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Under the Chinese Zodiac, 2012 is the Year of the Dragon.

It began on 23 January 2012 and ends on 9 February 2013. The Chinese Zodiac consists of 12 animal signs (Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig), and as the fifth sign of the Zodiac the Dragon is the only mythical animal. In ancient China, the Dragon represented power and the Emperor.

People born in 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000 and 2012 are Dragons, and are regarded as the free spirits of the Zodiac. Dragons regard rules and regulations to be applicable mainly to other people, and restrictions thwart their desire to be free and uninhibited.

The Chinese say that the mythical dragon breathes fire and has a long tongue, so the Dragon-person has similar attributes capable of fiery, sarcastic and biting language. On the other hand, the dragon has a soft underbelly which manifests as the capacity of great compassion for those in need.

Dragons are nature-loving extroverts, preferring outdoor rather than indoor activities. They like to spend money, not just on themselves, but are charitable to others.

Dragons like to do things on a big scale with magnanimous gestures and grandiose ambitions, and are confident and fearless to challenges – and are usually successful in their efforts, often making it to the top.

This leads to their main problem, which is pride and possible over-confidence in their own abilities, leaving them unwilling to accept any assistance from others. Their enthusiasm can leave them over-tired and irritable, and give them a feeling of unfulfilment. Many Dragons, although popular with their peers through the force of their enthusiastic and generous personalities, are lonely at heart with their perceived self-sufficiency convincing them that they need no close bonds with others.

They are imaginative and adaptable, especially in occupations in which they can step into the limelight. They particularly like to give orders rather than receive them.

Dragons are generally blessed with good health, but due to their flamboyance and risk-taking, often bite off more than they can chew and can suffer from stress-related problems such as hypertension, headaches and bursts of anger. Dragons should try to moderate these problems by undertaking some sort of relaxation techniques such as meditation, Tai Chi or yoga.

COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

Really fellows, I know that in some papers it is considered de' rigor to have a topless lass on page 3, but I never thought that I would see *The Kuranda Paper* [December edition] with a fornicating couple.

Mark Freeman, Kuranda

Range Road Request

During 2010 the issue of the Kuranda Range Road and its possible upgrade was featured and promoted a number of times in *The Cairns Post*. Conversely there are many in the community who believe that a new super-fast expressway would prove to be a real death trap considering the incline, the intent to use it for very heavy vehicles, the climatic conditions in the far north and the mindset of a percentage of drivers.

Many regular users believe that the present Kuranda Range Road is superb considering that it follows the original surveyed route, climbs to 420 metres over a relatively short distance, is well signed, well maintained, surfaced with the very best stone mastic asphalt, and has good safety features: warning signs, guard rails, and crash barriers.

One drawback it has is it is difficult to police so a percentage of drivers who use the road see it as their own personal Mount Panorama racing hill climb. The road itself if driven to conditions is safe; what makes it a nightmare is the tailgating, overtaking over double centre lines, and speeding by would-be race car drivers.

The police must be given the resources they need to protect the majority of the Kuranda Range Road users. The technology is available at far less than the cost of building a new road. What we lack is the political will. The government has done a good job upgrading the current road but must now finish the job and make it safe.

If you agree with these sentiments please let our local state member Steve Wettenhall know. Send an email to barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Pat Daly, Kuranda



Note: The views expressed in these letters are not necessarily held by the management committee of this paper.

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Community Facilities

Well it seems that cyclone season is almost upon us and when we look around Kuranda and adjoining suburbs one could ask what has been improved to ready us for the more severe weather events that experts are constantly warning are on the increase. Unfortunately it seems that not a lot if next to nothing has been improved in our suburbs to safeguard the residents for when, not if, another cyclone of Yasi's intensity finally puts us in the crosshairs. I think a lot of us know that we dodged a bullet in February when Cyclone Yasi turned at almost the last minute and headed south to leave a trail of destruction. At that time it was when many residents realised that there was no safe place to seek shelter should the worst have happened and Yasi had continued on its path towards us.

This brings me to the question of why we still have no cyclone shelter or even a discussion about this. We have available land due to the donation to the people of Kuranda of the old school, we will have available funds due to the sale of adjoining land, so why has this issue not been raised anywhere? I also see such a facility as a win win for everybody in our community because many parents with active children know we also lack a purpose-built indoor sports centre for many sports such as gymnastics, boxing, indoor cricket, indoor basketball, roller skating, martial arts, dancing, acrobatics the list goes on. Luckily we do have some of these sports that try and do the best with the small adhoc halls and centres we currently have but why do we have to make do? Why can we not have a purpose-built indoor sports center? Once again we have the land at the old school or even the Rec center, we will have the funds due to the sale of property adjoining the old school but the silence from the council on this is deafening. Residents of Kuranda and surrounding suburbs should not have to traverse the range to give their children an opportunity to be involved in these activities, not to mention the young adults that would benefit from such a facility, nor should they have to cower in fear and hope their older style homes survive a cyclone.

This facility could also be used for conferences, expos, entertainment, blue light discos – it goes on and on so why then do we have no serious discussions happening about this? Why do the council continue to scratch their heads and wonder what they could possibly do with the old school when it is so clearly staring them in the face. Well there are a few of us who are quite frankly done with the inaction and talk fests. The time for action is here and now. If you are a resident who would love to utilise such a facility yourself or a parent with active children who would benefit from activities and sports that require such a facility or perhaps even somebody who does not trust the stability of their home in the face of another cyclone then join us on our Facebook group so we can start requiring some real action in this issue from our council.

FACEBOOK PAGE: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Indoor-Sports-Centre-For-Kuranda/271257062915724>

Kind Regards,

Daniella Jones,

Indoor Sports Centre for Kuranda Group

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Anonymous

I think that the great Greek author, Anonymous, has had a greater, more voluminous and diverse literary output than any other author – ever. After all – he did write half of the bible, and Gilgamesh, and Danny Boy, etc. His opening couplet in one lovely poem of "He was born like a frog, from a root in a bog" typifies his earthy and unpretentious attitude to life generally. Most of his works were written in past shadows by people who wrote for effect, and died, and got forgotten; but their excellent output lived on.

I have no problem with the forgotten being remembered as Anonymous.

Letters to the editor in *The Kuranda Paper* are always worth a read. This is where you find out who is pushing what barrow, and why, and if I should lend a shoulder. In the November 2011 issue, only six letters, and two with names withheld, written anonymously, cowardly, furtively, surreptitiously – and really it is very ordinary behaviour. It engenders distain and makes me want to support the opposing viewpoint.

If you wish to espouse your opinion to the public at large but are not prepared to put your name to your beliefs – you become nothing but a "clanging gong, or a tinkling cymbal". If you believe something, and you are prepared to state it publically – stand strong on your own reputation and say it loudly, openly, honestly. Don't whisper espousals and seek the furtive shadow of "name withheld at request" or "telephone number supplied".

And as for the editorial staff of *The Kuranda Paper* – why would you publish such clandestine correspondence? If you open a letter and it has a 'please do not publish name' rider attached – just chuck it in the bin.

Mark Freeman, Kuranda

Ed: It's actually reasonably rare for letter writers to claim anonymity in The Kuranda Paper. For example, last issue (December 2011), all nine letters to the editor had their names published. The management committee of The Kuranda Paper will continue to suppress author's name if so requested, as is the general policy of most newspapers. Also, scandalous and libellous letters received will be passed around the office and read with glee by the committee, but the right is reserved to edit or not publish.



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Geronimo's Change of Fortune

The crumbling remains of a C-47 DL aircraft at the Kuranda Heritage Markets has many people wondering about Kuranda's link with the war years. However, the link is purely theatrical. Named Geronimo, the aircraft did serve as part of the United States' 5th Air Force in Mareeba and Brisbane in 1944, before joining the fleet of Australian National Airlines, TAA and then East West Airlines.

In 1983 a film crew painted the then retired aircraft in wartime colours, christened it Miss Fortune and brought it to Cairns for the movie Sky Pirates. Miss Fortune's role was to crash on the Great Barrier Reef before she was laid to rest in a scrap yard, only to be discovered by the owners of the Heritage Markets and relocated with three semi-trailers and two cranes to its current site where it is a favourite photo stop for visitors.



Dreamtime Story Lives On

The eye-catching Kuranda Scenic Rail locomotive tells a Dreamtime story of Buda-dji, the carpet snake which carved out the Barron River and the creeks that formed it from the coast to the Tablelands.

Aboriginal artist George Riley, a descendant of the Ko Ko Mulurudji tribe of Mareeba, Mount Molloy and Mount Carbine regions, created the masterpiece to reflect Tropical North Queensland's reef and rainforest.

The story of Buda-dji was passed on to the artist from his Great Great Grandmother, Queen Maggie Donahue, "Nuwarri" and her people of Djabugay. Buda-dji carried nautilus shells to barter with the clan groups along the river, but the bird-men who wanted his shells for themselves ambushed Buda-dji near Barron Falls "Din-Din" and Kuranda "Ngunbay".

They then chopped him up with their stone axe into many pieces and scattered Buda-dji's pieces in many places throughout the Djabuganydji tribal land and coastal neighbours and far into the Tablelands.

Every place where a piece of Buda-dji's body landed was named after that body part. It is said the tail part is on the Tableland and the head is down on the coast which is the dreamtime water at the site known as Grant Hill near Yarrabah. The spirit of Buda-dji travelled back to the waters of Double Island "Wangal Dungay" where he rests.



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Tablelands residents eligible to vote in the upcoming Local Government Election on 31 March 2012 have been urged to check their enrolment details with the Queensland Electoral Commission as a matter of urgency.

With full postal voting now in place for the Tablelands Regional Council area, residents will need to ensure that they include a mailing address on their enrolment form.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said many people living on the Tablelands may only have their residential address on the enrolment form which may not be their mailing address.

"If you usually get your mail delivered to a post office box, you must make sure this is on the enrolment form as there is no guarantee that post offices will re-direct mail," he said.

"So if you have concerns that there will be a difficulty with delivery, take action soon to ensure you will receive your ballot papers for the Local Government election.

"I urge people to make sure they have the correct mailing address on their enrolment form because this is their chance to have a say in how their area is governed for the next four years."

The closing date to enrol or change your details is Tuesday 31 January.

Residents wishing to check their enrolment or change their details should go to www.ecq.qld.gov.au Put in your details exactly as they appear on your enrolment and once they appear you may make changes to address details.



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Marc's Tourism Tweets

Happy New Year from Tourism Kuranda

Now the festive season is over we are starting to plan a year of home-grown Kuranda fun with festivals and events to celebrate the wonderful lifestyle we enjoy in the Village in the Rainforest.

Get ready to enjoy free entertainment, buskers and unusual competitions throughout the year with the first event coming up on the 7th April which will be the popular **Easter Saturday Celebration**. It will be the third year we have held the event and this year will be bigger than ever, with the regions largest **Easter Egg hunt** happening right here in the village!

Kuranda's attractions were extremely popular during the school holidays with the kids enjoying hand feeding colourful birds, getting their picture taken with a dinosaur, riding in an army duck, learning about butterflies, watching how candy is made and stepping back in time with a train ride through the Barron Gorge.

There is truly something for everyone right here in Kuranda!

New entrance sign for the village

Kuranda is now sporting a brand new sign to the entrance of the village and we have received plenty of positive response from locals and business owners. The new sign reflects all of our new branding which has been rolled out over the last two years and is consistent through all of our brochures, newspaper advertisements, TV commercials, Kuranda maps and now the roadside sign.

This consistent branding message ensures we maximise our exposure through all media and capture as much brand recognition as possible.

Take a bus to the Barron Falls

A shuttle bus has started operating daily to the Barron Gorge National Park with half hourly services between 9.00am and 3.00pm from the Honey House at the Original Kuranda Markets in Therwine Street to the Barron Falls and Wrights Lookout.

Owned and operated by Mark Riley, Chakana Travel also offers a private charter service for up to 12 people so locals or visitors can get door to door service around Kuranda or travel to places like the airport.

Time for tea

Take time out from your Christmas shopping in the serene atmosphere of Busk Japanese Tea House in the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets.

Owner Kei Kurihara will pour you a cup of traditional green tea to pep you up with antioxidants. Try green tea with eucalyptus leaves or roasted green tea with mango for a uniquely Australian flavour.

New guide to Kuranda

Kuranda's latest visitor guide, which features nine new businesses from the village, has hit the streets. A comprehensive guide to visiting the Village in the Rainforest, the official map and visitor's guide is easy to use and full of useful information to entice visitors.

There are suggested times for tours and sightseeing to help travellers plan their day, a list of must-do activities, some history and extensive information on each of Kuranda's businesses divided into sections such as Restaurants and Cafes or Art and Craft Galleries.

An easy-to-use map of Kuranda showing the location of businesses and information on how to get to the village ensure the traveller has a one-stop guide to Kuranda. Copies of our new 2012 map & visitor guide can be found at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre.

Scottish treats galore

Tartan teddy bears, kilts and bag pipes in the main street of Kuranda mark the place where homesick Scots get their fix of black pudding and assorted Scottish sweets.

Kuranda Fudge Bar and Tea Room owner Hope Pulis says she gets orders for some of her range by the carton, especially the caffeine-rich soft drink Irn Bru.

The cosy shop is a sea of red tartan with an array of donated Scottish memorabilia adorning the walls between novelty hats, shortbread, tartan toys, kilts and mugs.

However, it is the fudge that draws the biggest crowds and there is some debate as to whether it is truly Scottish. Tablet is a Scottish treat that is very similar to fudge.

It is not quite as creamy in consistency, but is said to be the inspiration for the softer version known around the world.

Hope makes both types to keep the purists happy. Her buttery fudge comes in around 36 flavours with traditional favourites including chocolate as well as tropical variations such as choc mango. She also whips up traditional scones and decorates pretty cakes to tempt diners.



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We would like to thank everybody for all the congratulations, mail and telephone calls.

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Gardening in Kuranda



FEBRUARY 2012 and the Wet still waits in the wings. The dry of December and its high temperatures saw bleaching and burning in some plantings and potted and basket subjects, unless carefully tended, were often stressed. Rejuvenation often follows selective trimming and immersion of container until bubbling ceases.

The provident gardener knows only too well the benefits of mulching, not only to keep soil cool and conserve water but also, in the long term, to enrich and improve friability. In the Wet, mulch also keeps down weeds and stops soil compaction and water run. Nothing organic should leave your property but be returned to the soil.

2012 sees the 30th anniversary of the Australian Open Garden Scheme and a number of great Kuranda gardens will be open to the public showing what can be done with imagination and dedication. The Kuranda Garden Group also has exciting plans for the coming year and is a valuable meeting place to make new friends, learn the ins and outs of gardening in the area and swap seeds and plants. Great work here by Graham and David.

Plant of the Month:

Stanhopea (Family *Orchidaceae*), a large genus with species from Mexico through Brazil with numerous hybrids. Commonly known as the "Upside-down Orchid" this family is characterised by their highly intricate and often strongly perfumed flowers in clusters emerging from the bottom of the plant. Sadly, flowers are short lasting (3-8 days) but make up for their fleeting in the sheer surprise of their unique blooms and range of scents. Mainly grown in baskets or as epiphyte on tree trunk, it is important that the flowering spike is able to emerge from the bottom of its container.

The pendant flowers, short lived, require pollinators very quickly and are intricately structured, having a formed walkway that allows Orchid bees (*Euglossini*), noted for their brilliant iridescence, to venture up into the flower, following the strong pungent scent that these flowers give off. These chemical attractants are generated in the hypochile, attracting the male bees to the flower. When the bee touches down on the flower, a great effort is made to collect the chemical scent - eventually sliding on the waxy surface of the hypochile, gliding down on the slippery lip to exit the flower. The long column is touched in the process, resulting in the bee taking up pollinia at the very tip of the column on its metathorax. When the bee slides down another flower, the pollinia are deposited on the sticky surface of the stigma.

Even if having a notoriously brown thumb, Stanhopeas are of the easiest culture, and will take any open light compost that gives quick drainage using even straight *Cymbidium* mix although it is somewhat lacking in nutrients.

While doing best in cool to intermediate temperatures, most Stanhopes will tolerate to 32C-. Some species, such as *S. hernandezii*, *insignis*, *jenischiana*, and *martiana* prefer a cool to cold and dry Winter. For all Stanhopeas however, good air movement is vital. They will grow well in low to high light, but seem to bloom best in medium light. Avoid direct sun particularly during the warmer months to prevent leaf scorch. They are best as hanging plants in large baskets, but seedlings do well in pots.

As weather warms up, water nearly every day for best blooming in mid-to-late summer. Frequent watering in early summer is the key to blooming, then tapering off as the weather cools. Plants should not be allowed to become desiccated. Dry roots will result in die back of the leaf tips, so if you see this step up your watering frequency.

After flowering the plants can be fed with a weak nitrogen type fertiliser at every third or fourth watering, but as winter approaches, feeding needs to be slowed along with watering.



Stanhopea tigrina var. nigroviolaea



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During spring you should switch to a high-phosphorus, bloom-boosting fertiliser such as "Phostrogen" to produce good strong flowers.

Pests are unusual, except that Stanhopeas seem quite susceptible to mites and sometimes red spider. If you start seeing multiple small spots on the leaves spray with a good miticide.

Constant air movement around these plants is a must, as it also stops fungus causing spotting on the leaves when humidity levels are high.

And yes Cynthia, here size does matter as the larger the plant your purse can stand, the more successive flower spikes coming through in the season.

Q @ A. Dear Jan, From your description, you are wanting ***Ipomea alba*** sometimes given as *Ipomea bona nox* or the "moonflower" with its large gleaming white salver flowers and strong perfume, lasting only one night and shrivelled by morning. The moonflower is a vigorous twining vine that is very fast growing in really hot weather.

Unfortunately, this beauty has the potential to become weedy so care must be taken to prevent plant material and seed from entering our forests. If growing, I would recommend large pot/tub culture with a climbing frame. I would be reluctant to plant in the ground as its vigour and potential to get out of hand is too high. Easily grown from nicked seed soaked over night and only a good potting mixture required.

The long 4 in (10 cm) buds are also very attractive especially in the hours just before the flower opens. I remember "high hippy" celebrations where each guest had an unopened bud at their table place to open from the heat of their hand. Them were the days (and nights)!

Dear Grant, Join the queue! *Petraeovitex bambusetorum*, syn. *Petraeovitexwolfei* or "Nong Nooch Vine", originates in Thailand and does not yet appear to be in Australia. With its stunning cascades of pendant racemes with soft yellow bracts and creamy white flowers and a noticeable fragrance, *Petraeovitex* seems highly amenable to tub culture and is definitely a plant with a future. American prices are still quite high and must be placed on order - a killing waiting for the Australian Nursery trade?

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- ✓ New Kuranda Pool. COMPLETED
- ✓ Safety upgrades to Kuranda Range Road. ONGOING
- ✓ Tourism infrastructure agreement renegotiated and extended. ONGOING
- ✓ New housing at Top Kowrowa. PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION
- ✓ New science, music teaching and learning facilities at Candlenut Steiner School. DELIVERED
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- ✓ Major housing boost - \$18.8 million for 43 new homes. ON THE WAY
- ✓ Wastewater treatment upgrade and mains sewerage extensions. ONGOING
- ✓ New community sports fields at Kuranda District State College. COMPLETED

But there is always more to be done:

I will continue to lobby for further safety upgrades to the Range Road, expanded health services and new visitor facilities in national parks.

As always, I value your feedback on existing state government infrastructure and services and welcome your suggestions on how we can improve.

How to contact Steve Wettenhall MP:

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Email: barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au
Post: PO Box 1014, Smithfield 4878
Web: www.stevewettenhall.com.au

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The Arts Page



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ART IS ART

Awe is Art. All is Art. However you say it, it can't be denied. Just take a look at some of the celebrations down in Cairns for Chinese New Year. Huge Dragons and drunken Lions dancing, fire crackers going off, Thai Chi, Chai Tea and a whole lot more. Even our old friends Monkey, Pigsy and Sandy were there, on stilts! Anyhow, I'm not going to review the event, no way. I had too much fun saturating myself in the abundance of art and culture, welcoming in the Year of the Water Dragon. "Water" for abundance, and "Dragon" for power! This will be a good year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season, however you celebrate it. Christmas, Mid-winter, Mid-summer, who cares what we call it, just don't lose sight of what it all means. So we greet each other with a "Happy whatever..." and a "Merry something else..." depending on our cultural background. Yes we do have many things in common. Things that we could choose to argue about. I reckon this is a cool situation because we can instantly see those who don't really know what's going on. You know who I mean, those fools who would argue their own particular beliefs as if they were right and all others wrong. My goodness, they could end up striking blows at each other! I guess they just haven't thought it through properly yet. I think these ones are highly vulnerable to the "merchants of belief", those smart, but evil souls who have a vested interest in having people "believing" their stuff. i.e. priests, generals, politicians, etc. And what has all this got to do with the Year of the Dragon? Power? Abundance? I wonder? Maybe it's the greed of the few that has the many fighting. Maybe it's about personal power and abundance for all. Anyhow, I'm hoping to see an abundance of creative art happenings. Visual, performance, pyrotechnic, electronic, whatever. And people empowering themselves to take care to manage themselves and their environments. Make fun, not war, ok... Have a great 2012, and keep that Art happening...

seren.



President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,
 Firstly, it's that time of year when Kuranda Amphitheatre members elect a new management committee. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 26th February 2012 at 4pm. Being a member of any committee has its pros and cons, but overall it is a rewarding experience.

The KAS management committee is comprised of seven members: the Executive of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four committee members. Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 17th February, written nominations can be submitted to: The Secretary, PO Box 500, or info@kurandaamphitheatre.org.

2011 was a quiet year for touring entertainment. Whilst this isn't so good for the coffers (the Amphitheatre needs approx. \$40-\$50,000 per year to function at the grass roots level, eg. utilities, maintenance & repairs, insurance, etc.) it was an opportunity to work and plan on infrastructural necessities and updates on the latest changes in legislations for not for profit organisations.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those members, both old and new, who have given their wholehearted support to the Amphitheatre.

The Amphitheatre was recently broken into, causing quite a bit of damage to the kitchen and the theft of a guitar from the caretaker's residence.

We'd like to thank the members of our community who assisted with the

locating and return of the guitar. Much appreciated. It's unfortunate that such a thoughtless incident has occurred at a place which belongs to the community.

The big news is that the Amphitheatre won the 2011 Timeout Editors' Award for Excellence in Entertainment and the Arts. This is quite an achievement, and fantastic to see the Amphitheatre and KAS volunteers receive recognition for maintaining the Society and its venue for 30 years. CONGRATULATIONS!



Lynda & Mandy with the coveted "Timeout Editors' Award for Excellence in Entertainment and the Arts"

Also, congrats to Zennith who won the Best Local Band category, Kuranda had quite a turn-out!

The first Understage event for 2012 is the Pad Boys on Saturday 18th February. Doors, food and bar from 6.30pm. Entry \$15, members \$10. Hope to see you there for a great night!

KAS Management Committee

kurandaamphitheatre.org

Next Loony Poets
 Thurs. March 8th.
 Understage

Annual General Meeting
 Sunday 26th. February 2012
 at 4:00 pm.
 Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage

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What's On at the Amphi

**Saturday 18th February
The Pad Boys**

The Understage



The Understage

Doors, Food & Bar 6.30pm

Adults \$15 Members \$10

BatReach *news* Obi's Story



OBI is a juvenile Eastern Tube-nosed Bat (*Nyctimene robinsoni*). He came into care at BatReach in November as a 10g furless baby when his mother was killed by a car at Trinity Beach. Initially his survival prospects were uncertain as he had suffered bruising to the chest and abdomen, however, he quickly recovered and began to thrive.

The Eastern Tube-nosed Bat is a small relative of the megabats – its adult weight being a mere 35-50g. Its physiology and diet differ from the insect-feeding microbats. Nyctimenes feed on blossom, nectar and fruit of native trees. The distinctive tube-like nostrils are thought to facilitate feeding on ripe fruits. With maturity, yellow spots appear along the wing bones, wing membranes and around the ears – these spots are as individual as fingerprints and provide effective camouflage.

Their habitat is in sub-tropical and tropical rainforest from north-eastern New South Wales to Cape York. They are generally solitary with a single young being born October–December.

The main threats to the Eastern Tube-nosed Bat are clearing and fragmentation of habitat, barbed-wire fencing and predation by snakes, owls and cats.

Obi will be released back to the wild at 6–8 months.

Story and Photograph by Helen



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timeOUT Awards

2011 BEST BAND ★ ZENNITH ★

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Kuranda's Reggae/Hip Hop band Zennith was voted in as the 2011 Best Local Band for the second consecutive year at the Cairns timeOUT Awards and the Amphitheatre receives Editor's Choice Award for Excellence.

ZENNITH 'rocked it' in for the second year running as the region's top band, and received the coveted timeOUT award for the 2011 Best Local Band.

The awards were presented at the Salthouse in Cairns, on Saturday 7th Jan 2012, with Jesse Kuch, timeOUT editor as MC on the evening. A successful event, Kuranda-ites who rose to the occasion to attend the timeOUT awards' ceremonies were treated to two live sets with **Zennith** in da Salthouse!!

Congratulations also go to **The Kuranda Amphitheatre** which received the Editor's Choice Award for Excellence in Entertainment & The Arts a wonderful accolade to past and present volunteers. (check Arts page for more details).

Stay tuned everyone, 'coz the **Zennith Boyz** are soon to be filming (dates to be advised) a live musical video clip of "One



ZENNITH Winners of the 2011 timeOUT award for Best Local Band

Minute" at the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

So be sure to support Zennith and the Amphitheatre, and come along and be a part of the audience on the day.

Other timeOUT award winners included the **Reggaetown World Music Festival** who also received their second award for Best Festival, **The Tanks Art Centre** for Best Entertainment Venue, **The Indigineous Art Fair** for Best Art Show or Exhibition., and the Editor's award for Best Local CD went to **Nikki Jensen** for Under The Rain Tree.



Jesse Kuch presents the **Editor's Choice Award for Excellence in Entertainment & The Arts** to Mandy Dewey, President of the Kuranda Amphitheatre. Photograph by Pete Dillon



ZENNITH at the Salthouse

Photograph by Pete Dillon

THE BOOGIE BROTHERS & SISTERS MUSIC NEWS

Etta James (Jan 25 1938 – Jan 20 2012) was an American singer whose style spanned a variety of music genres including blues, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, soul, gospel and jazz.

Starting her career in the mid 1950s, she gained fame with hits such as "Dance With Me, Henry", "At Last", "Tell Mama", and "I'd Rather Go Blind" before making a musical resurgence in the late 1980s with the album *The Seven Year Itch*.

James is regarded as having bridged the gap between rhythm and blues and rock and roll, and was the winner of six Grammys and 17 Blues Music Awards. She was inducted into the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame** in 1993, the **Blues Hall of Fame** in 2001, and the **Grammy Hall of Fame** in both 1999 and 2008.

Rolling Stone ranked James number 22 on their list of the 100 Greatest Singers of All Time and number 62 on the list of the 100 Greatest Artists. RIP Etta James

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Tai Chi Monday 6.00 to 7.00pm. Contact Les 4093 8276 or 0400 938 276

Ladies Accapella Singing 7.00 to 8:30pm. Contact Jane 4093 0463

Monthly Committee Meetings every first Monday

TUESDAY: Tennis Training 4.00 to 6.30 pm. Contact Gene 4093 9007

Belly Dancing 6.00 to 7.00pm. Kids Belly dancing 5 to 6:00 pm Contact Lisa 4093 0090

Kuranda Eight Ball 7:00pm, contact Janet 4093 7104

WEDNESDAY: Kuranda Soccer Club 4.30 to 5.30pm Training contact Melina 4093 7287 or Gary 4093 7109

Social Tennis 5:30 to 7:30. Contact Aileen 4093 7401

THURSDAY: Bushikai Karate 6.00 to 7.00pm contact Darryl Griffiths 0417 630 779

FRIDAY: Friday Social Night BBQ 6:00pm

SATURDAY: Tennis Training 8.00 to 10.00am. Contact Gene 4093 9007

Bushikai Karate 10.00 to 11:00 am. Family sessions a speciality. Contact Darryl 0417 630 779

SUNDAY: Yoga 10.00 to 11.00am. Contact Aileen 4093 7401

Social Tennis afternoon 5:30 to 7:30pm. Contact Aileen 4093 7401

Film Club: first Sunday of every month. 4 to 8 pm. Contact Margaret or Hans 4093 8393

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

Basketball: Anyone interested in using the Backboards contact Gary 4093 8399

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.

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NEWS AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

AGM

The Kuranda Recreation Centre 2011 AGM will be held at 4.00pm on 18 February 2012 at the Club House, Fallon Road, Kuranda, to:

- Provide information on 2011 activities
- Present accounts for the 2011 year
- Elect a management committee

Contact Gary Davis on 4093 7109 or Arch McArthur on 4093 7511 for more information.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CARETAKER FOR KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE

We are looking for expressions of interest from a couple, or single person with own caravan, to reside on an acreage site in exchange for light cleaning and gardening duties commencing February 2012.

Free site with power and water and use of bathroom and toilet facilities. Stay 12 months preferred.

Write with references to Secretary, Kuranda Recreation Centre, PO Box 716, Kuranda 4881 by 15 February 2012.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CATERER FOR KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE

We are looking for an experienced caterer to provide night-time bistro meals and takeaway food to members of the Kuranda Recreation Centre and the public, between 5.30 and 8.30 on Friday nights, with an opportunity to expand into other nights as required. There will also be opportunities to provide catering for parties, functions and events.

A fully equipped and licensed kitchen is available at the Centre, the club currently has 80 members and there will be a marketing incentive package for the right person.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate knowledge of advance menu planning. Call 4093 7511 after 6.00pm or write to the Secretary, Kuranda Recreation Centre, PO Box 716, Kuranda 4881.

Kuranda 8 Ball Association

Sign Up Night 7th February at 7:00pm

Kuranda Recreation Centre
\$100 knock out (free for members)

The Kuranda 8 Ball Association will be having their sign-up night on the 7th February at 7.00pm at the Recreation Centre in Fallon Road. Weekly competition will commence on the 21st February at both the Recreation Centre and Barron Falls Hotel.

On the night we will be having a \$100 prize money knock-out competition that will be free to members who join on that evening. Non-members are welcome but will pay \$5 to enter the knock-out.

Enquiries to Mark Freeman 07 4093 8827

KURANDA
EIGHT BALL ASSC



Premiershhip Team for 2011

Back L to R: John Milton, Dave Horton, Lee Kain
Bottom L to R: Harry Gibson, Lloyd Livsey (Capt), Tony Robinson

Garden Sculpture

Thanks to Hassan at HJM constructions, Jennie Thomson's garden now has a "Floating Island" of Flora and Foliage.

We had to remove a tree last year to make way for some home improvements, and since we treasure our trees we wanted to make the most out of a poor situation.

Hassan suggested we return the trunk and roots to the garden by inserting it upside down and using the roots as a garden bed.

We added a little compost and a little blood and bone and a few cuttings, along with some Nasturtium seeds and a tree fern to top it off, and hey presto a few weeks later we have a flourishing and seemingly 'Floating Island' of Flowers.

Ken Saville



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Neighbourhood Centre News February 2012

Community Mental Health – renting a room at KNC:

Community Mental Health is renting a room at KNC to provide a base for Catherine Flannagan who has been providing outreach to Kuranda clients. She will continue to provide an outreach/mobile service and therefore is not here all the time. Referrals to the service can be made via the Kuranda Medical Centre and by phoning the mental health service reception on 4226 4871. If you are an existing client, please make appointments using the above phone number and ask to be transferred to Catherine.

Narcotics Anonymous:

Weekly meeting at KNC on Thursdays at 6.30pm starting 2nd February.

Women's group:

There are some resources, beading bits and pieces, sewing machine, fishing gear etc available for a Kuranda Women's group. The group that has met sporadically in 2011 is in need of some keen, interested, inclusive women to input their energy. The vision for the group is that it is not attached to any particular organisation or agency, but it will be supported by the Kuranda Interagency Network with venue, assistance getting resources and transport support as needed. If you are interested, we can help put you in touch with other interested women and talk further about the group.

Volunteering at KNC:

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in community and connect with other people. KNC relies on volunteers to continue to run and we value the input, energy and time that people give to KNC. Volunteering options include being on the KNC Management Committee, reception shifts, gardening, furniture exchange programme, website maintenance etc. Volunteer training includes attending a mandatory session with FNQ Volunteers that covers several modules around volunteering in general. This will be provided in February 2012.

We also have a KNC specific training session that will be provided on Friday February 10th 1.00-4.00pm or Tuesday February 21st 10.00-1.00pm. Only one of these sessions needs to be attended. The Volunteer application process includes applying for and being approved for a Suitability For Working with Children Card (Blue Card). We assist in this process and there is no cost. If you are interested please contact the centre.

Step Forward:

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 programme at KNC.

This programme is run in a small group format in 2 hour sessions held weekly over four weeks. The programme assists people to understand and take control of their own behaviour by exploring the concepts underpinning "the change cycle".

Many people find that they can benefit from this course by attending more than once, to refresh their motivation for change. Face to face counselling is also available through referral to an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service (ATODS) counsellor if required.

The next programme commences on Wednesday 1st February 2012 and the one after that will commence on Wednesday 7th March 2012. Referral is necessary, so please contact us to find out more.

The programme is strictly confidential and we do not even need to know what behaviour you are seeking to change.

Uniting Care General Counselling (formerly Lifeline):

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MargYandell, Coordinator

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Queensland Self Defence and Taekwondo Academy have recommenced classes at the Kuranda CWA Hall and are anticipating a huge year of developments both locally and statewide.

Branch Instructor Patricia Goldfinch, assisted by Instructor Uwe Skrandies will be preparing students for competing at the All Australia International Taekwondo Federation's State Championships in Bundaberg in September. Competition encourages students to self improve and can provide an opportunity for students to pursue higher goals.

In saying that, the Academy's primary focus is to cultivate strong moral character, while upholding the tenets of Taekwondo.

Popularity for the club is based on its commitment to the teaching of traditional Taekwondo, accompanied by the inclusion of straight forward practical self defence training to effectively deal with real life situations. The objectives of Taekwon-do are to

- Cultivate strong moral character
- Strengthen the body
- Bring out one's strong qualities
- Display powerful techniques

In essence – to develop the Mind, Body, and Spirit

QSDTA students from Kuranda, Smithfield, Mareeba and further afield will also take part in a full weekend training seminar to be held at Lake Tinaroo in August. Instructors from throughout the State will share their vast knowledge with those attending.

The Academy celebrates over 30 years continuous operation statewide, and this is primarily due to the dedication of the instructors, who maintain the standards as set down by the late General Choi Hong Hi, Founder of the Art.

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Poker Venue Changed

Those locals who have become used to the regular Wednesday night game at the Kuranda Resort over the last couple of months should take note that this game has now been cancelled.

The Barron Falls Hotel, formerly Fitzpatrick's Tavern, ('the Top Pub') will now be the venue for NPL (National Poker League) Kuranda-based Texas Hold'em Poker games.

The game will be held on Thursday nights commencing February 2, 6.00pm sign-in for 7.00pm start. Normal NPL rules will apply.

"Pub Poker" is held at quite a few venues in Cairns and the Tablelands, including Atherton, Mareeba and now Kuranda. Games are operated by professional companies such as NPL, NPPL (National Pub Poker League) and Triple-8. All operate under similar rules, and a quick peruse through a website that outlines general Texas Hold'em rules would be helpful to novices before they turn up for games. Most poker organisations (and fellow players) will assist new players to get a handle on the game.

Games are social only, with no cash involved. A set amount of chips is allocated to each player, with some venues offering 'chip-ups', ie extra playing chips if you have a meal or spend a certain amount at the venue's bar. Most venues offer prizes for the winner and runner-up of a tournament.

The poker companies also offer cash prize games on a regular basis for qualifiers throughout a season. The NPL have a 3-monthly season, where qualifiers throughout the season play off for a first prize of over \$2000.

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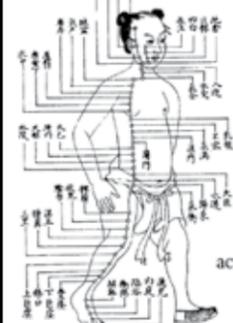
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Book Review

“Queen of the Sun: What are the Bees telling us?”

by Taggart Siegal and John Betz (Eds)
(Clairview, 2011)

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This is a companion book to the critically-acclaimed film of the same name and is compiled by the film's director, Taggart Siegal, and its producer Jon Betz. The film explored the 15,000 year history of beekeeping, illuminating the deep sense of affinity humans have historically with bees, a relationship of respect and reverence.

It documented the collapse of bee colonies in recent years and the search for a solution by the experts. The film makers, in both the film and in their article in this book, record the view that the causes are much more deep seated and lie in the exploitative and commercialistic nature of modern society and the threat to the living planet's long term sustainability. For this they say that the bees are a barometer of the health of the world.

The book itself features contributions by a number of authors, including Siegal and Betz. All the contributions are concerned with the great importance and beauty of bees and of honey. But this is expressed against the background of the alarming phenomenon affecting many parts of the world called “colony collapse disorder”. This comparatively recent phenomenon has manifested itself in very significant declines in the number of honey bees and hives in many countries.

Several of the contributors comment on the inconclusive search for a cause of this phenomenon. One with Perth connections, Horst Kornberger, an artist, states that:

“Researchers all over the world are trying to solve the mystery of disappearing bees. For many the varroa mite is the obvious culprit. But this mite co-existed with Asian bees long before colonies began to collapse...”

He goes on to express his views on the seriousness of the phenomenon. The loss of honey he sees as being of lesser importance as compared to the loss of agronomic value of the pollinating activity of bees, vital for crops and food production. He points to the essential social nature of bees, and in particular the important link between the Queen bee and the other bees in the hive.

He sees the environmental crisis as being linked to the bee crisis. He adds:

“The bee crisis is a global call to action. It asks us to trust our own judgement and not leave problems to the experts who have created them. It asks us to feel with nature and suffer her violation as our own”

Another contributor, scientist Vandana Shiva, sees 3 possible causes of the

phenomenon. One is the heavy use of pesticides, another the spread of genetically engineered crops with the Bt toxin in them, and the third the spread of electromagnetic radiation from communications technology.

But the book is also a celebration of the bee. Thus environmentalist Kerry Grefig places great value on the honey produced, not only for the sweetness it provides, being a healthier form of sugar, but also for the promotion of health and healing. Its antimicrobial and antifungal uses are now well known in Queensland and elsewhere. Several other contributors celebrate the bee in poetry.

Clearly all the contributors have a fascination with bees and bee colonies. They are also keen environmentalists and are deeply concerned about the decline in bee numbers. They see a link between the deterioration of the environment and the decline in bee numbers, even if the precise details of this connection are not clearly established.

Of course, bee numbers are only one manifestation of the serious environmental effects on the flora and fauna of the planet, albeit a very important aspect. Some might argue that an over-emphasis on the plight of the humble bee, without taking a more holistic view of the threat to all living things, is somewhat unbalanced. Others will argue that a purely materialistic concern with the plight of bees and other living things does not go deep enough, and that we need to dig deeper into human motivations, ideologies and politics.

Others again, including the reviewer, will look even deeper and see in the current adverse plight of many living things the symptoms of a deep-seated spiritual and moral malaise affecting humanity, demonstrating its lack of understanding of the sacred nature of the creation and the role and responsibilities of humans both individually and collectively within it.

But whatever approach is taken, it cannot be denied that any serious decline in bee numbers is a matter of great concern to all people. The book makes a contribution in this respect.

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A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

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“No, I had to stop drinking years ago,” the homeless man replied.

“Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?” the man asked.

“No, I don’t waste time fishing,” the homeless man said. “I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive.”

“Will you spend this on green fees at a golf course instead of food?” the man asked.

“Are you NUTS!” replied the homeless man. “I haven’t played golf in 20 years!”

“Will you spend the money on a woman in the red light district instead of food?” the man asked.

“What disease would I get for ten lousy bucks?” exclaimed the homeless man.

“Well,” said the man, “I’m not going to give you the money. Instead, I’m going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife.”

The homeless man was astounded. “Won’t your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I’m dirty and I probably smell pretty disgusting.”

The man replied, “That’s okay. It’s important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up beer, fishing, golf and sex.”



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Kuranda Aquatic Centre News

What wonderful sunny weather we have been having through January and back through December, unseasonally cooler and clear.

Our patrons have been enjoying a drier Summer at the pool with many enjoying a get-together and staying longer, with the reliable weather and our new shade shelters providing good cover.

Through the holidays we have conducted baby classes, toddlers and Intensives in the mornings for those staying around Kuranda for the holidays, and in fact many of our clients travelled from afar. It's been fun.

It is also pleasing to see our regular swimmers being joined by many new starters, and visitors to our district finding out about the magic qualities of this wonderful water and the fabulous vistas we have on offer.

Our regular *Learn to Swim* and *Swim Development* program will get back underway from Monday, January 30th with 5 afternoons and 3-4 mornings available for Aquatic Learning and Skilling.

We are also encouraged by the signs of a Fledgling Swim Club getting up and running for the New Year. Members within the setup could be then eligible

for cheaper squad rates for multiple sessions of Swimming per week under the guidance of a Coach. As well it would give over one evening a week to a Club night to allow the kids and parents to skill up on Water Games and Lifesaving – above all give choice of structured activities to the youngsters.

A lot of support is needed for any social or competition club but the great positives of social, healthy activity and keeping fit at the same time far outweigh the effort.

Considering we have the venue, and now also the shelter, half the work is in place. Many adult swimmers with years of experience can give and gain so much by mentoring the youngsters as the club develops.

From this perspective, an adult Swim group is also starting to emerge. The venue out here also lends itself ideally to be setup for Cross Training with running and riding events leading to the opportunity for a Kuranda Triathlon. Imagine.

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Graham Ayre Passes Away

Many readers, particularly from the Speewah area, will know of Graham, who passed away on 29 December 2011 in Ipswich. Graham lived for many years in Vievers Drive, firstly with his much loved wife Dorothy and after her passing on his own. She was German and Graham spent sometime in that country, learning the language. His life was not easy after her passing and he eventually sold up a few years ago and moved to Cairns. His health deteriorated further and his sister Janice and family arranged for him to move closer to them out of Brisbane. Eventually his health and mobility became such that he moved into a senior citizens nursing facility in Ipswich, where he passed away after a fall. Slightly built but with a good mind in his earlier days, he had a wide interest in contemporary affairs and could carry on a long conversation. He had a Baha'i funeral and burial attended by family and many Baha'i friends.

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The doctor considered his question for a minute and then began to tell a story.

'I have an older friend, much like you, who is an avid hunter and never misses a season. One day he was setting off to go hunting. In a bit of a hurry, he accidentally picked up his walking cane instead of his gun. As he neared a lake, he came across a very large male boar sitting at the water's edge. He realized he'd left his gun at home and so he couldn't shoot the creature. Out of habit he raised his cane, aimed it at the animal as if it were his favorite hunting rifle, and went 'bang, bang'. Miraculously, two shots rang out and the boar fell over dead. Now, what do you think of that?' asked the doctor.

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KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

ART FEST in December

The Co-op's Art Fest was a great weekend success in December. It now seems a long time ago. The artists' new work was exhibited in "Gallery2" beside the Co-op's Gallery in Coondoo Street and was officially opened by the Member for Leichhardt, Hon Warren Entsch. Attendance was good at the exhibition on the Friday night and at the very colourful two-day sidewalk sale held over the weekend. We thank the Kuranda community for their support of local artists. Many went away from the sidewalk sale having purchased their Christmas presents at below cost prices.

Members extend their sincere thanks to the 'organisers and curators' of the weekend activities, in particular Henri Hunsinger, who led the troops from the front and got things done. It is no picnic organising 14 artists and an exhibition. Our thanks also to our local buskers, Dave Hart and Joon Graham for adding the special ingredient of their music to the street scene at the Gallery.



Cairns Regional Gallery

There has been much publicity recently and general discussion amongst regional arts organisations regarding the implementation of changes to the exhibition program at the Cairns Regional Gallery. The Kuranda Arts Co-op added its signature, along with Cairns Art Society, Cairns Photographic Society Inc, Cairns Potters Club and local independent artists and arts groups, to a letter to the board of the Cairns Regional Gallery, outlining their concerns in the correspondence to the lack of certainty regarding the 2012 and the ongoing exhibition program and planned policy changes.

For too many years Kuranda, in particular, has not had its own permanent exhibition facility, and does not look forward to losing access and community exhibition space at the Cairns Regional Gallery. Visual Arts Association Inc for FNQ (VAA) president, Lone White, said local arts group lobbied for the CRG to be established in 1931 and deserve to be included in the policy discussion. "We all fought to get this gallery and then, when we did, decided it should have a high level of community involvement and encompass all groups" she said.

So far there has been no response to the concerns raised and these arts organisations have resolved to pursue this issue until there is a satisfactory outcome.

VALE – John Tindal, Potter

The region lost the very talented Cairns artist, John Tindal, at the end of last year. Many of our potters would have worked with John over the years and appreciated and respected this very colourful artist. John was well known as a potter and his hand built 'voluptuous ladies' always brought a smile to people's faces. KAC members have written to his wife Sheena and their family expressing sympathy.

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The 86-year-old said, 'Logic would strongly suggest that somebody else pumped a couple of rounds into that boar.'

The doctor replied, 'My point exactly.'

Bus it home!

I would like to share an experience with you all, about drinking and driving. As you well know, some of us have been known to have had brushes with the authorities on our way home from the odd social session over the years.

A couple of nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with some friends and had a few too many beers and some rather nice merlot.

Knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before – I took a bus home.

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Portia gets its name from the scientific name *Portia fimbriata*, and is a jumping spider found in the north eastern part of Australia. It is a specialised hunter, only feeding on other spiders. It is unusually camouflaged, and has clusters of hairs protruding from its body giving it an 'unspider-like' shape. In fact it looks a little like a piece of debris and it certainly uses this to its advantage.

Portia hunts by stalking other spiders, usually those that build orb webs. The amazing thing about this species is that it uses a number of strategies to approach and attack its prey. More amazingly, if one method doesn't work it will switch to another.

Like other jumping spiders, Portia has excellent eyesight. When prey is first located Portia will assess the situation, make an approach which gives it the best chance of



The face of Portia; the last thing many spiders ever see.

Photo: Alan Henderson

capturing the other spider, and will use different methods for different species of prey. This may involve actually losing sight of the intended prey as it begins the slow and stealthy attack which is very unusual for invertebrate predators.

One method utilised by this hunter is to move to the edge of an orb-weaver's web and pluck the web with its legs to lure the other spider closer. A Portia will sit for hours tweaking and plucking tiny vibrations to gradually lure the unsuspecting owner of the web into checking out the source of the vibration. If it gets no reaction it will alter the type of vibrations it produces, testing time after time until it gets a result. If the orb-weaver senses the assassin's presence it will back off, and make another approach some time later.

Sometimes a Portia will simply creep onto its victim's web, step by step, millimetre by millimetre, taking hours and sometimes days to make its way close enough to its intended victim. Portia spiders have also been known to lower themselves down by a silken thread adjacent to an orb web to make their approach.

Whichever method is used, the goal is to get close enough to an orb-weaver to make a rapid attack. The Portia will leap onto the unsuspecting spider and deliver a lethal bite. Even though the victim may be many times the size of Portia, the jumping spider's venom is potent enough to kill it inside a minute or two.

Once a kill has been made Portia will take its fill from the victim, any leftovers are a bonus for scavengers. At which time Portia is on the move again, looking for its next victim.

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Sanalo Moonahi

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WITH DEEP SORROW and loving memories we say goodbye to our friend Sanalo.

Sanalo and her little boy Kwame lived by the Barron River at Oak Forest for several years, recently moving to Freshwater, Cairns, where Kwame attends school. On New Year's Day she was involved in a car accident between Perth airport's domestic and international terminals, which ended her life. Friends and family came together on 22nd January in Kuranda so together they could honour her spirit and celebrate her life.

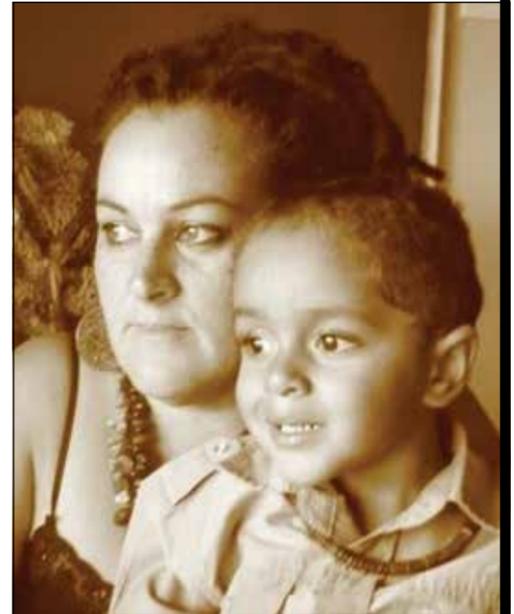
When I imagine Sanalo, I see her by the river, with Kwame, laughing.

Sanalo was a bright, shining, funny person who had a wicked sense of humour and a sharp sense of irony. I can picture her cheeky smile and the spark of intelligence and laughter in her eyes. She was a big hearted person – warm, kind and giving. She shared her stories of the difficult times in her life, which she overcame with courage and strength. This amazing, open hearted woman could cry as openly and spontaneously as she laughed.

Sanalo was a totally devoted mother. She created a magical and loving childhood for Kwame, even when she struggled from day to day as a single mum. She often spoke of her mother who she loved, and who recently left her life in Sydney to join Sanalo and Kwame in Cairns.

The sudden ending of her life brings huge sadness and grief to many, but of her life before that terrible event there is reason to be glad. Her darling child and her loving mother gave her joy and support, she had many, many friends and she was in love with her man.

A trust fund has been set up for Kwame, into which donations can be made to support him and his grandmother. Soon, a section of the Barron River will be planted with trees in memory of Sanalo –so if you'd like to join us, contact sahrizvi@westnet.com.au for more information on where and when.



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Inside My Studio

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Constantly overshadowed by its bigger, louder cousin the guitar, the ukulele didn't get much love. The pint-sized stringed instrument has enjoyed a serious revival in recent years, thanks to the patronage of some high-profile artists. A concert in 2002 in memory of George Harrison (himself a ukulele devotee), ended with 'I'll See You in My Dreams' played on this instrument. It was spellbinding and tear jerking. Many musicians have been quoted saying, of the ukulele, "it is the sweetest sound of all".

Ukuleles are commonly associated with music from Hawaii where the name roughly translates as "jumping flea", perhaps due to the action of one's fingers playing the ukulele resembling a "jumping flea". From the Hawaiian words uku (gift or reward) and lele (to come) the name means "the gift that came here". The gift to music in Kuranda comes with **Daniel Siddhartha** and **Yuki Toda**, the delightful husband and wife duo, recording and performing as Bosko and Honey. Yuki plays a tenor and a soprano ukulele and Daniel is in between with his concert pitch instrument. I spoke with Daniel and Yuki on their balcony overlooking Jum Rum Reserve, accompanied by a digging brush turkey and a chorus of rainforest birds.

Where is your current studio?

Wherever we are with our ukuleles. We move around to perform but most of our practice is done in our lovely home in the rainforest in Barron Falls Road.

Do you work alone or with others?

We play as a duo – we always perform together. We have never actually performed individually. We did, however, recently collaborate with local musician Blu Lustre and we have joined others at Loony Poets in Kuranda and Arthouse in Cairns. We really enjoyed the experience. In 2008 we started our Ukulele Safari project and travelled to the US, Europe and Japan over 11 months. We stayed at the invitation of other ukulele players in their homes and we spent time playing with each of them, arranging songs and making video recordings. Then we would upload the results to the internet so anyone could follow our travels.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Ukuleles, us and some time.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

Daniel – I practically play all day. I work seven days a week in the village drawing caricatures, and in between customers I pick up my ukulele...which can be most of the time outside of school holidays!

Yuki – I basically don't play much unless there's something we are working on.

Describe the work you do in your studio.

Daniel – When we are working on a new piece I bring instrumental ideas to Yuki and we will develop a part for her. After settling on a basic arrangement we will develop words and melody.

Yuki – We don't 'work' unless there is a deadline for motivation. If needed we will use every spare moment to practice and 'polish' before we play live. Then it is practice, practice and more practice.

Daniel – We often use the computer to record via webcam so we can hear and



see our progress. The hard work is always in the practice, the real fun is in the performance.

Why is ukulele music your chosen medium?

Daniel – It was quite by accident. I used to play the violin which I learned as a child, but once Yuki and I were married we wanted to play together. We watched an old 1920s cartoon called "Bosko" and the two characters, Bosko and Honey, reminded us of ourselves, hence the adoption of the names. So I bought Yuki a ukulele for her birthday. She used to be a DJ and could read music from school but had never played an instrument. One instrument between us became a problem because I always took it to work with me and Yuki would get annoyed. So I had to buy my own. After that I never played the violin again.

List three things you listen to while working.

Yuki – anything that comes to my ear is an influence.

Daniel – I enjoy country music, internet radio and ABC Jazz. Most importantly we listen to each other and the music we are making.

Your favourite tools?

Ukuleles.

How do you identify your work?

By its sound, which we hope it is now identifiably our own. The name Bosko and Honey is our branding. We have registered our original work with APRA.

How do you sell your work?

We sell our CDs online and give the occasional instructional workshop. We travel throughout Australia regularly performing at ukulele festivals and ukulele clubs.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

Yuki – Neither, as I work in a shop at the Heritage Markets. But I love sharing ukulele music with friends. I get together with a group of like-minded ladies (Honey and Spice) every week for a ukulele 'play and singalong'.

Daniel – I don't really formally teach as such, but when I am in the village and not drawing I am happy to pass on information when I am asked.

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

Yuki – Time, we would like more time to play together.

Daniel – A bigger fridge!

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

Daniel – Anything that connects us with other people. That's the fun bit. If, however, I could be a film critic, it would justify my zombie movie fetish. I can't get enough of them.

Yuki – I would be doing something where I could use my imagination. I love to crochet and do handicrafts. I recently crocheted a dress on the train from Cairns to Melbourne during our last tour.

Daniel and Yuki, 'Bosko and Honey', are currently preparing for another trip. This time to attend a ukulele festival in the Blue Mountains where they will be performing over the festival period.

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Ben Herbohn – A Hard-Working, Good Life

For this month's profile, let me introduce you to another community elder, Ben Herbohn. If you have visited the Post Office in Kuranda regularly, you may have seen him in the past in his quaint shed nearby, a workshop full of old mechanical devices and tools. He used to repair lawnmowers and the like in his retirement. These days he is wheelchair bound and not as fit as he used to be so he is not so visible and active.

Ben's paternal grandmother had migrated from Germany on her own in the early days and gave birth on the ship. She travelled first to New Zealand and then came to Australia. Life was very hard so the children were put in a Sydney orphanage. Later the family were united in Brisbane but the grandmother never married. On the maternal side, Ben's grandmother came from Wales to live in Brisbane, where she also had a very hard life. She had two marriages, the second to an Indian or Ceylonese. Ben is descended from the latter.

Ben was born in 1920 and was schooled in Kingaroy. He was in the middle of a very large family of 13 children. The parents ran a hand-milked dairy farm. It taught Ben the value of hard work. Ben has one brother and three sisters still surviving.

Later, Ben and two brothers took on their own share farm, milking 95 cows by hand. Then World War II came. Ben and one brother sought to join the Air Force as mechanics, although not qualified as such. They were not accepted. Instead there was a big demand for timber to support the war effort, so they went cutting timber in the Bunya Mountains. In 1948 Ben and a brother came to Kuranda for the first time to do some logging, bringing with them a tractor and truck with some difficulties. Two other brothers joined them and they continued to work timber in the general area, living largely in the bush. They worked right up the Clohessy River, Stoney Creek and Black Mountain. Initially the work included using cross cut saws before chain saws came in, very hard.

Kuranda at that time was a "one-horse town" as he describes it, quite small, although even then with two pubs, a police station and a picture theatre. The Post Office was at the Railway Station. To begin with, the high level bridge had not yet



been built over the Barron, leaving Ben stranded when he went on a holiday once, to come back to find the river up and water across the low level. He had to leave his car on the other side.

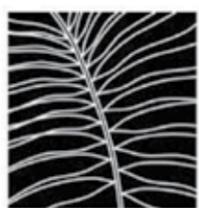
In 1952 Ben married in Gympie, from where his wife came. Returning to Kuranda, he purchased the house that still stands next to the present Post Office and car park. He and his wife lived there and had their six children in North Queensland. She passed away in 1974. Ben continued the timber work. Originally he had to haul the cut timber to the mill in Stratford, but later there were one, and then for a time two, mills in Kuranda (near the old school) as well as a mill in Mt Molloy. It was hard, dangerous work. Ben recalls one occasion when he was nearly killed as a result of a loose log when the rope flew off and over his head. On another occasion, a log fell off at the mill and just missed him. But he was fairly careful, and the worst injury suffered was the loss of the top of one finger.

Ben retired from timber work in 1985 but continued to live in the same house in Kuranda. He also continued his activities in the old shed next door, taking on small mechanical jobs and talking to the locals. But even this has got too much for him in recent times. His hips went and he was forced to use a wheel chair. He put in a lift in his house to get up and down.

He says he has had a good life, always working, making just enough money to survive. This is reflected in his humble nature. He particularly liked working with his brothers, although he employed other people, including local Aboriginal people with whom he was on good terms. He kept fit and healthy from work and from the fact that he never drank or smoked. He was never a church goer, but respected all peoples and races. He now enjoys 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, quite a few of whom still live around the Kuranda region. But generally he thinks that things have got much worse now than in his day. His key advice to those younger than him is to "keep off the booze!"

Good luck to you Ben!

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Australian libraries and library associations are behind a campaign to turn 2012 into the National Year of Reading, linking together all the great things that are already happening around books, reading and literacy, and giving them an extra boost, with inspirational programs and events taking place across the country.

The National Year of Reading 2012 is about children learning to read and keen readers finding new sources of inspiration. It's about supporting reading initiatives while respecting the oral tradition of storytelling. It's about helping people discover and rediscover the magic of books. And most of all, it's about Australians becoming a nation of readers.

Tablelands Regional Council's 11 library branches have a full year of events planned, based around the theme of reading, with a different emphasis each month.

For more information on the National Year of Reading go to <http://www.love2read.org.au/> or call your local library branch.

**Interesting Facts about
TRC Libraries 2010-2011**

- Number of branches:** 11
- Locations:** Atherton, Chillagoe, Dimbulah, Herberton, Kuranda, Malanda, Mareeba, Millaa Millaa, Mt Garnet, Ravenshoe, Yungaburra
- Total hours open per week:** 231hrs 30mins
- Total membership:** 18,112
- Number of issues:** 394,820
- Number of enquiries:** 24635
- Number of reservations:** 47,781
- Total number of items held:** 121,144
- Number of storytime sessions:** 556
- Number of storytime attendees:** 7961



Kuranda Library Activities February

School Holidays Essay Contest:

Our **Holiday in a Book** essay contest ended on 20th January. Winners will be announced on 31st January and the winning essays will be published in the March edition of the Kuranda Paper. Thank you to everyone who helped makes this contest a success!

Story Time:

Story Time and Craft for children not yet attending school is every Friday at 10.00am. Please book ahead to insure that we have enough supplies for our eager participants!

National Year of Reading 2012:

All TRC libraries will be hosting different events throughout the year to celebrate National Year of Reading 2012! At the Kuranda Library we will be launching NYR on Library Lover's Day, 14th February, with a special **Open House Day** including balloons, refreshments and a special Valentine's Day Raffle. Call the library or stop in for details! Some of the other activities throughout the year include:

March: CWA Craft Demonstrations, Classes and Displays

April, July & October: Membership Drive – bring in a new library member and go in the drawing to win an iPod.

June: Poetry Competition

July: Local Author Visit: Joyce Berendes and Clive Walters

October: Bake-up Competition & Morning Tea; Historical CWA Cookbook Display

November: Men Reading Photo Competition – win a BBQ!

Watch this space each month for more details of upcoming events!

Cheers,
Chrissy & Ros



Approved Inspection Program Cats and Dogs — 2012

Tablelands Regional Council has resolved that a systematic approved inspection program be carried out on selected properties within the Tablelands Regional Council, to monitor compliance with the registration requirements of the State Government's Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.

Purpose of Program

To ensure that the owners of dogs and cats within the Tablelands Regional Council have complied with the registration and microchipping requirements of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.

Program Times

The systematic inspection program will commence on 1 February 2012 and terminate on 30 June 2012. It will be conducted between the hours of 0630hrs and 1900hrs Monday to Sunday, with the majority of inspections to be undertaken during normal working hours, or at such time depending on the circumstances of the householder.

Properties to be inspected

All properties that do not have currently registered animals within the Tablelands Regional Council area are to be inspected.

Enforcement

Where an Authorised Person identifies a dog or cat as not being currently registered with Tablelands Regional Council for the 2011/12 financial year, and microchipped where required by the Animal Management Act a warning letter will be issued to the person responsible for the animal to register the dog or cat within ten (10) business days from the date of the warning letter.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 within 10 business days will result in the issue of a Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN). Council may commence legal action against the responsible person without further notice to the person. The amount of a PIN for failure to register an animal is \$200.

A copy of this information (Approved Inspection Program) can be viewed at the Tablelands Regional Council service centres until the end of the program. It can also be accessed via Councils website.

For further information please contact Tablelands Regional Council on 1300 362 242 or visit the website at www.trc.qld.gov.au.

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News from St Saviour's
 St Saviour's has been very active over the Christmas New Year period with wonderful Christmas and Epiphany services. St Saviour's Sunday school has commenced for 2012 and new faces are very welcome. On Thursday 2nd February The Eucharist of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) will be celebrated in St Saviour's commencing at 7.30pm.
 Again this year the service will be held by candlelight. Like to know more about the Christian faith? Is it irrelevant, boring, without foundation? Come along then to an Alpha course and find out. Alpha is a basic introduction to the Christian faith; a course will be starting at St Saviour's soon.

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A Thought for February

THE story of the wise men is a very important part of the Christmas story and in Churches all over the world their arrival is celebrated on the 6th January or on the Sunday nearest to that date
 St Matthew records in his Gospel that 'When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.' Matthew 2:10.
 Journey's end, with mission accomplished, was surely ample cause for joy. These mysterious Magi had travelled from the Orient with one eye on the road and the other on the star. They had met a ruler suffering from paranoia (v. 3)) in Jerusalem, who seemed to know of a King but not of his whereabouts – but the star had led them to the object of the enterprise, so their joy could have full rein.
 What have these Magi (Wise Men) to say to us today? They brought costly gifts. How much does our love for Jesus mean? They brought meaningful gifts, tailored to the recipient. Do we bring Jesus our finest talents, our prime time – or just what is left at the end of the day? They came a long way. How far do we go, or are we prepared to go, in the service of our Lord? They asked for nothing in return,

save the privilege of kneeling in adoration before the Child. Are we always asking Jesus for things? Are there times when we simply take delight in being in his presence?
 Oh, don't these Magi challenge us, in ways we may not feel like coping with, so soon after the frenetic season of Christmas! It was enough – amply sufficient – for the Magi to worship the Child, and then return to their homeland. That they were securely in the will of God is seen by their obedience to God's message as they slept, to return by a different route and so avoid Herod (v. 12).
 Do we take notice of the stuff that dreams are made of? We should. God's messages today come in many ways, and dreams still fall short of a purely medical, clinical diagnosis. Some churches are cold, some are hot, others nicely heated; some have AC, some are large, others small; some are 'high', while others are 'low'; yet none of these criteria really matter.
 The crucial factor is: does the church (i.e. the Christians in it) welcome newcomers, grow in fervour, love each other and take great joy in witnessing for Christ? It has been said that today's Christians are sadly lacking in the ability to be joyful. Who, then, will

ever be encouraged to come to Christ through us?
 Who have we encouraged to come to worship in the last year - or have we kept the joy of the Lord to ourselves?
 In some countries there is still an official ban on Christian evangelising. Would there be a greater willingness to defy that law, if such a thing was operative in the Australia of 2012?
 As we reflect on the time and effort expended by the Magi in their determination to seek and find Jesus, inevitably the contrast between them and the Jews is pointed up: while 'his own people' largely ignored him, or (as in the case of Herod) actively opposed him, Jesus attracted Wise Men from a distant land.
 He was later to warn the Jews: 'Many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness' (Matthew 8:11, 12).
 How is God talking to us? Are we listening? Are we contemplating? Are we really enthused? Or are our minds closed, our hearts cold, our backs turned? Or are we awake? Ready. Loving. Accepting.

Thought of the Month from the Baha'i Faith

"Today the enmity and rivalry existing between the religions are over mere words. It is an established fact that the followers of all the religions believe in a reality, the benefits of which are universal; which reality is a medium between God and man. The Jews call that reality Moses, the Christians Christ, the Mussulmans Mohammed, the Buddhists Buddha and the Zoroastrians Zoroaster. Now mark well that none of these religionists have ever seen the founders; they have only heard his name. Could they overlook these names they would at once realize that all believe in a perfect reality which is an intermediary between the Almighty and the creatures."

(Abdu'l-Baha)

Meditations/Reflections: all welcome to meditations on the sacred writings of the great religions etc, every Wednesday, 7.00pm, Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda.
Morning prayers: each Tuesday morning at 8.00am, in the park in central Kuranda.
Spiritual Study Circles each week commencing soon, please feel free to enquire.
Intercalary days celebration from Sunday 26 February.
 Also regular events in Cairns, Atherton, Tolga, Malanda and other places.
All enquiries welcome. Telephone 4093 7120/9571

From the Baha'i Community of the Tablelands

Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



If today's women are so perfect at multitasking, how come they can't have a headache and sex at the same time?"



Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Sign On and AGM

Kuranda Horse and Pony Club is holding its **Sign On and AGM** on Saturday 4th February from 3.00pm at the Clubhouse on Myola Road.

Membership fees for 2012: Riding member's yearly fee is \$85.00; Social member's fee; \$35.00. Parts of these fees are paid to PCAQ which covers all members with insurance.

The Club's shirts can also be purchased from the clubhouse. There are new long sleeved sun shirts available in navy blue and white at a cost of \$43.50, sizes Child's 10, 12. Adults small, medium. Short sleeved polos are also available for \$35.00.

These shirts are to be worn at each rally day or for sporting competitions at other pony clubs along with navy blue Jodhpurs. The club's official uniform consists of long sleeved white shirt and navy blue tie, with navy blue jodhpurs, Australian approved riding helmet and short smooth soled boots in brown or black. Kuranda saddle cloths can be purchased at Lansky's saddleworld in Doyle Street, Cairns. They may need to be ordered.

We look forward to seeing all past and NEW members there. If anyone needs any more information concerning joining Pony Club, contact the secretary Chris Hewitt 4093 0650, or the Chief Instructor Judy Pope 4093 7199.

Just to finish off I have included some photos of the club's end of year Break Up which was held in December 2011:

- Santa came along to the delight of all the kids.
- The club's 3 Instructors getting ready to hand out the end of year Trophies, Judy Pope, Di Curtis, Lorraine Richardson.

• The Club also presented Bevan and Betty Butler, Mal and Pat Baumgarten with Life Memberships to honor their years of support and help to the Kuranda Horse and Pony club.

Let's get fit and healthy in the great outdoors on our best friends in 2012. Hope it's a great year for you all.

Happy Riding.
Di Curtis
Club Instructor



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Sale by Tender – Purchase and Removal of Old Kuranda Primary School Blocks A & B

Tablelands Regional Council hereby invites tenders for the purchase and removal of the old Kuranda Primary School blocks A & B.

Obtaining Documentation: The tender documentation may be obtained by contacting Council's Tenders and Contracts Officer, Maree Lopez on (07) 4043 4613.

Changes: Section 177 of the Local Government (Finance Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010, relating to changes to Tenders may be applied.

Lodgement of Tenders: Tenders must be lodged in the Tender Box of Tablelands Regional Council – Mareeba Regional Service Centre at 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba by the Closing Time.

Closing Time: The Closing Time for lodgement of Tenders is 11:00 am on Monday 13 February 2012.

Tenders will be opened publicly.

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Expression of Interest – Multiple and Shared Use Space – Kuranda Community Precinct

Expressions of Interest are invited for the multiple and shared use space of the first floor level at the Kuranda Community Precinct (The Old Kuranda Primary School), Arara Street, Kuranda.

The first floor level is currently divided into three (3) sections, the centre section, is currently used for the Division 8 Councillor elect for the Tablelands Regional Council and at either end large open plan rooms are located. It is these two (2) areas that are available for use by an individual, group or organisation for community purposes. The dimensions each of the two (2) rooms is approximately 137.75m², with standard ceiling fans and lights, a small basic kitchenette and small lockable storeroom.

Obtaining Documentation: Documents are available by contacting Council's Tenders and Contracts Officer, Maree Lopez on 4043 4613.

Lodgement of Expressions of Interest: Expressions of Interest must be lodged in the Tender Box of the Tablelands Regional Council - Mareeba Regional Service Centre, 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba by the Closing Time.

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Barron Delta Mangrove Protection Campaign

Update 4 Jan 2012

In response to a newspaper article I featured in regarding the potential impact of Cairns Airport Pty Ltd (CAPL) expansion on mangrove wetlands, the recently appointed CEO of CAPL Kevin Brown invited me to meet with him so that we could discuss concerns raised in the article.

I asked Barry Fitzsimmons to accompany me at the meeting held at the airport. Helen Laird from airport administration joined us and we spoke to Kevin for over an hour in a meeting in which I consider that the concerns of the Barron Delta Mangrove Protection Campaign were heard and understood. I also feel that as a result of our talk Kevin has become more aware of the incredible value of mangrove wetlands. I offered my services as a nature guide to accompany Kevin and his family on the airport mangrove boardwalk hoping to increase his appreciation of their value and beauty. He accepted my offer and I look forward to the walk. This boardwalk unfortunately could be consumed for a "mixed aviation zone" according to the current draft land use plan.

Kevin suggested that the airport expansion need not extend beyond the boundaries of the already cleared area. He does however feel that a "commercial precinct" is necessary for the airport to help pay for the cost of the proposed new general aviation precinct.

With regards the second runway or "movement expansion precinct" as it is called in the land use plan, he said it would not happen for a long time if it did, as it would be so expensive. In response however I explained my concern that there is already a centre line for a second runway surveyed and that the CAPL draft land use plan applies for more mangrove wetland to increase the area available to CAPL for the possible 2nd runway. I asked that in line with my submission to the CAPL Statement of Proposals 2008 and the CAPL Draft land use plan Dec. 2010 that the "movement expansion precinct" covering the vital mangrove wetland be removed from the plan so that it is not a constant threat and stress to the future of environmental sustainability.



What can we do to help save the mangrove wetland?

- We can write to Kevin Brown and let him know how concerned we are about further destruction to the tidal wetlands adjoining the airport land. We can ask him to keep any airport development within the confines of the land already cleared.
- Recommend that the wetlands be maintained as a buffer zone to cyclones, storm surges and possible tsunamis. Our airport after all is an essential service in times of disaster.
- Make our airport an example of environmentally sustainable development that visitors and locals will be proud of by respecting the vital mangrove wetlands.

Kevin Brown, Chief Executive Officer, North Queensland Airports Group, PO Box 57 Airport Administration Centre, Cairns Airport Qld 4870 kevinbrown@ Cairnsairport.com.au

Cc to Steve Wettenhall Member for Barron River, PO Box 1014 Smithfield Qld 4878 barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au

The mangroves appreciate any assistance, we are their voice.

Regards, **Rob Williams**, mangrove man, spokesperson for Barron Delta Mangrove Protection Campaign rbwil42@yahoo.com.au mob 0432287032

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Living in Kuranda

Green New Year resolutions

Happy New Year 2012 everyone! After the busy Festive Season and School Holidays I do hope your life is back to normal again. School term began again on 23rd January, and Australia Day celebrations are on the 26th.

In the December 2011 issue of *The Kuranda Paper*, SES's "Don't be scared - Be Prepared" Cyclone season guide was very comprehensive. View it online www.kurandapaper.com. It's on page 32.

2012 has been recognised as the International Year of Co-operatives by the United Nations: <http://www.2012.coop/> also The Australian Year of the Farmer 2012. www.yearofthefarmer.com.au and the National Year of Reading, <http://www.love2read.org.au/>

Have you made any Green New Year Resolutions? If you have, you've got 300+ days to implement them to keep you and your family healthier and help care for our wonderful region. So just how green are you? Do you need a challenge to get you started? What is your main priority?

FOOD

With Australia currently undergoing a food and grocery crisis, and the backlash towards corporate agribusiness, consumers wanting local, fresher, less toxic imported foods, are opting for the return to healthier food options and going back to basics. i.e. growing your own fresh food, raising chickens for meat and eggs and eating more homemade foods.

Community gardens or new co-operatives are springing up around the world supplying fresh organically grown produce to concerned consumers. In Kuranda visit The RealFood Network at the original Kuranda markets, (enter off Thoree St.). They source local organic produce from the Tablelands.

Join the 100-Mile Diet challenge - 100milediet.org. Well actually, it's a 161km Diet challenge here in Australia isn't it!) - anyway, you eat foods produced locally within this radius.

Grow it yourself. Start recycling your food waste. Ask the local coffee shops, restaurants, neighbours, friends or family for their waste products and begin your worm farm and composting. Whether it's acreage or a unit, it's amazing what you can grow. Borrow books from the library, join an organic growers or sustainable or permaculture club, go online and ask questions.

Gardening calendar for the tropics - <http://www.gardenate.com/>

Growing food in the tropics has its own unique problems.

Don't let your free range chickens ruin your prized veggie patch. It needs good security fencing from other birds and animals too! Become a member of the Freecycle group, they offer second hand equipment to help you start your garden. Or, advertise on Radio 4AM on a Saturday morning or post a notice on the Public Noticeboard next to the Kuranda Post Office.

Be a discerning shopper. We have a right to know exactly what we are eating. Food labelling is now a hot topic. Can you trust the label or is it just marketing hype. Is the product Australian or imported, is it free from artificial chemicals, irradiation and GM free. Learn how to read labels and know what it is you are buying. Choice.com.au has free info online here <http://tinyurl.com/4gbtws> www.ausbuy.com.au has this rating.

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FA = Foreign owned Australian made.

Food Intolerance Network has a wealth of knowledge on their website.

<http://fedup.com.au/factsheets/additive-and-natural-chemical-factsheets-2>

<http://fedup.com.au/information/shopping-list/blog>

So there you have it, a small beginning to going green throughout 2012.

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The Arab and the Scotsman

An Arab Sheik was admitted to St Vincents Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to store his blood in case the need arose. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so, the call went out to all the states.

Finally a Scot was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Arab. After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds & US dollars.

A couple of days later, once again, the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery. His doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a jar of candies.

The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab this time did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He phoned the Arab and asked him: "I thought you would be generous again, last time you gave me a BMW, diamonds and money - but this time you only gave me a thank-you card and a jar of candies".

To this the Arab replied: "Aye, because now I have Scottish blood in my veins".

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Your Month by the Stars Astrology 2012

2012: what will it bring?

There's many dire predictions, but here's the thing, it's all down to us, whatever the weather if we fly or we fall we're all in it together, so let's lighten up and all take the ride and we'll take it that we've got the Gods on our side.

Here's a light-hearted look at the zodiac signs so take your sweet time and read 'tween the lines. We've got just one Sun sign, but the other eleven are all in there somewhere: Ascendant; Midheaven. It could be the Moon, or your Venus or Mars but we're all touched somewhere by all of the Stars.

♈ Aries

I lead the whole pack, I just gotta be first and if I'm held back, I might well just burst!

♉ Taurus

I enjoy all that's mine and I know it's true worth I take my sweet time; keep both feet on the earth.

♊ Gemini

I love a good chat, and the little white lie I'm sleek as a cat and a real butterfly.

♋ Cancer

I'm happy at home with my family and kin, can keep them close to the womb, and at night tuck them in.

♌ Leo

I'm simply the best, nothing there to decide I outshine the rest, and rule them with pride.

♍ Virgo

Perfection's my focus, must send off this email don't hold with the hocus, God's in the detail.

♎ Libra

I'm elegant, chic; move with graceful precision but please, just don't ask me to make a decision.

♏ Scorpio

I desire and I lust and my passions just boil I'm the friend you can trust, you'll find no one more loyal.

♐ Sagittarius

I aim for the sky and I know I'll get there but if it don't happen I really don't care.

♑ Capricorn

I set down the rules and I'll brook no rebuttal and I must have my structures, no matter how subtle.

♒ Aquarius

What you see's what I show, it's just my projection and the distance I keep myself at's my protection.

♓ Pisces

Let me drift, let me dream in my fantasy world nothing's quite what it seems, but my oysters are pearled.

The planets keep cycling, they touch every part. Just remember the best of us comes from the heart.

Happy 2012!

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That's 2011 done with: So what does 2012 hold for us – the End of the World?

So we have done with the year 2011, perhaps not so good for many in Kuranda, with tourist numbers down, the world economy financially depressed, many disasters around the world including some too close to home for comfort, and disillusionment with politics and politicians. Perhaps 2012 will be better! But then again, some may think it may even be worse.

There appears to be no early expectation of a pick-up in tourist numbers. And the possibility is that the financial situation might even get worse before it gets better. Further, it is possible that natural disasters may even become more common with changes in climate. Most of us know about this already as home insurance costs have dramatically increased. And as for our politicians?? Australia needs bold, statesmanlike leadership, you could say, something to inspire confidence and hope. But then, the whole world needs strong, positive, principled leadership on democratic principles!

But wait, there is more! We are told that according to the ancient Mayan prophecies, the world is going to end in late December 2012 after some huge global conflagration.

Many people seem to believe that this has elements of truth. No doubt this reflects the general pessimism that is abroad in the community, but with a new focus. Such end-of-world prophecies have a very long lineage. Since the millennium bug issue in 2000 and 9/11, they have become more common over the last decade.

Some have ended in tragedy, other just fizzled out. If you watched the recent SBS program on the Bible, many draw support from certain literal interpretations of the Book of Revelation in particular.

But all the great religions have their own prophecies of an end time, in most cases followed by a very positive

prospect of peace, spirituality and harmony.

The Mayan prophecies need examination in the light of the many dire predictions around at present. It seems to be correct that December 2012 completes a "great cycle" of thirteen periods of 144,000 days each in the Mayan calendar since the mythical Mayan creation date, without any provision thereafter.

But it does not follow that this marks the end of the world, nor the occurrence of some great global convulsion leading to such an end, as the Mayan calendar was cyclical in nature. The calendar ending may well coincide with a change into a new global cycle, one

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that moves away from a bigoted national "sovereignty" and jingoism towards greater global consciousness, concern for all humanity and cooperation. Mind you, we have had so many enormous catastrophes in the world in recent times that it would be an act of supreme confidence to predict an end to them in 2012. Any great change is marked by turbulence.

LET me offer a more positive outlook for 2012 and beyond for my friends in Kuranda and elsewhere. My feeling is that after a period, the problems in Europe will gradually be overcome and the European Union will become stronger than before. It

will continue to expand. It will be followed by greater cooperation in other regions of the world.

The USA may cease to be the world's policeman, but this will be matched by a strengthening of international and regional institutions. The emphasis on fundamental human rights will continue around the globe, with more international pressure to seek their observance.

It will become more difficult to perpetrate gross abuses. The opposition to tyrannical national regimes will continue, leading to more changes, voluntary or otherwise. The violent excesses of fundamentalist religions will gradually be overcome as they are exposed and recognised for what they really are: the abuse of genuine religion. People will feel free to travel again.

SURE there will be hiccups and reversals in this process. There will be opposition, largely based on prejudice and narrow, perceived self-interest. But we shouldn't allow such negatives to override an overall positive view of the future.

We should adopt a view of a future world of fairness, prosperity and wellbeing, one in which science and technology combine with a fresh new world outlook to assure us that the great problems facing the planet can be overcome.

Let's face it. Doom and gloom only breeds more doom and gloom. Getting the attitude right is the necessary starting point for progress.

Of all the places in Australia, Kuranda and the Tablelands generally stand out as having a very bright future. Look at the resources, look at the potential, look at the beauty and cleanliness. It is a very desirable place to live.

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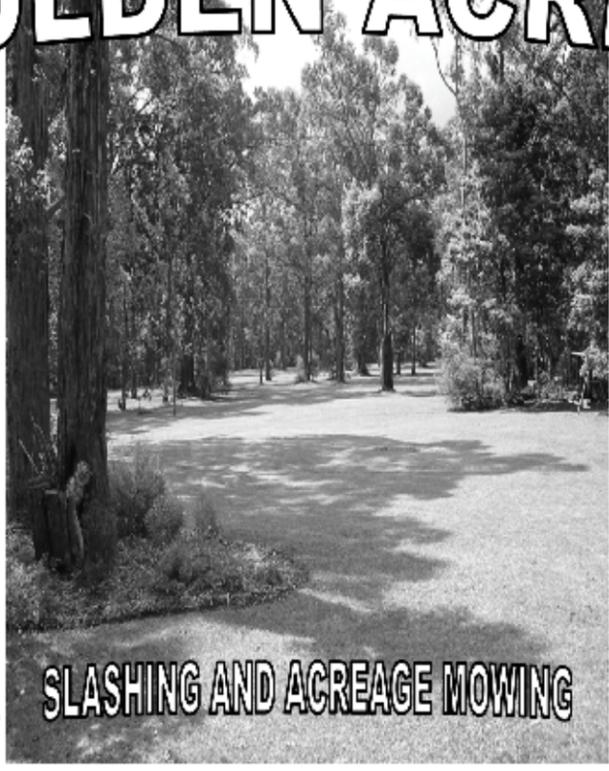
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SPECIAL REPORT ON CASSOWARY DNA RESEARCH

We've been collecting cassowary poo (scats, dung – a rose by any other name) for years now. After careful packaging, the samples are sent off for extraction of the DNA so that individual birds can be identified using microsatellite markers (that's not what you think it means).

It's been a long, slow journey to reach the point where we are beginning to understand with some scientific certainty who our local birds are. This gives us insight into the actions that need to be taken to improve their status.

The DNA results show us that the cassowary population within a 5 km radius of Kuranda is highly interbred. That means mother/son and father/daughter breeding pairs as well as the same male and female partners generation after generation.

These results imply that the inner circle Kuranda cassowary habitat is cut off (frag-

mented) from areas where other cassowaries roam. This could well be the situation for other wildlife too. One thing we need to do is take a good hard look at what needs to be done to protect and create corridors that connect up fragmented areas to encourage genetic diversity.

But there's a step before that: Where are there other cassowaries living in healthy habitats further afield that the inner circle could be connected to? And that leads us into the next stage of this ongoing project.

Your assistance would be valuable in keeping us informed if you see a cassowary or its poo. Try to gauge the colour and size of the bird and be as precise as you can about its location.

The areas of particular interest from now on include:

- Flaggy Creek,
- Rainy Mountain,
- Janetta Creek,
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The DNA research also confirms that the birds are eating non-native food from compost heaps, gardens and handouts. Hand feeding can lead to illness and death. It is also a dangerous practice. Please don't do it.

One of our regular males appeared with 6 tiny chicks this season. These dwindled to two due, we believe, to a feral cat seen in the area. The cat now seems to have disappeared – moved on or met its match? Cats can do such a lot of damage to wildlife. Please protect your cat and the wildlife by keeping it securely at home.

FERAL PIGS

We've relocated a couple of traps in an effort to catch up with them as they move through the neighbourhood. But there hasn't been much action.

SNAKES

Lots of snake activity. The one thing it has shown us is the number of chook houses there are in Kuranda.

Every callout has been for a snake in a chook house.

Please don't hurt a snake. They're part of the environment in which we live. Give us a call if you want one removed: 4093 8834.

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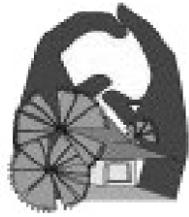
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If you can come along, even one weekend, we'd love to see you.

NB. A special thanks to the vollies who stayed back for vital watering-in duties and the terrain NRM field team for the hole digging and final site clearing. Good job. Much appreciated.

Conservation Volunteers and Boral – pre Xmas planting

Another team of volunteers, 1200 mark at the end of the funded by Boral and organised week, having dug all their own by CVA spent the week before planting holes, fitting in seed Xmas planting out at our Wha collecting, pot washing and Hae Mobile Muster site. A big nursery weeding in their spare thanks to the nursery volunteers moments. Great team work and who developed a quick method special thanks to Margaret and to select trees for plant out. The Paul for the coordination and field team surely gained their Jessie for the CVA team "bronze medallion" in tree leadership! planting as they crossed the

Nursery bursting out all over – Overstocked seedlings GIVEAWAY

Many thanks to all those who have been passing seeds in at the nursery. They are exactly what we need for our hardy revegetation seedling stock. With a great seeding season upon us after the cyclone damaged flowering and fruiting to mid last year, the nursery is brimming with healthy seedlings.

Some are going south to help Mission Beach restart their forest restoration efforts.

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

Happy New Year to everyone!: Let's hope it is a successful one for Kuranda.

Congratulations: Another two Kuranda successes recently in the "Time Out Awards". Congratulations to the hardworking members of the Kuranda Amphitheatre, who won the Award for Excellence in Entertainment and the Arts and also to Zennith, named as "Best Local Band" for the 2nd consecutive year.

Local Government Elections 2012: Council elections will be held on Saturday 31st March.

I encourage you to check your electoral enrolment early (takes less than a few minutes; log on to the ECQ website www.ecq.qld.gov.au). For anyone who has turned 18 in the period since March 2008, registering to vote is easily available online or by collecting a form at the Post Office. These elections will be conducted by the Electoral Commission and in the Tablelands Regional Council area, voting will be by Postal Vote only. Ballot Papers will be mailed to you in mid-late March.

New Kuranda VIC: A new Visitors Information Centre will be constructed. The funding is all approved and the project will soon be at design stage. The new Centre will now be a "purpose-built" building located separately to the current toilet block building. The Visitors Information Centre volunteers have had significant input into the planning to date. I am very hopeful that we will see the new building this year.

Strategic Plan for Coondoo Street Fig Trees: A draft Plan for the future Management of the fig trees has been developed and a professional arborist will be completing the plan for final presentation to Council on March 7th.

This Plan will provide a professional approach to securing the long-term health and life of the 14 trees, along with a budget to carry out the works and provide a regular maintenance program.

Disaster Management Community Plan: With assistance from Council Disaster Management staff, each local community will have the opportunity to develop a Disaster Management Plan specific to the local community. These plans are simple plans which focus on the specific needs of a particular local

community and are designed to add to the overall District/Regional Disaster Management Plan. There will be a four local Plans in the Kuranda area: Kuranda Village/Top of the Range, Koah, Speewah and Myola. If anyone would like to assist in drafting the plan, please contact Cheryl Matthews at Council (cherylm@trc.qld.gov.au or Ph: 4043 4162) or let me know.

Speewah Wall: Big thank you to Silke Weyland and Hannes who designed a colourful mural and painted the wall at RosCommon. Great to see such community spirit! Sadly however, within a couple of weeks the wall has been graffitied. It is so disappointing that someone has chosen to destroy part of the artwork.

Australia Day Awards: Awards in a number of categories have been finalised. However, at the time of writing, the winners are to be announced on Australia Day.

Kuranda Community Precinct: Things are starting to happen at the Community Precinct! **Expressions of Interest** have been advertised for the use of Block C. Any community groups or individuals are invited to submit their EOI before February 10th. (separate advertisement in this paper). A number of spaces are available, including internal carpeted areas and outside undercover areas (suitable for "wet activities"). Applications can be for either: long-term use up to two years, regular short-term use or one off uses. Council will be considering applications which will not disadvantage the current facilities available at the CWA Hall and the Kuranda Recreation Centre.

Tenders have also been advertised for the removal of the older buildings (see advertisement in this paper). Due to the high costs involved with repairs and long-term maintenance, as well as Workplace Health and Safety requirements to upgrade, Council resolved to work towards the future construction of a purpose built facility at the Community Precinct.

Planning work has already commenced for the establishment of the Library at the Community Precinct. It is planned that 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.

Thank you to the Kuranda Community for engaging in the extensive public consultation last year and for being so patient. As I have always said, this is a complex and costly project and it will take some time until the site is able to be used to the full potential. However, things are now progressing and we can all looking forward to the exciting new developments.

Pedestrian, Traffic and Parking Study: The first phase of the study has been completed. The Consultants (Bitzios) will present an update on draft Recommendations to Council in February. There will then be significant further public consultation in order to develop the final recommendations. Senior Traffic Engineer, Andrew Eke, from Bitzios Consulting will be providing further details to the community. I encourage anyone who drives, walks, rides or parks in the Kuranda Village at any time to take an interest in this and have your say. Most importantly, the study is focussed on the needs of both local residents and tourism operations. The study and any resulting works will be subject to Council decision and will be funded from developer contributions (not from general rates).

Budget Review: Council is currently starting to prepare for the 2012-13 Budget. I have already submitted a very long list of projects which hopefully will be funded. If there is anything that you would like Council to consider adding to the list for Budget consideration, please let me know. In the Budget Review in December last year, Council agreed to fund additional works for access areas at the Kuranda Community Precinct as well as construction of a small toilet block at RosCommon at Speewah.

New Aged Housing Units: Building on the units in Harriman St and Thoree St will commence during the next 12 months. Allocation of places in these units is made by Council in conjunction with Qld Housing. Contact at Council is Bob Graham Ph 1300 362 242.

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



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New State school holiday arrangements start in 2012

With the start of the new school year upon us I would like to remind parents of the changes to State school holidays that take effect from this year.

For State schools the 2012 Easter holidays will begin on Saturday 31 March and students will go back to school for Term two on Monday 16 April.

The changes followed feedback that long first terms were tiring, especially for younger students, student-free days scattered throughout the year were disruptive for working parents, and that the current Easter holidays did not align with many non-state school vacations.

The changes were subject to consultation and Queenslanders in overwhelming numbers supported the proposals.

\$55,000 boost to help the Tablelands become a key cycling destination

The Tablelands is set to become a key cycling destination thanks to a \$55,000 grant from the Bligh Government to promote the network of mountain bike trails in the region. The Tablelands is home to some great mountain bike routes and we want everyone to know about them. The project will map a series of mountain bike loop trails centred on existing communities across the Tablelands. It will also map additional trails that link one cycling friendly community to another across the Tablelands and down to coastal centres. Whether it's paying to stay at a local bed and breakfast, eating out at a restaurant or popping into the corner store, initiatives like this are important for injecting extra dollars into our economy.

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If you would like a copy of Cairns Region Economic Future 2012-15 plan or the 2012 highlights, please contact my office on 4038 2800.

Kuranda Range Road

With plenty of wet weather and overcast conditions to be expected in the coming weeks, please remember to drive to the conditions, especially on steep and winding roads like the Kuranda Range.

To help other motorists see you in such conditions, why not switch on your lights? Also the Kuranda Range SMS service comes into its own at this time of the year. To receive messages about traffic delays and road conditions, you can register for this free service on 4050 5425.

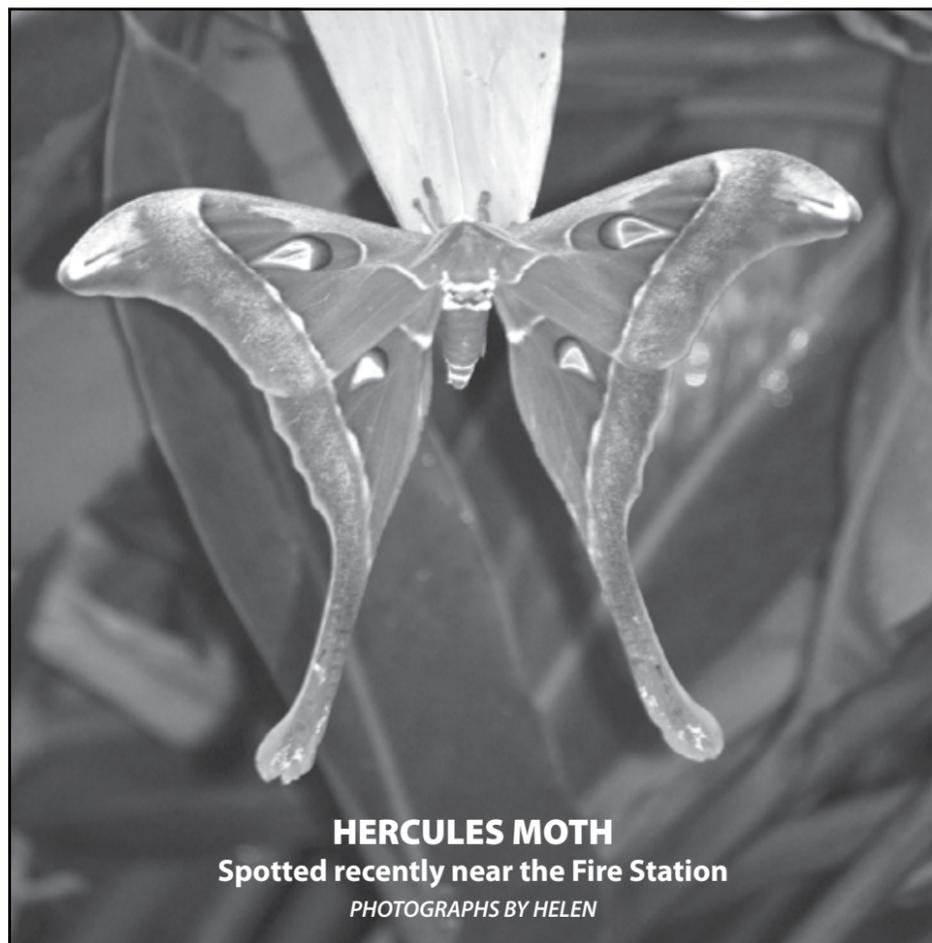
New Vehicle for Kuranda Myola Rural Fire Brigade

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Kuranda Street Stall – Saturday 4th February 2012

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

Request for second hand sewing machines and people with the skills to service them. If you have a working second hand sewing machine you are no longer using or you are handy with servicing machines, we would really appreciate your kind donation or assistance. Phone the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on 4093 8933 and ask for Ceri or Marg.

Fully furnished self-contained open plan cottage available for long-term rent in Kuranda. Air-conditioned and newly painted inside. Rent \$300 per week, electricity included. References required and bond. Phone 4093 7316.

Tribal Bellydance in Kuranda. New Year's resolution to get fit, tone the tummy, do something for yourself? New beginner course commences Tuesday 7th February 2012, 6.00pm at Kuranda Sports and Recreation Club. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome. Please contact Lisa for details on: Ph: 0409 367 967 Email: kurandatribal@gmail.com WEB: <http://kurandadance.blogspot.com/>



Kuranda Fire and Rescue Service is looking for new **Auxiliary Firefighters** (part time, paid work)
 Do you live or work within 5 minutes of Kuranda Fire Station and have what it takes to help keep your **community safe??**

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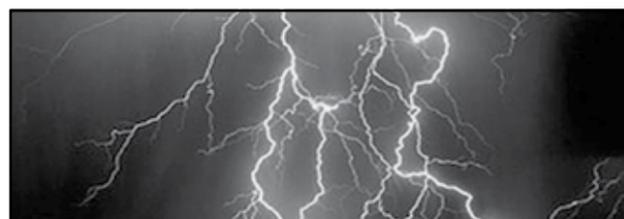
Grandma says:
Neither a Borrower nor a Lender be especially if you have Senior Moments or Dementia is on the way.

LOST OR LENT TO ????? BY:

- Yvonne Dean-Smith:**
 One Book Titled "A Portrait of a Nation" about New Zealand. A Birthday Gift from her Brother.
- Cate Lamont:**
 A CWA Project Book, Hand Written, about Papua New Guinea. The cover has the silhouette of a PNG Man and Girl plus German style Printing painted Black on Red Cloth.

Please return to the above owners or leave at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Office. Thank you.

C. Lamont, 4093 7484



Rainfall 28/11/11 to 31/12/11
 160 mm
YEAR 2011 - 2563mm
 1/1/12 to 22/1/12
 155mm



From left: Judith Enoch, Premier Anna Bligh, Thea Buthmann, Lisa McAllister, Member for Barron River Steve Wettenhall, recently at the Premier's afternoon tea at Yorkey's Knob.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TRC
 TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Kuranda Transfer Station Opening Times
 Monday & Friday 7am-10am • Wednesday 3pm-6pm
 Saturday 8am-12pm • Sunday 1pm-5pm

Kuranda Branch Library and Council Office
 4-12 Thoree Street • Phone 4093 9185
www.library.muc.qld.gov.au

Monday	Closed	Thursday	11am-5pm
Tuesday	11am-6pm	Friday	9am-12noon
Wednesday	11am-5pm	Saturday	9am-12noon

NO COUNCIL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY

Looking for something new?

A great way to support your community is to join your local SES.
 Not a lot of time out of your busy schedule, but a great feeling of helping those in need.
 Training held every Tuesday night at Fallon Road.

Call Carol for details on
0427 037 054 or 0409 758 122

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SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 26

If someone in your family has a drinking problem, you can see what it is doing to them, but can you see what it is doing to you?

Al-Anon
 can help you!

MEETINGS IN MAREEBA, SMITHFIELD, CAIRNS

Phone Kate 4093 9668
 1300 ALANON

KIDS

HELP LINE
FREE CALL
1800 55 1800





Community Calendar

- Every Sat** Kuranda Envirocare Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
Tai Chi Chuan 9.30am CWA Hall. Contact Sifu Julie 042 705 4132 or Tai Chuan Academy 0409 104 753
Aquafitness at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 8.30am. 4093 7109
- 1st Sat** **Garden Group** 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
- Every Sun** **A.A.** CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599
Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361
Kuranda Film Society 4.00pm to 8.00pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
- 1st Sun** **Uniting Church** Recreation Centre 5.00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
- 2nd Sun** **Simply Friendship Club.** Men and women over 45. Kuranda Resort 12.00 to 3.00pm. Nola: Ph 4093 8824
- 2nd & 4th Sun**
- Every Mon.** **Acappella Singing** 7.00 to 8.30pm (from 30 Jan.), Recreation Centre. For more info call Jane Younghusband 4093 0463.
Yoga for Seniors. 9:00am CWA Hall, Phone 4093 7401
- Every Mon & Fri** **Al-Anon Family Groups** 7.00pm and 6.00pm respectively Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9.00am start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617
Soccer Training, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109
- 1st Mon** **Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30pm Mantaka
- 3rd Mon** **Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- 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 6.00pm Kuranda Resort and Spa: Contact Aileen 4093 7401
8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537
- 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
Yoga at CWA
Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome
- 1st Wed** **Soccer Training,** Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109
- 2nd Wed** **Kuranda Interagency Network Mtng** 2.00pm at KNC
QCWA meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
- Every Thur** **Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group** - 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
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
- 2nd Thur** **Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road
- Thur 26 Jan** **Australia Day Bike Ride Kuranda to Davies Creek,** contact Simon 0421 313 281
- 1st Friday** **Health and Lifestyle.** CWA Hall 7.00pm to 9.00pm. (Free) Maxine 4093 9092 or Anneliese 4033 5772
- Every Fri** **Aqua Tonics** at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 11.00am. 4093 7109.
Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm at the Recreation Centre, Fallon Road
Zumba: CWA Hall. 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Contact Bryony 4093 7298

Contributors: CHECK THAT ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT

Need to catch a flight or a ride home?

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE CONTACTS

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

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JOHN'S KURANDA BUS "The Local Bus"

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

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

	Mon & Tues	Wed & Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
Departs Kuranda	#0720	#0720	0830
	1330	0900	1530
	1530	1130	
		1330	
		1530	

*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY

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

	Mon & Tues	Wed & Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
Departs Cairns	**0825	0825	0930
	1715	1000	**1615
		1230	
		1715	

All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required
 **Atherton & Mareeba
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 NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY

Tel John 0418 772 953

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CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE					
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
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