but it is often longer than that. She likes a cooperative, social approach to



working in the Centre and gets on well with all the volunteers, who she says do a great job. She would like more volunteers for weekends.

Now divorced from Roger, they remain on good terms. Roger lives separately in Kuranda. The family has stayed close-knit. Catherine still has a busy life. She goes back to England regularly to see her family there, the last time about a year ago. Catherine also makes and sells her own glass beads at the monthly Tanks Markets and is involved in the Kuranda Arts Co-op, where she is the Treasurer.

She sees the Information Centre as providing an essential service to the public, particularly for elderly people. It plays an important role, not just in providing tourists with relevant information but also for the community as well. The volunteers are closely involved in promoting the community as a team and are good friends. The whole community benefits. It is public knowledge that there are proposals to expand the Centre to provide an even better service. Catherine looks forward to future public consultation on them leading up their implementation.

Catherine likes Kuranda and Kuranda people. She thinks it is a strong community and likes living here. Of course there could be improvements, as in any community. At the Centre they do sometimes get complaints about a few businesses in the village. She would like to encourage a more welcoming approach. But she understands the pressures that businesses are under, being open seven days a

week, with the added issue of the tourist downturn and financial restraints.

Catherine has a personal philosophy of enjoying each day as it comes. She is very community minded, loves social contact, but also likes living on her own with her dogs and cat. She advises that we should not be afraid to be ourselves and to do our own "thing". She is an asset to Kuranda.

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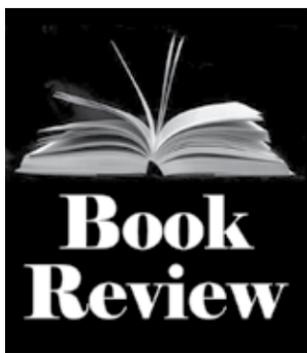
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“For All the Tea in China”

by Sarah Rose
(2010, Penguin Books)
ISBN 9780 14311 8749, RRP \$10.95

The reviewer has recently returned from Sri Lanka where he visited some of the magnificent tea plantations in the hills, covering vast upland areas.

And the picked and processed tea, fresh and clean, was great to drink. Sri Lanka provides a significant percentage of the world's tea.

Everyone has heard of “Ceylon tea”. One might think, but for the information provided by the guide, that this tea plant was native to that country. Of course it was not.

It was an import, firstly from China to India, and then from India to other destinations including Sri Lanka.

But I was totally unaware of how the tea plant was brought from China to India in the first place until I read this book. And it makes fascinating reading.

The central personality of the book is one Robert Fortune, a Brit of humble beginnings, pioneer plant hunter, gardener and, according to the author, “a thief, a spy”.

It was largely Fortune that was responsible for getting cuttings and seeds of the Chinese “Camellia sinensis” plant, also known as tea, out of the interior and backward regions of China and into India in the 19th Century despite considerable misfortunes (no pun intended), obstacles and opposition.

There was some tea grown in India before Fortune took up his tea gathering activities, but it was widely regarded as being inferior to the Chinese tea.

And it was only in China that experts had developed the methods of correctly processing tea in its various forms. As the author states:

“The empire of China had a near complete monopoly on tea, as it was the only country to grow, pick, process, cook, and in all other ways manufacture, wholesale, and export “the liquid jade.”

This monopoly met both Chinese and British interests at the time. China earned an income as more and more people in the West took up tea drinking in preference to hard liquor and other drinks (although coffee was also making inroads into some Western tastes).

And the British engaged in the opium trade, importing that drug into China and in turn using the proceeds to pay for the tea and other exports from China.

But several events in the mid 19th Century upset this cosy relationship.

China became uncomfortable with the spread in opium use, leading to a violent encounter which the British won by overwhelming use of gunboats and other force. This humiliated the Chinese Emperor.

There was concern after that about the reliability of the Chinese supply of tea.

The book describes the two main expeditions Fortune made into China to obtain both seeds and cuttings and to transport them safely and alive to India.

The first expedition was almost totally unsuccessful. Fortune did get to the tea growing areas and obtain samples, a not insignificant achievement in the days when foreigners were regarded as “devils”.

Those cuttings and seeds that did make it to India were, however, mishandled and very few survived. But lessons were learnt.

On the second expedition, both seeds and cuttings made it to India and were able to be cultivated in the more suitable upland areas near the Himalayas.

Also Fortune was able to persuade some Chinese tea workers to go to India to teach the locals the best methods. A new tea industry was established.

The author describes Fortune's efforts in this regard as being in modern terms a form of industrial espionage, equivalent to, say, stealing the Coca-Cola formula.

But his daring mission was finally successful in bringing to India the best varieties of tea. The tea thrived in the upland regions of India.

Fortune had improved the Himalayan tea stock beyond all measure, and with further selection and breeding over several generations, Assam and Darjeeling tea became famous.

The Chinese monopoly had been broken. The competition resulting, aided by the repeal of sea taxes and advances in fast shipping, made the Victorians of Great Britain into a nation of tea drinkers.

In China, it impacted on the fall of the Qing Dynasty and to the rise of the Nationalists and later the Communists.

Another book for thoughtful readers of history as well as for tea-lovers.

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See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common!

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2. Dresser
3. Grammar
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James Thornton Mealing OAM GOB

I FIRST MET JIM MEALING about 30 years ago. I was running a travel agency in Cairns and he and his wife Olive had recently purchased the Bullock Motel in Kuranda. We both had problems at the time.

For me it was that the Lake Barrine and Tinaroo restaurants had put their prices up by \$2.00 for lunch which made our most popular \$13.00 day tour, the Atherton Tablelands, non-viable. For Jim, he had started a market and nobody knew about it, and fewer cared. He hired a train on a Sunday and gave out free trips to Kuranda to get the market going on a Sunday. I thought this was a really good idea and sold \$6.00 day trips to Kuranda, one way on the train and the other on our buses.

About five years later I met him again over a whacker packer. He was trying to build a cricket pitch at the Recreation Centre. I told him to get out of the way because a scrawny rooster like him was getting packed, and the pitch wasn't. He called me a few names and let me do the packing.

From there on we cooperated on many things. He 'lent' the Sports Centre \$10,000, and about six months later he threw in another \$5,000. He was on the local Council and 'built' the culvert that is now Fallon Road with a D6 one day when the driver was having lunch, using pipes that Boral had given us for the proposed playground.

Jim was also the President of the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce for many years. He was in the chair during the emotional infighting in the town over the then proposed Skyrail. Several years later his support was essential to getting the Benefitted Area rates changed and getting a promotional budget in place for Kuranda.

He headed the Ambulance Committee for many years and really, without Beryl Blakey and Jim, we might not have got our Ambulance Centre even now. There were so many other involvements, but really he was involved in anything that would help his community; always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel.

He was very active in Lions and Col Jeanes and Jim raised thousands of dollars that have improved Kuranda in many ways. Bus shelters, donations, youth encouragement, exchange students – you name it. Jim was a working man member of the ALP. He was

ardent in promoting equality, doing what is fair and just. A fair days work for a fair days pay. He stood for the seat of Tablelands and just missed out.

Jim served in Korea as a sniper and was promoted to sergeant. There is no glory in being a sniper. You are really there to sneak close and find out information. It is very, very dangerous work. He was a dedicated member of the RSL for decades and President for many years. The RSL in Kuranda wasn't really a very formal sub-branch. It was really there to help the ex-serviceman down on his luck, or health, or whatever. Many an ex-digger got a handout, and a bed, and whatever was necessary. Often this came from Jim's own pocket and the bedroom and tucker was supplied by him. Gerry Dowling, a WWII digger lived at Jim's premises for over a decade – rent free, had his room cleaned, his meals prepared, everything – just because he needed it. Jim recently took on the President's role in the Cardwell RSL because there was only a young Vietnam veteran to do the job and he needed some training.

A couple of us got together and told the government about this dedicated, ardent achiever and they looked him over and recognised his tireless efforts by conferring the Order of Australia Medal – and well deserved at that. The other set of letters comes from his trait of not suffering fools gladly and always calling a spade a spade. It stands for Grumpy Old B.

I have spoken to Jim twice this week, once before Anzac Day eve to wish him well and again on election eve when he wished me well. And today, I heard that he had died. An acquaintance of tens of thousands, a friend and support to at least a thousand, an advancer of several communities – and one of my very few best friends has gone, as we all must. He was a grumpy old b..., he was highly intelligent, he was involved, he was committed – and he was loveable.

Many try to leave the world a better place when we leave than when we arrived. Only a very rare few make as much difference as Jim Mealing.

Mark Freeman
Kuranda
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It is with great sorrow we heard of the passing away of Jim Mealing on the 29th April 2012. The Kuranda RSL Sub-Branch was a big part of Jim's life before moving to Cardwell and we owe him a debt of gratitude for the many years of service, friendship and guidance that he gave all of us in the RSL and the community. I am sure that Olive will be waiting, with a whisky ready for him to join her.

Mick Forde
President
Kuranda RSL Sub-Branch



Calm seas and fair winds Jim



Recycle old Telephone Books

Recently Kuranda householders received their new Cairns District telephone book. It's considerably smaller and great to see they've cut down on paper usage. However, this compact size may be difficult for some people to read, without using glasses or a magnifying aid so you can get a magnifier posted to you free of charge within 4 weeks. Call 1800 625 944 Monday-Friday 8.00am to 8.00pm and leave a message with your name, address, state and postcode.

Unfortunately Kuranda doesn't yet have yellow kerbside recycle bins, so old phone books will be thrown out in our household green wheelie bins, unless we recycle or reuse them. Need some ideas?

In the Garden

- DIY Origami seed packet: Very handy when saving or drying out seeds or taking home friend's cuttings or seedlings;
- DIY Seed pots: Wrap pages around a plastic water bottle and secure with tape, fill with potting mix and plant your seed. When seedlings are mature, bury the entire pot in the ground;
- Hanging Baskets: Soak paper in dynamic lifter liquid, fold and line the inside edge of hanging baskets, will help keep the outer coir linings moist;
- Weed matting: Water the ground first, and then in batches of 10 pages thick, overlap each section over the ground to kill any new weeds in a newly prepared garden bed. Water the papers again, and then cover with straw, mulch, or shredded leaves or compost.
- Make a growing medium for mushrooms: <http://www.permies.com/t/7152/fungi/Oysters-phonebooks>
- Add to or start your compost or worm farm: www.livinggreener.gov.au/waste/kitchen-food-waste/start-worm-farm

Pets or wildlife

- Shredded paper makes great filling for dog beds and pillows, keeps bird cages liners more hygienic and is good for guinea pig, mouse and hamster cages liners. Great nesting material or base in a box for transporting injured birds or animals to the vet;
- Also makes good absorbable cat litter. Recipe online 'reuse-newspapers-cat-litter';
- Try rolled up into logs, covered with fabric, as puppy pet toys.

In the Garage

- Alternative to paper towels, to clean up messes e.g. shredded it soaks up spilled water, oil, grease or paint;
- Keep small bolts, screws, spacers together in one place, wrap or scrunched up or

make an envelope;

- Makes a flat surface to balance equipment on and protects benches.

In the Kitchen

- Paper used to ripen green tomatoes, bananas or apples. Wrap each fruit in a page and store wrapped fruit in a box, in a cool dry place;
- When children collect eggs, place scrunched or shredded paper in an egg basket keeps eggs secure;
- Scrunched paper in the bottom of a fruit bowl soaks up over-ripe fruit drippings Same for oily, messy frypans;
- Use as a hot pad while cooking to protect your bench tops;
- Soak paper in water and vinegar spirits, to clean your windows;
- Pages rolled up as swatter for cockroaches and flies;
- A whole phone book becomes a temporary child booster seat at the table, a door stopper or temporary step.

Out & About: BBQ Fire starter or kindling, cleans dirty cutlery and picnic area barbeque plates and alternative BBQ food scraps wrap.

Arty Crafty or different: There are literally thousands of clever, arty crafty ideas online. Choose from duct taped aerobic step ups, or build a house from 7,000 telephone books. Yes, a bad idea in Australia due to our ravenous termites. <http://tinyurl.com/328y23u> But it's an interesting idea and so is this. Using a single book of Yellow Pages, recreate the Tale of 1,000 Yellow Cranes in origami, <http://tinyurl.com/ov8ykc>

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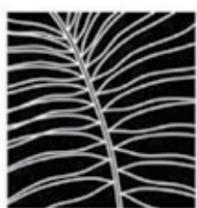
- Emergency paper towel to clean bird droppings off windows and doors;
- Wrapper to pick up messy food items or soak up spilled liquids;
- Seat or floor protector against wet or muddy shoes or clothing;
- Keep a spare copy of your telephone book under your car seat, for, you guessed it, a spare phone book with street maps!!

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Kuranda Village Accountancy TAX TIP GOOD NEWS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Commencing on 1st July 2012 the Federal government has announced an instant asset write-off for small business.

Previously, for businesses accessing the small business concessions, assets purchased up to \$1,000 (excluding GST) could be written off as an expense and did not need to be depreciated. Originally, the government announced that this would change from \$1,000 to \$5,000 but subsequently increased this amount to \$6,500 as part of the carbon pricing announcement.

The changes will enable small businesses to write-off all depreciable assets where the taxable purpose proportion is less than \$6,500 in the income year in which they start to use the asset, or have it installed ready to use.

There is also an accelerated initial deduction for motor vehicles. From 1st July 2012, small businesses can claim up to \$5,000 as an immediate deduction for motor vehicles. The remainder of the motor vehicle value is depreciated.

If you own or operate a small business and are contemplating purchasing depreciable assets less than \$6,500 or a motor vehicle you may want to hold off until 1st July 2012 to access the new measures. Please seek the advice of your accountant if you are unsure.

If you have any questions about the instant asset write-off or accelerated initial deduction for motor vehicles please feel free to call me on 4093 8222 at Kuranda Village Accountancy, next to the Professionals, or visit the ATO website www.ato.gov.au.

Fay Allen BCom CPA

A fleeing Taliban, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghan desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the oasis, only to find a little old Jewish man at a small stand, selling ties. The Taliban asked, "Do you have water?"

The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5." The Taliban shouted, "Idiot! I do not need an over-priced tie. I need water! I should kill you, but I must find water first!"

"OK," said the old Jewish man, "It does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger than that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a lovely restaurant. It has all the ice cold water you need. Shalom." Cursing, the Taliban staggered away over the hill. Several hours later he staggered back, almost dead and said, "Your brother won't let me in without a tie!"





Date Claimers

- ◆ 1 June—JCU Visit
- ◆ 4 June—Primary Arts Council
- ◆ 8 June—Under 8s Day
- ◆ 11 June—Queens Birthday
- ◆ 15 June—Junior School Disco
- ◆ 22 June—Last day of Term 2

Achievements

Rugby League News

Congratulations to the U12 ARL Development Cup team who have won 2 games. A great effort by the boys.

U15 team won against Bentley Park but narrowly defeated by Yarrabah last week. The boys placed a strong fight to maintain a small margin.

Congratulations to both teams you have done well. Keep up the great work in your next games.



P & C Meeting

Next P&C Meeting will be held on 18th June at 6pm in the Secondary Campus Common Room.

Next P&C Social Cuppa 15th June at the Primary Staffroom 9am—11am.

Kathryn Mannion Wins Major Award



Kathryn receiving her award from Senator the Hon. Jacinta Collins.

Congratulations to Kathryn Mannion on her NEITA 2011 ASG National Teaching Award for Community Engagement.

In 2005, Kathryn was asked to design a program to engage Indigenous parents in their children's early learning. The result was Families as First Teachers. The program engages children in structured play and socialisation while parents are shown how to make and use resources and games at home to develop formal literacy and numeracy skills. Parents and carers say they feel empowered as a result of the new skills they have learnt to help their children succeed.

The program's evaluation shows significant growth in school readiness. It has won several state and national awards and has been replicated in several Queensland Indigenous communities as well as 20 remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory.

Kathryn has a Doctorate in Teaching, and a Masters in Aboriginal Studies and Applied Linguistics. She has combined these skills with nearly 30 years of teaching to create a program which has greatly increased the chance of future success for many young Indigenous students.

Sourced: NEITA Media Release: Award-winning Teacher' inspirational contribution to Education.



Building Resilient Landscapes

Speakers for World Environment Day

Grade 8s had a fantastic time listening to five wonderful speakers who came into the college to give students a background in what local groups are doing to help support the building

of resilient landscapes in which we can all live harmoniously in.

A GREAT BIG THANKYOU to Stuart and Alex from THE VENOM ZOO, Anja from THE BUTTERFLY SANCTUARY, Hannah and Pam



from BAT REACH, Greg from CAIRNS TROPICAL ZOO and our very own Uncle Gerald with an Indigenous perspective. Thanks too, to Margaret Zehntner from

Kuranda Enviro Care who managed to get all these speakers together for us.

Waste Management Program

Our Waste Management Program is in full swing and students across the P-6 Campus are certainly taking this seriously. We have scrap buckets and paper boxes that are emptied daily into our Compost Bin. Each lunchtime you can see a range of students from all year levels, digging, watering and emptying buckets into our garden and compost area. Thank you to Mr Sutherland & his Year 6 class for making this possible for us all.

As a further development to this, we now have a "Clean Classroom Award". Each week our cleaners will rate each class's cleanliness, and on our Monday Assembly one class will be recognised for their efforts. This week the award goes to Ms Senini Year 2/3A. Congratulations!



MPS Makeover

Children in the Junior School are enjoying our newly painted undercover area. A very big thank you to our Yr 6 teacher Mr Sutherland, who gave up some of his holidays to complete this as a surprise for students when they returned from the Easter break.



Robotics Competition

Bill, Anton, Alex and Jai (4 techno students from our College) have been working hard and have designed and constructed

two "speedy LEGO racers". They will be competing in the Regional Lego Grand Prix on Saturday 26th May at Redlynch State College.

National Storytelling

On Wednesday 23rd May we participated in the National Simultaneous Storytelling. A large crowd of enthusiastic students enjoyed Mr Loccisano's performance of the story 'The Cranky Bear'. It was so popular with all our students there will be an encore retelling on Tuesday 29th May 2012.



Kuranda By Rail

Peter Ryle

The construction of the Cairns to Herberton railway line gave the people of Cairns the chance to visit the treasures of the area behind the coast. For the great majority of people in Cairns this was their first opportunity to experience the attractions that were virtually on their own doorstep, but were previously difficult to access.

Before the advent of the railway the only way for people to access the area behind Cairns was to tackle the range tracks by foot or by horse, both daunting experiences. An article in *The Cairns Post* of 12 November 1890 gives us a glimpse of how the building of the railway offered new opportunities for those on the coast to better enjoy their leisure hours.

With the rails of the second section now laid to within a few miles of the Barron Falls, it is not a matter of surprise that the holiday time afforded by the Prince of Wales' birthday was availed of by many people for a trip to Kuranda.

This township at the Middle Crossing of the Barron, nestling just above the famous Falls, bids fair to become not only the show place, but the sanitorium of the North. Only four miles as the crow flies from the ocean, and with an altitude of at least 1000 feet, no wonder the climate is at once invigorating and delightful, and the charms offered by the neighbourhood are as tempting to the lover of the picturesque as they are to the jaded searcher after health.

Do you like fishing or boating as recreations? – the noble Barron River offers many and varied attractions. If your idea of sport is centered in a breech-loader, game is abundant, embracing, each in their season, wild ducks, scrub hens, turkies, pheasants,

pigeons, kingfisher, quail, satin bow and the bell bird. From the experienced naturalist and botanist, down to the humble collector of orchids or butterflies who has more love for the beautiful than a knowledge of the scientific nomenclature of his captures, there is a wide field for research, and an abundance of beautiful things to hand, both animate and inanimate. Forest groups of strange and stately trees, and belts of the dense jungle typical of tropical Queensland are within easy distance, and birds of rare and beautiful plumage, still make these areas home.

With the marvellous attractions provided by nature it is not to be supposed that Kuranda will ever share the fate of so many townships that have merely an ephemeral existence during the construction of a railway. Running through it the Cairns-Herberton railway will doubtless in the course of time tap the Gulf, but Kuranda must remain on its own merits a thriving and populous health resort.

The more communication is opened up the larger must Kuranda become, as it is not to be supposed that the benefits of such a sanitorium will be confined to the inhabitants of the immediate district. In the meantime two first-class hotels, one kept by Mr. Remilton at Kuranda, and one by Mr. George Walton a little further on, are heavily taxed at holiday time, to meet the demands upon them, and the opening of the second section in March next will doubtless be the signal for further building operations. Future premises may be more architecturally perfect, but it can be taken for granted at the present time that the hotels now in existence, for convenience and home comfort, are hard to beat.



A Crashing Boar

Those Kuranda residents who are plagued by the occasional feral pig on their property, should cast their gaze over the rather large porky above, recently discovered at Yaamba, Central Queensland. Obviously a few veggie gardens and domestic pets have disappeared down its throat over the years.

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Astrology
Your Month by the Stars
The Stars in June

There's a lunar eclipse on the Full Moon 4th June, around 9pm according to my ephemeris, only a partial eclipse but we might see it if the night is clear. Moon will be at 14° Sagittarius, reflecting off a 14° Gemini Sun. There is a sense of scattering here: lots of bits and pieces; details, and things to be done everywhere you look. It may be like this for a while. Life as a reflection off multiple facets. A bit like a disco ball really. Sparkles of possibilities dancing into vision and disappearing again.

The bigger picture speaks of gathering all these bits of light and assembling them into some coherent long-range project. Vision will be far-sighted and clear. Over the next six months it will all fall into place if we stay focussed. Make sense? No? Not to me either, but with lunar eclipse energy it's always about gut feelings and clearing the past, and a Sagittarian Full Moon is that million-to-one chance that, yes, it just might work.

Venus passes across the face of the Sun on 6th June, again in Gemini, bringing all those Venus-related things: love, artistic beauty, Goddesses and precious possessions into full light and strength. The Gemini component of the mix is information and communication. These seem to come to the fore in Gemini Venus/Sun contacts in a big way. So look for some very innovative breakthroughs in information technology next month.

Then there is the winter solstice on 21st June as the Sun reaches its furthest point north, moves into Cancer and begins its return south. Always a time of renewal; rebirth and celebration of all things family and tribal.

Just backtracking a bit, Jupiter goes into Gemini on 12th June. Jupiter spends about one year in each zodiac sign so, in a way sets the tone for the next 12 months. Jupiter in Gemini? Again, that sense of scattering and vast amounts of information spreading and bouncing around, but with a very optimistic and fortunate feel to it. It presages a very lucky time in the best possible ways. Humanity expanding in understanding and positive intention.

Then there's a big bounce through the 24th to 27th June. Very chunky squares happening in the outer reaches of the solar system. Uranus square to Pluto; Jupiter square to Neptune and Saturn going stationary/direct. That's all the outer planets involved in a very demanding and challenging call to action. Now the scattering stops and big calls to shift and change the very structures of our society and establishments are ringing loud and clear. This feels very heavy indeed, and not much is likely to come through the same as it was. That's also the message from the lunar eclipse: the past can no longer be the justification for the future. It's a new game. Now we redefine the rules.

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I am very grateful to be given this opportunity to make myself known to the people of Kuranda. Having operated a tourism business in the area for many years, I am fortunate enough to know many

of you already.

My heartfelt thanks go to the people of Kuranda who have put their confidence in me to represent them in the Barron River Electorate.

How wonderful it is to have the opportunity to help effect positive difference to people's lives in one way or another.

I am very excited to be your local State Member and eager to serve you as the people of the electorate I call home.

Our office in Smithfield, in the heart of the electorate, is now up and running, and we're slowly catching up with the backlog of correspondence and phone calls accumulated during the weeks following the election, due to the massive changeover all over the State, resulting in delays to the creation of office infrastructure. So we thank you for your patience if you have attempted to call the electorate office during this time. All is now well and we look forward to serving you.

In the meantime, I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit Kuranda District State College to attend the Kuranda Interagency Network meeting and

learn about the Families as First Teachers (FAFT) program – a truly commendable initiative that serves to develop literacy and numeracy skills in Indigenous children prior to commencement of school.

No school community would be complete without its P&C, the vital link between school and community. Kuranda District State College has a very active P&C, and I join in offering support to the new committee, and very importantly thanking the extremely hard working and dedicated outgoing committee members, particularly Cathy Retter and Neil Davis, whose contribution to the organisation is legendary.

On a different note, I had the pleasure of visiting Umi Arts 'Nganydjin Bulmba' Exhibition on 26 April, and would like to take this opportunity to heartily congratulate Briana Enoch, Radayne Tanna and Latia Levers on a truly impressive and inspirational display. I wish you all the very best in your future endeavours as exceptionally talented artists.

Final note – our strong team in the Barron River office comprises Suzy Grinter as Senior Electorate Officer and Lawrence Fox, Electorate Assistant. Ph: 4038 2800 or email: barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Thank you again for your support, which I intend to repay a hundredfold.

– **Michael Trout**, Member for Barron River



QCWA Kuranda Branch

QCWA Kuranda branch wishes to apologise for the cancellation of our yearly Biggest Morning Tea event in May.

Unfortunately, we just did not have the man (or woman) power to hold it this year. However, we hope to hold a fundraiser for COUCH later in the year.

Over the past few weeks, our members have been busy cooking cakes and biscuits for the Rotary Dream Train, which was held on Saturday 26th May. Although quite a bit of work is involved, all the ladies enjoy making up trays of home baked goodies and seeing how our visitors enjoy sampling them.

It's June and our crafters are busily stitching their entries for both the displays at Innisfail and Cairns shows – and our Division Finals before some members head

down to Ingham for the Northern Region School and Meeting.

Last month, a fundraiser for 'Women Walk the World' was held by various branches throughout Queensland, and although unable to hold a walk ourselves, several of our ladies joined the Cairns branch to walk along The Esplanade and also bake and sell cakes, jams etc. to raise money for ACWW projects to improve the quality of life for all people, relieve poverty and sickness, protect and preserve health and nutrition and advance education through friendship and projects worldwide.

Our craft and social mornings are held every Wednesday 9.00am-12.00 noon. During May, a lesson in Shadow Appliqué was taught and the ladies are now completing their cushion covers featuring large flowers and leaves showing through a film of crystal organza – very pretty.

Why not come along and join in, learn a craft, show/teach a craft, or just have a cuppa and a homemade biscuit with us. Our hall is available for hire – by the hour or the day, catering can also be arranged. For Hall bookings, please contact the Hall Convenor on 4093 7599 or Branch Secretary on 4093 7016.

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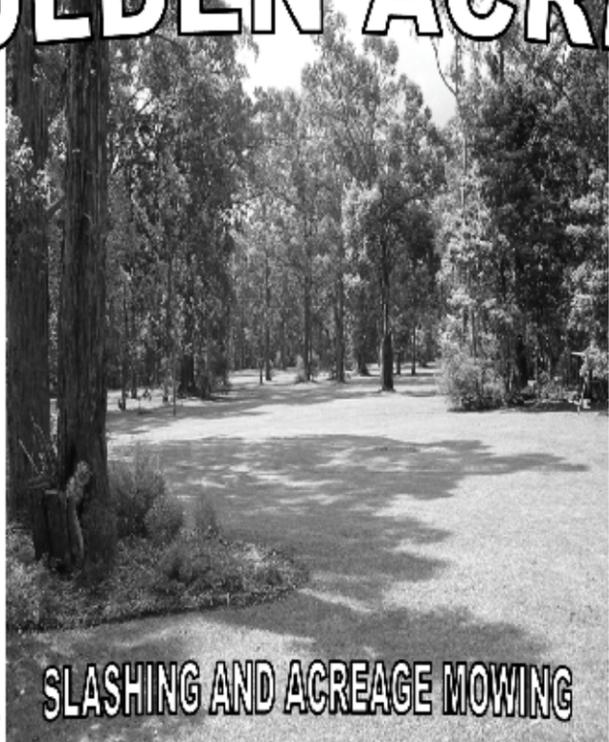
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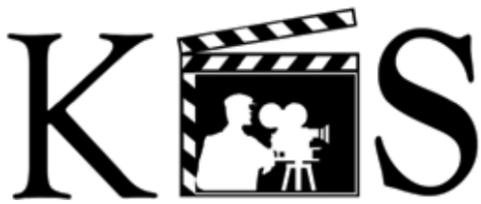
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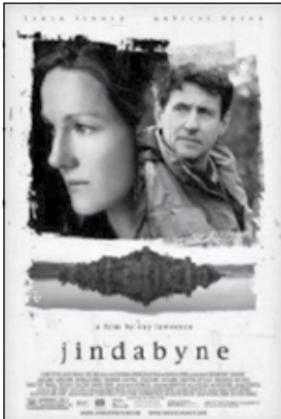


Hunt Angels

Hunt Angels is the true story of film industry outlaws Rupert Kathner and Alma Brooks, who in the late 1930s began a movie-making spree that took on Hollywood barons, a police commissioner and the cultural cringe, all in their passionate pursuit to make Australian films. On the run from the police across thousands of miles, they would stop at almost nothing to get their films made.

Jindabyne

Stewart Kane, an Irishman living in the Australian town of Jindabyne, is on



a fishing trip in isolated hill country with three other men when they discover the body of a murdered girl in the river. Rather than return to the town immediately, they continue fishing and report their gruesome find days later. Stewart's wife Claire is the last to find out. Deeply disturbed by her husband's action, her faith in her relationship with Stewart is shaken to the core. She wants to understand and tries to make things right. In her determination to help the victim's family Claire sets herself not only against her own family and friends but also those of the dead girl. Her marriage is taken to the brink and her peaceful life with Stewart and their young son hangs in the balance. The story of a murder and a marriage – a film about the things that haunt us.

Trespassers

An elderly man in the Atherton Tablelands had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a twenty litre bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, 'We're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the crocodile!'

Some old men can still think fast.



Kuranda-Sprouts Seed Savers a local community group

Kuranda Sprouts Seed Savers had their first meeting for 2012 at the Recharge Hub at the Kuranda Original Rainforest Market on the 12th February, sharing their day with the FNQBiodynamic field-day there. They are continuing the work of the inspiring Australia-wide seed savers network which was founded by Michel and Jude Fanton in 1986 based in Byron Bay NSW.

The group got together again on the 29th April at Rick and Jill's place in Koah. It was a most beautiful day and 19 smiling adults and three joyful children came along to make the day an exciting meeting, sharing knowledge, seeds, fruits and cuttings.

Saving seeds is all about securing a healthy future for us all, and our kids and their kids to come. To know that real food, high in quality and nutrition, makes you sleep well at night and think clearly during the day.

Life becomes a pleasure and health well maintained. We can live a balanced life and be happy souls with busy green fingers and seeds coming out of our ears.

By saving our open-pollinated seeds we can secure our present and future food. This is a way to sustain our lives and living and we can create a healthy society. Saving our seeds from our gardens and farms and sharing them with our network means that we build bio-diversity which is essential to our human survival. This way we can control what we eat. They say if you eat rubbish you will think rubbish.

Saving seeds from locally and organically-grown, open-pollinated vegetables, grains, herbs and flowers enables us to maintain the traditional way of growing food. Plants that reproduce through natural means tend to adapt to local conditions over time and evolve as reliable performers.

Hybrid plants are artificially cross-pollinated, and bred to favour desirable characteristics, like higher yield (in monocultures) and more uniform size to accommodate mechanised harvesting.

However, the seed produced by the second generation (F2) of the hybrid does not reliably produce a true copy of that hybrid (it segregates) and often loses much of its yield potential. This way we are losing thousands of varieties from our rich food-growing heritage.

At our seed savings meetings we bring, we share, and we swap anything from seeds, fruit, plants, tubers, any garden material you could ever think of.

We share knowledge and ideas such as planning and planting, what seeds to select and save, when and how to collect, clean, dry and store and so when you return home you bubble with new energy and an urgent need to do some more growing. To be a member and take part in the activities is a very life-affirming feeling that I would not be without.

You don't need to have a farm or big garden to be a part of seed saving. You can quite easily grow things in pots outdoors or on the windowsill.

Seed saving and growing is for everybody on this planet who would like to secure healthy food and a healthy lifestyle for generations to come. We are what we eat.

During each meeting we clean, register and pack seeds in the morning followed by a shared lunch.

In the afternoon we have a circle where we introduce ourselves, talk about our gardens, ask questions, discuss the problems we encounter and there is always someone who has a great idea to solve a bug or disease problem.

The circle is followed by the very famous garden walk learning so much about different plants and trees and the local growing conditions. The beauty being that each garden is as different as people themselves. We finish the day over a cup of afternoon tea.

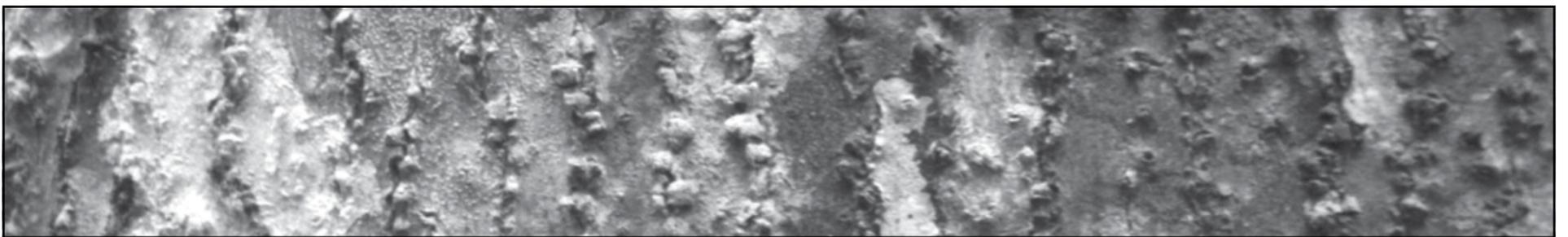
It is a community group and we welcome all to come along. If you would like to know more about Kuranda-Sprouts Seed Savers and their next meeting please contact Lisa on email vizorghams@hotmail.com

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- There are over 4 million domestic cats in Australia.
- Domestic cats are the reason there are feral cats.
- Cats kill millions upon millions of birds and mammals in Australia each year. About 7 out of 10 domestic cats hunt and kill.
- Feral cats (once domestic pets) threaten some native wildlife species to extinction (plenty of studied examples).
- A single cat can pass up to 1 billion toxoplasma egg cysts in its faeces within a couple of weeks. These cysts, when ingested by other animals, can cause death from infections to the brain, eye or pancreas. Our wallabies, musky rat kangaroos and native mammals are especially susceptible to toxoplasmosis ("Leo At Large, Sydney Morning Herald, Oct.'92).

Toxoplasma gondii (Nicholle and Manceaux, 1908) is a coccidian parasite with sexual stages in the small intestine of Felidae (cat family) and asexual stages in organs of mammals (such as wallabies) and birds (Speare 1985). Infected cats excrete resistant oocysts and herbivores (animals which eat grasses) are infected by ingestion of oocysts. ...intermediate hosts (cats) infested by *T. gondii* usually show no disease upon initial infection and the organism becomes dormant in their tissues.

- Eradication of feral cat populations is inordinately expensive. It took 128 people 4000 working days over 4 years to get rid of 100 feral cats on Little Barrier Island in New Zealand ("Leo At Large, Sydney Morning Herald, Oct.'92)
- In western Queensland, sharpshooters bagged 420 cats in 3 days and shot 98 cats out of 73 trees in one evening. ("Leo At Large, Sydney Morning Herald, Oct.'92).

"What's this got to do with me and my cat?" you say.

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CASSOWARIES

We have some wonderful photos of the cassowary that has re-appeared on the properties of Mason Road and Barron Falls Road, thanks to Margit and Sylvia. That cassowary has been documented since it was a small, brown juvenile. Now it is a magnificent male in full colour. We're in the process of adding its DNA profile to its case history.

MYRTLE RUST

Please be on the look out for this invasive disease, affecting members of the Myrtaceae family including lillypillies, syzygiums, gums, paperbarks and bottlebrushes.

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**Kuranda
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On Sunday 29 April six members of the Kuranda Garden Club attended a meeting of the Combined Garden Clubs of Far North Queensland in Innisfail. These meetings are held twice a year, attended by representatives of Garden Clubs from Cairns and the Tablelands to Townsville. Clubs take it in turn to host these meetings, and in October it will be Kuranda's turn to host the meeting.

At the meeting each Club presented a report of its activities over the last six months, as is usual on these occasions. David Sturge, President of the Kuranda Garden Club, presented the following report:

Since our report at the Combined Clubs Meeting last October, the Kuranda Garden Club has continued to hold meetings on the first Saturday of each month. 25 to 30 members now regularly come to our meetings, a number which we feel is as many as we want when visiting private gardens. Our membership has increased steadily to about 60.

In November the club visited the garden of Kuranda residents Garry and Colin, where we saw what a pleasing result can be achieved in a small space with little expense and a good imagination.

In December each year we depart from the usual pattern of meetings by having a pot-luck lunch in a member's home, this year at the home of Rita Squire in Speewah.

In February local resident Garry Wilson, who is Patron of Friends of Cairns Botanic Garden, gave us a detailed talk on Cycads and their origins and relations to other plants. His enthusiasm for the subject makes him an informative as well as entertaining speaker.

In March Frank Zich, Curator of the Herbarium at JCU, stepped in at the last moment to replace our scheduled speaker, who was ill. Frank described the vital work of the herbarium in conserving samples of plants for serious researchers to access, as well as helping the public with identification of plants. He also described the origin and use of the Rainforest Key, an online database to use for identification of tropical rainforest plants. Simply Google Rainforest Key in order to find it.

In April the club again visited Kuranda resident Peter North, who has a considerable collection of aroids climbing on almost every tree in his extensive garden. His infectious enthusiasm and generosity in giving cuttings inspired our members to try growing some of these unusual plants for themselves.

On Sunday 13 May, the Kuranda Garden Club defended their win of the Golden Gumboot Toss at the Tropical Garden Fair in Woree on the south side of Cairns. We encouraged all clubs to enter a team for this trophy, as entry was free and there was a generous prize consisting of a wheelbarrow filled with goodies.

We narrowly lost the Gumboot Toss to Cairns Garden Club, despite the boot slipping out of some people's hands and falling short in both teams. We hope to regain the trophy next year.



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Tree of the month: Maniltoa lenticellata

Some of you may have seen the very handsome tree outside the Kuranda library with its new leaves cascading in streamers of pale salmon or white. It always has people talking in Sept-Oct when it's covered in fruity scented flowers. Even the first seed leaves, as shown at right, display the characteristic long drooping pale new leaves. Native to rainforest in northern Queensland and New Guinea, its common names include: Silk Handkerchief Tree and Cascading Bean Tree. It commonly reaches 10-12m so give it space and pride of place. We've only propagated a few of these trees so don't hesitate to call in.



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

Your opinions are always welcome.

THANK YOU for your support at the recent elections. I am honoured to again serve this community as your Councillor. I welcome your comments, concerns, ideas at any time.

I would also like to congratulate Mark, Cheryl and Nicko on their election campaigns and look forward to working with them for our community.

Road Projects:

Tenders have been awarded for the reconstruction/upgrade of sections of Speewah Road and for Ganyan Drive. This work should commence within a few months. Speewah residents will experience some delays while the work is carried out.

The design work for Fallon Road/Jum Rum Crossing Bridge is almost complete and the work is planned for construction later this year. The Morton Street/ Rob Veivers Drive intersection is planned for July-October this year; NDRRA (Natural Disaster/Reconstruction) federal funding for Mona Mona Road and Black Mountain Road is approved and tenders will be called soon.

New Kuranda Visitors Centre:

Charles Wright Architects have been engaged to design the new Kuranda Visitor Information Centre (funded from the Kuranda Infrastructure Fund).

The first step will be community consultation which will be undertaken by the architects during June-July. The new (much larger) Centre will be a "purpose-built" and will be designed to complement both the community use and the tourism use of Centenary Park. The new building will not take away any park green space.

A feature will be new technologies for displays and interpretative information about the area.

Council Budget 2012-13:

The new Council is currently working on finalising the 2012-13 Budget. I have submitted a long list of funding projects with the hope that many of them will be funded. However, in an effort to keep rate increases to an absolute minimum, some projects and services may not be able to be funded until coming years.

TRC Planning Scheme:

The TRC wide Planning Scheme has been submitted to the State Government and review is expected to take approx 4-6 months. The New Council is currently reviewing the submission and will amend if considered necessary.

Recycling Strategy Plan for TRC:

A strategy Plan for managing Recycling across the region is currently being developed for consideration by Council in July 2012. If you have particular comments regarding this, please contact TRC Environmental Planning Officer, Kirsty Lamperd at kirstyl@trc.qld.gov.au or by phoning Kirsty at 4043 4390. In the interim, recyclables can be left at the special bin at the Kuranda Transfer Station.

Tourism Kuranda:

Members of the TK Committee are all volunteers who devote hours to promote Kuranda. The current Committee is due to retire in August and nominations for positions on the Committee will be advertised mid-year.

Transfer Station Hours of Operation:

The new opening hours will commence from July 1st. The Transfer Station will open four full days each week from 8am until 5pm (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays)

RosCommon Speewah:

The construction of the small unisex toilet block at RosCommon near the Children's playground has been delayed until later this year. This is an approved project and will still occur.

Kuranda Community Precinct:

Planning work has already commenced for the establishment of the Library at the Community Precinct. The entire lower floor of the Block C building will be used to create a spacious community Library

and resources hub, with space for small meeting rooms and additional library services for our community.

The Advisory Committee will soon be reformed and will work towards a long-term plan for the Community Precinct. It will take some time (and money) until the site is able to be used to the full potential.

New Aged Housing Units:

The next Aged Housing units (2 units in Harriman Street and 2 units in Thoree Street) will be constructed before the end of 2012. Allocation of places in these units is made by Council in conjunction with Qld Housing. Enquiries: Bob Graham Ph 1300 362 242.

Off-Leash area for dogs:

Many pet owners have asked about "off-leash" areas for their dogs. I have made a submission for funding of such an area in Kuranda through the 2012-13 Budget. The area would be fenced appropriately. The exact location has not been decided.

De-amalgamation talk:

The new Council met with the Minister for Local Government on Friday and a number of matters were discussed. The matter of de-amalgamation was raised. At this stage the Council is intent on getting on with the business of running the TRC.

It seems that it will be further discussed, however at this time there is no clear indication of the next step.

Customer Requests system:

If you have a complaint or request for Council action, you can easily and quickly log this, either via email to info@trc.qld.gov.au, the link "Report a Problem" on the Council website, or phone 1300 362 242 or by contacting me.

Council Meetings:

Council Meetings will now be held each fortnight, alternately in Atherton and Mareeba.

June Council Meetings will be on Wednesday June 6th in Mareeba and Wednesday June 20th in Atherton. Meetings are public meetings and anyone is welcome to attend.

Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office.

New Councillors:

Details of your new Councillors and Mayor are advertised in this edition.

Please contact any of the Councillors if you wish to do so (and myself of course).

Councillor Contact Details:

Ph: 0417 002 046 (mobile is best) or 4093 8601 (all numbers have voicemail; please wait for the message) Please do not use the "old" number 4093 8466 Email: jennyj@trc.qld.gov.au Also check out Facebook www.facebook.com/Cr.JennyJ



Statutory meeting ITEMS OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor: Division 7 Councillor Evan McGrath has been appointed as Deputy Mayor of Tablelands Regional Council at the statutory meeting held on Thursday 17 May in Atherton. Cr McGrath, who has had 18 years experience as a local government representative, said he was honoured to have been chosen for the position.

Times and locations of meetings: Tablelands Regional Council will continue to hold Ordinary meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, beginning at 9.00am. Meetings will be held at Mareeba and Atherton on a rotational basis, with the first Ordinary meeting to be held in Atherton on Wednesday 23 May, and the next meeting will be held at Mareeba on 6 June.

Division 6 Councillor position: Tablelands Regional Council is seeking expressions of interest from community members for the position of Councillor in Division 6. Local Government Minister David Crisafulli has instructed Council to call for expressions of interest to determine an appropriate representative for the Division. Those wishing to nominate for the position should ensure they are eligible under the Local Government Act, include a resume of their skills and experience, and a statement outlining why they wish to take up the position. Applications should be sent to the CEO, Ian Church, PO Box 573, Atherton by close of business on 12 June 2012. Councillors will then assess the applications and forward their recommendation to the Minister. Mr Crisafulli will then request the Governor in Council to make the appointment.

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A Thought for May

On Sunday May 27th the Church celebrated Pentecost: the coming of the Holy Spirit. This month we read from the Bible, firstly from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2, verses 1-21 and two passages from St John's Gospel: John 15, verses 26-27 and John 14, verses 4-15.

If you and I were able to chat to a member of the very first generation of followers of Jesus, one of those people who actually shared a meal with him, rowed a boat with him, stayed in houses with him as he travelled around, we could ask them a question something like this. "Now that you are a follower of Jesus of Nazareth, how is he present in your life?"

If we could ask one of those people that question, I think they would reply to us something like this. They would tell us how they came to meet Jesus in the first place. If the person we are talking to was, let's say, Andrew the Disciple, he would tell us how he met Jesus while he and his brother Peter were mending their nets. Then he would tell how they went about the country with Jesus for the next few years, always returning home to Capernaum to fish, because that's how they got their food! Then I suspect Andrew's voice would change and his eyes might fill a little as he told us about the traumatic days of trial and crucifixion. His voice would lift and he would get animated as he recalled the presence of Jesus among them after that, the resurrection, the nights in the upper room, the incident with Thomas. He might try to describe that presence - that different Jesus and yet the same Jesus. It certainly was the same Jesus they had known, but somehow he was different. It was as if he could use time and space for his purposes, as if he was operating on a different level of being. But even those times came to an end, Andrew would tell us on the day they saw him just go up and up amid the clouds; that was the day that Jesus gave them marching orders until the end of time. That was the end of their being able to see him.

Now Andrew's voice would change, again his eyes would light up. There came a day when they were all together. Suddenly and rapturously they realised that he was among them in a new way. He was in each of them, yet all of them were bound together by him. They went wild. They wanted to tell the world. Some people thought them crazy; others thought them drunk. Yet they themselves knew that Jesus was among them as Spirit, the Holy Sprite. That was the way he would be with his people till time ends.

In this passage of John's Gospel, Jesus is actually telling his disciples that he is going to send them his Spirit. This, he says, must happen because only then will they mature as his followers. They will grow into greater understanding as time goes by. When their allegiance to Jesus becomes costly, when the going gets tough, his Spirit will strengthen their capacity to witness to their faith. In other words, Jesus is telling them that their relationship with him is now only beginning. There is much ahead to learn and to become. Today Jesus is telling the same things to us as we read this passage.

Jesus is not a figure in the past. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is present as guide and resource, among us and within us and everyone who would follow him.

News from St Saviour's Church

We have had wonderful celebrations and overflowing congregations during the Easter Season, and at Pentecost Sunday. The Church looked magnificent when decorated for Easter with the Easter Garden being central.

The ladies from St Saviour's are still busy making shawls and blankets for the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This is an ongoing project of St Saviour's. The latest batch of shawls and blankets were blessed at the 9.30 am service on 6th May, before being sent on their way.

We held a very successful Cakes and Books stall on Saturday, May 5th and the next Cakes and Books Stall will be on Saturday June 2nd.

St Saviour's Church is at present being painted inside and out and looks clean and fresh once more; this is a big job and takes place every 12 to 15 years.

Last month St Saviour's started a new venture: Kid's Club. Kid's Club meets on the second Saturday of each month, starting at 10.00 am and finishing at Noon. There will be a variety of activities suited for children's interests. All children are welcome to join us.

St Saviour's Family Day will be held at Davies Creek on Monday 11th June.

Thought of the Month from the Baha'i Faith

"In several passages addressed to the entire body of the followers of Jesus Christ He (*Baha'u'llah*) identifies Himself with the "Father" spoken of by Isaiah, with the "Comforter" Whose Covenant He Who is the Spirit (Jesus) had Himself established, and with the "Spirit of Truth" Who will guide them "into all truth"; proclaims His Day to be the Day of God; announces the conjunction of the river Jordan with the "Most Great Ocean"; ...bids them "rend the veils asunder," and enter in His name His Kingdom; recalls the saying of Jesus to Peter; and assures them that, if they choose to follow Him, He will make them to become "quickeners of mankind."

(Shoghi Effendi)

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

Morning prayers: each Tuesday at 8.00am, in the park in central Kuranda.

Study Circles by arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

Ascension of Baha'u'llah, Prophet/Founder of the Baha'i Faith, in 1892 in the Holy Land, Monday 28 May 7.00pm, all welcome, ring 4093 7120 for directions.

Also regular events in Cairns, Atherton, Tolga, Malanda, Mareeba and other places.

All enquiries welcome. Telephone 4093 7120/9571

From the Baha'i Community of the Tablelands

Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



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Lemon Orchard

The woman applying for a job in a lemon orchard seemed to be far too qualified for the job; given her liberal arts degree from Sydney University and her jobs as a social worker and school teacher.

The foreman frowned and said, "I have to ask you this: "Have you had any actual experience in picking lemons?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, I have! "I've been divorced three times, owned two Falcons, barrack for Collingwood, and I voted for Julia Gillard."

Praying Parrots

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, 'Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots, but they only know to say one thing.'

'What do they say?' the priest asked.

They say, 'Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?'

'That's obscene!' the priest exclaimed. Then he thought for a moment...

'You know,' he said, 'I may have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible. Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to pray and worship, and your parrots are sure to stop saying that phrase in no time.'

'Thank you,' the woman responded, 'this may very well be the solution.'

The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house. As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying. Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them. After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison: 'Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?' There was stunned silence. Shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and says, 'Put the beads away, Frank. Our prayers have been answered!'

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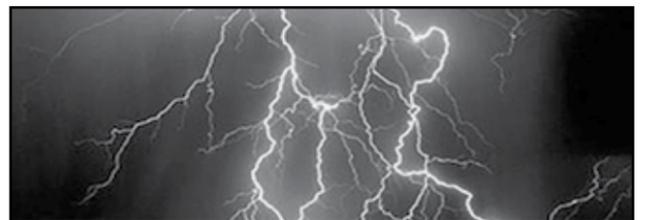
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Community Calendar

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Aquafitness at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 8.30am 4093 7109

1st Sat **Garden Group** 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492

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Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361
Yoga with Aileen 10:am Kuranda Recreation Centre : Contact Aileen 4093 7401

1st Sun **Kuranda Film Society** 4.00pm to 8.00pm, Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393

2nd Sun **Uniting Church** Recreation Centre 5.00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730

Every Mon. **Acappella Singing** 7.00 to 8.30pm, Recreation Centre. For more info call Jane Younghusband 4093 0463.
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.

Every Mon & Fri **Al-Anon Family Groups** 7.00pm and 6.00pm respectively Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON
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
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Soccer Training, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026

3rd Mon **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933

Every Tue **Aquafitness** at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 6.15pm. 4093 7109.
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
Yoga 5:30 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre : Contact Aileen 4093 7401
8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre and Barron Falls Hotel Ph 4093 8827

1st Tue **The KCCT** meets at Malcolm's Original Markets at 4.30pm.

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 **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 8361.
Weekly Meditations/Reflections 7.00pm at The Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street.
Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome
Soccer Training, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109

1st Wed **Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** 2.00pm at KNC

2nd Wed **QCWA meeting** 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Every Thur **Aquafitness** at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 6.15pm. 4093 7109.
Rotary 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
Women's Acapella Choir Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre, Cumberland Ave, Smithfield 7.00-9.00pm Thursdays
Narcotics Anonymous 6.30-8.00pm at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre

2nd Thur **Kurandacoots Adult Circus Jam** at the Amphitheatre 6:30pm

Every Fri **Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road
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Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
CAIRNS (Spence St)	6.45am	8.30am	11.30am	1.30pm	3.00pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	6.47am	8.32am	11.32am	1.32pm	3.02pm
CAIRNS (Central)	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.10pm
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.15pm	2.15pm	4.05pm

KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

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

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

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

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

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.30am	3.15pm	5.45pm	8.30am	3.15pm	3.15pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	3.20pm	5.50pm	8.35am	3.20pm	3.20pm
KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.25pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.55pm	9.45am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON	10.20am	5.10pm	7.30pm	10.20am	5.10pm	5.10pm

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

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Game 1 23rd May
Game 2 13th June
Game 3 4th July

Wednesday 13th June 2012

BIG SCREEN * GIVE AWAYS
HALF TIME SNACKS * LOADS OF FUN



Bottlemart

SPECIALS START 6TH JUNE

Beer specials available from Wednesday June 6th, 2012 until Tuesday June 12th, 2012.
All other specials available until Tuesday June 19th, 2012.

Footy Fever



Any **\$78**
2 for

XXXX Gold.
30x375ml Cans.

\$41⁹⁹



Great Northern Lager.
24x330ml Stubbies.

\$34⁹⁹ ea



Bacardi Rum,
Absolut Vodka or
Mt Gay Eclipse Rum.
700ml.

Any **\$20**
3 for



Lindeman's
Bin Range.
750ml.

\$67⁹⁹ ea



Johnnie Walker Red & Cola Premix. Bundaberg UP Rum & Cola,
Bundaberg Red & Cola or Bundaberg Five Cola & Lime Premix.
24x375ml Cans.

\$24⁹⁹

Malibu & Kahlua.



DINNER SPECIAL FOR JUNE

With every Lamb Shanks purchased in June
you will also receive a complimentary KENO ticket
with a chance to win 1 million dollars

Lamb Shanks on Creamy Mash \$22.95

ENTERTAINMENT THIS MONTH

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
June 10th 4-8pm

LOCAL MUSICIAN
Just Joe

Come in for Great Music,
Tapas, Sangria



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What's On
EVERY WEEK

TUESDAY
Pool Night
from 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY
Social Mixed Dart Comp
from 6.45pm

THURSDAY
Texas Holdem Poker
Sign on from 6.00pm

Saturday 30th June Karaoke & every 2nd Saturday with Class Act Karaoke