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THE DEVASTATION that's unfolded in Japan, that massive earthquake followed by the deadly tsunami and now a radiation crisis seems beyond endurance.

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Japanese Tsunami Fundraiser

**Saturday 2nd April
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Enlightenment Guaranteed (2002), directed by Doris Dorrie.

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(German with English subtitles, 85 mins)

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After Life (1998), written and directed by Hirokazu Koreeda.

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Contact Cathy on 4093 9926 or Margaret on 4093 8393
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**Recover at Original Markets Sunday 3rd April
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Japanese Disaster Appeal

Glenis Grogan of Djurri Dadagal
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Anzac Day Activities Kuranda

Everyone is welcome to join us at 5.30am at the Kuranda Railway Station for the Dawn Service followed by a light breakfast on the platform area. Railway Station toilets and disabled access will be available.

At approximately 7.30-8.00am we move to the Kuranda Cemetery for a visit to individual graves. This visit is both respectful and historically informative.

The Anzac Day March begins at the Kuranda Post Office (gather at 10.00am for a 10.15am start) The march is organised on the day by Mick Forde, any enquiries to Mick 4093 9005. All groups and individuals are welcome to march, see Mick on the day.

The March goes to our park where the Anzac Day Main Service begins at approximately 10.30am. We are lucky to be able to provide five marquees for sun and rain protection. Our Kuranda SES will host some citizens who will provide a sausage sizzle and drinks after the Service so we can all gather for a yarn. Don't forget the umbrella.

Any individual or groups are welcome and encouraged to lay a wreath or flowers etc at any of the ceremonies.

Please come to all or any of our Anzac Day activities, everyone is welcome.

If anybody has a special need for transport, seating or anything at all please leave a message for Ken Harley, RSL Secretary, 0488 788 598 or Mick Forde, 4093 9005.

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Have you seen Declan?



Declan Crouch has not been seen since 4pm Wednesday March 9th at Machans Beach when he got off the school bus and went home.

But someone must have seen him since then.

He is 13 years old nearly 14.

His hair is now brownish purple.

If you have seen Declan please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Japan Appeal

A small idea from a local Kuranda girl, blossomed into two trucks of warm blankets and clothes that were delivered via Qantas last Wednesday to Narida, Japan. So many thanks to Sara, Nick, Sharon and ALL the wonderful people who believed "It's only impossible until someone does it".

Thanks Kuranda!

– Karin



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KURANDA

Village in the Rainforest
Marc's Tourism Tweets

FOLLOW THE EASTER BUNNY TO KURANDA

The countdown is on for Tropical North Queensland's biggest Easter egg hunt with more than 2000 Easter eggs to be hidden in Kuranda on Easter Saturday. There will be plenty for the kids to do with jumping castles, an animal farm petting zoo, games and face painting, while the adults will enjoy music in the park, whip cracking, toad races and plenty more. Hot FM's Marty and Jess will be doing an outside broadcast on the day to add to the excitement. Celebrate Easter in the tropics with all the fun Kuranda is renowned for at Centenary Park from 10.00am to 4.00pm on April 23.

LEG POWER CHALLENGES LOCO MIGHT

A rollercoaster climb and dense tropical rainforest are just two of the challenges competitors will face when they try to outrun the iconic Kuranda Scenic Rail train as it ascends the Barron Gorge on its historic route through the Wet Tropics rainforest from Freshwater Station to Kuranda.

The inaugural 18km Cairns Kuranda Great Train Race on June 25 will start with a 5km road run from Freshwater Station to the Barron Gorge National Park before runners hit an 8km trail on the undulating four-wheel-drive McDonalds Track to Wright's Lookout, then revert to a 5km road run on the Barron Falls Road to Kuranda Station.

Runners will be faced with a challenging ascent as they leave from a few metres above sea level on a steady climb to 50m before an extreme ascent to more than 300m, at times topping 400m. Meanwhile, the Kuranda train will be winding its way through tunnels and bridges along the spectacular 31km winding track through the Barron Gorge National Park.

Relay teams of three can take part so now is the time to get your workmates and friends fired up and start training for this awesome event. For more information contact race director Alan Courtenay on 0418 759 318.

KURANDA WOWS POLITICIANS

Kuranda has been acknowledged by both the Premier and the Tourism Minister on their recent visits to the Tropical North. Tourism Kuranda hosted a lunch at the Kuranda Village Café Bar & Grill for Premier Anna Bligh during February while she was running the State from the North. It was a positive day for the village and a small morale boost for local businesses after the Premier walked the streets of Kuranda village to get a first-hand account of how business owners have been affected by Cyclone Yasi. She said she had been to Kuranda on holidays with her family and loved the area.



Premier Anna Bligh meets with Tourism Kuranda Executive Officer Marc Sleeman in Kuranda.

New Tourism Minister Jan Jarratt was in the job only two days when five representatives from Kuranda met her along with key leaders of the Tropical North Queensland tourism industry. Our numbers showed her Kuranda is an important player in the region's leading industry.

DOMESTIC ROADSHOW RAISES PROFILE

Both the travel trade and the media have Kuranda at the front of their minds after a successful Tourism Tropical North Queensland Domestic Roadshow on March 21-25. I joined the trip to Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane participating in a series of four trade and media evening events aimed at educating and inspiring the travel trade about our amazing destination and products. TTNQ and participating members hosted trade and mainstream consumer media to maximise promotion of the region, as well as providing media with story ideas on new products and experiences. It is important that we keep Kuranda in front of mind with our domestic suppliers to ensure our position as a must-do iconic destination for all visitors to the region.

BROCHURE MAKES KURANDA VISITS A BREEZE

Kuranda's new brochures have arrived and are being distributed in Cairns, Port Douglas, the Northern Beaches and regional Queensland. 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.

NEW FOCUS FOR PR

Tourism Kuranda has appointed Liz Inglis as a media consultant on a part-time basis. She will be writing a monthly newsletter and media releases to help raise the profile of Kuranda. Liz was a former tourism editor at The Cairns Post and founded the magazine Passport to Cairns, now cairns.com.au. She works as a media consultant for a number of local organisations including Tourism Tropical North Queensland, Ports North, Passions of Paradise and Oceans Edge.

For further information about any of the above topics or if you would like to know more about Tourism Kuranda please contact Marc Sleeman, Executive Officer via e-mail discover@kuranda.org or Phone: 0427 592 203.

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Neighbourhood Centre News April 2011

Michelle Murray: KNC would like to express our deep sadness over the recent passing of one of our volunteers – Michelle. Michelle's tragic loss has left a hole in our team; however we wish to celebrate also the wonderful contribution she made to our Centre and to the Kuranda community. Michelle had enormous passion and energy for social and community work and development. We are working on a 'community card' that we will send on to her family in a few weeks. If you would like to write, draw or stick something on the card, please drop in to the Centre and ask at reception. This card will make its way around several agencies so hopefully everyone who would like to make a contribution will be able to. A community memorial event was held on Sunday 27th March, providing an opportunity for people to place items, sing a song or say something at the Fallon Road creek followed by a get together at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. We have Catherine Gunn coming up to provide counselling on Wednesday afternoons and we can arrange an appointment at your request if required. Please contact the Centre for more details.

Lifeline Counselling: Counselling by Lifeline is returning to Kuranda after a break due to program restructure and staff vacancies. Appointments can be made directly to Lifeline or through the Centre for Wednesday afternoons. Please note that all referrals and sessions are strictly confidential.

Family Day in Centennial Park 20th April 2011: There will be a family day in the park on the Wednesday of the Easter school holidays. There will be displays, games, children's activities and much more, so mark it on your calendar. If you would like to be involved in the day, provide an activity or display, please contact Marg, Ceri (40938933) or Lolita (40937118).

Step Forward: Step Forward is a relapse prevention program that identifies the change cycle to assist people modify behaviours that are causing ongoing negative consequences in their lives. The program is held by Ceri Hughes and myself with face to face counselling available through an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service (ATODS) counsellor upon referral. The next program commences on Wednesday 6th April from 10.30 – 12.30 weekly for four weeks. Referral is necessary – please contact us to find out more or fill in a referral form. The program is strictly confidential and we do not even need to know what behaviour you are seeking to change.

Family Support Items Needed: Thank you to those who have generously donated items recently. This program is growing with the support of the local Kuranda Community and we have been able to assist families in need of essential household items. Right now we know families who need: double or queen beds/mattresses, washing machines, freezers, lounge suites/sofas, dining table and chairs, fridges and baby items. If you have any of those items that you no longer need, please give us a call.

Need a new washing machine, fridge or other essential household goods?

NILS

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

How much can you borrow?

It varies, but usually up to \$1,000 and the repayment period is up to 2 years.

Who is eligible?

Anyone holding a Health Care Card or Pension Card.

See Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre for more details.

OUTCOMES Adult Numeracy and Literacy:

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

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

Marg Yandell, Coordinator



Kuranda Family Fun Day

20 April 10.00–3.00pm

Centenary Park

The Fun Day is a community event to bring families and community together for a day of fun and enjoyment. There will be live performances, displays, games, BBQ, fruit, corn, story telling, races, kite making, face painting, activities and much more. There will be input from a range of services, agencies, clubs and groups including:

- Kuranda Medical Centre • Kuranda Justice Group
- Ngoonbi/HACC • DNTAC • Outcomes
- Closing the Gap • Girls Dance Group • WuChopperen
- Community Health • Centacare • TCASS
- Kuranda Aquatic Centre • Worklink
- Kuranda Rugby League • Kuranda Playgroup
- Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre • Kuranda Kindy • Aftercare

For further information or to contribute to the event please contact

Ceri at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on 4093 8933 or Lolita Hunter at the Kuranda Medical Centre on 4093 7118.

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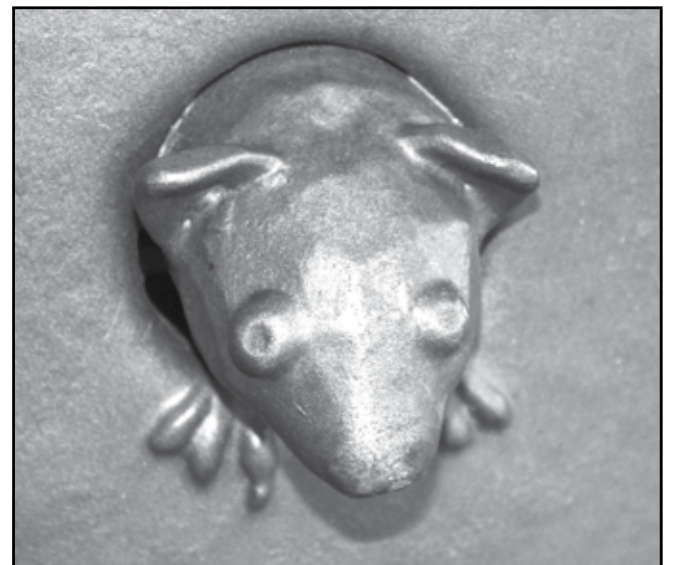
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Gardening in Kuranda



April. Well, a watery sun is making brave attempts to dry and warm our gardens but the SOI is giving predicted 50–70% above average rainfall until the end of May so keep those wellies handy. The thrifty gardener will make a judicious choice as to fertilising before the onset of cooler weather with its slowing of plant growth and the depletion of soil fertility caused by leaching after the prolonged heavy rains. There is still time to divide and move clumps of Heliconia, various Gingers and Costus allowing them to settle in to take off on return of warmer weather. Established clump of these plants should be cleaned with old flowering stems totally cut away.



Plant of the Month: Crotons (*Codiaeum variegatum*) in their myriad shaped and highly coloured leaf forms, hybridized from the original fairly unspectacular species found in Indonesia are a valuable contribution to the tropical garden although somewhat disdained as “common” by the gardening gurus. (Yes – an unplanned close planting can look a bit like a pizza-topping chunder so use them for statement and highlight.). Any fairly good well drained garden soil and a situation with the early afternoon sun will keep them going. Too much sun may cause red and orange colors to fade, while too much shade can prevent colors from forming.

Appreciating good watering during the warmer months, careful attention must be paid to ensure good drainage avoiding plant collapse during the Wet.

Fertilise crotons as acid-loving plants, using either liquid or granular fertilizer and apply every other week during active growth and stop fertilizing during the cooler months.

Extensive hybridising has resulted in such recent introductions as *C. variegatum* ‘Africa’, *C. variegatum* ‘Mammy’, *C. variegatum* ‘Togo’, *C. variegatum* ‘Zambesi’, and *C. variegatum* ‘Zanzibar’. Most of these have short compact bushy growth. A considered cutting-back at the beginning of the growing season will restore shape particularly with older taller and more leggy plants.

Crotons are easily propagated through stem cuttings. Croton “sports,” or shoots that are completely different from the parent plant can be propagated while seed is unstable and the offspring will not resemble the parent.

Crotons are relatively pest free; ants may sometimes carry scale and mealy bugs, easily corrected with a spray of white oil.

Q & A Following last month’s article on Anthurium, I was asked about propagation. Leggy plants may be rejuvenated by taking top cuts, preferably with roots. The bottom should head again. Some growers advocate taking top cuttings as early as possible as dormant eyes are more likely to sprout; also by division as some of the *A. andrea* hybrids quickly form clumps and lastly by seed. Fruit when ripe falls easily and seed should be removed from pulp and sprouted, barely covered on moist sphagnum moss. During warmer weather no cover on the pot is usually needed. One grower recommends placing a small drop of honey on tip of spadix, increasing insect visitation and likely fruit set. Remember the key to successful growing is open, well drained mix and regular feeding.

Q & A Street planting at old corner store is *Stromanthe sanguinea* Tricolor (Family: Marantaceae). *Stromanthe*, with a number of forms from plain green to various variegates, is easily grown in part to full shade. Not particularly fussy as to soil types, its main requirement is good moisture. In hot dry weather it may be subject to partial collapse and burning of highly coloured leaves.

For plant identification, plant and seed sourcing and general questions contact Alectura at kurandamedia@bigpond.com or wortwoad@optusnet.com.au



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Kuranda Library News

Hello my name is Chrissy Thompson and I am the new Branch Co-ordinator at the Kuranda Library. I have been a Kuranda local since 2008 when I emigrated to Australia from the United States, to marry my husband, Patrick. In the US I worked as a librarian for over 8 years and am very happy to be doing what I love again. When I was in the third grade in San Diego, my family moved to a house that was just down the street from a public library and hence walking distance for me. I spent many, many hours loving that little library and reading everything I could. Many years later I still love walking into a library, whether big or small, and delighting in the potential of all that awaits within. I look forward to continuing the work of Maddie in making the Kuranda Library a place for the community to come together. And, I want to take a moment and thank Ros for the incredible work she has been doing at the library. Ros has been invaluable to me while I am learning and adjusting.

Library News:

- Did you know that the Kuranda Library is part of the greater Tablelands region which includes libraries in Atherton, Chillagoe, Dimbulah, Herberton, Malanda, Mareeba, Millaa Millaa, Mt Garnet, Ravenhoe and Yungaburra? All of these libraries share a "floating collection" which means that you are able to borrow library materials from any of these libraries simply by requesting an item and having it sent to your home branch.
- We can now send a text message (SMS) to your mobile phone to notify you when your reservations arrive or if you have an overdue item.
- **Storytime and Craft** for children not yet attending school, is every Friday at 10am and it is so much fun, come and join us!
- **BookClub** meets once a month and has just started a new book. If you are interested in becoming a part of a new BookClub group come and see us for more information.
- The newest library database is **Ancestry**. This is a wonderful resource for researching family history. You can search Census & Voter Lists, Births, Marriages & Deaths Records, Military Records, Immigration Records, Newspapers & Publications and much more. Come on in and we can help you get started – there is no cost to use this database.
- We have a collection of 12 Dungeons and Dragons books available and are seeking people who may be interested in starting a Dungeons and Dragons club. If this sounds like you come and see us.

I look forward to seeing familiar faces and new ones at the library!

Cheers, **Chrissy and Ros**

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Individuals and groups within Tablelands Regional Council area are invited to lodge applications for the second round of funding under the 2010-11 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF). The fund is a partnership program between the Queensland Government and local councils to support professional local arts and cultural development in regional Queensland.

Applicants must reside within the Tablelands Regional Council area and funded projects must commence after Council approval (approximately 8 weeks after the closing date).

Full guidelines and application forms are available from Council Offices and Libraries. They can also be downloaded from the website <http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/my-community/funding-grants>

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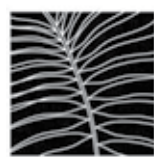
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The Arts Page

Focus Theatre

We have been coming up with ideas for Focus for this year, and are very excited by some of them.

Soon you will see some posters around town telling you of some dates for Theatre Sports nights. We don't have all the details in place yet, but we would like you all to know that it's in the pipeline. We are also planning a "Night of



Theatre Sports & Games
Play Readings & One Act Plays
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Every Wednesday Night at 7:00
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ALL WELCOME!

Comedy' for June/July, depending on gig dates at the Amphitheatre.

Sooo...if you think you have an idea or an act, (it would be a night of short acts), then come along to the Understage on Wednesday nights at 7pm to put them forward. Apart from actors and performers, there is always a need for backstage workers, and production, including lights and sound.



Come and Tread the Boards,
Morgan



Loony Poet Di Russo

Loony Poets' Dark Moon Night

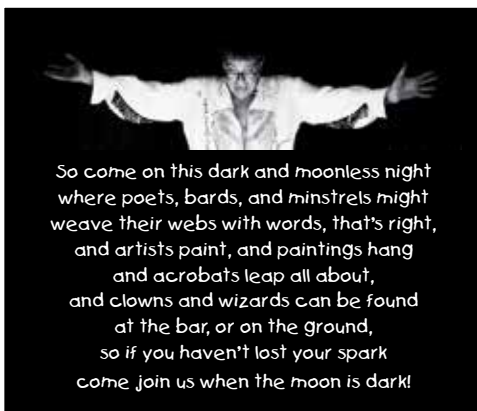


Loony Poets
dark of the moon

Sunday 3rd April
Performers Guest Artists

Silk & Pole dancers 7.30pm
over 18 only Food Drinks Bar \$10

understage kuranda amphitheatre barron falls rd.



So come on this dark and moonless night where poets, bards, and minstrels might weave their webs with words, that's right, and artists paint, and paintings hang and acrobats leap all about, and clowns and wizards can be found at the bar, or on the ground, so if you haven't lost your spark come join us when the moon is dark!

Loony Poets Night just keeps getting bigger, crazier, funnier, and scarier, but the next show, adults only, dares to go where no sane person has gone before! So don't be late, doors open 7:30, Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage, Sunday 3rd April.



President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,
Firstly to introduce the management committee for 2011.
President - Mandy Dewey
Secretary - Lynda Bell
Treasurer - Trish Green
Media - Pete Blay
Events - Warwick Tierney
Vice President - Trevor Kyle
Bookings - Zdenek Styk (0408712433)



We look forward to a very productive year at the Amphitheatre. Many thanks to the outgoing committee and members for your ongoing support of the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

2011 is the 30th birthday of the Amphitheatre. We are already planning for this great event and a date will be set very soon.

A Team Leader meeting was held last week with many positive, interested volunteers attending. Lots of ideas were discussed and all are ready to move forward for the Amphitheatre. There are still many spots to fill, so be ready for us to accost you!

Renovations have begun on the KAS Kitchen, many thanks to **Pete Billam** for giving his time as the Project Manager and the volunteers assisting him. This will be done in stages, and we look forward to a larger front area at our first outdoor event.



"Nevermind" Deb in the KAS kitchen. Deb's delights can be sampled at her "Nevermind Cafe", at the Heritage Markets.

A working bee is planned for Sunday 17th April. Please come along and help us clean up after the wet! Lunch and refreshments will be provided. email: kuranda_amp@bigpond.com
Cheers, **Mandy**



Cantata 2011

You are invited to a performance of the Cantata, "God With Us - a Choral Celebration of God's Love for all People". It will take place in Cairns, in Immanuel Uniting Church, Brown St. on Friday, 15th April at 8pm; in the Uniting Church in Jack St. Atherton on Sunday 17th April at 4pm and in St Thomas' Catholic Church, Constance St. Mareeba on Sunday, 17th April at 7.45pm. The 70 voice choir is drawn from Mareeba, Atherton, Malanda, Kuranda and Cairns and

many points in between. Conducted by Ruth Beasley, who with her sister, Audrey Francis, has composed the Cantata, the choir is enhanced by soloists Marce Henriksen, Richard Holt, Andreas Jodner and Helen Schaffer and narrator, Helen Holt. A team of musicians led by Kirsten Towne (piano) will accompany the choir. There is no charge for admission but there is an opportunity to donate towards our expenses. This activity is supported by the Tablelands Regional Council through RADF in partnership with the Queensland Government.

ALL IS ART

Water water everywhere. Nature snaps her fingers and the

Earth trembles, the sea rushes in, cities are reduced to rubble. Nuclear power plants lie broken, radiating death. It appears that Earth is going through a major healing crisis. Gasping for fresh air, thirsting for clean water, crying for her forests, watching her animals die. No wonder she is angry, and if she gets any angrier we could be in deep trouble. Let's hope that she can rid herself of whoever and whatever is causing all this destruction. Perhaps it's time for us to give a little bit more, and take a little bit less. We have the choice to be part of the problem, or part of the solution. Decide which side of the tsunami we'd like to be on. Here's a riddle for you: What can you do with a super-duper plasma TV when it's all smashed up and there's no power anyhow? Think about it, til next month, seren.



Loony commentators having their say on the Comment Channel at the Feb Loony Poets Night, Kuranda Amphitheatre.



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES

To: The Registered Owners named in Schedule A

Tablelands Regional Council (the Council) hereby gives notice to the registered owners in Schedule A that the unpaid rates and charges listed in Schedule A have remained unpaid for 3 years or longer. In accordance with Chapter 2 Part 12, Division 3 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010, Council has resolved at its meeting 2 March 2011 to sell the land described in Schedule A (resolution below)

“That Council: Sell such land listed in Schedule A (attached to these Minutes as Appendix 4) due to the rates which have accrued on the rateable lands remaining unpaid for three (3) years or longer, in accordance with section 74 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010.”

Notice is hereby given that unless such respective unpaid rates and charges, interest accrued thereon and expenses incurred by the Council, in connection with the intended sale are not paid within three (3) months from the giving of this notice (i.e if all overdue rates and charges are not paid by 14 June 2011), the land will be sold in accordance with the provisions of sections 75 to 78 of the act.

For further information contact Council’s Revenue Control Officer on 4043 4100.

SCHEDULE A

Registered Owner	Description of Lands	Unpaid rates and charges 21/2/2011
Malcolm William Martin Andrea Gaye Martin	Lot 19 RP706208 County Nares Parish Tinaroo Title Reference 20492214	\$18,172.24
Timothy John Bimrose	Lot 7 RP736385 County Nares Parish Formartine Title Reference 21140176	\$11,989.30
Craig Douglas Singleton	Lot 4 SP132563 County Nares Parish Formartine Title Reference 50517624	\$7,565.97
Timothy James Lancaster	Lot 429 NR1369 County Nare Parish Dirran Title Reference 17659116	\$6,445.75
Ernest Henry Gundry	Lot 3040 K1241078 County Cardwell Parish Silvervalley Title Reference 20152080	\$5,438.35
Kerri-Ann Plowman Sebastian Trevor Guyett	Lot 1 RP742933 County Cardwell Parish Ravenshoe Title Reference 21289129	\$16,724.26
Capable Consulting (Aust) Pty Ltd	Lot 303 A3193 County Nares Parish Barron Title Reference 20235129	\$8,957.00
Partreck Patrick Mutokoyi	Lot 318 A3193 County Nares Parish Barron Title Reference 20343070	\$8,694.95
Capable Consulting (Aust) Pty Ltd	Lot 319 A3193 County Nares Parish Barron Title Reference 21032151	\$9,372.60

In accordance with Section 67 of the *Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010*, compound interest at 11% per annum calculated on daily rests is being charged and will continue accruing until all overdue rates are paid.

Copies of Sections 75 to 78 of the *Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010* may be obtained from the Council by the named registered owners free of charge upon application to the Council.

Ian Church
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PO Box 573, ATHERTON QLD 4883

www.trc.qld.gov.au



Kuranda Community Kindergarten to be Powered by the Sun

Kuranda Community Kindergarten will be powered by the sun as part of the Bligh Government’s \$5.76 million Solar Kindergarten Installation Program.

State Member for Barron River, Mr Steve Wettenhall MP, said the program – part of our drive to make Queensland the solar state – would help save the environment and also save operating costs at the kindergartens.

“Our children are our future, which is why the Bligh Government places such an emphasis on the provision of quality kindergarten services,” Mr Wettenhall said. “The government’s Solar Kindergartens program is a win-win situation – our kindergartens will save money and our children will be attending more sustainable services that are helping to save the planet. As well as reducing the amount of greenhouse gas produced by each kindergarten, these solar panels will help reduce their annual electricity bills by up to \$400.

This is good news for parents and kindergarten operators, who will be able to use the savings for more resources for the children.”

The Solar Kindergarten Installation Program is a collaborative effort between the Bligh Government and the Creche and Kindergarten Association (C&K).

Education Minister Cameron Dick announced this month that under the program, 166 C&K kindergartens throughout the state will be retro-fitted with 1.5kW solar-power units from April this year.

He said solar-power units would also be installed at up to 240 new kindergarten services being established as part of the government’s commitment to give all Queensland children access to quality kindergarten programs.

The Solar Kindergartens program builds on the government’s Solar Schools program, which has resulted in solar panels being installed in 1164, or more than 94 per cent, of all state schools in the past three years.

BREAKING NEWS

Project confirmed: tunnel to link Cairns and Kuranda

Campbell Newman, the ‘can-do’ Lord Mayor of Brisbane, announced a major project for the Far North to be commenced immediately if he is successful in his bid for State Premiership later this year. It is thought the tunnel will be finished by 1st April 2013.

A spokesman confirmed that several recent LNP ‘think tanks’ chaired by Mr Newman considered that it was essential that a major project for North Queensland be commenced soon after the election, to prove to rural Queenslanders that the new government would not be purely concentrating efforts on the south-east, as has been past perceptions.

“Many projects put up by LNP members were considered by the think tank”, the spokesman said, “including a bridge from Cairns to Green Island, but the Cairns to Kuranda tunnel received the majority of support.”

Mr Newman said that after his anticipated Premiership win, he would be hitting the ground running, with a new German-built Tunnelgrindermeister being shipped to Cairns as a matter of priority.

“The beauty of the proposed tunnel is obvious. It is win win all round. Look at Skyrail, and its minimal impact on the rainforest and its inhabitants – simply because it goes *over* the forest. The tunnel will go *under* the forest with equal success.”

When questioned on the cost of the proposed tunnel, Mr Newman admitted that there would be a small toll on the tunnel for the first 25 years.

“I think people would agree that a toll of \$69.00 each way for a private vehicle is reasonable. We may be able to offer locals a 10% discount if they are travelling the tunnel every day.”

He went on to say that the problems of under-use of some of Brisbane’s toll tunnels would not apply here, as the current range road would be permanently closed, thereby forcing all traffic to use the toll tunnel.

“It’s either pay the toll or drive south to the Gillies Highway, or north to the Rex Range Road,” he laughed.



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Sat 30th april...7pm till late
\$10 members/\$15 guests
great food great bar great chai
great mob

'Whats On at the Amphi'

April 2011

As we countdown to the KAS 30th Anniversary celebrations, come along & show your support for the Amphitheatre at our upcoming Understage events. Thanks to all who signed up at our Members Night last weekend, and to Koahlition for yet another great night of tropical reggae!

This weekend we have the **Loony Poets** night on Sunday 3rd April... an informal, adults only evening, presented in open mic style, (all are welcome for a turn on the mic), featuring Lulu La Bent, and Carly on silks and pole.

Dinner and light refreshments available, starts 7.00pm...
Then come join us for our Membership Drive Night on Saturday 30th April for a very special evening of local acoustic and folk music, featuring 'In the Wild Wood' live singer, songwriter and instrumentalist, **Trish Molloy** and drummer **Theo Felice**. They will emerge from the unfathomable depths with old time swing, blues, deep folk and burlesque music, together with **Astrid Erika**, harpist and singer extraordinaire. Her original songs and highly original vocals and harp will leave you with spine tingling, goose bumping and spirit soaring, & **Lunar**, original singer/songwriter with a true folk and roots sound. Regularly sighted orchestrating the legendary **Loony Poets**, Lunar brings his own brand of lunacy and rich experience to life with his mellow and inspiring songs and guitar... Licensed bar, chai & food available, doors open 7.00pm. Be sure to check in regularly at www.kurandaamphitheatre.org to stay informed of upcoming events!

Pete Blay - KAS Media
media@kurandaamphitheatre.org



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Lu Lu La Bent & Mr P with an amazing routine from The Red Ball, perform at the Loony Poets Night, Top Shed, Amphitheatre, Feb

KURANDA GIG GUIDE APRIL 2011

SUNDAY 3RD April
The Nevermind Cafe & Jungle Bar
Dave Cooke & Friends
Three piece band
4-7pm

Kuranda Amphitheatre
The Understage
Loony Poets Night
Adults only
Bar & Food available
Entry \$10
7pm till late

FRIDAY 8TH April
Kuranda Resort & Spa
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Dinner Music till 9pm
then Party On
\$5 Entry
Dinner Reserv. 4093 7556

The Nevermind Cafe & Jungle Bar
Open Mic Night
Dinner from 6pm

FRIDAY 22ND APRIL
Kuranda Resort & Spa
"Trench Coat Candy"
\$5 Entry
Dinner Reserv. 4093 7556

The Nevermind Cafe & Jungle Bar
Open Mic Night
Dinner from 6pm

SATURDAY 30TH April
The Understage
Kuranda Amphitheatre
Membership Drive Night with
'In the Wild Wood'
Astrid Erika & Lunar
great food great bar great chai
great mob
Entry \$10 Members/\$15 Guests
7pm till late

SUNDAY 1ST MAY
The Nevermind Cafe & Jungle Bar
Deb & The Moonbear
From 4pm

THE BOOGIE BROTHERS MUSIC NEWS & REVIEWS

CD Reviews: Phosphorescent: 'Here's to taking it easy (though the jaws of this world wish only to grab hold of your sweet ass). A tumbled swirl of sadness - unashamed and defiant. With a heart as heavy as a neutron star measuring out the tears and pain in exquisite drops. Of course it's a bit country, after all Hank **owned** sad, but it takes you into the other world where beauty and sadness are the perfect blend. Think Van Morrison's "Astral Weeks" and that stand-alone gem Gene Clark's "No Other".

Some tracks become almost authentic Pink Floyd goes country; not much honky, but plenty of tonk! Sweet slide; piano rolling and rippling. If you're feeling a little brought down by life and want some understanding then this disc is the

perfect companion. God damn it all! It opens the floodgates... www.deadoceans.com

Spoon: "Transference" There's something very groovy about this band. Their 7th studio album, effortlessly driven by drums and bass: insidious, pulsating, stripped-down songs. Bouncing along a primeval path as if L.C.D. Soundsystem had suddenly formed a rock band.

The atmospherics seem greater than the sum of the parts; that's the swagger of Suede; the rock structures of R.E.M., the quirky guitar stabs and rushes of Tom Verlaine, and the vocal mastery of the Stereophonics. A rare hybrid and as we said, there is something very groovy about this band. www.spoontheband.com

Alejandro Escovedo and the Sensitive Boys:

"Street Songs of Love" How this outfit has slipped past us we don't know! Alejandro's in his 50s and this is one big rock record, reminiscent of Graham Parker or Mink Deville - very proud, precise and sparkling production. There's no fillers here, just 13 songs of impeccable street rock. With Bob Clearmountain mixing, Jon Landau managing and Ian Hunter and Bruce Springsteen contributing vocals, you know this is quality. Alejandro Escovedo and the Sensitive Boys serve up some sincere, powerful even brutal old school rock that no one could deny. www.alejandroescovedo.com



The Boogie Brothers



"See the Lights"

RECREATION CENTRE

Hunter Park, Fallon Road
Kuranda



What's On and When

Monday: 4x4 Soccer, 6.00pm-8.00pm.
Tennis, 6.00pm-8.00pm. Tuition for beginners at 5.30pm
Tai Chi, 6.00pm-7.00pm
(contact Les 4093 8276 or 0400 938 276)
Monthly Committee Meetings every second Monday
Tuesday: Eight Ball and Darts 6.30pm start (contact Janet 4093 7104)
Wednesday: Tennis, 6.00pm-8.00pm
Social Night, 5.00pm Bar open
Thursday: Available for opportunity bookings
Friday: Social Night, Pool, Lawn bowls, Darts, Table Tennis and Tennis. Meals in Sandra's Kitchen, Bar.
Saturday: Available for opportunity bookings.
Sunday: Yoga, 10.00am-11.00am (contact Aileen 4093 7401), Tennis, 6.00pm-8.00pm
Film Club, first Sunday of every month. Contact Margaret or Hans 4093 8393.
Uniting Church: every second Sunday of the month, contact Krishna 4093 8730.

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"See the Lights"

Kuranda Recreation Centre

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The Wet continues – but not to the Clubhouse

As the autumn rains continue to fall, there is plenty of shelter for indoor activities such as Bowls, Darts and Eight ball. Tuesday Eight ball for regular players has now recommenced and with great enthusiasm! Anyone wishing to put a team together just turn up and ask for Janet.

For the movie buffs, a great night recently at last month's movie night and it will only get better! The effort of a couple of avid committee members has resulted in the receipt of a grant for entertainment systems! Movies and music will soon be channelled throughout the clubhouse for the enjoyment of all those members in attendance.

Don't forget the Centre is available for hire for meetings, seminars and private functions. The recent bookings received for age parties demonstrate that the facility is affordable and functional as a central meeting place.

We also have chairs and tables for hire for your functions at home, at reasonable rates. More information and bookings, please ring Arch 4093 7511

The smiling face of Dave McDonald has been recognised by members and he is eager to greet you all and where possible, can assist you with queries regarding opening times.

Events are now capably coordinated by Nicko, the latest member to accept this responsibility on the new committee. He will ensure your next event to be one to remember, trust me!

As the Kuranda Recreation Centre develops, the need for more volunteers to assist with duties around the Centre is always welcomed. This was highlighted at the recent AGM with members offering their own time and joining the team without having to commit to being elected as office bearers.

When in doubt head to the KRC for a fine night out...

Lawn Bowls: Social lawn bowls is played weekly at 7.00pm Friday night, weather pending, only heavy rain will limit play as the rink has the fastest drainage characteristics in the tropical north! More information, please ring Sylvia 4093 7124

Soccer: Junior Soccer training has started, and the numbers of enthusiastic players were all about having fun at the recent "inflatable" games night. The photo shows what can be done with this great piece of gear. More information, please ring Gary 4093 8399.

Swim Club: The swim club will use the Centre for presentations and fundraising when it cannot operate at the pool. Summer is here, so is the Kuranda Pool, a great way to exercise and get some sun while socialising with other aquaholics. More information, please ring Gary 4093 8399.

Volleyball: All ready to move but the precipitation still lingers. Please ring Leo 0405 116 066 or Lisa 4093 9659 for further updates.



Netball: We have quite a strong interest base registered so all those awaiting to bounce into some social games and hone their goal shooting skills, please contact our coordinator for information. Juliet 4093 0067.

Tennis: The Kuranda Tennis Club, is happy to announce that social games are on Sunday and Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and tuition for beginners at 5.30pm every Monday. This year we are hopeful of commencing a local competition so come and raise a racquet. More information, please ring Aileen 4093 7401 or Rudi 4093 8453 or contact Dave at the club 4093 9007.

Basketball: Anyone interested in using the new Backboards and getting into shooting some goals with friends and developing this activity are encouraged to contact Gary 4093 8399.

Social Nights: If you are worn out just reading about all the options available at the KRC, don't panic; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5.00pm will have Dave willing to serve you and quench your thirst! Remember, you don't have to be physical to enjoy the atmosphere at the KRC.

Friday Night remains popular for a simple and tasty meal, but, please confirm bookings with Sandra and avoid disappointment – telephone 4093 7393.

- If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?
- If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
- If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker? Because that's what you are when he's finished
- When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
- Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?
- Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?
- Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?
- Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?
- 'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?

Kuranda Aquatic Centre

Public Swimming Pool

Est. September 2008

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1st September – 30th June

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Tues – Fri 6.00am – 6.00pm

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ADMISSION PRICES

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Managers Gary & Linda Davis

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262 Myola Road, Kuranda



Kuranda Aquatic Centre

The new and expansive shade sails are back up in place over the Toddler Pool and surrounds and working a treat. Already we have had two BBQ birthday parties under them and it is lovely to know patrons are protected while safeguarding the youngsters in the cool toddler pool.

With the rain starting to clear, our programs and activities can again be fully utilised. Water-based exercise programs are offered five sessions a week, baby learner swim classes four mornings a week. Learn to Swim, Stroke Development and Squads are five afternoons a week. Two additional Squad Training sessions have been included at 7.30am Wednesday and Friday mornings. Saturday morning is also popular for some family fitness and Swim lessons.

Congratulations to the H.A.C.C. clients and other patrons who support the Aquatics class at 11.00am Fridays, you have been the most consistent and enthusiastic group through all the Summer/wet season, well done. Check it out if you would like a bit gentler water workout.

The junior college swim program has just finished for Term 1 and they will return again Term 4. The rate of improvement over the three years of this program has been phenomenal. We are witnessing a generational change in swimming abilities for Kuranda kids who are now more confident and safe around the water. We are so proud to see the Preps to Year 6s walking over to their pool to learn the basics of water safety and swimming. It is so much better than seeing them off on a bus to Mareeba for half a day like we did not so long ago.

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Yes – Jamal has what it takes...

On 12th March 2011 Kuranda members aged between 8–71 years of the Queensland Self Defence and Taekwondo Academy went to Mareeba for their Grading. They demonstrated a high level of practical skill in their martial art. Chief Instructor/Examiner, Mr Anthony Coleman, presided over the event.

Particularly pleasing was the fact that a young student from Kuranda, Jamal Hammett-Ryan obtained his "first degree black belt". Jamal commenced training with the academy in December 2008, and has been a dedicated student. In addition to twice weekly training classes, Jamal has attended QSDTA training camps and competed at local competition, and demonstrations.

Kuranda branch instructor Patricia Goldfinch was tested on her ability to demonstrate various aspects of her Taekwondo knowledge. This testing forms part of her assessment for her 3rd degree promotion.

A seminar for local instructors and blackbelts was held by Regional Instructor Mr Jeff Dieben prior to the grading. This widens and deepens the knowledge and practical skills in one's chosen art. These skills will further enhance the ability to compete in the Queensland Championships in July of this year in Brisbane, while maintaining the standards required at all QSDTA branches. Kuranda, Mareeba and Smithfield will be represented at the State Championships in the various events.

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Below: QSDTA Examiner Mr Coleman congratulates Jamal



The Kuranda 8 Ball has got away to an excellent start with 12 teams playing out of Fitzpatrick's Tavern, the Recreation Centre and the Speewah Tavern every Tuesday night. The pre-season competition is obviously going to be close with one team, Jag Arses, remaining undefeated and four teams within two points of the leaders. Leelan Snider is the only player who is also



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undefeated after three weeks of play.

Kuranda was well represented in Townsville at the City versus Country tournament with Kuranda coming second to a strong Townsville side and Cairns coming third. Ken Alderdice was equal best player with an 85% win rate. Very flash play in this sort of company. Last Saturday 19th March we played the first of the Intercity matches and Kuranda defeated Tablelands with the two men's teams having good wins and the ladies' team going down 12/13 in a very close match. Congratulations to Janet Hoyer for an excellent five out of five.

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I walked into a kaleidoscope of colour and reflected light as I entered **Esther Hodi's** studio. Multi-coloured beads were hanging like crystal curtains against the window panes. It made me immediately forget the inches of rain falling outside and the colours gave the room a sense of festivity.

Where is your current studio?

In my home at Mareeba. I have taken over the family room now that the children have left home.

Do you work alone or with others?

Both. I partner with Penny Moore, another Tableland glass artist, when fusing glass. Penny has the kiln. We are an inspiration to each other. Although we work independently and differently, we 'bounce off' each other. I really appreciate the time we work together.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Glass itself has no toxic properties, however, the chemical (baker's soldering fluid) used in the process, does. Therefore I require ventilation and good light.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

I am an inspirational worker, I am not regimented by time.

However, once I start on a piece, it is best the process be continued as it is advantageous to complete the piece as soon as possible.

Describe the works you do in your studio.

Mainly copper foiling, stained glass, lead lighting and mosaicking.

Why is glass artwork your chosen medium?

I started with mosaicking but as my work expanded and I went on to other modellities I found I was able to express myself in a much fuller way with other techniques.

List three things you listen to while working.

I often just work in silence or I may use the time watching previously taped TV series. I also listen to new age music.

Your favourite tool?

I really don't have a favourite, but I could not work without my 'pointed end' tweezers or my pistol oil glass cutter. My glass cutter would be the most important as the majority of my work is hand cut.

How do you identify your work? (signature/stamp/chop)

I don't have any identifying features on my artworks, however, I am working on it. I realise it could be necessary. At the moment, I guess my individual style identifies my work; my flamboyant combination of colours. They are easily recognisable.

How do you sell your work?

Through galleries, word-of-mouth and exhibitions.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

No, I don't do either. I have taught in Cairns in the past, in a hired hall, but I was the teacher only and not the organiser.

What do you do with your seconds?

If the inspiration comes from the heart – my creation, then I don't tend to have seconds. The only seconds in my glass work are the few which break. Cracks though, can work in my favour and don't distract from the overall effect, however a 'shattering' certainly puts an end to the piece.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

I am in a machinery hire business with my husband. I am the book-keeper. I also do voluntary work, ie rostered days where my work is displayed at the Kuranda Arts Co-operative and the Mareeba Art Society galleries.


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

I dream about a separate building or a totally self contained room. With that sort of space and work area I would be able to take students.

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

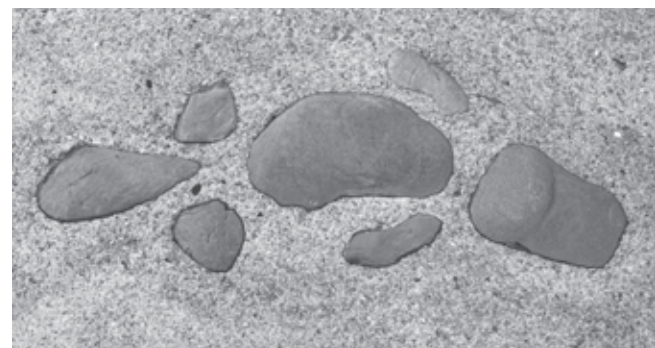
I would certainly be going crazy. I have always been a craft person. If I was not working with glass I would be doing something else, perhaps quilting – a medium of which I am particularly fond.

Esther Hodi's glass masks, boxes, and jewellery pieces can be seen at the Kuranda Arts Co-operative Gallery in Kuranda.



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Update from Kuranda Medical Centre including current advice on Seasonal Immunisation

I have now worked in Kuranda for 10 years and I am pleased to write that we are now fully staffed with GPs! For years access to a GP "on the day" for an urgent appointment has sometimes proved difficult but that should no longer be the case. Dr Aileen Traves (previously Underhill) has passed all exams and has joined the practice permanently to job share with me. Dr Marissa Woodburn is now our full-time registrar (until July 2011) and Dr Alex Lapanga joined the practice on a full-time basis in January 2011, moving up from Hervey Bay.

Autumn is usually the time when flu immunisations start and this year is no different. We will be offering all eligible and high risk patients a "Fluvax", an injection that contains vaccine against swine flu (H1N1) & normal seasonal influenza (H3N2). It is safe, all the immunising particles in it are dead and so it will not (can not) cause any sort of infection. Please phone the surgery (4093 7118) for an appointment for immunisation or just talk to the GPs about it when you are there for another problem.

Good luck against the mould, mossies, sandflies and crocs and let's hope the flu keeps away this year.

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Book Review

“Understanding Death: The Most Important Event in your Whole Life”

by John S Hatcher
(Baha'i Publishing, Wilmette, 2009
ISBN 9781 93184 7728 \$31.95

The author Hatcher is a Professor Emeritus of English Literature at the University of South Florida and a prolific writer. At the time of writing this book, he says that he is 68 years of age. He writes that he is still healthy, but feels as if he is frantically trying to live each day to the fullest: he simply does not know how many more days are allotted to him. So the book is a meditative reflection of his thoughts on the subject of aging and death and their significance for him. As such, for those of us of older generations, those in the seventh stage of life in Shakespearean terms (and there seems to be more and more of us these days), it is a subject that strikes some cords within us, pleasant or unpleasant as that may be.

But is this topic meant to be a meditation of the morbid variety? Is that the inevitable approach for us to take in our latter years? As the author says about the art of dying:

“I call this a “lost” art because it is really only in this modern age that we have come to view death as alien, inappropriate, or unnatural.”

The author refers to the best-selling book by Randy Pausch, “The Last Lecture”, in which that author, in a very unpretentious and useful account of his own path to his approaching death, sets down the noble strategies he devised as a response to death and dying. In that case the author was said to have only six months to live, a circumstance which is bound to acutely focus the mind. But what of those of us that are still reasonably healthy (given the odd artificial part and a tablet or two)? Should we just ignore the subject, as if it is not going to happen, it being all too morbid and debilitating to warrant our own navel gazing? We hear of old people who still run marathons or fly around the world and other incredible things, treating life as if it has no ending, and just hoping to be carted off unexpectedly in their sleep while still planning the next adventure. Is this the way to go?

What of our ancestors and their approach to death? They seemed to have a much better understanding of death through a closer contact with the prevailing forces of nature. Death was often much closer to hand, more unpredictable. And death was seen as a part of the process of life, not something distinct and unmentionable. Hatcher writes:

“In my own reading and study, I have concluded that in those cultures that remain somewhat close to nature, whether as simple farmers or as members of what remains of extant tribal communities, likewise seem to approach death – whether their own or that of friend or family – with a degree of acceptance, wisdom, and ritual calculated to deal artfully with this point of transition.”

Hatcher seems to decry the fact that for most people, the art of living is discussed publically and often, but the art of dying is most often an entirely private thing. For the author, aging is a simple but remarkable and precious gift. The more we, as part of this process, aspire to intellectual and spiritual development, the more we must gradually cease to rely on physical and sensual experience as an end in itself. Sure we should still try to keep fit and enjoy life, but it is also a time (if our brain allows it) for mature reflection, for assembling a lifetime of learning into increasingly complex and creative insights into the meaning of life itself. From the author’s perspective, it is a time when our relationship to the physical reality is specifically designed to extricate us by degrees from attachment to our lower or physical nature.

To Hatcher, death is a transition, a passing over. It is like our third birth (after the beginning in conception and then physical birth into this present world). We should focus on our preparation for that third birth into the next life, the spiritual world. It is not a time of extinction, of sorrow and grief. Only the physical body is discarded. This life is a training ground for the future, for the continued progress of our spirit that is an integral part of each of us. Hatcher talks of the lost art of dying without despair. To achieve this we need to increase our detachment from the physical world and increase our attachment to the spiritual. Without this, death can be a fearful thing.

Surely aging is a time for the development and expression of wisdom, a faculty that in earlier generations was always prized and respected in the elders. But do we not sometimes now see the paternalistic expression of views towards the elderly as if they were simpletons, descending into a second childhood? Physicality and youth are king. This is largely a modern invention. Aging should be seen as a valuable part of life, to be exercised as an art, with careful thought and dignity. It deserves respect and an acknowledgment of its significant value to the community. And it should be seen as part of an ongoing process, not as a black hole ending totally at death. To take this latter view is destructive and robs humanity of much of value. This book makes a useful contribution in helping to avoid this consequence.

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and fortune in their marriage. Sure enough, Charles’ and Linda’s good luck and fortune began on their wedding day. The rain ceased for a few hours while the wedding ceremony and sit down outdoor luncheon took place at the couple’s home in Warril Drive. Family and friends from Melbourne expressed their awe at the beautiful rainforest settings and the tropical gardens the couple had achieved in 7 months of living in Kuranda. Congratulations, Linda and Charles. We wish you a life of fun, happiness and laughter.

Bonnie Harris on behalf of the Kuranda Community



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THE LA NINA weather pattern has run true to nature in Kuranda with higher than normal rainfall, flooding, the usual landslips on our Kuranda Range road, and soggy gardens, but this will soon be over.

After a good downpour, rainforests seems invigorated; washed clean and green, new growth is seen everywhere, the grass grows higher and new growth unknowingly feeds the new generation of caterpillars of our local insect population. To some gardeners, a sudden vibrant flash of the blue Ulysses Swallowtail, the zigzag flight pattern of the Blue Triangle or Green Spotted Triangle or a cruising green male Cairns Birdwing brings joy and delight. But you could mistake their caterpillars for pests if you can't identify them.

An unwelcome explosion of other insects occur too; ants, cockroaches, sandflies and mosquitoes. So with the current Dengue Fever warning in North Queensland, the focus this month is mosquitoes.

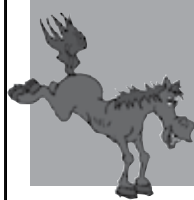
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- Around your garden eliminate mosquito breeding habitats
- Look for mosquito larvae (wigglers) in stagnant or standing water
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- Septic tanks; screen off the vent pipes with a fine mesh or 'ScotchBrite' material
- Cover exposed tanks or manhole lids with plastic and secure in place
- On flat roofs, water may puddle. If you are in a well known dengue area, inspect roof often and sweep away water
- Gutters and drain pipes, remove all leaves and debris
- Landscape light fixtures. i.e. garden solar lamps. Repair flooded garden lights, empty out water, spray cooking oil or insecticide inside to prevent more larvae
- Lawn ornaments, sculptures, outdoor containers: empty water regularly
- Outdoor furniture, tilt sideways to allow water to run off
- Rainwater tanks or barrels, add cooking oil to make an "oil slick" barrier on top, repair or cover entrances tightly with a fine mesh screen so mosquitoes or other pests can't get in and breed
- Bird baths, empty water regularly and check for wigglers
- Fountains and ponds, stock with goldfish or guppies. They love to eat the larvae
- Inspect pet dishes regularly for wriggler larvae, and remove water
- Palm frond ends; turn over so they don't collect water
- Pot plants; don't over water them during the wet season
- Fill pot plant trays/base with coarse river sand or spray cooking oil to form a 'slick or protective barrier' when it rains
- Around known mozzie infested garden vegetation spray insect spray – make your own spray. See recipe links
- Outdoor buckets or containers turn them upside down, or remove to a sheltered area
- Spray stored tyres with cooking oil and keep in your shed
- Check children's play equipment regularly
- Children's tyre swings, drill holes so water drains out
- Block up or cover hollow galvanised fence posts with metal or plastic caps to keep out mosquitoes and frogs
- Rubbish bins keep lids shut tight, place newspaper on the bottom to absorb water or liquids
- Empty 44 gallon drums or turn upside down and regularly check for wigglers
- Boating and farming equipment, use a bilge pump to remove standing water or remove or undo the bung/plug
- Toss out water in your refrigerator drip tray
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- Remember, mosquitoes transmit heartworm in dogs, so spray their sleeping areas too.

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- Normal mosquitoes are active anytime, especially if you are camping or hiking. Always wear insect repellent.

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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Welcome to another year of Kuranda Horse and Pony Club. The club has elected a new committee, so some fresh new ideas are sure to be injected into the club.

Dot Mclauchlan is President, Judy Pope is Vice President, Christine Hewitt is Secretary, Fionna Lane is Treasurer.

So we WELCOME and THANK YOU for taking on these positions.

The club has managed to have three rally days so far this year even without rain!! The grounds are holding up very well considering the weather conditions the area has had.

The club welcomes our new families and riders that have joined us and we hope the enjoyment of riding and learning and making new friendships will stay with you for life. It's also great to see our returning members. It's always so wonderful seeing our junior riders coming back after the Christmas break – they get a bit bigger and more confident. Some have got new horses, which is always exciting, so we hope you all have a fun and rewarding year in 2011.

The Club has decided not to reopen the Friday fortnight kitchen. So we would like to thank the patrons who supported the club last year. Unfortunately it was not possible due to everyone having limited time to run the kitchen. But if the club has a special event at any time we will advertise it.

At the end of last year a group of riders sat for their Certificates exam. They all passed and these certificates were awarded to our riders at the 1st rally day in February. Congratulations to all these great riders, the club is very proud of you.

If you have a horse and attend a school then on the 2/3rd of April Mareeba Pony Club is holding the Interschool horse sports. So you wear your school's uniform and ride for your school. Helmets and correct footwear has to be worn. If you need any more info on this event contact me on paulanddi@bigpond.com.

Then on the 21, 22, 23rd April the Zone is holding a 3 day camp hosting a variety of events at Tepon Park at Herberton. This camp is open to all pony club members in the Far North. It's a great event and not to be missed. Bookings are essential.

I hope you and your horses are holding up okay with the wet and if you want to know or find out any information about the club please contact me at paulanddi@bigpond.com.

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One of the best things about visiting the Kuranda Arts Co-operative, so many of our gallery visitors tell us, as well as seeing high quality local artwork, is being able to meet the artists personally. Many of the visitors to the gallery are themselves artists of varying mediums. Introductions are made and friendships form. A good number of our visitors are from New Zealand.

Our publicity officer, Toni Rogers, was rostered at the gallery about five years ago and met Christchurch visitor Ann Field. Ann is a master weaver, spinner, author and tutor and for the past 25 years has been teaching regularly in NZ, Australia, Europe and the United States. Ann has her studio on the first floor in the Arts Centre in Christchurch where she works on her 16 shaft AVL, computer-assisted loom.

Ann and Toni have kept in touch since that meeting in Kuranda; they share a love of fabric, weaving and creativity. Toni has visited Ann's studio in Christchurch twice in the last three years. The Arts Centre is situated in the centre of the city and consists of studios, galleries, markets, theatres and cafes.

On 22nd February, the second earthquake in six months hit Christchurch, killing many of the city's people while they ate their lunches, strolled in the city streets, and in this case, worked in their studios at the historic Art Centre. Much of the Art Centre has been badly damaged but all the occupants were able to safely get out of one of the city's most treasured buildings. It was a week before Toni was able to communicate with Ann and confirm her safety. Access to the building is currently denied and Ann is due to lecture in the United States this month and has been unable to retrieve from her studio her warps and yarns ready to post for her forthcoming trip. She has related sadly that it will be years before the historic Art Centre will be restored completely. The clean up in Christchurch will be counted in bricks and the Arts complex will certainly have a different feel to it in years to come.

The Kuranda Arts Co-operative extends sincere condolences to our fellow artists and those who have suffered loss in this second earthquake.



The Historic Art Centre in Christchurch



In doubt about grey?

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By our own reporter

This is the sixth instalment of the article "The District of Cairns" from The Cairns Post 9 August 1890 (Continued)

Mr E. Torazzi's nursery and experimental plant raising next engaged my attention. Six V and 7 V comprise Mr. Torazzi's land which is situated on the railway line at Kuranda. This gentleman's views upon tropical agriculture are so well known that I need not do more than give the results of the various experiments and the condition of the nurseries. The nurseries altogether contain 10,000 trees and seedlings grown upon the octavi system, which is several times transplanting and pruning the roots each time. The major portion of the trees are Lisbon lemons, citrons and limes, with some few oranges and mandarins. The trees in all stages of growth are remarkably free from blight or insect pests, and the deep green leaves testify to healthy and vigorous growth. These trees are being grown because Mr. Torazzi contends that fruits that can be manufactured must be the most profitable to raise, as if only table fruits are cultivated the market must soon be filled and consequently prices must go down. Other trees are – date palm, apple, pear, peach, figs, nectarines, &c. Mr. Torazzi does not hope much from the apple or pear, the winter not being cold enough, but thinks they might be acclimatized after a few years. He is a great advocate of manure, both liquid and solid, and goes to great trouble and expense to procure all possible. There can be no farming, he says, without manure, no matter how fertile the soil. On 6 V Mr. Torazzi has eight acres cleared and surrounded with a lime hedge. This area is planted with lemons, citrons and limes. Vines are being experimented upon and promising satisfactory results. As showing what thorough cultivation will do Mr. Torazzi showed me a pine-apple plant of enormous size and of the prickly variety. It bore fruit more than a foot long, and was double the size of its little brother a short way off which had been planted at the same time as the one under notice, but had been left to its own sweet will to thrive or not as it liked. A wild banana plant is also being experimented upon. But for the seeds, the flavour of the wild banana is excellent, and there is no reason why it cannot be educated, by cultivation, into bearing fruit the same as the ordinary varieties. The soil here is a clayey one. A peculiar feature of the selection if that the old bed of the river can be traced right through it, and unmistakable signs of the presence of water hundreds of years ago can be observed in the soil.

My next trip led me up the river, but before I go further I should like to mention the hospitality

extended to me by the selectors around. In fact I am generally puzzled to know which place I shall stop at, but wherever it is I am always sure of a welcome. My personal thanks are due to Mr. Davidson for his kindness in accompanying me on my visits around. Without someone who knows the lay of the place it is next to impossible to find many without very great loss of time. I am speaking now of the selections past the end of the second section where neighbours are miles apart – where roads exist not – and all around is scrub. Here without a guide he who is a stranger is doomed to roam up and down timber tracks, blackfellows tracks, or any tracks but those which lead to habitation unless he is lucky enough to hit one. On this and other trips as I before stated, I was accompanied by Mr. Davidson who piloted the way in a more expeditious manner than I could have hoped for. The soil does not improve by any means higher up the river. Most part is very young scrub and light forest. The scrub has evidently but recently encroached upon the forest and all along forest trees are seen in the scrub. It is undeniably good country though, and after being cleared it is again covered with young trees and multitudes of weeds and vines in a very few months. Some of the land that has been cleared and left has saplings eight feet high all over it, and the axe has to be brought to bear upon it. The timber here is hickory, beech, bloodwood, a variety resembling bloodwood, silky oak and silk wood. These latter are beautiful woods for building purposes. Oaks also grow in plenty, and there is an extremely hard yellow wood which is very useful. Any amount of creeks find their way through this country to the river, so water is abundant. After traversing a mile or two of tracks cut by the selectors themselves, we reached the selection of Mr. Shearers. This selector has only lately taken up the land which had been forfeited and thrown open again. He is engaged in the construction of a sawn-timber house for himself and family. It is really a nice looking residence on 7 ft (2.1 metres) blocks with a hip roof of iron. Not including the verandahs it will have, the house is 24 ft (6.6 metres) by 14 ft (4.2 metres) and will, when finished, present an appearance equal to a fashionable town residence, being put together in a workmanlike manner and match boards and weather boards used on the walls. The frame work is of silky oak, a beautiful wood to work in, and the boarding of pine. All the wood was pit sawn in the scrub and carried out. Ten acres was cleared by Mr. Shearers' predecessor, but it is

almost entirely grown over with high weeds and burrs. This selector intends going in for grape vines, oranges, quinces and figs at present, and has a few on trial. Cherry guavas, and mangoes have also been put in. The newly made track from middle Crossing to Welcome Pocket passes Mr. Shearers' place.

Further on is the selection of Mr. Jack Russell. This pioneer is the oldest resident in the "interior," if I can use the term. The selections now under notice are neither on the main Thornborough road or on the course of the railway, but lie between – away back in the never-never country. Here Mr. Russell stuck for three years without roads and far away from the nearest neighbour. He has the largest clearing around, 40 acres of scrub having been felled and burned. All this is planted more or less with grass, and the undergrowth, which will spring up if left but a few weeks, will be brushed and destroyed shortly. Here Mr. Russell is putting up a sawn timber residence the same as Mr. Shearers, only on 2 ft blocks instead of 7 ft. A big place this for a bachelor! It will have two 7 ft verandahs. The walls are 12 ft high giving very lofty rooms. The most serious item in building here is the iron which costs pretty heavily to pack up from Kamerunga to the Middle Crossing and then on to the ground. An acre and a half has been enclosed with a fence of posts and four wires.

(To be continued)

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How to Cook a Tiger

Pablo Sevilla (pron. Se've'ya)

Of course you must first have possession of a fresh Tiger. This sounds quite simple but in fact it is not as easy as one may think.

There is no easy way to catch Tigers, fresh or otherwise, in fact any contemporary chef will acknowledge that the catching of Tigers is fraught with problems.

According to Tony Roberts there are no longer any problems, just solutions. I must remember to ask Tony what is his favourite solution to the non-existent problem of catching of a fresh Tiger.

And fresh it must be – I will not have it any other way. If you have ever had the experience of dining on a stale dish of Tiger, and I must say here that it matters not one iota which sauce you use, whether it is the Indian Bengali recipe or the Guan Mushroom Sauce with Pink Peppers or even the New Yorker (not the magazine, the sauce), your Tiger must be fresh.

In a conversation with Saudi chef Ai bin Sau Cier I found what I believe the ultimate method for the

preparation of a fresh whole Tiger. Lovers of the typical Aussie BBQ will recognize the importance of marinating the Tiger in a bath of Coopers Fine Ale prior to the actual cooking. Ai bin describes in detail the flaying of the pelt and the dissection of the flesh with the flair of Dr Mallard of the Naval Criminal Investigation Service.

Having prepared the major organs with the pimentos and potatoes and assuming that you can find an authentic Ayurvedan ceramic oven, you are on the way to a perfect result.

When the guests arrive it is essential that the pappadams are presented straight from the fryer and allotted seats in the order of their importance both to the community and the ancient gods. The colour of the cushions does not matter but like the Tiger they must be fresh.

There is not much more that I can add. I think it will suffice to say that the local Zoo will not appreciate the overnight disappearance of their main attraction; you may have to search further afield.

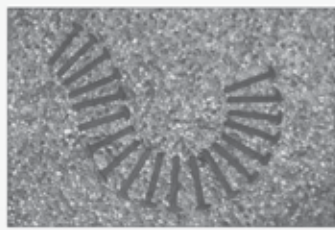
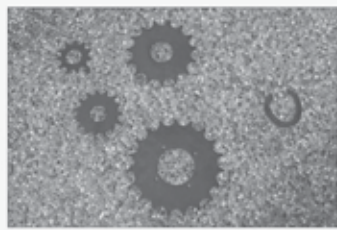
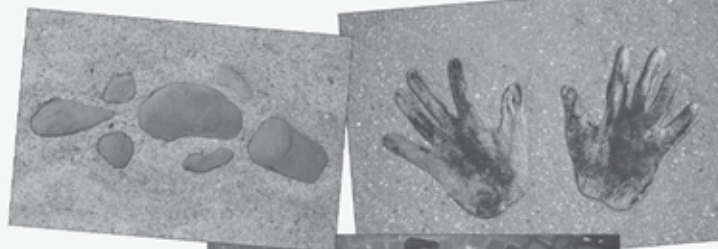


A Celebration of Kuranda's Public Artwork



Realising a need to identify the public artwork in the village for visitors asking about the artworks as they walk through the town, a joint project was formed between the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre and the Kuranda Arts Co-operative. RADF funding was granted to the Kuranda Arts Co-operative to design and produce a trail map showcasing the public art and some of the heritage buildings in the village. The map also includes a brief history of the growth of the art and creative industries in Kuranda.

The brochure was designed by local artist Henri Hunsinger with photography by Helen Douglas (www.halleydesign.com), written and coordinated by Cathy Harvey with assistance from many locals who were only too happy to tell a few stories and help with the editing – a locally produced community project that we hope will help our visitors learn more about the village.



The brochure is available at Kuranda Arts Co-operative in Coondoo Street (opposite St Saviour's Church).



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Almost all of us have experienced 'being depressed' at least sometimes, especially in wet weather when everything seems dark and gloomy. We might just feel a little bit down and out for a short time, but there are also those of us who suffer from severe depression for very long periods. When we are in a good mood, we are happy; in a depressed mood we feel sad or angry and extremely negative. Moods affect the way we look at the world around us.

There are lots of reasons why a person might be depressed and it is far too complex to go into it at any depths. For the sake of this article we will be looking at it from a nutritional point of view only. The fact is that our emotional response is very closely related to our brain's health and chemistry. Neurotransmitters such as Serotonin and Dopamine which regulate mood, are made from amino acids which in turn we have to get from food.

These chemical pathways require vitamins and minerals as cofactors for their normal functioning and almost every vitamin or mineral deficiency can cause psychiatric symptoms such as depression, anxiety, irritability, low stress tolerance etc. Deficiencies in B Vitamins, especially folic acid cause low serotonin levels in the brain.

There are also certain substances in food such as preservatives, colourings and additives that can cause reactions such as fatigue, headaches, anxiety, irritability and depression.

When depressed, we often reach for junk foods, lots of coffee, sugary things or any kind of 'Uppers' we can put our hands on to make us feel better. Just remember, what goes up has got to come down! Over-use of coffee, black tea and colas are powerful stimulants that over stress the body, depleting Vitamin B and in the long run the adrenals. All these things, including alcohol and drugs will make us feel better only for a short time and exacerbate things in the long term.

It is not easy without other tests to determine if and who might be lacking what, but here is a small guide of possible signs for lack of Serotonin.

Serotonin deficiency: depressed, nervous, fearful, worrying, thinking about the same thing over and over again, crave sugar/carbohydrates, feel worse in rainy weather, chronic pain (headache, backache), obsessive compulsive tendency, family history of alcoholism, ADD.

Serotonin is synthesized from the amino acid Tryptophan, which is also available as a supplement. As far as food goes, the highest amount of Serotonin is found in walnuts. It is also found in pineapples, bananas, plums, buckwheat and tomatoes.

Tryptophan is a precursor of Serotonin. The best sources of that are high-protein foods such as dairy, free range chicken and eggs, beef and turkey. Whey powder is excellent and so is cottage cheese, soya protein and peanuts. Our brain is largely made of fatty acids, so don't forget the good oils (fish oil, flax seed, olive oil etc.). They are very important for our nervous system.

Besides being on a healthy diet, I recommend taking supplements like a good Multi Vitamin, an extra B-Complex and possibly L-Tryptophan. There are also very good herbal treatments for depression, anxiety and lack of sleep such as 'St John's Wort', Passion flower and many others. Ask in the health food store.

Last, but not least, from my own experience, another fantastic thing to combat the 'blues' is exercise! Playing sport, cycling, running, swimming, yoga, dancing or just simply walking on a regular basis will help to produce some happy pheromones.

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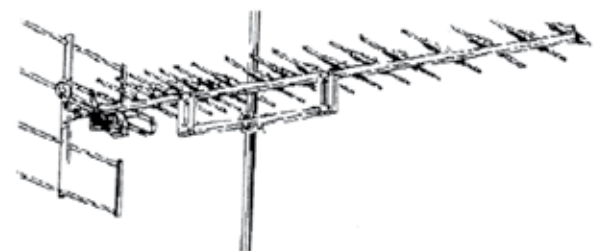
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The Perrys of Foodworks

EVERYONE IN KURANDA is aware of the opening of the big new Foodworks store in Kuranda Village just before the cyclone. But not so many of us know about the owners of this business, the ones who have accepted such a significant challenge, both financially and otherwise. So **Ray and Colinda Perry**, the owners, deserve to be profiled in this column.

Ray and Colinda have been in Kuranda since 2004 after moving up from Mission Beach. They bought the old Supermarket in Coondoo Street in that year and moved to live in Kuranda permanently. But as the business progressed, it soon became clear that the premises were too small. A much better service was required for Kuranda. So they began looking for a large enough property in Kuranda that could be used as a much expanded supermarket. They finally settled upon the vacant property on the corner of Thongon Street and Thooree Street, the site of the new Supermarket. With the assistance of Foodworks and a financier, plans were prepared and the building erected. Then there was the move from the old site to the new. Ray says it was a hectic time, involving running the old store until the new one was ready, finishing the building, training the staff, installing the fittings and facilities and stocking up the new shop. It involved long hours of work.

Finally they opened the new store not long before the recent cyclone. Everything went reasonably well, so much so that they were open the very morning after the cyclone. They have been open every day since, 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. There have been some shortages in supplies due to the wet weather, but fortunately they were well stocked before the cyclone came. They now have 36 staff on a three-part roster; a major employer in the Kuranda region. The turnover has improved, perhaps not as much as Ray and Colinda would like, but they have plans to improve this. This includes a fuel voucher system of four cents per litre credited to customers on production of the voucher at the checkout on purchases at the store of \$30 or more, and a 5% discount scheme for March (and possibly later months) on purchases at the store of \$30 or more (other than cigarettes). Customers now have air-conditioned comfort in which to shop, underground parking with covered access and trolley ramp, an ATM and a deli. Les, the butcher, sells his meats within



Ray

the store. There is seven times the space of the old Store.

Ray, himself, is a country lad. He was brought up in Mission Beach. His father had a small cane farm. Ray took an apprenticeship in boilermaking at the Tully Mill in 1980, and stayed on at the Mill as a boilermaker and pressure welder. It was hot, confined work, but he stuck with it. He met Colinda in Mission Beach. She came from Melbourne and was a dental nurse. They had a nice home on the beach and have had two children. But they decided they needed a change. Ray had come to Kuranda on and off since he was a youth, and liked the area. They were used to the warmer, wetter climate, and they like the quiet of the rainforest but still with the facility of Cairns city being so close by. They looked into various possibilities, and eventually decided to purchase the old supermarket business. They have not regretted the move, although it has been very hard work. A few years ago they were married here.

They are quiet, retiring people by nature. The pressure of work does not leave much time for outside activities, so everything tends to revolve around the business and family. They believe in supporting the local community and are members of a number of organisations in the area. Through the business they have supported two Cassowary rugby teams and other sports groups, the Ambulance Service, SES, the Amphitheatre, Bike Show, Pony Club, Pre-School and other non-profit organisations. Their plastic bag levy helps support the SES, BatReach and others. They have donated some of the equipment from the old store to good causes. But they have far more requests for help than they can respond to. Their emphasis remains on the local community, of which they feel a part.

Ray says that the mural proposed on the rear wall of the new Store cannot now proceed on Council's orders. Several pensioner cottages are planned to be built between the Store and the Library parking area. And the drainage problem onto Thooree Street is to be fixed by the Council as part of the development.

Whatever one thinks about the architecture of the new Store, both it and the Perrys are an asset to the Village and to the region.

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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club 40 Year Celebrations and Book Launch

It was a fine, sunny morning on the 4th December 2010 and at the Pony Club grounds members and non members arrived early to prepare for the day's celebrations. With a hive of activity and excited chatter it all came together.

At 3 o'clock we welcomed over 100 past and present members, Mayor Tom Gilmore, Councillor Jenny Jensen and guests who came from all over the region as well as interstate.

Ann Harth, mentor and co-author of the book **YOU HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE** and her family quietly and efficiently organised the signing and selling of the books. Thank you Ann, Chris and Jarrod.

First up on the day's program was John Stewart and his dog Tipper who entertained the crowd with impressive dog obedience and agility demonstrations.

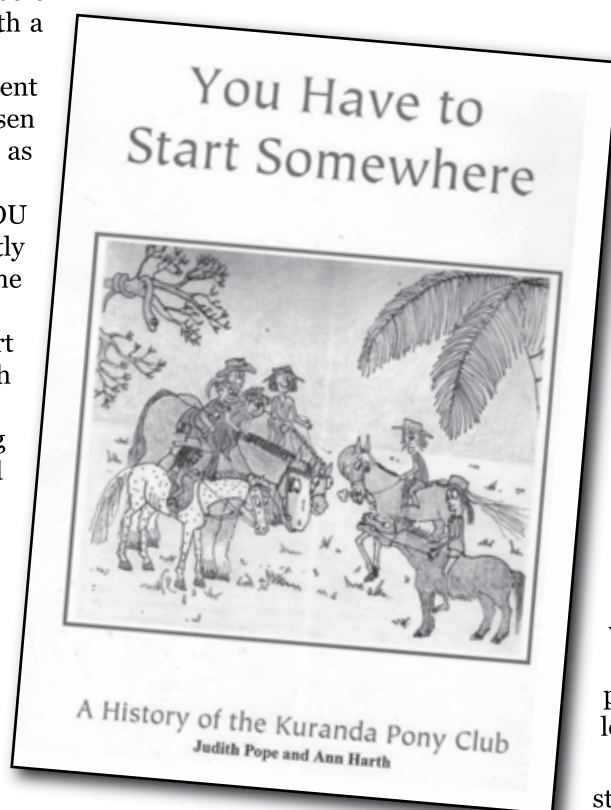
Next, members of the club enjoyed showcasing to music their riding abilities in showjumping and precision riding patterns.

Georgia Bruce wowed the crowd demonstrating her horse-training skills with Rumba the Wonder Horse and Marita Herd with Foxy the miniature pony educated us on long reining techniques.

The duelling barrel races with horse or pony against the motorbike had everyone on the edge of their seats, and the mechanical bull rides in the evening provided lots of ooohs and laughter.

Afternoon tea and dinner were delicious and went down a treat, with many returning for seconds.

Thank you to Kuranda Tropical Fruit Icecream, Kuranda Foodworks, members who donated food



and those who helped out prior to and on the day. Kitchen/bar coordinators, Gayle Chambers, Peggy Woodcock, Brian Parker, Stan Rebetzke, Neil Pope, Terry Hewitt-Toms and Brenton Lane did a fantastic job keeping it all running smoothly.

Ann Harth and I, in partnership with the Pony Club, were able to publish a 40-year history of the club after receiving a Regional Arts Development Fund grant from the Queensland Government and TRC.

Some of the monies from this grant enabled us to further contribute to the community by donating books to: Kuranda District State College, Mareeba State High School, Atherton State High, Ravenshoe Secondary School, Cooktown Primary to Year 12, Mareeba Historical Society, Cairns Historical Society, Qld State Library, Canberra Library, Pony Club Association Queensland, Harry Grogan and Georgia Bruce.

Thank you to Georgia Bruce who contributed to the project by doing the cover artwork and the many others who supplied photos, stories and letters of support.

The Kuranda library supported the project by purchasing some books, one of which is available for loan.

We encourage any group or individuals that have stories/photos of local historical significance to apply for a Regional Arts Development Fund grant for their project.

Judy Pope, Kuranda Pony Club





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Principal's Message



Kuranda District State College officially opened the new facilities built under the federal government Building Education Revolution program on Friday 11th March 2011. The Honourable Senator Jan McLucas was among many special guests to come to the school for the event.

- The new Junior School library has added a wonderful multi-purpose space for learning with meeting rooms, research areas, computer facilities and class room spaces available to the students.
- The junior Multi-purpose shelter has added a great space for choir and musical performance, parade facilities and a special place for Health and Physical Education.
- The new Science and Language facility on the secondary campus has also added a state of the art biology classroom and a fantastic performance stage for dance, drama, public speaking.
- All of these facilities totalled more than \$3.8 million and set the school up for more growth and higher levels of achievement from our ever growing student population. In her speech the senator acknowledged the fantastic spirit among the students and staff and the excellent appearance of our students uniform presentation.

Whilst the college is a buzz with all the fantastic ceremonies and events at present, the central focus of all activity at the school is learning. I emphatically insist that our students are involved in quality curriculum learning with key focuses in Reading, Spelling and Numeracy. Parents are noticing a slight narrowing of the curriculum whilst teachers and students are deliberately getting on with these three focus areas. Every student at the college must continue to improve reading and numeracy skills. Our targets have been set and the college is working very hard to ensure all students can read and write appropriate to age and beyond.



At our most recent Parents and Citizens meeting the committee were delighted to endorse a new formal senior uniform for the students. The new uniform concept has been the work of the 2010 students and now continued by the current college student leaders. The new formal uniform will be available shortly for purchase for the senior students. It will be used at formal ceremonies and when students are representing our college at other events and venues. The uniform will also be worn at school displaying another huge step forward in the college to raise expectations and general school tone. I am particularly impressed as this is a student driven agenda to raise the bar for all students to aspire to in senior. Our efforts to improve the uniform expectations is a difficult process, but is certainly working with the cooperation of most families and the school environment is settled and growing in school pride.

The P-6 Campus captains Charlie Kurth and Rachel Richardson were very proudly seen with the microphone in hand whilst officiating the reburial of the Kuranda State School time capsule. The two students explained that the original time capsule was buried at the formal school site prior to amalgamation with the secondary school to become the present college. Our students reburied the capsule at the college and also added a new sealed canister with current secondary school materials. The capsules will be opened and enjoyed in 50 years time.



At our recent BER opening ceremony students proudly displayed their A standard work for special guests and parents to view. This was an excellent display of the quality of work being produced at Kuranda DSC and also allowed our Optiminds team to display their work in progress. The Optiminds program is one Gifted and Talented project for students at the school where students use their talents to design and produce a completely operable electronic device to meet the set criteria. Our students proudly demonstrated their sound activated catapult which when directed shot a projectile at a target. Once the team have perfected the model they will compete against other teams of Gifted & Talented students from various schools in the region hoping to win the title our school has won once before.

Beacon is a non-profit charitable trust which works with over 100 schools Australia-wide to address the issue of youth unemployment. Our first event was to invite businesses from the local area to sign up to connect with the school to assist with work placements and work experience. A successful afternoon with 6 local businesses signing up. We will be sending out another mail out to approach those businesses and individuals who couldn't make it on Wednesday. Our Beacon ambassadors for 2011 are Roma Gabrang, Raya Woodbridge, Jade Bogner, Mungalli Sheriff, Tadd Woodham, Josh Belle, JJ Machonachie and Hanah LaBaysse and teacher Mrs Kylie Guy as Coordinator.

Pictured right:
Georgina Breeuwer
Far North Coordinator
Beacon Foundation



Pictured left:
JJ Machonachie
Beacon Foundation Ambassador



Kuranda SES News



FLOOD STORM
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Hi all, I would like to start with a big apology to the Kuranda Candy Kitchen, I missed them out of the thank-you's last month. Kuranda Candy Kitchen donates to SES every year and I, for one, like to keep some of their sweets on me when I do any activities. So, sorry guys, but a big THANK-YOU now for all the past donations.

As everyone would be aware we were quite active this month with the land search for Michelle. On behalf of Kuranda SES I would like to pass on our condolences to Michelle's family and friends. I would also like to thank the community for allowing all the "orange people" through their yards. As we had 20 people from Cairns helping us, I was pleased to see the community helping them out when needed.

This month has also brought a few trees down, which has kept us fairly busy. Attached are some photos from cyclone Yasi. With all the rain we have had quite a lot of work on our hands, as trees are still coming down. We are now hoping that this fine weather stays with us.

I would like to welcome our 5 new recruits so this will now bring our unit to 21. This is a great time to join up and get the experience and training needed to be able to help out in times of need.



I also had a few other people wanting to join, I have to apologize that the nights I asked you to come were cancelled at the last minute due to the fact we had been out on jobs all day. We are now back to weekly training so please come along.

From talking with our community I am aware there may be a bit of misconception with the role of SES members. We are all volunteers (unpaid) and we give our time and energy, when needed. But, alas there has been a bit of sour grapes over the fact that we do not go out to help people with the moving of rubbish from their gardens. Making sure people don't have water

coming into their homes and that they can access their driveways are our first priorities, and then, if time allows, we can help out people who cannot help themselves. Usually by the time we finish the jobs we have we are all exhausted and need a break, and then a lot of us then have to turn around to go to work or studies. We are an emergency service after all, not a yard clean up service.

On the fund raising side, we held our sausage sizzle at Foodworks opening on the 26th and it was a great day, thanks to everyone who supported us. Also on Anzac day (April 25th) we will be having another sausage sizzle in the park to assist the RSL. Check out Ken's notes on the activities planned for this day. Sounds like it will be a great day.

That's it for this month, please take care and I hope to see you all at our training nights, every Tuesday at 7.30pm Fallon Road, next to the Ambulance station.



ARIES: Flying high, people! So much Astro energy pouring into Aries this month it will be almost impossible to contain it in the existing structures. You're literally bursting at the seams with great ideas and schemes. The new moon in Aries on the 4th April coincides with your ruling planet Mars, marching into Aries. Like it or not, this month you will be noticed and have a huge impact. So don't be shy (hah), charge in and go for the really big result. This is your time!

TAURUS: Lots of preparation going on as you tidy up the loose ends and make some tough decisions about who and what you want in your life. Heading towards a very fertile phase so try and get your priorities sorted by the 20th April and then be patient. Next month will bring the rewards.

GEMINI: They're coming in from all directions this month. Have you been putting out for help? Well, here come the troops. Whatever is stuck in your life, (and you know how you hate that) well, help is on the way. The more idealistic and unique your ideas are, the more successful they're going to be.

CANCER: All this marching, charging Aries energy is certainly a challenge to you peace-loving crabs. It's actually a very good month to notch up successes. Giving you encouragement to the pace-setters, you will be part of the winner's circle. Push them hard.

LEO: Big news coming in from far away places. Travel plans zooming ahead and the chance to really make it big in the world of education, public speaking and up on the stage. Sounds about perfect for the spotlight-loving lions. Plenty to purr about.

VIRGO: Slipping quietly through the crowd virtually un-noticed and loving it. A step to the left; a glide to the right. Beautiful timing and quietly shining. The soft approach works beautifully and those doing it tough in the front line are so appreciative of your service. The joy is in the giving.

LIBRA: This month it's all about partnerships and relating. It just about consumes all your time and energy. Very demanding. Your ability to keep it in balance will be fully tested and the Libran full moon on 18th April will show you how well you're doing.

SCORPIO: Not getting what you want? No? Well the cosmic tides are sending you lots to work on. It's all about adjustment. Pour your passion into your work and by the 20th April you will actually find that your desires are being fulfilled.

SAGITTARIUS: Call me Mr Lucky (or Ms) This is the best time imaginable for taking chances; finding love or something just as good; having fun and competing for the pure joy of winning. Your children will be making you very proud too.

CAPRICORN: Here's a list of things you could very profitably invest in now: family, home, land, properties, and just generally putting down roots. This is the best time for laying the foundations of future security and comfort. Dig deep.

AQUARIUS: For the true Aquarians, this month the news is the news. Information is flowing like never before. Pouring in. Look at this time as being dedicated to the exchange of information, updating techno stuff and being the one with the latest. You love it, don't you.

PISCES: There's a real sense of homecoming at last. Maybe for the first time you can relax and let the cosmic tides wash over you. A magical time of healing and releasing and a knowing that all is peaceful. You are the oasis and those that thirst will find you.

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While the natural disasters occurred in three states, its impact on the property market has spread across the nation.

The disasters kept people out of the market, particularly in Brisbane. But it also impacted on potential buyers in other states because they holiday in Queensland or they have family and friends there.

(Source: rpdata.property.pulse)

"Why are there are so many properties for sale in Kuranda?" This is a question that is asked frequently. Based on area population (Source: Census 2006) the properties that are for sale at the moment in the Kuranda region (Source: realestate.com.au) represents a moderate level that allows comparison with most suburbs at the Northern Beaches with the exception of Palm Cove and Trinity Park, where the quantity of For Sale properties is considerably higher. Port Douglas tops it all; there the amount of properties For Sale in relation to the population is multiple times higher.

In regard to Kuranda's property market, I am convinced that nothing at all is lost; the demand for properties has not ceased, it's just delayed. With the Far North drying up soon, more properties will come onto the market and buyers will show up in larger numbers again and I predict a very comfortable rise in property sales.

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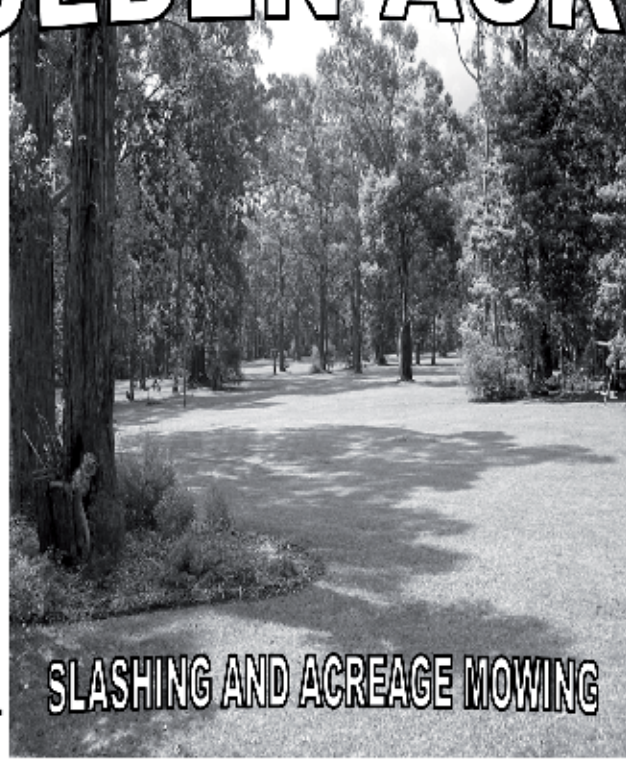
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Living in Kuranda

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- All mosquitoes prefer undisturbed air and dark areas
- Install and maintain tight-fitting fly screens at all doors and windows
- Do not use blue lights or blue plastic tarpaulins (Is it true mosquitoes love blue?)
- During the wet season, spray insect repellent or insecticide, under and inside all furniture
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- No screens at the windows? Then shut windows and spray your rooms. Use mosquito nets for sleeping and apply insect repellent on your body. If worried about babies and children and there are no flyscreens, make temporary door/ window screens using terylene curtain material and secure with masking tape
- Before bedtime, spray home made repellent or commercial insecticide in the room and wait a while before entering the room
- Burn mosquito coils if it's safe to do so. But not around babies, toddlers, sick or elderly people or pets! Why? Because scientific research says Asian brands contain a cancer causing agent!
- Buy a locally made mosquito coil holder that actually holds broken bits. <http://tinyurl.com/4w3j6pj>
- When sleeping use a ceiling fans to disturb the air and prevent them landing on your body
- Around BBQ areas, ponds, sun lounges and relaxation areas or when entertaining, put a desk fan on the floor, the circulating air disturbs them around your legs and ankles. Or buy a battery operated hand fan
- Wear long sleeves clothing, long trousers but this is no guarantee, they will bite through thin cotton material
- Avoid wearing dark clothing or brightly coloured clothing, perfumes and hairsprays, these attracts mosquitoes
- Apply insect repellent regularly to exposed areas. i.e. hands, arms, feet, ankles, legs, your back, neck and hair
- Do not spray or apply repellent around eyes or mouth, to open wounds, or apply repellent to babies' hands
- Do not re-apply if a rash or irritation occurs
- Do not scratch insect bites – they may become infected and need more treatment.

DIY mosquito repellents

- <http://tinyurl.com/lx2aga>
- <http://tinyurl.com/64ja3qo>
- Yes, Natural or home made repellents are easily made, but care must be taken if you are allergic to some oils
- Home made creams don't last long and must be reapplied every 20 minutes. Do not spray or apply repellent around eyes or mouth.

Babies & Children

- DEET is unsuitable for babies under 2 months of age.
- Repeated use of repellents over several days is not recommended, especially for pregnant women and children.
- Anaphylactic shock following mosquito bites is rare, but it has been reported.
- For babies and children highly allergic to insect bites and stings, parents must always carry anti-histamine creams.
- Use mosquito netting over your child's stroller, bassinet or bed.
- Mask their body scent to deter mosquitoes from landing on them.
- Dress children in light-coloured clothing
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MOSQUITO BITE RELIEF

- Aloe Vera gel, banana skin, and pawpaw soothe the itchy bites
- Saliva, salt, toothpaste, deodorant
- Honey, hot mint tea bag, icy water but do not apply ice block direct to the skin.
- Aloe Vera: Helps eliminate the itch and heals the wound. Use gel from the inside the fleshy leaves and apply directly to the itch or wound. Commercial aloe gel products are available
- Mosquito Repeller or Click – available at a pharmacy uses piezoelectricity to generate an electric zap on quartz or

crystalline substances directly onto the bite.

- Mosquito bite relief: <http://www.bitestingrelief.com>
- It takes several days to heal and stop itching. Do not scratch insect bites, use "Betadine antiseptic" if bites become infected. Difference between a sting and a bite: www.traveldoctor.co.uk/stings.htm
- Plant trees or grow herbs in your garden to repel mosquitoes, rub yourself with the leaves or make your own sprays!
- Do your own research into these plants. Neem, Wormwood, pyrethrum, citronella also citronella geranium
- Basil, any mint species, chamomile, lavender, catnip, pennyroyal, marigolds or tansy
- Plantains (Plantago). Grow Aloe Vera for use as an itch remedy or to heal bites
- The main objective is to keep mosquitoes in and around your home and destroy their breeding habitat
- With the current Dengue Fever warning in North Queensland
- Dengue mosquitoes only breed around homes and urban areas, not in swamps or creeks
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites in homes and yards
- Use insect repellent – wear personal repellent during the day and reapply it according to the label
- Use plug-in mosquito zappers, and use cockroach surface spray under tables, chairs and beds in the home
- Spray insect surface spray in dark and shady places where the mosquito likes to hide (eg. under furniture, inside cupboards, behind curtains)
- If you, or anyone in your household have any symptoms of dengue, apply insect repellent and see a doctor immediately
- Dengue Mosquito's bite 2 hrs before sunset and after sunrise and can bite during the daytime
- Recovery can include prolonged fatigue and depression that may last several months.

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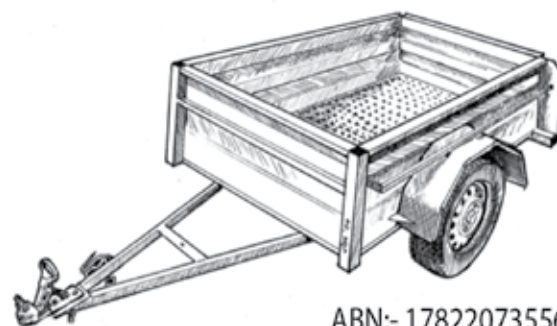
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A Thought for April

I often get told, "Oh you don't know what it feels like. You have never experienced anything like what I have been going through" is a not an uncommon reaction from people who have been facing up to tragedy in some shape or form. We can try to sympathise. We can try to draw on our own experiences or observations but sometimes they just don't connect with the experience someone is facing. What they need is someone who can draw alongside them who will be able to sympathise and to fully understand. Even as a Priest I sometimes find myself at a loss in such situations. I know, however, that I can point them to God as someone who will understand and with whom they can share their feelings.

Jesus is at the right hand of God interceding for us, St Paul reminds us in *Romans 8*, and he is someone who in his life here on earth experienced suffering in many of its forms. At his birth he was a refugee, as his family fled to Egypt. He faced up to temptation in all its forms – and faced that temptation to the full, because, unlike us, he did not give in to it. During his ministry he experienced misunderstanding and persecution. His followers were slow to understand him, his enemies quick to attack him. He was even rejected by his own family who labelled him a mad-man. He experienced hunger and thirst, poverty and homelessness. He knew grief as he wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. There's quite a few of the pressures we face in that list.

However, it is in his 'Passion' that we see Jesus plumb the depths of human suffering. Over the next few weeks we turn our eyes upon the cross of Jesus and the arrest and trials which led up to it. There he experienced betrayal by one of his followers. All his friends ran away, leaving him to face the music alone. He was falsely arrested, accused and condemned after a rigged trial. He was abused, mocked and mistreated. He faced physical agonies – beaten and scourged, nailed to a cross – his mobility taken away, feet and hands nailed to a cross, fighting for every last breath as he hung there, until his heart gave up. He even experienced the spiritual pain of feeling deserted by God. (He was bearing the judgement of God on our sin, a judgement that came between him and the Father with whom he had always lived in perfect fellowship.) Physical, mental, spiritual, emotional pain – Jesus experienced them all.

Whatever our problem we can take it to Jesus. We can be assured of his understanding and of his love. His death and resurrection enable us to know God's love and presence in our lives. Having dealt with the judgement of our sin, the barriers between us and God have been broken down. God can come into our lives. Jesus is Risen from the dead, he is alive for evermore. He has overcome all the evils of this world. There is hope for the future where sin, sickness and sorrow will all be done away. That gives us hope for the future but now we can know he is there for us. It is to this Jesus that we can turn in prayer. We can be sure that he understands and cares. Those around us may not understand our troubles but Jesus can. His life, death and resurrection are a guarantee of that.

Thought of the month from the Baha'i Faith

"The evidences of discord and malice are apparent everywhere, though all were made for harmony and union. The Great Being saith: O well-beloved ones! The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. We cherish the hope that the light of justice may shine upon the world and sanctify it from tyranny. If the rulers and kings of the earth, the symbols of the power of God, exalted by His glory, arise and resolve to dedicate themselves to whatever will promote the highest interests of the whole of humanity, the reign of justice will assuredly be established amongst the children of men, and the effulgence of its light will envelop the whole earth."

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 218)

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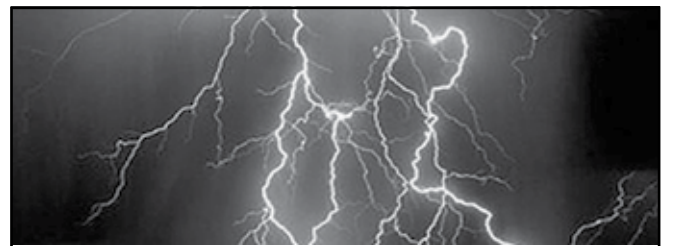
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WHAT'S KEEPING US BUSY:

- * The entrance to Kuranda at Kennedy Highway / Rob Veivers Drive needs a facelift to make it more relevant. It should say to passers-by: "Come in. There are lots of interesting things to see and do in Kuranda". At the moment, it looks tired.
- * The "unique to Kuranda" branding of products only available here is getting a life as we gather background information of the steps we have to take to make it effective and legal, and draw on the considerable ideas from the recent past.
- * If you own a roller shutter door at one of Kuranda's shops and would like it painted up to dazzle after-hours visitors, it would only take less than \$100 for the paint and Kylie or Peter Thompson would get it done. If you want to talk about it, call Kylie on 4093 8777 (AH).
- * We're adding our shoulder to the push to have a safe walkway constructed from the village all the way to the Barron Gorge. It's by no means an original idea, but, as with the toilets at the Barron Gorge, it is a long awaited and necessary infrastructure addition to what Kuranda currently offers.
- * We continue to gather information from Council and locals about the possibility of developing a walk/cycle track across to Koah.
- * Most importantly, and very sadly, we are urging Council to upgrade the Fallon Road causeway where too many accidents occur in the wet weather and where Kuranda resident, Michelle Murray, lost her life in horrifying circumstances very recently.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 6th April at 4pm at Nevermind Café, Heritage Markets
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FERAL PIGS MINUS 2

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CASSOWARIES PLUS 2 or more

We can confirm sightings of not one, but two cassowaries in the area bounded by Fallon Close, Mason Road, Barron Falls Road and the Barron Gorge National Park. One report claims that the bigger, more mature of the two birds has 3 chicks.

The other bird, about 20 months old, has been known to us for some time. It is now getting its grown-up colours and the hint of a casque. We understand it has been dubbed "Eddy" and we have a sample of its poo, steaming hot as it fell to the ground. Now that takes some cassowary watching! An excited caller who lives in Kuranda Crescent, backing on to Weir Road properties, reported coming face to face with Eddy in her backyard. What a buzz!

It is soooo good to know the birds are returning, thanks to greater control of residents' dogs and to their having planted native food trees.

RIGHT: One of our wildlife carer members brings this darling wallaby to our Saturday morning meetings and working bees so she can feed it on time. It's beginning to hop on its spindly long legs and is such a joy.



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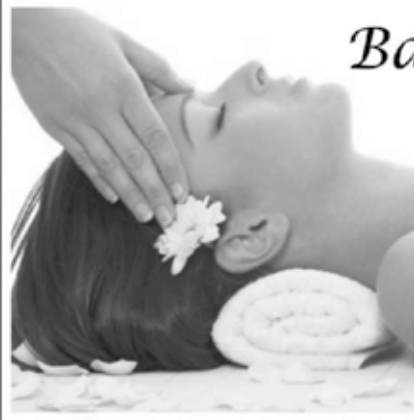
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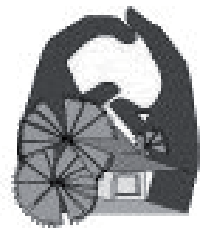
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hard for two weeks, through a lot of heavy rain, and planted out nearly 1300 trees to provide future rainforest habitat for the endangered Myola frog and southern cassowary. They also weeded, removed vines, mulched and potted seedlings and almost had dishwasher's hands, scrubbing over 2000 pots with vigour. We'd like to thank these dedicated young people for their commitment to conservation work. Our special thanks also to Boral, who sponsor CVA managed teams. They provide funds for CVA team management, to assist not-for-profit groups such as ours achieve important conservation work.

***And extra special thanks to our regular
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Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters. Your opinions are always welcome.

TRC Sport and Recreation Officer appointed: With some State funding assistance, Council has appointed a Sport and Recreation Officer. Christine Leet has commenced in the new regional role and will focus on strategic directions for regional sport and recreation initiatives and assistance and advice to sport and recreation organisations.

Fallon Road Jum Rum Causeway: We were all saddened at the recent tragedy and condolences to family and friends. Council has immediately undertaken a Safety Assessment and Compliance Audit of the crossing and approaches. The crossing meets FNQ/Safety standards, however, given the large number of vehicles that now use Fallon Road, some works may be undertaken. A report will be presented to the next Council meeting for consideration.

Be my friend on Facebook?: I have my "trainer wheels" on and am trying to improve my "facebooking" and hope to post regularly with news, updates, information from Council etc. If you are a Facebook user, please let me know so that we can be Facebook friends. You can find the link at www.facebook.com/Cr.JennyJ

Gravel Road Reseal Program: Last week Council signed off on the Gravel Road Re-Sheet Program. Works will be undertaken on the following local roads: Black Mountain Road, Oak Forest Road, LA Road, Fantin Road, Cedar Park Road and Kanervo Road.

Kuranda Parking and Traffic Review: Work on the Kuranda Parking/ Traffic Study has commenced. The study is now in the early planning stages; the major outcome will be improvements in the current arrangements for parking, traffic and pedestrian movements within the Kuranda Village area. Some of the key issues already identified are parking and traffic movements near the Post Office and Foodworks, loading zones, disabled zones, parking for workers, parking on Coondoo St., coach and bus parking and set down, traffic movement, signage, pedestrian access and regulated parking areas. Feedback on other issues is very welcome. Council has funds in the Kuranda Parking Reserves to support future changes. In the meantime, current parking regulations in Kuranda do still apply.

Roadworks: Barang Street will unfortunately be closed for some time as restoration works need to be undertaken. The area is closed due to safety concerns and subsidence of the road. Sealing work at the end of Speewah Road is expected to commence in early May. Council has also prepared some design work for formalising the current bus turnaround area near the Speewah shop and tavern.

Community Planning Meetings in Speewah and Koah: The Koah and Speewah meetings were very well attended by local residents and there was a lot of discussion about the direction for the next 10 years. This will feed into Council's new 10 Year Community Plan (a requirement of all Councils to guide Council plans and budgets over the next 10 years). More information and a summary of the workshop ideas are shown on the TRC Community Planning Facebook page. You can still contribute your comments and ideas either via Facebook (search "Tablelands Regional Council" on Facebook), or by emailing joyw@trc.qld.gov.au. Further Community Workshops will be held on these dates: **Kuranda on Tuesday June 28th (6pm start)** and Tuesday June 14th (indigenous community workshop). There will also be a stall outside the **Post Office all day on Friday 8th April.**

Speewah Digital Television Switchover: Council has agreed to upgrade the Re-Transmission site at Speewah so that residents will be able to access digital TV services when the analogue is turned off towards the end of this year. Without this arrangement, each resident would need to apply directly to the commonwealth government and pay the required charge (approx \$400 per television set). Council will consult further with Speewah residents regarding the "switchover" and the costing. It is anticipated that the cost will now be less than \$100 per residence (regardless of however many television sets). Details will be available at the Speewah Residents Association Meeting mid year.

RLCIP Projects: Design work has started for projects in Round 3 of the Commonwealth Funds for Community Infrastructure. The Kowrowa playground project with walking access on Myola Rd is currently being discussed with the local community at Kowrowa. Lights for the Speewah tennis courts are on the way!

Water Main Cleaning Program in Kuranda: As

a part of the regular maintenance program on water supplies, the water mains cleaning (air scouring) was carried out recently in the Kuranda area. All residents should have received a notice prior to the cleaning program commencing.

Extension to Kuranda Visitors Centre: The architects have been appointed and initial planning meetings have been held. Preliminary designs have already been considered by volunteers at the Centre and the promise of more space and better facilities has volunteers very excited. Works on the current Visitors Centre will be funded through the Kuranda Infrastructure funding program.

International Women's Day March 8th: This year's event was held in Atherton with Prof Sandra Harding as Guest Speaker. Next year, I hope to see this regional event in Kuranda.

Community Consultation for Kuranda Community Precinct: Newsletters went out to all households last week, to introduce Michelle Feenan who is undertaking the consultation. Please have your say on your vision for the use and direction of the old school site. The consultation will continue through until May. Please email pat@engagementplus.com.au or phone 3368 3008 if you have comments, questions, and ideas. More details will be coming out soon regarding how you can be involved either in person, online or by mail. A wide range of consultation methods will be used, so that everyone can have their say. (see full details in TRC section of this paper)

Council Meetings: Council Meetings in April will be held on Wednesday April 6th in Malanda and Wednesday April 20th in Herberton. Any resident is welcome to attend meetings. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office.

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Premier's Visit to Kuranda: Thank you to all the organisations and individuals who hosted the Premier on her trip to Kuranda, whilst governing Queensland from Cairns. The joint funding from the Queensland and Commonwealth governments of \$12 Million to fund marketing campaigns aims to drive the domestic market to the region. For details go to my website www.stevewettenhall.com.au.

Kuranda Kindy Goes Solar: I'm pleased to congratulate Kuranda Community Kindergarten on being part of the Queensland Government's \$5.76 million Solar Kindergarten Installation Program. Not only will the program help the environment by reducing the amount of greenhouse gas produced, it will also reduce operating costs at the centre. For further information on our solar programs go to www.brightthing.energy.qld.gov.au/solar-kindies.

Myrtle Rust: A serious fungal disease caused by *Uredo rangelii* that effects plants in the Myrtaceae family has been detected in Cairns. This impacts common Australian native plants such as eucalyptus, tea trees, paperbarks, bottlebrushes and lilypillies. The disease can cause deformation of leaves, heavy defoliation of branches, dieback, stunted growth and plant death. Based on experience in Queensland and New South Wales, myrtle rust is spreading quickly. For more information including images visit www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au, the Biosecurity Queensland Facebook page or phone 013 25 23.

Pool owners: An average pool pump uses the same electricity (per hour) as a typical small split system air conditioner. Remember to pump outside the peak demand time for power of 4pm to 8pm. For more tips go to www.cleanenergy.qld.gov.au.



An Example of Myrtle Rust



Weather takes its toll on road network

Council is aware that heavy rainfall has affected our roads and other infrastructure over the past few months. Council has approved a \$1 million gravel re-sheet program for 41 roads to date, and is currently preparing a submission to the Federal funding body (NDRRA) for an estimated \$50 million of works that are needed to repair and restore our region's transport network.

Residents who have concerns or issues with roads and drainage infrastructure in their area should submit a Customer Request, through either the website or by calling 1300 362 242 to register these issues.

While Council cannot attend to all the works required in the short-term, they will be listed on Council's works schedule and be undertaken as soon as possible.

Clearly at this stage of the wet season the emphasis is on dealing with emergent works issues essentially aimed at making roads safe.

Preparation and approval of the restoration submission is expected to take 5-6 months to complete and priority will be given to Council's higher order roads. The majority of works will be constructed using the services of appropriately skilled contractors. Council has a number of weather affected capital projects underway and works on these will recommence as soon as weather permits.

ACTION PLAN aimed at saving energy and costs

Adjustments to the energy tariff on several Council-owned facilities have resulted in a saving of \$33,540 in just one year.

The change to the more economical tariff was made after an audit was carried out in 2009 as part of Council's commitment to reduce energy consumption and costs.

The savings are being held in a reserve account and will be returned where possible back to the facilities via climate change initiatives such as energy efficient lighting, water saving devices, public education, and so on.

Council's commitment to reducing its energy use is part of the TRC Sustainability Action Plan which is aimed at reducing Council's greenhouse gas emissions, with a strong focus on reducing fuel and electricity consumption, and therefore, associated costs.

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Lakeside Motel & Caravan Park	\$7,737
Sewage Treatment Plant	\$5,330
Kuranda Pool	\$5,280
Pump Station	\$4,842
Main Office	\$4,178
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Atherton Showground	\$1,927
Visitors Centre	\$671
Swimming pool kiosk	\$584
Old Kuranda State School	\$468
Office	\$346
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Mayor Tom Gilmore said he recognised the difficulty people had paying their rates and other charges and encouraged them to contact Council immediately if they were experiencing financial issues.

"The message is 'don't wait until it's too late' - people should call Council and make an arrangement to pay if they are having problems," he said.

Pensioners should be aware that they may be

eligible for a Queensland State Government Rate Subsidy. This 20% rebate allows for up to a maximum rebate amount of \$180 per annum.

All applications are to be completed and lodged at Tablelands Regional Council Service Centres. Please note when applying for remission, all applicants are required to present their relevant pension card/s for copying by a Council officer.

Ratepayers can pay via a number of options: paying in person at any Australia Post Office; phoning 13 18 16 at any time of day to pay by credit card; going to www.trc.qld.gov.au to pay via credit card; using Australia Post Billpay (www.postbillpay.com.au), or going to one of Council's service centres. Ratepayers are advised to **make their payment 3-5 days prior to the discount date to ensure they do not miss out on their discount.**

COMMUNITY PLAN Get involved!

Over the coming months, Council will be offering many opportunities for residents and stakeholders across the region to have their say in the 10-year Tablelands Community Plan. Council will hold community engagement events at the following venues in April:

MALANDA

Tuesday 5 April - 10.30am-2.30pm
Indigenous Planning Workshop, Malanda Showground Pavilion.

Wednesday 27 April - 5.30pm-8.30pm - Community Planning Workshop, Malanda Showground Pavilion.

RAVENSHOE

Tuesday 12 April - 10.30am-2.30pm - Indigenous Planning Workshop, Ravenshoe Town Hall

MAREEBA

Wednesday 6 April - 9am-1pm
Voting Stall, Mareeba Coles

Sunday 10 April - 9am-12noon
Voting Stall, IGA Mareeba

Friday 29 April - 9am-1pm
Voting Stall, Mareeba Coles

KURANDA

Friday 8 April - 8.30am-1pm
Voting Stall, Kuranda Post Office

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Thursday 14 April - 8.30am-1pm
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Saturday 16 April - 8.30am-12.30pm - Voting Stall, Atherton Woolworths

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Changed Traffic Conditions: Windy Hollow Road, Kuranda

A section of Windy Hollow Road, Kuranda has been signed posted as having "Changed Traffic Conditions". Traffic is reduced to 40kmh along Windy Hollow Road, Kuranda. Due to recent weather events a section of Windy Hollow Road has failed and as a consequence Council has reduced this section to single lane traffic.

Motorists are requested to adhere to the directions shown on the signage installed at the site for the duration of the changed traffic conditions.

Green Waste Pick-up Nearly Completed: Free mulch available at waste transfer stations

Tablelands Regional Council has nearly completed the green waste pick-up after Cyclone Yasi, collecting 17,000 cubic metres from properties around the region.

Council has been picking up the waste for several weeks now, with 5500 truck loads collected over that time and deposited at waste transfer stations.

The waste has been transformed into mountains of mulch being offered to residents for free at any of Council's waste transfer stations.

Residents can bring a ute or trailer to waste transfer stations at Mareeba, Atherton, Kuranda, Herberton, Malanda, Dimbulah, Millaa Millaa and Ravenshoe to collect their free mulch.

At some of the smaller transfer stations where a loader is unavailable, residents will have to load the mulch into their trailer themselves.

The mulch is available at the transfer stations during normal opening times. Check the Council's website at www.trc.qld.gov.au or call 1300 362 242 for opening times.

Cultural Centre Advisory Group members named

Tablelands Regional Council has approved eight community members to the Regional Cultural Centre Advisory Group. The main aim of the advisory group is to investigate the feasibility of establishing a regional cultural centre in the Tablelands region.

Councillor Fred Williams was chosen as the Chair of the advisory group, comprised of members Idris Harries, Jason Pascoe, Jan Sloan, Jess Jones, Ken Cotterill, Keith Gould, Megan Howell, and Peter Axford. Council will also apply to the Regional Arts Development Fund for a \$20,000 grant to contribute to the feasibility study.



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Financial and In-Kind support to community groups

Council has approved financial and in-kind assistance of \$10,834 to community groups and organizations.

Council granted Atherton Christian Leaders \$2755 to assist with their Carols by Candlelight event in December 2011; Chillagoe Alliance was granted \$831 to complete an Honour Board of Magistrate appointments since 1909 as part of the revitalisation of the old courthouse; and Tablelands Community Transport was granted \$2000 to conduct a feasibility study into establishing a sustainable model to coordinate the community transport services.

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washing for others, making and distributing meals, cleaning, distributing aid and just being there as a helpful force.

In a recent newsletter from our State President, she advised that some of our members have had terrifying experiences and suffered loss of homes and crops. QCWA property has had considerable damage with our buildings in Cardwell and El Arish damaged beyond repair. It is hoped the Tully building can be saved despite the loss of roof and a tree across the back of it. There has been some damage also to Kurrimine Beach Units and Kissing Point Units. The emotional strain on the people, including our northern members, has been huge.

There is a very real need to build up our QCWA Public Rural Crisis Fund so that we can distribute store credit or essential cards to those in need. In this way we help them and the money is spent in their own community, which helps the local businesses as well. It also enables the people to buy what they themselves decide is needed most.

With this in mind, the recent QCWA variety concert was a great success, raising \$11,500.00 for cyclone and flood relief in Queensland. It was an enjoyable afternoon with many local artists giving their time freely to help others. There was also a Charity Golf Day that raised \$16,018.50 for cyclone relief. As mentioned before, 100% of all monies donated through the QCWA Rural Crisis Fund is distributed where needed.

Meanwhile QCWA members continue to assist wherever they can within their own branches – wet weather or not- and our Kuranda ladies certainly don't miss a craft and social morning each week just because of the rain. Although, I must admit that negotiating a boggy dirt road adds to the challenge of the day.

Craft: The craft lesson for April will be "Cathedral Windows" patchwork. Anyone wishing to participate in the craft lesson to be held on Wednesday, April 20th can contact our Handcraft Teacher on 4093 7016. A kit will be provided and lunch is available at a nominal cost on the day.

Garage Sale: next one to be held on Saturday April 9th. Flyers with the details are now being displayed around Kuranda. Phone: 4093 7016 for bookings.

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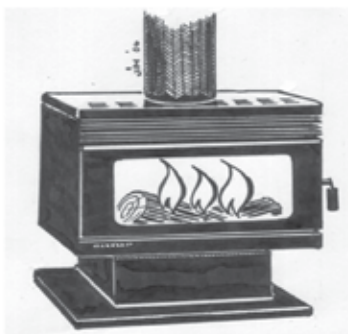
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Angle Flights was granted \$1787 in remittance of fees for various venues to hold fund raising events; Lions Club of Herberton was granted \$461 in remittance of fees for the assessment and final inspection of the new chapel built at Syme Road, Herberton; while Mareeba Netball Association was granted a cash donation of \$2589 and \$411 in remittance of fees to assist with the establishment of the new club.

Teams gear up for 2011 Great Wheelbarrow Race

Running for a cause is what the 2011 Great Wheelbarrow Race is all about for the Mareeba-based CRT Barrow Boys & Babes team.

CRT Barrow Boys & Babes is fundraising for Cairns Oncology and will be running to raise awareness of testicular cancer and breast cancer and the importance of self-examination.

The team is one of many who will be pushing a wheelbarrow some 149km over the three-day annual event to raise much-needed funds for local charities, test their fitness and have some fun along the way.

The Great Wheelbarrow Race is one of the major events on the Tablelands calendar and this year organisers are expecting a large field to take on the challenge.

The 2011 event will be held from May 13-15, starting from Mareeba and finishing at Chillagoe!

Cr Pedersen is calling for nominations for the race which is run in three stages – the first stage is from Mareeba to Dimbulah (50km), the second is from Dimbulah to Almaden (65km), and the third stage is Almaden to Chillagoe (34km).

Nominations close no later than close of business on 29 April 2011. Nominations forms are available from Council's website at www.trc.qld.gov.au or from your nearest Council Service Centre. Teams are encouraged to register and pay online by going to Council's website and clicking on the Wheelbarrow icon on the home page. Then click on "Online Registration".

Council would also like to hear from businesses who might like to help sponsor the event. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor should call Stacey Maisel on 4043 4114.

Big increase in Tableland Regional Gallery visitors

Tableland Regional Gallery experienced a 33 per cent jump in visitors in January 2011 compared to the same period last year.

According to (financial) year to date figures, the gallery has enjoyed a 20 per cent increase from the corresponding period in 2009-2010.

This month, the gallery is featuring an exhibition from Port Douglas-based Yoshiko Kirby. The exhibition opens on 4 March and will stay on display until 3 April.

The Wedding Night

Fred and Mary get married but couldn't afford a honeymoon, so they go back to Fred's Mom and Dad's house for their first night together. In the morning, Johnny, Fred's little brother, gets up and has his breakfast. As he is going out of the door to go to school, he asks his mom if Fred and Mary are up yet. She replies, 'No.'

Johnny asks, 'Do you know what I think?' His mom replies, 'I don't want to hear what you think! Just go to school!'

Johnny comes home for lunch and asks his mom, 'Are Fred and Mary up yet?' She replies, 'No.'

Johnny says, 'Do you know what I think?' His mom replies, 'Never mind what you think! Eat your lunch and go back to school.'

After school, Johnny comes home and asks again, 'Are Fred and Mary up yet?' His mom says, 'No.'

He asks, 'Do you know what I think?' His mom replies, 'Ok, now tell me what you think?' He says, 'Last night Fred came to my room for the Vaseline and I think... I gave him my airplane superglue.'

Husband: 'What are you doing?'

Wife: 'Nothing.'

Husband: 'Nothing? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour.'

Wife: 'I was looking for the expiration date.'

Wife: 'Do you want dinner?'

Husband: 'Sure! What are my choices?'

Wife: 'Yes or no.'

A wife asked her husband: 'What do you like most in me, my pretty face or my sexy body?'

He looked at her from head to toe and replied: 'I like your sense of humour!'

- How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
- Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.
- I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted pay checks.
- A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.
- Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR".
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

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 second Tuesday night at Fallon Road. Call Carol for details on 0427 037 054 or 0409 758 122

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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



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 Chun Academy 0409 104 753.
Aquafitness 8:30 am Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109

1st Sat Kuranda Camera Club - Photo Shoot 2.30pm, (see Art Pages for this month's location)
Garden Group 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599
Yoga 10am Recreation Centre Contact Aileen 4093 7407
Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361

1st Sun Kuranda Film Society 4.00pm to 8.00pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
2nd Sun Uniting Church Recreation Centre 5:00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
2nd & 4th Sun Simply friendship club. Men and women over 45. Kuranda Resort 12.00 to 3.00pm. Nola: Ph 4093 8824

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 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9.00am start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617
Soccer Training, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109/4093 7109

1st Mon Kuranda Horse and Pony Club 7.30pm Mantaka
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026

3rd Mon KNC Management Committee Meeting 6.00pm Rob Veivers Dr. Ph 4093 8933

Every Tue Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30 pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537
Tai Chi 6.30-7.30pm, Recreation Centre, contact Les Anwyl, 4093 8276 or 0400 938 276.
Aquafitness 6:15 pm Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109
The KCCT meets at Malcolm's original markets at 4.30pm.
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 Volleyball under lights at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road. contact Lisa 4093 9659 or Leo 0405 116 066
Craft and Social Morning at QCWA hall 9.00am
Kuranda Playgroup - 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New e3families please phone Lynda Ph 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 12:30 to 4pm. All welcome
Soccer Training, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109
Aquafitness 8:30 am Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109

1st Wed Kuranda Interagency Network Mtng 2.00pm at KNC
2nd Wed QCWA meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group - 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Every Thur Rotary 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30 pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)
Women's Acapella Choir Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre, Cumberland Ave, Smithfield 7.00-9.00pm Thursdays
Aquafitness 6.15 pm Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109

2nd Thur Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road
Every Fri Sandra's Kitchen at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road. Contact Sandra 4093 7393 Thursday. Bookings essential
Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road
Aquatronics 11.00 am Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109
Zumba. CWA Hall. 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Contact Bryony 4093 7298

Contributors: CHECK THAT ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT

Kuranda Amphitheatre

April Events

Sat 2nd April: Japanese Tsunami Fundraiser, The Understage, 4pm, details pg 1.
 Sun 3rd April: Looney Poets Night, The Understage, Adults only
 Sun 17th April: Working Bee, 10am start, light refreshments provided.
 Sat 30th April: Kuranda Amphitheatre presents Membership Drive Night with 'In the Wild Wood', Astrid Erika & Lunar, The Understage, 7pm till late, great food, great bar, great chai, great mob, Entry \$10 members, \$15 guests
Every Mon & Thurs: Circus workout with Piers & friends, From 4pm, for info contact Piers ph. 0438 368 117
Every Weds: Focus Theatre Group, The Understage, 7pm. Anyone welcome.

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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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	5.30pm	8.30am	3.15pm	3.15pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	3.20pm	5.35pm	8.35am	3.20pm	3.20pm
KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.10pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.40pm	9.45am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON	10.20am	5.10pm	7.15pm	10.20am	5.10pm	5.10pm

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