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Photographs by Jane Buschkens

Blackrobats Go Through Hoops For Golden Oldies!

The Blackrobats troupe performed for Seniors' Day at the Fallon Road Sports Club on Tuesday 30th August in front of a large audience who were thrilled by the enthusiasm, fun and daring skills on display. Costumes made and provided, mats set up and a wonderful 25 minute performance amazed

the audience. It was great to see in this age of high technology and low activity, such powerful and energetic human performance. It's a surety that many of the Seniors were taken back to the days of vaudeville when the body was used as a medium to relate a message. Please give us more!

who give so much to the youngsters in terms of being good role models and leading the way. Excellent work everyone!

**Gary Davis - Teacher,
Kuranda High.**

Thanks must also be given to the ex-students and senior students

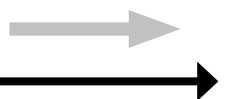


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Dear Kuranda Paper,

As a local resident, I'm really embarrassed by some of the crude merchandise displayed for sale on the streets of Kuranda. For example: printed T-shirts which demean women. Why do we tolerate this?

I think it would it would raise the moral tone of the place and create a more favourable impression with visitors, if we didn't sell such (in my opinion, objectionable) things.

David Darkes

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I wish to reply to the letter in your last edition about domestic pet owners. I have lived in Kuranda for 21 months and have often seen this issue re the destruction of Wild Life by domestics cats and dogs arise in the paper with some pretty vehement expressions of anger, and lack of tolerance or understanding, which does not win friends with pet owners. Most "Consciously Aware People" would agree that straying uncontrolled domestic pets are a danger to wild life and themselves. Yes I have seen stray cats, and been disturbed by hunting dogs.

The problem lies with HUMAN BEINGS not the animals that are dumped or left to roam throughout a very beautiful and special rain forest habitat. Please, Please get your emotions in the right place - PEOPLE NEED EDUCATING about the basic rules for keeping pets as outlined in Government Regulations. Government Legislation requires cats to be locked up between sunset and sunrise, a fact that many people seemingly do not know or adhere to. Also responsible pet ownership involves de-sexing, de-worming, vaccinating, collar and name tag, bells, registration, and most of all training and keeping the animal in secure enclosure. There are special enclosures for dogs and cats. eg. (www.innotek.com.au) (Modular Cat parks: 1800639998) and(catmax.com.au)

Animals will follow their natural instincts, and if left, dumped or not cared for will kill for food. A Human Being if dumped or not fed will soon resort to killing wildlife for food or stealing if no other choices. We all eat every day, so do animals, have you been to an abattoir lately, or gone fishing, or perhaps killed a chicken for the dinner table? It is still life eating life.

While I think the protection of Wildlife is very important, I also think that there is a need to get things in perspective. Responsible Consciously Aware People try in every way to live harmoniously with nature, and I believe that this can be done with regard to having a domestic pet.

I have a very dear Burmese Cat which lives inside, is vaccinated, wormed, microchipped, bathed, taken for a walk on a long lead and not allowed outside without. His litter is disposed of responsibly to prevent any interference with the frogs or other creatures.

I love the wildlife around the house, use an "Elliot Trap" to remove mice, don't poison weeds, or animals, keep frog ponds, fence my plants to protect them from pademelons etc. To me all life is precious not just a selected segment.

SO PLEASE REALISE THAT NOT ALL PET OWNERS ARE IRRESPONSIBLE, and there are positive constructive ways to deal with this issue which should be promoted.

Hazel Howard

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I would like to thank the Mareeba Shire Council for planting the small leaf fig trees in the main street of Kuranda. They have at least doubled their size and look beautiful and above all have attracted the rare Macleay's form 4 Double Eyed Fig Parrot - a lorikeet, the smallest and one of the rarest parrots in the world. I spend quite a bit of time bringing them to the attention of the tourists. Tell tale signs are the remains of figs under the tree. My favourite little birds!

Col. Jeanes

Dear Kuranda Paper,

RE: TEA TREE SCHOOL

Look for a Tea Tree information stall in Coondoo St at the Spring Fair on Saturday! The initial meeting with Primary School principal Stan Sheppard met with quite a positive response - a good first step towards possibly having Tea Tree classes at the school and we will see how things go in the coming months.

There will be another public meeting on Saturday October 9th at 2:30. Since the dry is upon us, we'll try meeting in the park, in the shade of the big tree near the swings. Come to contribute your vision and to find out more about what Tea Tree can offer Kuranda.

So if you are interested in an option for child oriented, relationship based, creative arts integrated, community driven education to be available at Kuranda District Primary School then I'll see you at the fair & the meeting, or contact me on 4093 9647 or zillah@safe-mail.net.

Pip Clarkson

Dear Kuranda Paper,

SICK OF SNAIL SPEED ON THE NET?

To Myola, Mantaka, Russet Park and Kowrowa residents.

Do you have a computer at home? Even with a late model pc isn't it so frustrating waiting ages for a connection, a download or a web site? Have you thought about broadband? I did, since the beginning of the year I applied for ADSL 5 times but unfortunately at this stage the actual condition of some phone lines, make the service inaccessible.

Every time I apply for ADSL Telstra says," it is not available at this moment of time but please try to reapply again". Also, the number of people who apply for it should boost the work that has to be done to get the ADSL system in Myola. My point is, if you are regularly on the net and sick of that snail speed then apply for ADSL, don't forget you'll save on local calls (just check your last phone bill!). You will be able to surf the net 5 to 10 times faster.

Your phone line will be free all the time. The broadband seems to be very expensive when you first look at it but after a quick calculation it is actually cheaper and so much faster!

If you know something please let me know: jukaya@hypermax.net.au

Regards Yann Levieux

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VILLAGE GREEN



10,000 STEPS a day is the catch-cry at present. How on earth do we manage to fit in that many steps a day? Play a game of BOWLS and watch those numbers add up quickly. Add over 2,000 steps for an evening of bowls instead of watching TV. Make that over 5,000 for an afternoon of bowls. Come along and join the fun.

Last month flashed by with Festival Tournaments filling the calendar all over the North.

September kicked off for us with a spectacular Ladies day at Kuranda. It was meant to be a Fun Day and the fifty four ladies who played made sure of it! The weather was perfect and the greens and surrounds looked fantastic. Entrants were scattered to ensure playing with people from other clubs, which proved a wonderful format. Great bowls were played with

strawberries and fresh orange refreshments being served during the games. Riotous chaos ruled in the kitchen with overawed male members trying to do the catering. In the end a huge amount of food was demolished (definitely no signs of dieting) the electric urn just survived the day and just to be different, the winning teams were drawn out of a hat!

A Mossman lady won the raffle which was an enormous box of fruit and vegies donated by local Electrical Contractors Ross and Tracy Neill. Lots and lots of nice things were said about the day, the venue, the company and the hospitality. On behalf of our club Maria thanked all for coming and "let's

do it again soon" was endorsed. Some shattered wrecks in the kitchen didn't get a vote on that. The Torimba Tin Festival at Herberton followed with the club well represented, we narrowly lost to tournament winners Mossman and actually led for most of the game. Next time!

The Cooktown Orchid Festival last week was a huge success, we were again well represented in the Mixed Fours on Saturday and the Men's Fours on Sunday. The greens were lightning fast with touch and skill needed to play well. Showing just that skill, Fran was in the winning team on Saturday. Well done Fran, a great come back!



Sue Arrowsmith and friend

In District Champion of Champions Singles played at Mareeba, Eddie was knocked out in the first round by the Atherton Diggers Champion. Good experience, but not good enough on the day. Games at home were disrupted during the month by wet weather with Ray and his helpers frustrated by waterlogged greens. They are dry now and ran quick and true last weekend. CWA (Chicks with Attitude) are hosts for our next Charity Bowls night, hope we see you there as it is a fun night and beginners always welcome.

Atherton Diggers host a tournament this weekend and Yungaburra are looking for husband-wife teams for a mixed pairs championship next month, sounds like "D" day to me, any starters? check the notice board for more information. News from Peter is good, radium treatment hasn't stopped him from playing bowls while down in Brisbane. Hope he and Lorraine are back soon, we miss them.

Let's hope for good bowling weather, we have a busy schedule in the coming months with two tournaments of our own to prepare for.

Join us any time for a game, we're centrally located on Fallon Road there are plenty of spare bowls and members you'll really enjoy socialising with.

Kitty McBowling



Above:- Another day on the green.

Kuranda District Aquatic Centre Development Committee Report

Currently the Committee is actively seeking fundraising support, donations and sponsorship to add money to the \$800,000 facility to be started next year. It is important when we apply with the Council to the State Government for half of the funding that the local community is doing its bit. Issues like sewerage connections, fences, toddler pools and recreation facilities are currently being sorted through and some things will fit inside the current the current budget, some things will not. Any funding added on top will help secure all the quality touches for recreation our community so desperately needs.

Our Committee has started on a small scale with \$450 raised with sales of fruit salad at the Reggae Fest. We now move onto the Spring Fair, where will have an Information stall and goodies for sale. A raffle will be organised through to Christmas and bigger events like auctions, dinner dances and guest celebrities are in the pipeline. Also we will visit local businesses that run out of Kuranda in the next few weeks, seeking their support at various levels. We have deliberately kept the timeline condensed as it is important to keep the effort intense, singular and not have people's support spread too thin and wait years to see results as has happened in the past.

We see the light at the end of the tunnel and are confident all energies now will go quite quickly towards achieving a legacy we can all be proud of. Thanks for your support. Contacts are Ph: 4093 8399 or 4093 7136. E-mail: kuranda_adc@yahoo.com.au

Gary Davis (President)

Position Vacant

Junior required for retail sales in Kuranda Gift Shop. Please post Resume to P. O. Box 619 Kuranda

Temporary Pause in Availability of Local TV Antenna Installation and Repair Services in Kuranda

I have been operating the abovementioned service for several years. During these years I have met and served many of the area's residents.

As a result of me being bitten by a mosquito on a job in the village, I have contracted Ross River virus. I have now been suffering from the symptoms of the virus for over three months. Those residents (and there are many of them), who have had the virus will know how it restricts one's ability to move both muscles and joints. It is in fact a type of viral arthritis.

I have been forced, as a result of the effects of this virus to temporarily suspend the service that I have been providing. This notice is given as I regularly advertise my service in the Kuranda Paper.

I will resume the service when I return to my normal health. Many thanks to all of my customers for the well wishes you have given me.

Bob madden, Speewah

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Happy Birthday



Long term Kuranda Resident Marjorie Spear celebrated her 90th birthday on Thursday July 29th. Family, friends and Neighbours helped to make the occasion a

memorable one for her.

Dave Howe created one of his delectable cream cakes which was much appreciated by everyone present, especially Marjorie.

Marjorie is well known in Kuranda for her interest in Local Government, her work with the RSPCA and her beautiful garden.

Happy birthday Marjorie from the Kuranda paper team. Your contributions over the years have been enjoyed by many of us as we explored your garden through your words. Your hints for a long life are working well.



A THOUGHT FOR OCTOBER

This month we read a passage from the Gospel according to St Matthew Chapter 21 verse 33-43

Jesus during his earthly ministry offered the people of his time a vision. Today in our time Jesus offers the same vision to us. The vision is of a kingdom, what he always calls the kingdom of heaven. It is another way of living life, a kind of alternate universe. Jesus didn't just talk of that vision, he was the vision. He didn't just speak of the demands of that kingdom, he did them!

So why didn't it all work out in a wonderfully successful way? Why didn't everybody think that Jesus and his vision were just what the world needed? It's difficult to frame a simple answer to this but we can try. In his Gospel John has two phrases which express the tragedy without necessarily explaining it. He says---The world knew Him not ... his own people received Him not. ---Why? John later reports a statement of Jesus which seems to answer that question. Jesus says, "This is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light" [John 3.19]. There it is in the starkest and simplest of words - the tragic heart of the human condition. The Bible's word for this condition, itself simple and stark, is Sin.

This is what this parable of Jesus is about. In it he tells his own destiny. Jesus had no illusions about the consequences of his words and actions. He knew the dark depths of the human nature which surrounded him. The ironic contradiction in human behaviour and experience is to reject that which is utterly in our interest to accept. Our judgement is deeply flawed, and our choices are apt to be terribly wrong. The kingdom that Jesus offers us is not taken from us by some grudging God; we ourselves choose something else. But even as we paint that grim portrait of our human nature another face shines through it, that of Our Lord. The face is a promise that in him our humanity is also capable of a shining glory. Through Jesus we can if we choose set foot from time to time in the very kingdom we refuse most of the time. We sometimes have to make tough choices about the kingdom God offers us and the kingdom we ourselves want.

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9.30am Sung Eucharist
9.30am Sunday school
5.00pm Afternoon Worship
Holy Communion (Oct 2nd)
Informal Praise Service (Oct 30th)
all other Evening Prayer

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday 9th October St Francis Day

9.30am Family Eucharist and the Blessing of Animals

Sunday 16th October Harvest Festival Services

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist
5.00pm Harvest Evensong

THURSDAY 10.00am Holy Communion

ACTIVITIES

Home Groups, Alpha, A life Worth Living
Sunday School

GARAGE SALE

Saturday 8th October
8.30am -12.30pm

Enq Fr Chris Wright -Tel 40938735
Email wrightc@iig.com.au

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"The dispensation is at hand when all nations shall enjoy the blessings of International peace."(Abul-Baha)

Spirit of the forest, every Wednesday 7pm, Baha'I Info Centre, Therwine St, Kuranda presently these take the form of a Participatory course in spiritual Healing, all welcome.

Study Circles by arrangement

Children's classes every Sunday

Classes at the Kuranda Primary each week

Birth of the Bab Holy Day celebration, Thursday 20th October

Please ring and find out about other events you can attend or to learn more about the Faith. Look for our float in the Kuranda Spring Festival Parade.

Remember United Nations Day, Monday 24 October

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Kuranda Seventh-day Adventist Church



Wirramoo St.

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Divine Service - 11 am

Services held every Saturday.
ALL WELCOME !!!

Vale John

Some of us knew him as Vadim, most of us knew him as John. Some knew him as a spiritual man, an intellectual, a poet and a Jazz freak. Others knew him as a radio presenter, A Frank Sinatra fan, a teacher, a writer, a corporate executive, a wine lover. But one thing we all called him was "friend".

John's real name was not Kotow but Weiss and he was born in Tschelyabinsk, Russia, before the Second World War during which his father, as a foreigner was ordered to leave Russia leaving behind Sophia, his mother, John and his sister Erica. The War ending, the family fled to Austria via Poland where after a long search Sofia found her husband in another relationship.

.During the family's stay in an Austrian refugee camp, Sophia met a fellow Russian by the name of Kowtow and after the birth of John's half-brother Alex., the family migrated in 1949 to Loxton in South Australia.

From a youth spent on the River Murray, through the Lutheran Teacher's College and then in the late 50's and 60's John attended Teacher's College and Adelaide University. He also became a great supporter of the Adelaide Jazz Club and helped to bring leading American and Australian Jazz musicians to Adelaide. Even when teaching in the country, to fulfill his obligation to the Education Dep't after graduation, for years on weekends, John would hitch hike 200 kilometers to be with his friends and take part in the Adelaide scene. And it was at one of these parties in 1962 that John met Daina, a graphic artist working at John Martyn's. John and Daina ended up marrying in the mid 60's.

In the late 60's he returned full time to Adelaide University to finish an Honors Degree in the Arts ... majoring in, oddly enough, German. Armed with his Honors Degree and fluent in English, Russian and German, John put his academic years behind him and applied for a job with General Motors Holden. He was accepted in the first ever intake of graduates into the company.

Over several years, John quickly rose from Personnel Manager at South Australia's Woodville Plant to become the Human Resources Manager at Head Office in Melbourne. And, after successful trips to New York and GM's Detroit operations, John was

appointed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors to join GMH's Executive Task Force.

It was while John was in New York that he played chess with some of the world's best players. He also met jazz idols like Dave Brubeck and gained an appreciation for Black American Gospel music. In fact, it was not long after the infamous Harlem riots that John was walking down the street in Harlem when he heard his first Gospel Choir. Not being shy, John entered the Church and listened, enraptured by the harmony. When they asked him where he was from and what would he like to hear the first song that popped into John's head was 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot' a Black American Funeral Hymn. Sadly, it was also around this time that John and Erica's brother Alex passed away at the young age of 27.



Back in Australia, after several years with GMH, John resigned and took up another position with Kemptron - manufacturers of consumer durables and industrial products and soon after in 1977, he was offered a position as Personnel Manager with David Syme and Co. Ltd., publisher of 'The Age' and other newspaper, magazine, audio and video products. It was a position he enjoyed for three years.

In 1980 John returned to Adelaide, ahead of Daina, and took up a position with a small, family owned, specialist wine wholesaler. Then in 1984, he moved on to become Text Book Manager at the Standard Book Company. After 4 years of selling books, he and Daina traveled north to Kuranda in 1988.

With Daina at his side, John put his Epicurean talents to the test when he opened Mrs Millers Restaurant in Kuranda. Then, in 1991, he took over the lease at Frogs and began to amaze one and all with unique recipes like his 'Paw Paw and Coconut Soup'. In 1997, he took over the kitchen at Tuna Towers in Cairns, and eventually returned to work in Kuranda with Una at Billy's. He spent several years at Billy's cooking for locals and tourists until he could no longer physically work. And next to GMH it was probably the longest time he'd worked anywhere. And part of the reason is probably because he always said that Fitzpatrick's is where the real locals go.

During those years in the far north John Kotow presented the *Book Review* with Pat Morrish on ABC Regional radio. He interviewed and made friends with local and famous authors like David Malouf. And he wrote more book reviews for Tony Hillier's *Barfly* and the occasional article for interstate publications. Another of his passions was presenting the *Opera Program* and *Jazz Specials* on 4CCR Community Radio.

John also had one of the best private LP record collections in the Far North. A close friend recalls enjoying a coffee on John's balcony and being challenged: "Go on ... pick a record ... but pick something decent". And picking the most obscure album he could think of and smiling called: "1969 Eurovision Song Contest Winner Freda Boccaro's album *Les Enfants*" Beyond belief, a smile split across John's face and he said "I've got it" ... he had the album I'd spent 15 years looking for!"

One can imagine John's now in Heaven saying: "Enough of the loaves and fishes. I've got a great idea for a new menu and hush the harps -time for some Jazz!"

John is survived by his wife Daina, his sister Erica and her children Kerry and Shane.



Tea tree School Update

What is Tea Tree?

Tea Tree is an eclectic blend of ideas and practice designed to be a "best of the best" of community based alternative education. Its motto is "Quality in Community - where achievement in education is grounded in quality relationships between students, teachers, parents and their social and natural environment." In particular it draws on: * Dr. William Glasser - an American Psychiatrist who believes that positive relationships are at the heart of the educational process;

* The schools of Reggio Emilia - which espouse dynamic, flexible and innovative education that recognises each individual child as unique, capable and full of potential.

What would a Tea Tree school be like?

* An environment which reminds us of a small country school

* A lower student-teacher ratio: classes of 25 with 1 registered teacher and 1 full time teacher aide, allowing relationships to remain the focus of the educational process

* Gradeless classes fostering relationships between students of all ages (between 6 and 12)

* Parents/families asked to participate in an ongoing educational partnership,

contributing according to their skills or interests

* Students as active participants in the learning process around a negotiated curriculum - self directed learners

* Learning as a cooperative social activity

* The school community modelling and practicing the 7 caring habits: supporting, encouraging, listening, accepting, trusting, respecting and negotiating difference

* Values taught explicitly

* People's behaviour guided by real choices and consequences as well as respect for and by others

* Quality work created from quality resources

* Self evaluation and joint reflection

* People reflecting on lifestyle practices - slow foods, restricted use of screen devices, environmental practices

* Strong emphasis on creative expression and a slowing of the learning process - a relaxed approach to time

* Large blocks of uninterrupted time to explore topics in depth across a number of weeks, or months

* A multi-sensory approach to learning and work

* You would be unlikely to see: punishment and coercive practices, teaching subjects as separate units, competitive activities, work sheets or text books, fast food, students sitting in desks for long periods of time, or lots of tests.

Is Tea Tree new?

Yes, Tea Tree has been developed in Cairns over the past four years and in 2006 will see its first classroom open at Balaclava Primary School in Cairns. The philosophy needed a unique name and Tea Tree came up as something that, like the philosophy, took root and grew in Cairns. It is intended that the name tie together a future network of schools that adopt the philosophy.

Will there be fees?

For each class, Education Qld will only fund a teacher plus part time teacher's aide. In order to have a full time aide in the classroom, the difference has to be made up by the Tea Tree school. At Balaclava this will be done through a low fee of about \$300 per term per student. Other options could also be looked at in Kuranda depending on the needs of the community.

Is Tea Tree in competition with the proposed Kuranda Steiner School? I don't believe that it is. Tea Tree and Steiner have some fundamental differences and will not appeal to exactly the same people. With Kuranda in dire need of more educational choice there should be room to offer both options.

I'm interested, what do I do next?

To find out more and to contribute to the development of the Kuranda Tea Tree School, please attend the meeting in the park on Sat Oct 9 at 2:30, or call Pip Clarkson on 4093 9647.

Batreach's Latest Guests



Mini is a Feathertail Glider (*Acrobates pygmaeus*), a marsupial, and the smallest gliding mammal in the world. The adult weight is 10 to 14 grams, with a body length of around 70mm (about the length of this) and tail about the same length as the body. It is called a feathertail glider because of the long feathery fringes on either side of its tail.

Feathertail gliders are found in the tall forests and woodlands of eastern Australia, but they are hard to see in the wild as they are so small and agile. They live in family groups and feed mainly at night on nectar and small insects. As with many other animals their habitat is in decline.

When we collected Mini she hadn't eaten for 2 days and was very cold. She weighed only 6 grams. She was fully furred with her eyes open. From her weight and appearance we knew that she was out of the pouch, but would still have been suckling and would not yet have left her nest. She was found alone on the ground. There was no sign of her mother and siblings and she had a small injury on her side, so the nest had probably been attacked. Predators of the feathertail glider include birds like kookaburras, cats and foxes, and reptiles,

5 weeks later, after a shaky start, Mini is thriving. She now weighs 9 grams so she is approaching her full adult size. The fur on the sides of her tail has developed into a gorgeous feathery fringe. She loves her fresh flowers and is looking very plump and content. She will soon be ready for release in an area where other feathertails are known to live, so she can get out there, find a nice fella and

start her life as a wild feathertail glider.

Cleo is a squirrel glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*). Although she only weighed 8 grams when she arrived at Batreach, she will reach an adult size of 190 to 300grams, that's around 30 times bigger than she is now.

Squirrel gliders live in dry sclerophyll forest, coastal forest and on the edge of rainforest. They live in family groups of one adult male, with one or more adult females and their young offspring. Their status is rare, particularly in the southern part of their range in Victoria.

Cleo's mother and sibling were killed in a cat attack. The mother was dead already and the other baby died from severe injuries shortly after arriving at Batreach, Cleo was completely bald with her eyes shut, and should have still been in her mother's pouch, firmly attached to a teat.

We made her up a pretend pouch of a cotton bag with soft cloth suspended over a heat pad. She needed to be kept warm as though she was in her mother's pouch, but not too hot. She has to be fed every 3 hours on special milk replacer formula, as normally she would have a constant supply of her mothers milk whenever she wanted it. She was a wonderful baby from the start, eating well and being very adaptable to her new circumstances. Cleo gets very excited when she knows it's time for her milk and makes soft grunting noises as well as friendly clicks. After 3 weeks she's gaining weight, she has a nice covering of beautiful soft baby fur, and her eyes are just starting to open and look at her strange foster mother.



CLARK'S CORNER

As you may be aware I have announced my intention to retire at the next election after first entering State politics in 1989. It has been a difficult decision because there are so many things I love about the job, but after 15 years I do believe that the time is right for renewal and new blood if Labor is to retain this difficult marginal seat well into the future.

It has been a privilege to represent the people of Barron River for so many years. I thank the residents of Kuranda for their confidence in me to represent their interests for so many years.

Being a Member of Parliament is a privilege afforded to relatively few people and I really appreciate having the opportunity to contribute my talent, passion and commitment for the betterment of my community and our State.

I am proud to have contributed to the provision of key infrastructure and services in Kuranda such as the high school and ambulance station and the wonderful lookout and boardwalk in the Barron Gorge National Park. More recently I was pleased to have helped secure a permanent location for the Kuranda Neighborhood Centre and improve indigenous housing.

But of course the biggest battles in Barron River have been over environmental issues which have always been important to Kuranda residents.

I was an active conservationist before entering politics and am still passionate about the environment so it has never been easy to strike the right balance and try to represent all of my constituents. In fact it is an impossible task and I've had many sleepless nights and heartaches over the years. The response to the upgrade of the Kuranda Range Road is yet another example of an environmental issue where it is impossible to get community consensus and both myself and the government will be criticized no matter what decision is finally taken about the future of the Range Road.

But there is a lot still to do in the next 18 months. I want to secure government funding for the proposed swimming pool, progress the redevelopment of Top

Kowrowa and deliver a P-12 school for Kuranda at Myola that meets community aspirations.

But most importantly I want to see Labor candidate Steve Wettenhall elected so that Kuranda continues to have a strong voice in government and I will be working hard to achieve that goal.

Steve and his family lived in Kuranda for several years and will be well known to many of you. Steve runs his own law firm with partner Rowan Silva and now lives in Stratford. He has my total support and will make an excellent Member of Parliament and a great successor in the seat of Barron River. Steve understands well the needs and issues in the electorate and the importance that so many Kuranda residents place on the sustainability of both the environment and the tourism industry. Steve and I will be in Kuranda for the Spring Festival and we look forward to talking with you about local issues.



As for the future, I'm looking forward to working part-time on a third career after my years as an academic and politician. I still want to serve the community, but would like to use my knowledge and skills to contribute in the international arena, particularly in the developing countries in our region. I am of course also looking forward to spending more time with my family.

Thank you once again for your support and I look forward to continuing to serve you as Member for Barron River until the next election.

STONE MASTIC ASPHALT

Friends of the Earth Kuranda have responded with concern to the proposed use of stone mastic asphalt (SMA) on the proposed Kuranda Range Road 4-lane highway, which is currently awaiting the outcome of environmental approval processes.

We recently became aware of several reports damning the use of stone mastic. Our investigations have revealed that this road material is considered so dangerous that it has been banned in Europe with Ireland restricting its use to roads with 30 mph (48 kph) speed limits because of poor grip.

Stone mastic is widely used on Queensland roads despite the Main Roads Department admitting in June this year that it had made a mistake in choosing SMA, stating that they had laid the material because it lasted longer but that it had not handled the wet weather or the traffic well. The use of stone mastic has been directly attributed to a 10-fold increase in accidents in which eleven people have died since stone mastic was laid in 2002 on a stretch of road on the Sunshine Coast.

The geometry of the Kuranda Range Road and the wet-weather experienced in the Wet Tropics means that whatever road surface is used, it has to be of a quality and type that will provide maximum grip immediately and for the long-term. So, short or long-term, SMA is unlikely to be the appropriate road surface for the Range Road.

An independent review commissioned by Transport and Main Roads Minister Paul Lucas found that stone mastic asphalt is a safe road surface.

How independent can the review of road building practices be when it was commissioned by the practitioner? Ms Horsburgh asked. Unfortunately, lack of objectivity is what we have come to expect of reports commissioned by developers and government agencies that have a financial or political interest in a particular outcome. In this case, the State is facing potential legal claims from road accident victims and from the families of the deceased.

We trust that the proposal to use Stone Mastic on the Kuranda Range Road is not based on monetary considerations. The road is currently officially classified as having an average safety record. The proposed increased speed and volume of traffic, coupled with an inferior road surface, may well see this record downgraded with associated loss of life. This newly identified risk to human life just serves to widen our concerns and reinforce our opposition. It will be interesting to see if Main Roads re-evaluate their choice of road surface in light of these findings.

Di Horsburgh

RSL News

Legacy week was from 28 Aug until 4 Sep. The Citizens Auxiliary (CA) of the Kuranda RSL made themselves available to sell Legacy badges in the Kuranda area. They did a fantastic job raising an outstanding total of \$944.20 for selling both badges and collecting donations. Legacy was established in 1923 by ex-servicemen dedicated to the task of caring for widows and children of their comrades.

Volunteer member of Legacy are called Legatees. Around 7000 Legatees assist more than 132,000 and 1900 children of disabled dependants Australia wide. Legacy is certainly a worthy cause. A note for your calendar, 11 November is Remembrance Day. The RSL and CA will be having a BBQ on 4 December and all members of the RSL and CA are invited. The next meeting of the RSL will be at 5.00 pm 2nd October.

Regards, John Goss
President
Kuranda RSL Sub Branch



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- Name of the new school complex
- Logo - Frog, cockatoo, cassowary, platypus, fan palm, Kuranda satinash, none of these?
- Motto - "United we stand, divided we fall", "Building personal success", "Onward and upward"??
- Uniform - 1 uniform for all grades or one for P-6 and a variation for 7-12 years?
- If we have school "houses", what'll we call them, what'll their colours be?
- Let's have a rousing school song, an anthem, reflecting our cultural elements.

Give us the benefit of your ideas even if you are not a student or a parent.

THE KOALA

by Petra Lovey

Cute, 'cuddly' and endearing, the Koala is surely Australia's most well known ambassador. However as any Koala handler knows, the term 'cuddly' applies only to captive 'well trained' koalas, as their first instinct is to dig their well-endowed claws into anything to get a grip.

At birth the Koala is only about 2cm long and weighs less than one gram. Like all other newborn marsupials it is naked and blind when it climbs up into the mothers backward facing pouch where it attaches itself to one of two teats. Once the infant is too big to fit into its mothers pouch, it rides on her back, where it clings on for dear life while mum moves awkwardly across branches. The female Koala produces a special, very sloppy faeces called PAP, which contains the microorganisms needed by the young Koala to digest gum leaves. The infant will consume this mixture just prior to eating its first solid food. Eucalypt leaves are particularly tough, dry and unpalatable, with very little nutrient value, so the Koala had to come up with some remarkable adaptations to allow digestion. Within that expansive midriff the Koala has the most colossal digestive system in the animal kingdom, including a liver that can deal with chemicals that would kill us in hours.

The caecum is up to 2 metres long and occupies most of the available space in the abdominal cavity, giving the Koala its characteristic rotund appearance. The best way to exist on food so low in nutrition is to conserve as much energy as possible, which explains why Koalas never seem to do much. The average Koala spends up to 20 hours sleeping and resting and four hours feeding. Koalas are very fussy eaters and carefully smell each leaf before deciding whether to eat it or not and they only eat a small number of the hundreds of Eucalypt species found in Australia. Their teeth are highly specialised for dealing with tough plant material, more adapted to grinding than to tearing. Two of three pairs of pre-molars found in many other marsupials are absent altogether, leaving a large gap between the front and back teeth called a diasthema.

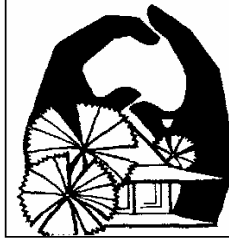
Koalas have a large, flattened, bare



nose which is not only their prominent feature, but also one of its most important sense organs, both for food and the mating ritual. Male Koalas use their sense of smell to detect whether or not females are in the breeding cycle and to recognize the presence of other active Koalas. Mature males have a scent gland in the skin of the chest with which they mark their territorial boundaries. This gland is visible as a triangular patch of bare skin in the centre of the chest, which oozes a clear, oily, strongly smelling liquid. The male's territorial call can only be described as a thunderous bellowing, especially during mating season.

Koalas are found in patches ranging from South Australia and up the East Coast as far as Cooktown where the population is naturally sparse. Our northern Koalas are much smaller than their southern cousins and lighter in colour. There have been recent sightings in the Yungaburra and Koah areas but not much is known about these resident populations, so reporting possible sightings is imperative.

Much more research needs to be done to understand all the mysteries surrounding this remarkable marsupial for only through knowledge can we ensure the future status of our unique fauna.



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From left, Margaret Zehntner (our President), husband Hans, Rudi, Jax, Garth and Talei (giving Jax a mouthful) and centre stage is "Billy Goat" the new walk-behind guinea grass guzzler

Some of the regular Saturday morning team after a work-out on the corner of Myola and Barnwell Roads. The new "Billy Goat" will help us slash the guinea grass and keep it under control until the trees form a canopy and shade it out. We'll experiment with planting the trees in rows so that we can get both "Blue Holly", the tractor, and "Billy Goat" easily between the trees. Once the trees take shape they'll make it hard to see the rows because of all their different shapes and sizes. Wildlife won't mind.

Working with QR

Queensland Rail is making it easier for Envirocare members to access the sites we're revegetating where the Kuranda EnviroLink Wildlife Corridor intersects with the railway corridor. They're putting us through an induction course which will inform us of the rules of working near the railway line. We are also developing a Memorandum of Understanding with QR about our respective roles and responsibilities regarding maintenance of vegetation for our mutual benefit in special areas.

Eco-tourism in the Real Sense of the Word

Bunda Bundarra, an extensive and World Heritage equivalent property on Black Mountain Road, has been awarded Federal funding to work with Envirocare, QPWS and CSIRO to develop a plan which will see the environment pay for its keep by involving tourists in research into Cassowary survival. The plan is to attract a special type of tourist who wishes to experience the Wet Tropics rainforest at its most intense, day and night, while participating in collecting information, propagating seeds and planting trees to extend and enrich Cassowary habitat in Kuranda.

Intense Residential Development for Douglas Track

Developer Bob Norman has submitted a proposal to Council for a 51-block "Park Residential" (1-acre blocks with town water) subdivision with "town water" supplied from local bores. It'll be interesting to see how Council will decide on this in the light of its refusal of a similar proposal from the Cardinia Estate proposal, also in Speewah.

"Top of the Range" is a Park Residential subdivision with a long history of sewage disposal problems and is now almost entirely using bio-cycle systems because of the failure of most septic systems and costly later connection to town water at residents' expense.

There are also other critical constraints on such intensive development of the Douglas Track subdivision because of its location in the Kuranda EnviroLink Wildlife Corridor and its known population of Cassowaries.

SATURDAY MORNING WORKING BEE CALENDAR

8 October—29 Gregory Terrace (Paul and Lida Fitzgerald)

Sunday 16 Oct—Cedar Park Rainforest Resort (now here's a treat!)

22 Oct—29 Butler Drive (Joy & Fred)

29 Oct—Big Sands, Kowrowa. Please join in for 1 hour at any and all these bees.

**Next general meeting Wednesday 5th October at 7pm
 at Kuranda Primary School, Arara St
 All welcome—refreshments for you**

EnviroCare is guzzling weeds

KANASUIR YU KARATE

For anyone considering taking up karate perhaps the most intimidating term associated with this martial art is "full contact". The words tend to conjure up thoughts of broken bones and missing teeth. While karate as a contact sport does involve some risk of injury (as does football or jogging) for a novice the prospect of stepping on to a competition mat is distant enough that it barely merits consideration. The aim of any good karate instruction will be to raise the fitness and confidence of the student without any pressure. This said, it is worth looking at the different concepts of karate competition in order to understand the emphasis different styles and teachers place on particular types of training.

Karate competition falls into two broad categories, full-contact and non-contact. In non-contact competition a bout is controlled by a referee with judges at each corner of the mat. Punches and kicks exchanged between contestants are stopped short of contact and when two or more judges deem that a blow would have been effective had it been carried through a point is awarded. Under non-contact rules competitors usually score with punches and kicks directed to the head and torso, with excessive contact incurring penalties for the offending fighter. Protective equipment is usually limited to shin pads and groin protectors.

Full-contact rules are more rugged. Punches and kicks are delivered with the intention of

knocking down an opponent. Full power punches and kicks to the upper legs and body are permitted. Punches to the head are generally illegal but full power kicks to the head are allowed, kicks tending to connect with the side of the head whereas punches would be much more likely to cause damage to the eyes and teeth. Points may be awarded but the punch or kick is usually required to at least stagger an opponent. Compulsory protective equipment is usually limited to groin protectors.

From a spectator's point of view the most obvious difference between the two systems of competition is that non-contact karate tends to be a much more stop-start affair than the full-contact version, as a punch or kick that scores a point and halts proceedings in non-contact competition will achieve nothing in a full-contact bout unless it floors an opponent. Full-contact competitors also tend to vigorously attack the thighs of their opponents with kicks, but as this degree of contact is illegal under non-contact rules the technique is not used in that style of competition. Most obviously, full-contact bouts are much more likely to end with one of the competitors being knocked down.

Which system is better? Well, equal but different might be a good answer. Non-contact enthusiasts point out that their system minimises the risk of injury and contend that it would be dangerous to attack an opponent

with blows that break bricks and boards in demonstrations. Full-contact devotees respond that their system is more realistic as they too can break bricks and boards and experience shows that the same blows just bounce off well conditioned muscle. And the bricks and boards don't hit back

Comparing full-contact and non-contact karate is somewhat like comparing touch football to rugby. Both are legitimate sports in their own right and both are available to whatever level a competitor might wish to aspire. Having competed under both systems my personal preference is for the full-contact version. Full-contact karate involves plenty of knocks, bruises and bright lights but facing an opponent under knock down rules leaves you with no excuses and in no doubt of where you stand – or lie.

In October of this year more than eight hundred competitors from scores of styles will converge in Mei, Japan for the fifteenth Kansuiryu Karate Full-contact Championships and once again a number of local students will attend under the Kansuiryu Scholarship Program which provides airfares and accommodation to selected Kansuiryu students from Kuranda and Cairns. Students of all ages and abilities are eligible for scholarship places, the main criteria being good attitude at training and overall commitment to karate. Keep an eye on The Kuranda Paper for an account of this unique experience.

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Competition Entries

1
There was a young lass from Kuranda
Famed for amplitude of her verandah
These pulchritudinous charms
Raised Mothers' alarms
But not for the youths who surround her.



6
Kala was new in Kuranda
But no-one could understand her.
Alone at the party, the crew was too arty
So she joined the Hub, got into the club
Now she spends all her time drinking latte!

Limericks



Limericks

2
Her name was Mary Meander
No one would befriend her
She went to a café
Ordered a Latte
Now she's part of Kuranda



7
There was an old slapper from Koah
Reputedly older than Noah
With a voice like a grackle
And plenty of Spackle
She reckons in dim light she's a goer

3
Said the youth 'bout the girl from Kuranda
When she speaks I can't understand her
Is it her need
For her scruffy friends mead
Or her greed for the weed he'd hand her?

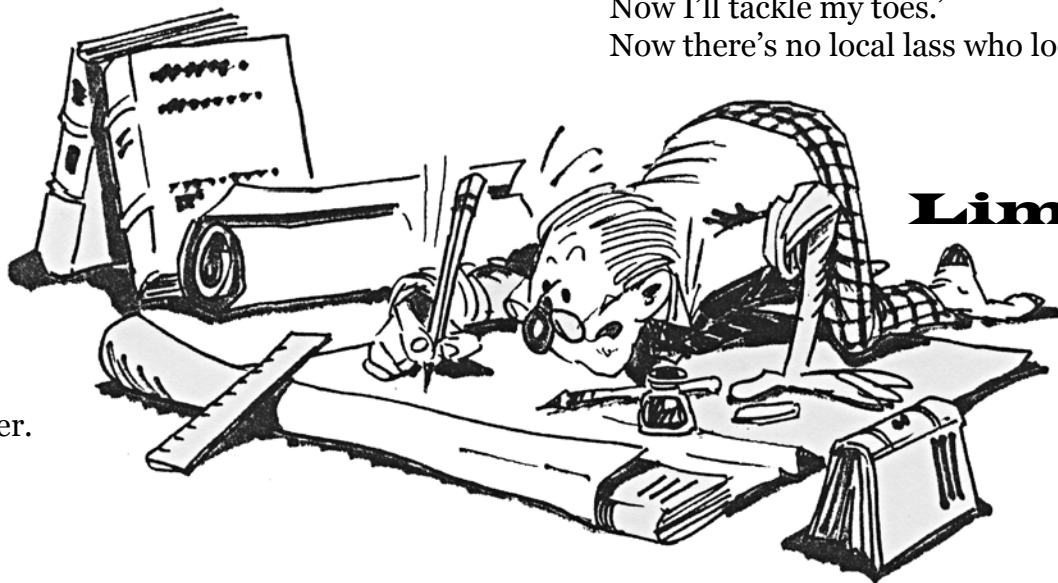
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The Kuranda Paper's a star
It's the best local paper by far
If you look at the rest
You'll see it's the best
It's delivered, you don't need a car.

9
A rather plain girl in Kuranda
Thought she'd polish her nails with a sander!
She thought: 'Anything goes!
Now I'll tackle my toes.'
Now there's no local lass who looks grander.

Limericks



4
A green frog, which lives in Kuranda,
Met a red frog that stirred up his dander.
Said the green to the red:
"Things have gone to your head;
Get lost, or you're food for my Panda."



Limericks

5
There was a young man from Speewah
Who kept the family jewels in a jar
His best proposition
Was green tea and tuition
And a stare at the jar from afar.



LIMERICKS

10
There was a very spiritual chap from
Kuranda
Who wanted his girlfriend to stand her
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With stripes and dingles
And declared his new name Dicktoad

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Raindrops have been following me
since the day that I was born
I say this without malice
I say this without scorn
but now I have more than filled my chalice
and crave a sun blessed dawn

Paul Latter



FOCUS THEATRE

FOCUS THEATRE has been very busy lately; running the Amphitheatre kitchen for the Reggae Festival, (see the great photo), and organising an event to coincide with the Kuranda Spring Festival at Kuranda Amphitheatre.

The Reggae Festival catering was good experience for us in working as a team. Being a new group, finding out who has what skills and how to utilise them has been part of the process. Our Secretary Krissy Hammond, is overseas on a well planned trip, but our Treasurer, Grant Hynes, is also overseas, but on a sadder journey as a final farewell to his father, we hope you're OK, Grant.

FOCUS THEATRE will be celebrating the Kuranda Spring Festival by putting on **Masks'n'Mayhem**, a party not to be missed, with *Koahlition*, *Get Reel*, *Yubbaz*, Jane Modric, June Graham, *Woyaya*, *The Mauritian Sega Show*, Debbie Trapnell as well as dramatic surprises throughout the night. Disguising yourself is very acceptable for this party!

The doors to the **Understage** will open at 6.30pm so you can munch out on some of the scrumptious snack food before the show starts at 7pm sharp.

With so many fantastic entertainers, the gig has to start early, otherwise we wont be able to fit them all in! So get in as early as you can, it's going to get full fast.

We have been fortunate to gain assistance from so many talented people, like Dave Hart as sound engineer, Ric Ephraims on lights, the Amphitheatre Committee, Cairns Civic Theatre, Banjo's, Pacific Music, our great volunteers and our Kuranda paper.

On behalf of the community, we would like to say a big thanks to Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Inc. for continuing to support the Kuranda Spring Festival by paying for the Public Liability for the last two Festivals. Thanks, guys!

Of course, this IS Megan Freeman's main gig for her accreditation with Youth Arts Queensland, and her role in this event is to learn about all the tedious stuff that goes on before a show that we call "Production".

So when the Spring Festival is over, Megan will then be organising "Brainstorming" sessions with all locals invited, so **Focus Theatre** can come up with a plan for plays and workshops for 2006.

Focus Theatre is the theatre arm of **Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Inc.** and we are very serious about the role we wish to play in our community. There is so much behind the scenes work that must be done in order to make the performers look good, so please don't think it's only an acting group. Come along to **Masks'n'Mayhem** and have an amazing start to the festival, we'll be there, with bells on!

Yours in Theatre

Diana Monaghan

Library News

Hello from the Library team.
Our first 'Not Just Books' morning was a great success and the next one is due on Saturday 1st October from 9 to 12 noon. Not just books is the bulk release of all the new items received by the library in the preceding month. Don't forget to be there to grab the new items. The National Simultaneous Story time was such a hit we have decided to carry on with storytelling once a month. The next story time is **Friday 7th October at 11am**. The book this month is **Possum Magic**. So come on in and enjoy!

New books this month

Making It Up by Penelope Lively

In this fascinating piece of new fiction, Penelope lively takes moments from her own life and asks "what if" some outcomes had been otherwise. What if her family's flight from Egypt in 1942 had taken a different route? What would her life have been like if she had become pregnant when she was eighteen.

Human Traces by Sebastian Faulks

Jacques Rebiere and Thomas Midwinter, both sixteen when the story starts in 1876, come from different countries and contrasting families. They are united by an ambition to understand how the mind works and whether madness is the price we pay for being human.

Eldest by Christopher Paolini

Second book in the trilogy. Christopher wrote Eragon when he was fifteen and was published when he was

nineteen. Will appeal to readers captivated by the Lord of the Rings Trilogy.

Absurdistan : a bumpy ride through some of the world's scariest, weirdest places by Eric Campbell.

Award-winning foreign correspondent Eric Campbell has been stoned by fundamentalists, captured by US Special Forces, arrested in Serbia and threatened with expulsion from China. He's negotiated dating rituals in Moscow, shared a house with a charismatic mercenary in Kabul and taken up smoking at gunpoint in Kosovo. In 2003 in Iraq he was injured in a suicide bombing which killed his colleague, cameraman Paul Moran.

The Hot Seat : Reflections on Diplomacy from Stalin's Death to the Bali Bombings by Richard Woolcott

Richard Woolcott is one of Australia's most outstanding diplomats. That is a strong statement but I write it deliberately. As foreign minister, I greatly valued his frank and perceptive advice, based on an extraordinary range of international contacts

And last but not least

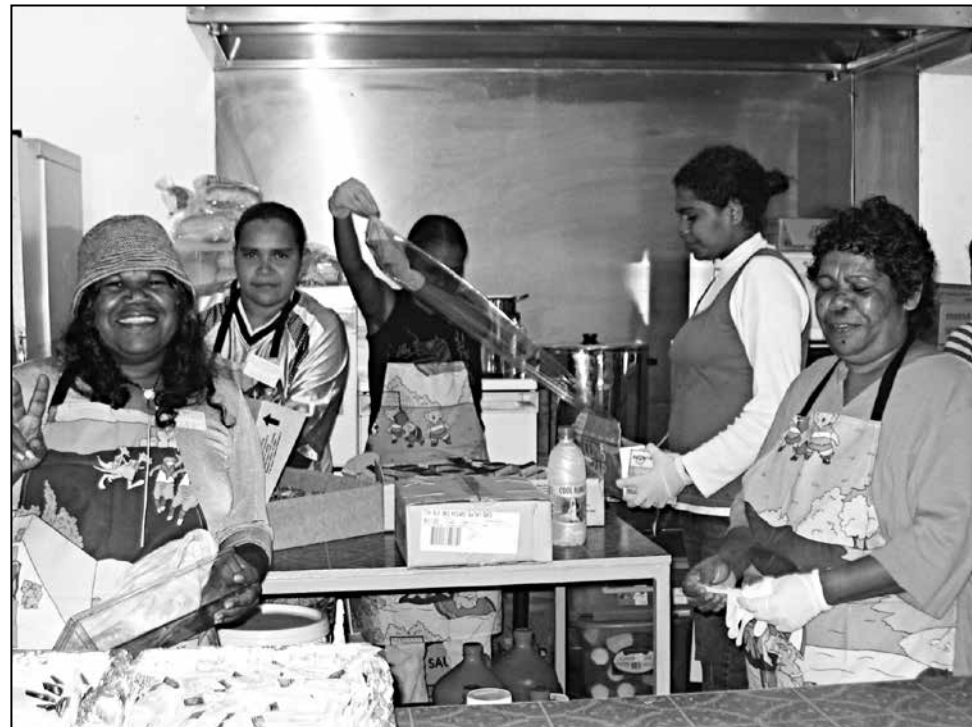
Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling

We have five copies of the book and one copy on compact disc. The wait is not too long so reserve a copy now.

Till next month

Have a great time reading!

Leanne and the Kuranda Library Team



Pictured from left to right helping out in the kitchen for the Reggae Festival. :
- Sheila Brim, Michelle Brim, Lovi Baird, Bobbi Jo Baird and Monica Brim.

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**UNDERSTAGE KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE
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**Festival off with a
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An Historical & Hysterical Celebration of Kuranda

Friday 30th September 2005

Kuranda by Night

Kuranda Resort & Spa

A special night for locals. You'll swoon to blues swing jazz band "Out of the Blue".



Dress for the occasion - blues, historical or hysterical theme. Prizes for:

*The best theme dressed gent"

"The best theme dressed gal"

"Community's Choice"

(Dress code: neat, casual)

Stay for dinner or snack and dance your way through the night. If you just can't wait, you can get there at 5. The rest of us will catch up with you at around 7pm.



UNDERSTAGE "Masks 'n' Mayhem" party
at the Amphitheatre, brought to you by Focus Theatre. To ensure a table, please book. 6.30pm onwards. Breakfast Special.

Saturday 1st October 2005

Photography & Art Competition

Proudly hosted by Kuranda Arts Co-op, Claire Souter Gallery and Peter Jarver Gallery

Entries to the Arts Co-op by 12 noon, Friday 30th.

Works on display all day Saturday. Winners announced Saturday Party in Park.

Poets Breakfast

Always a great turn out. Breakfast at Honey House, Therwine Street, Original Markets, 9am.

Songwriters Competition

Deli Llama Restaurant, Coondoo Street, 10am

Winning performances at Park Party at night.

Kuranda Idol

Who do we idolise? Sponsored by Kuranda Foodworks 12-2pm. Supported by Willie & the Poor Boys - Give aways and great prizes Idol's winning performance at Park Party at night.

Street Stalls and Buskers (10am to 3pm)

STALLS: ☺ Secondhand, carnivorous and tropical plants, crafts and food stalls. Shop specials tables. Buskers and clever tricks. INFO STALLS: ☺ Kuranda's Schools (amalgamation plans), other schooling choices (Steiner, Tea Tree and Montisouri) + displays at the Minifest in the Park.

☺ New Kuranda swimming pool

☺ Welcome Pocket Retirement Village development

☺ Displays by Kuranda Envirocare, the Barron River Catchment and the Wet Tropics region.

Stall holders need to be set up well before 10am. Upper Coondoo Street will be closed to traffic from 9am to 5pm. Check with official upon arrival for site allocation. Stall sites \$5, collected on the day. Stalls to be removed at 3pm.

Youth "Minifest" in the Park

A miniature festival where the young people can make a costume or mask for the Grand Parade under guidance and supervision.

Theatre workshop - all day Saturday in the Park

Hemp body painting, face painting, mini horse rides on Rupert, ride around on Lil' Squirt, Lions Club merry-go-round, food and drink stalls.

Blackrobats and Kassowary Circus on stage.

The Grand Parade

Entrants to assemble at Skyrail carpark at 3pm; parade takes off at 4pm. Have your entry forms to Kuranda Information Centre by Thursday 29th. Late registrations accepted at Skyrail carpark no later than 3pm Sat. Parade will travel up Coondoo Street to Centenary Park.

- ☺ Hysterical floats and individuals
- ☺ Historical vintage vehicles
- ☺ Costumes and masks made at Park "Minifest" workshops
- ☺ Community groups and clubs
- ☺ Horses, ponies and horse-drawn displays
- ☺ Decorated bicycles and scooters (under 13 y.o. children and grown-ups!) Judging and parade compere at corner Coondoo and Thongon Streets. Prizes presented 5pm at Party in the Park.

Party in the Park

(From 5pm till 10pm)

The Grand Parade finishes and the free entertainment starts! All night MC is the fabulous "Melina"

"Resonator"

Parade winners presentations

Songwriters competition play-off

Winning poetry recital

"Yubbas"

Kuranda High School

Kuranda Idol winning performances

Hemp'n'Henna fashion parade

"Willie and the Poor Boys"

"Koahlition"

"Pad Boys"

Banjo's Restaurant (licensed) will be open and food stalls in the Park.

No beer tent this year - support Billy's Bar for drinks

Sunday 2nd October 2005

Battle of the Barron

Races for anything that floats! River bank food and fun from 9am Sponsored by Kuranda Rotary

Discounts for Locals

- ☺ Butterfly Sanctuary ☺ Rainforestation
- ☺ Birdworld ☺ Kuranda Home-made Icecream
- ☺ Australian Venom Zoo ☺ Koala Gardens

ROAD CLOSURES on SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER

Coondoo St between Therwine and Thongon Sts closed 9am-5pm; All Coondoo St closed 4-5pm; Rob Veivers Dv between BP and Thoree St closed 4-5pm; Thongon St closed 4pm to 5pm; Therwine St closed 4pm to 5pm; and Morong St between 4-5pm.

Kuranda community reminded to act safely this festival week-end



thanks to sponsors and contributors



As the village's annual Kuranda Spring Festival week-end approaches, all participants and spectators are reminded to think and act safely during the week-end of events and particularly during the Grand Parade on Saturday afternoon.

Following safety concerns across other similar, regional festivities, the Kuranda Spring Festival Committee has asked that everybody be vigilant about safety during the parade. Families are asked to ensure that their excited children do not go out on to the road to collect lollies and other freebies once the parade has started. Participants in the parade will be asked to have people walking beside their floats, handing lollies to children and any thrown lollies must be thrown at least 2m clear of the vehicles.

The public is reminded not to throw anything at any horse, bicycle rider, float or participant in the parade. The simple message here is to practice common courtesy and safety for everybody's sake. Nobody wants any incidents that would jeopardize people's safety and force the restriction of traditions such as lolly give-aways that make parades so much fun.

With all that said and done, the 2005 Kuranda Spring Festival is

shaping up to be yet another special week-end of community celebration. Get into "Kuranda by Night" on Friday with the "Masks and Mayhem" do at the Kuranda Amphitheatre or swing with Jazz Blues entertainment at the Kuranda Resort and Spa.

Saturday is jam packed with the regular favourites such as Poets' Breakfast, Songwriters competition, the Youth Minifest (in Centenary Park), Art and Photography competition, street stalls and community fundraising. Finding its place firmly in the week-end is the newly introduced Kuranda Idol that proved a huge success with Kuranda's teenagers last year. The Grand Parade meanders its way up Coondoo Street from 4 pm and back by popular demand, the Party in the Park promises to deliver an evening of great family entertainment. Entry is free so bring your picnic blankets (and the kids of course), fill your bellies with the scrumptious offerings of local community groups and soak up the atmosphere that is Kuranda in springtime.

Don't sleep in too long Sunday morning because the Battle of the Barron (Raft Race) offers excellent entertainment and big bucks in prize money from 9am onwards. See you there! Programmes available from the Kuranda information Centre (Centenary Park) ph 4093 9311 or on the arts Nexus calendar at www.artsnexus.com

The Spring Festival Liftout is proudly co-sponsored by *The Kuranda Media Association*

Kuranda Spring Festival Committee 2005 sincerely thanks the following sponsors and contributors:

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All local businesses, community groups and individual contributors to the "Spring Festival Tree" Fundraiser.

Plus all those for their in-kind support and donations:

Kuranda Resort & Spa, Focus Theatre, Cairns Civic Centre, Banjo's, Pacific Music, Kuranda Amphitheatre Committee, Kuranda Honey House, Medusa Beads, Fire Design Glass, Spiral Studios, Millenium Puzzles, Hemp Horizons, Woodstone Music, Buzz Music, Blue Star Studio, Abracadabra, Deli Llama Cafe, Kuranda Arts Co-op, Claire Souter Gallery, Peter Jarver Gallery, Kuranda Medical Centre, Australian Venom Zoo, Forest Art Gallery, Australis Gallery, Kuranda Foodworks, Kuranda SES, Kuranda Police, Kuranda Homemade Tropical Fruit Ice-cream, Terry Eager, Gary Davis, Kylie Guy, Kuranda State High School, Kuranda District State School & Pre-school, Kuranda Community Kindergarten, Resonator, Yubbas, Willie & the Poor Boys, Koahlition, Pad Boys, Brothers Leagues Club, Kuranda Rotary Club, "Discounts for Locals" supported by Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, Rainforestation, Birdworld, Koala Gardens, Kuranda Information Centre, Kuranda Village Promotion Programme, Advanced Wind Technologies, Kuranda C.W.A, Kuranda BP, Koah Mobil, Speewah Life, Dr Lesley Clark (Member for Barron River), Kuranda Envirocare, Collins Bookstore Smithfield, all officials and other helpers.

Special thanks to the Kuranda Spring Festival 2005 Team: Jax Bergersen, Geoff Thomas, Diana Monaghan, Natalie Geering, Monique Richarson, Paul O'Reilly, Kylie Moore, Lyn Starkey-Neate, Allan & Valerie Birchall, Terry Eager, Ric Ephraims, Di Russo, Colinda Dooren & Ray Perry and Melina Clarke (List current at date of printing - further contributors acknowledged in November edition of Kuranda Paper.)

Project of Kuranda Festivals Association Inc..

This is a community event The above supporters make this event possible. We invite community members to join our festival team for 2006. New faces and fresh ideas will enable this weekend of celebration to grow stronger every year. To register your enthusiasm and energy phone: 4093 8834

Trash AND Treasure and Tutti Frutti Icecream

Friends of Welcome Pocket Cake Stall - Trash and Treasure Stall and other attractions Saturday October 1 outside St. Saviour's Church

Kuranda Aquatic Centre Development Committee - Dips and assorted breads and tutti frutti natural icecream

Kuranda District State School P & C Food Stall in Park Saturday 1st October - Delicious Donor Kebabs, Fabulous Falafels and other Yummies.

Kuranda Lions Club Merry-go-Round in Park

Kuranda Spring Festival Art and Photography competition

The 2005 Spring Festival Art and Photography competition will be displayed at the Kuranda Arts Co-operative Gallery from mid-day Friday 30th September. The art works will include paintings, drawings, sculpture and photography will be judged by the Arts Co-operative staff, and by a public judging system. Judging will be finalised by 4pm Saturday, 1st October.

With the 2005 theme of 'Historical and Hysterical' it is expected there will be some very interesting interpretations.

There are six competition sections: Adult, Youth (13-20yrs), Child (under 13 years), Photography, People's choice, and the Theme entrant 'Historical and Hysterical'.

Winning artists will be presented with their prizes in the park after the Spring Festival parade on Saturday, 1st October. The results will be published in the following edition of the Kuranda Paper.

The Arts Co-operative hopes that there will be a lot of local support over the Spring Festival weekend for the public judging of the entries. Help the Arts Co-operative to, in turn, help and encourage our community artists. Come and visit the Gallery and see the display.

Look for Co-operative's coloured flags on Rob Veiver's Drive (next to Butterfly sanctuary). Hours daily 10am - 4pm.

Billy's Garden Bar & Barbecue and Fitzies Tavern

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Meet up with your friends at the Friendly Bar and while sinking a cold one watch the Grand Parade in comfort!

And with the family enjoy a casual and inexpensive meal at the sausage sizzle!

Stay on and tempt your tastebuds with Billy's Famous Beer Battered Fish 'n' Chips washed down with a cold Chardonnay

Or

Try Billy's Sizzling Ribs with a good Red or browse the extensive menu of tempting treats and great wine lists

Come out and enjoy the Festival Fever and enjoy the great once a year opportunity to meet up with friends

Open till Late

See you at Billy's

The place To Be Seen



Presents

A Kuranda Spring Festival Opening Friday Night Special

Come dressed for a swinging blues night with local 3 piece jazz band

"Out of the Blue".

Dress for the occasion - blues, historical or hysterical theme.

Vie for the Prize of:

The best theme dressed gent

"The best theme dressed gal"

as chosen by a mysterious panel of judges

or

"Community's Choice" chosen by popular vote

(Dress code: neat, casual)

*Start with dinner or snack and dance your way through the night.
If you just can't wait, come and join us early with the Bar opening at 5pm.*

The music kicks off at around 7.30pm.

Every Sunday Afternoon, starting 2nd October, come and chill out to the sounds of Zdenek, Nikita and guests in local band "Motherfunk"



Kuranda Spring Festival Event "Battle of the Barron"

**Sunday 2nd October 2005
at 9am**

**Come one come all to see the
mighty Battle of the Barron
raft race**

1st prize \$1,000.00



Other prizes to be won:

Dash for Cash

Tug 'O War

Rubby Dub Tube race

**Plus fun and games for the whole
family.**

Food and drinks available

**See you on the banks of our beautiful
Barron River**

**Sunday 2nd October 9am
A Kuranda Rotary Spring Festival Event**



Masks'n'Mayhem



Focus Theatre invites you to.....
Disguise yourself & come to the most outrageous party of the
year!

Start the Spring Festival off with a
Night to Remember
Bands - Dancers - Musicians
Bar and light supper

Friday 30th September

Gates Open 6pm

Showtime 7pm Sharp!

Limited space, be early.

Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage

Non-Members \$10

Members \$8

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Specializing in corporate functions, weddings, engagements and birthday parties.
Kuranda Veranda is Kuranda's newest dining sensation.

On our second menu already, if you haven't yet visited us, maybe it's time you thought about planning your Christmas work do or that special night out with family and friends - the Asian influenced menu changes every 8 weeks.

OR, during the months of October and November, pop in for a nightcap from 8-10pm for dessert and a flavoured coffee ... \$7.50 Choose from; Tiramisu, Caramel, Hazelnut & Cinnamon, Chocolate and Irish Cream.

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Kuranda Veranda 88 Kuranda Heights Road 4093 9320

Blackrobats Circus Performers

With a National and now even International reputation, Kuranda Community is so lucky to have such a highly regarded crew right here at our service. Co-ordinated by Kelly Craig and assisted by professional performers like Davey and Rocky (among many talented others), the concept has grown out of primary age students to secondary and tertiary levels in more recent times. The philosophy "from little things big things grow!" is the Blackrobats' motto and it really applies here. The aim of the troupe is to take natural performing skills and simply extend them for individuals and teams to become acrobats, jugglers and physical performers. The skills of coordination, balance, flexibility, endurance and strength are developed in a challenging but always fun way. The scope and potential is enormous and the performing opens doors to theatre-circus and gives confidence to perform in front of audiences. Locally the Blackrobats are in great demand for entertaining at festivals like the recent Reggae Fest, Cairns Festival and currently, they are performing in Weipa.

Links have been forged with the Woodford Folk Festival where the Blackrobats have performed for the last two years and opportunities for intensive training have been offered in all capital cities on the East Coast of Australia. The Kuranda High School alternative program has also incorporated Blackrobats' acrobatics and circus training for two hours every Tuesday as part of the program's curriculum. This offers educational theory and practice in school hours and is proving fruitful in engaging the students to become young coaches and ambassadors. This will see the whole concept being taken on by a whole new generation of youngsters in the future.

Gary Davis – Teacher, Kuranda High



Neighbourhood News

Seniors' Day This event went so well, it was truly a joy to be there and a major highlight of the year for me, work-wise!

The food was absolutely delicious, the talks given were fascinating, the Blackrobats were brilliant, the musical entertainment at lunchtime was great, and the Sports & Social Club made

a wonderful venue for the event. Even the sun shone that day – although unfortunately the green was still too wet for us to try a bit of bowling! Oh, well! Maybe next year

This event was a great success because of all the people who chipped in and helped make it happen. There are too many of you to name individually, but please accept my heartfelt thanks; I'm sure you'll all know who you are! It was a case of genuine interagency and community cooperation, and just goes to show what we in Kuranda can pull off when we set our minds to it.

Hopefully, we'll be able to organise a Seniors' Day event again next year. I for one am looking forward to it!

We really did have a great day together, didn't we?!

Sausage Sizzles We're trialling a sausage sizzle, to be held on the last Wednesday of each month from 11.30 am-1.00 pm under the house here at KNC. This paper will come out just in time to catch the late September sizzle, so come along if you're free, or make a note on the calendar for the next one in October. On the menu will be sausages in bread with tomato sauce, plus tea/coffee. Vegetarian sausages can be purchased if we know you're coming (tel:40938933).

The KNC Sausage Sizzle is free, with gold coin donation if you can manage it. RSVP's would be appreciated to ensure sufficient sausages are on the barbie! Hope to see you there.

KNC AGM Our AGM will be taking place at KNC (7, Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda – next to BP servo) on Monday November 14th 2005 starting at 6.00 pm. All are welcome. Please see separate advertisement for further details.

A further reminder will appear in next month's article.

Have a great month! Vicki

KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

The Kuranda Arts Co-operative is proud to welcome local indigenous artists working through Djurri Dadagal Art Enterprises - these are local artists headed by Coralie Wason and Glenis Grogan.

The indigenous artists are exhibiting as new members of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative and it is envisaged that the Co-operative can develop a more substantial partnership with Djurri Dadagal Art Enterprises in the future. These are early days but the works in the KAC Co-operative Gallery are already receiving much interest from visitors. The Kuranda Arts Co-operative is quite excited about finally having some local indigenous arts as it has been a goal of one of the Co-operative's founders, Terry Eager, for a number of years. It is believed that the combination of the two arts organisations has a lot to benefit from each other.

Djurri Dadagal is the Djabaguy name for 'Sharp Bone'. and the logo is the Platypus Spur. The business is under the auspice of Ngoonbi Co-operative Society Ltd. Ngoonbi is the Djabaguy name for 'platypus'. 'Sharp bone' represents the animal's spur. The spur is what the platypus uses for protection and mating. Visitors to the gallery can now enjoy quality local indigenous art & craft, as well as works from our existing member artists and craftspeople direct from the artists at the Kuranda Arts Co-operative.

The Co-operative is displaying and judging the Spring Festival Art and Photography competition. All the details are outlined in the Spring Festival lift-out in this paper. We hope there will be a lot of local support over the Spring Festival weekend for the public judging of the entries. Help to Kuranda Arts Co-operative to, in turn, help and encourage our community artists. Come and visit the Gallery and see the display. Look for the coloured flags on Rob Veiver's Drive as you drive into Kuranda; (next to the Butterfly Sanctuary).

NGOONBI SHED ROCKS

Kuranda Indigenous Musicians

Win \$1,000 in Battle of the Bands Competition

Kuranda Indigenous Musicians performed in the Battle of the Bands Competition held at Tully on the 10 September 2005. This fundraising competition was organized by the Feluga State School P&C Association. The afternoon program presented excellent musical talent from the High Schools of Tully, Malanda and Innisfail with the night program from 5.30pm providing for Open Age Bands and Solo Musicians to compete.

Timothy Wason, Ngoonbi Performing Arts CDEP Supervisor brought together musicians from local bands Endangered Species, Pad Boys, Yabbaz and the old Mantaka Band to perform in the competition under the name of "**Good Times For Us**". The guys wore blue, bone or purple T Shirts with 'Yabbaz' hand painted on the back. They also called themselves on stage "Rainforest Connection".

The group blasted out fantastic Reggae Rhythm under the band management of Lead Singer Extraordinaire Bertie Riley. They absolutely rocked the Tully audience. Other band members were: Vocalist Timothy Wason (on base), Vocalist William Duffin (on acoustics), Justin Gibson, Bill, Levi Duffin (on drums), Albie Guy Baird (on the bongo drums),Bing (playing the didgeridoo and clap sticks) Roadies and Stage supporters were Sonny Riley, Freddie Duffin, DJ Bing (Jnr) and Selwyn Hunter who also doubled as audience dancer and played the part well in his reggae style hairdo. Drivers were Sheryl Quartermaine, Jane Grogan and Glenis Grogan. T shirt artists were Coralie Wason and Glenis Grogan.

Travel and support to the band was made possible by Ngoonbi Co-Operative Society Ltd in terms of vehicle resources and fuel from the Rumble in the Jungle fund raiser events.

Thanks to the CDEP host organisation KMKM and Warama Regional CDEP for the CDEP project participant funds to have enabled Ngoonbi Performing Arts to purchase the entire band equipment necessary for a band to perform. This equipment and the commitment of the musicians have now made it possible for our talented local musicians to move towards their full potential in this the music industry.

Kuranda's Seniors' Day Event

was planned by Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre in collaboration with Kuranda Bowls Club and sponsored by the Department of Communities. The actual day turned out to be a fantastic event due to all the help and support from Kuranda's community. Special thanks to HACC, Ngoonbi, KMKM, Kuranda Schools, local musos Krishna and Joan and Kellie and the Blackrobats..

Full story on page 1.



Eddie and his apprentices cook up a storm

MAREEBA SHIRE

SHIRE OF DIVERSITY

MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL RADF APPLICATIONS

Individuals and groups within the Mareeba Shire are invited to lodge applications for the next round of funding under the Regional Arts Development Fund, which is a partnership programme between Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Local Government, to support arts and cultural development in the community.

The fund supports professional and community arts activities and projects and categories of funding available include professional development, concept development, skill development and projects.

Applicants must reside within the Mareeba Shire and funded projects must commence after approval date. Please note that funds are limited.

Application forms are available from the Council Offices at 65 Rankin Street, the Mareeba Library and the Kuranda Library/Branch Office at Thoree Street, Kuranda and must be lodged no later than 5.00pm on Monday 17 October 2005.

Mareeba Shire Council
PO Box 154
Mareeba Qld 4880.

NP Briggs
Chief Executive Officer

Garden Jottings for October by Alectura

October sees the garden "Springing" to life and the winter sleepers coming back into leaf – a month of promise and future hopes. But the fruition of one's dreams requires hard Yakka! October also sees a slew of Open Gardens in nearby areas to give ideas and encouragement to both experienced and new gardeners alike:

Sat 1st - Sun 2nd Painted Garden 6 Debel Close
Mareeba. New
Blackman's Garden Lot 1 Debel Close
Mareeba. New

(The above gardens are \$8 for the two gardens)

Adiland Adil Rd. Mareeba. New
Sat 8th - Sun 9th Retreat 51 Mason Rd. Kuranda
Sat 15th - Sun 16th Wongabeena - De Lai Garden
47 Ray Rd. Mareeba.
Sat 29th - Sun 30th Timberglades Pheasant Rd. No 360
Millaa Millaa. New
Davis Family Garden Fourth Ave.
Tarzali.

Not a bad mix of gardens combining "drier" and "wetter" conditions and a great opportunity to see how others realize their Edens.

Things to consider this month:

Shrubs and climbers that have passed their winter flowering should be pruned to maximize new growth for next season's flowering. A general fertilizer can be applied to boost growth coming in, remembering to water well before and after application.

Leafy subjects like Aroids and Anthuriums can be pampered to achieve maximum growth with weekly application of a foliar feed.

Look at those potted plants probably needing a clean-up and repotting. Either make up or purchase basic potting mix, supplement with water saving crystals, slow release fertilizer granules and river sand, perlite or well composted material to introduce body and lighten the mix. An old test for a potting mix is to water well, take a handful of mix and squeeze. The mix should fall apart when released. Or if all too much and the pocket can stand it, buy a premium potting mix. Remember that in Nature, no plant is a "houseplant", so care in providing a rich but open potting medium is essential and efforts to maximize suitable positioning brings results. Thus thin tender leafed plants like the Maidenhairs (Adiantums), other ferns and many other foliage plants will benefit from massed display where atmospheric moisture is maximized while xerotropic plants, such as the Adeniums, most succulents and cacti, used to harder conditions, will benefit from good air flow, direct sunlight and spare watering.

Watching with interest several new vegetable gardens started by friends in cut-down tank rounds. With good preparation and annual topping of mulches and fertilizers, these gardens are a great way to enjoy the benefits of home grown vegetables as they as easily covered to protect yield and are also moisture retentive, so necessary for maximum yield. Even without this convenience, Choosing, if space is limited, the bush growing, sow seeds of pumpkin, marrow, squash, cucumber or watermelon in a well prepared and sunny spot, keep up the water, feed and stand back for a crop to be enjoyed by you and some bush critters.

Plant of the Month

Croton - *Codiaeum variegatum* (Euphorbiaceae). The original wild form of *Codiaeum* (C. 'Mollucanum') is believed to have originated in the Molucca Islands of Indonesia although other authorities say that crotons are native to the Malaccan Islands, between the Philippines and New Guinea. More than 700 species are to be found throughout SE Asia. The original plant sporting a yellow spotted type 'aureo maculatum, which in turn sported the narrow leaf spotted variety 'punctatum' and as a result of much cross-breeding, newer Thai hybrids in remarkable leaf forms are slowly being introduced locally. For colour, zing and excitement in your garden consider crotons. All are relatively slow growing and range in height at maturity

from the smaller Thai hybrids at 2-3m to the 6m or taller older types. This hardy and adaptable family is of easy care and low maintenance. With remarkable diversity in colours and forms of leaf, crotons, along with cordylines, should be considered as intrinsic to the structure and colour of the tropical garden.

Easily grown from short tip cuttings taken in summer with bottom leaves removed and individually potted up in a good striking mix, these should be planted out when roots emerge from drainage holes. Local markets are also a good source for the more common although still colourful plants. However, more recent hybrids still command higher prices and are harder to find, particularly the more intricately leafed forms. Smaller growing varieties make excellent potted subjects but will require attention to maintaining even moisture.

Although hardy when established, the best display comes from careful soil preparation, good drainage and consistent moisture level. Many of the older varieties take considerable light exposure, essential for maximum colouration but fierce afternoon sun may cause some bleaching particularly in the more tender hybrids so an eastern position is most suitable. A careful shortening of terminals during the warmer months will help produce a bushier shrub and prevent the legginess often seen in older plants. Remember that all parts of these plants are toxic and some persons may find the sap an irritant. For your delectation some Web sites to follow up:

<http://www.itfgs.org/hm/croton.html>
<http://www.calyx.com.au/nurseries.html>
<http://www.croton-mania.com/>

Q & A: Dear Gillian re suggestions for potted displays for Christmas.,

Thank you for your kind words and I am pleased that your vireyas are thriving. Congratulations on your success with these often temperamental beauties. You do know the definition of "expert" - a drip under pressure, but to your question. December is a hard gardening month with increased heat and humidity and the "Wet" beginning or the "Dry" holding on. In planning your Christmas display, firstly consider the shape, size and depth of your pots and plan plantings to complement their dimensions and colour(s). Think about strengthening and maximizing visual impact by tying colours together both in individual pots and across the display to avoid a haphazard look.

A factor in getting the best from your display is investment in the best possible potting mix, ideally one with water crystals added and of open texture – if necessary add perlite or coarse river sand to lighten. Dilute weekly feedings will bring your displays on quickly.

The trinity here for me would be crotons, cordylines and coleus for their colour, leaf shapes and general durability and with their added advantage of being able to be planted out in the garden after the season has passed. Depending on pocket and pot size, the investment in focal plants will make the centre piece with either multiple planting or large single specimen. Personally I would consider foliage plants as the backbone of any display for their lower maintenance and range of foliage and colour. Planting up now, encouraging good growth and situating in temporary position to maximize colouring will enable you to think about complementary filler plantings closer to Christmas so as to cover surface and/or cascade over side of pot. Some of these plantings could consist of caladiums, impatiens, (don't forget the yellow flowered "Singapore Dragon" with its trailing and excellent ground covering growth) or more daring, try Achimenes or low growing and colourful members of the bromeliad family. I am always somewhat reluctant to recommend flowering plants as timing is crucial for flowered display.

A fun and utilitarian display for the children or grandchildren would be a large pot with appropriate conical

trays in many different sizes, and can be crushed easily.

Crush ice cubes by wrapping them in a tea towel then hitting it on a wall or floor, or with a hammer or rolling pin. Electric and hand-operated ice crushers are also available.

For ice cubes with a difference, place lemon wedges, fruit pieces or olive slices in water in ice tray. Allow to freeze, use in cocktails.

MINT JULEP:

5 mint leaves
5ml sugar syrup
5ml water
Ice
60ml bourbon



Crush mint leaves in glass with sugar syrup and water to extract mint flavour. Add ice and bourbon. Stir for 30 seconds until glass frosts.

Glass: 180ml highball
Garnish: mint leaves

BARRIER REEF

60ml gin
30ml Cointreau
Dash Angostura bitters
2 scoops vanilla ice-cream
Dash blue Curacao
Ice

Pour all ingredients into shaker, shake, then pour into serving glass.

Glass: 285 ml highball
Garnish: pineapple slice and leaves.

Dear Garden Lovers,

KURANDA GARDEN GROUP

Meets: Sat. 8th October, 05.

At: 2 PM

**Venue: Bill & Beverly
Stephen's property,**

**No.25 Copeland Road
(10 km down, off KOAH road on right.)**

**PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE FOR
AFTERNOON TEA AND DISCUSSION**

For more information:

☎ **Bill & Beverly 4093 7740**

or tower support planted up with tied-in running cherry tomato and bordered with parley. As well as being a cheerful display, the kids can eat the display.

If you are very bold and willing to accept that timing may not get it all together, a couple of feature pots with tall conical trellises could be planted up and tied-in with the night-blooming and sweetly scented Ipomea bona-nox (The Moon Flower). Under-planted with white or red dwarf Impatiens or the larger NG hybrids, white or red flowered bronze leaf bedding begonias or another filler could be the gold leafed sweet potato, these would create a memorable talking point. A soon-to-open bud of the Ipomea placed at each guest's dinner place will open from the heat of their hand to create a treasured experience. Take care with the Ipomea as trimmings and seed pose a risk to the forest if not carefully disposed of. Please, photographs of your displays when at their peak to share with and encourage other gardeners!

Source for Achimenes: Larry's Gloxinias, Achimenes and Gesneriads, 2 Free St., Beerwah 4519. (5494 6017) and Caladiums: R & E Nursery, PO Box 12 Palmwoods, 4555. (5494 7261).

Q & A: Dear Robin re information on source for smaller sun loving trees and shrubs

I find that Peninsular Plants, 93 Mason Road, Mareeba carries a good range of well established and reasonably priced plants. The proprietor Anita is very knowledgeable and is most helpful in sourcing that hard to find specimen. Open Mon - Thur 7.00am -6.00pm, Fri. 12.00noon - 6.00pm, Sat/Sun 8.00am - 6.00pm. Phone 4092 2797.

For gardening questions or plant identification/sourcing to:

Alectura - PO Box 478 Kuranda. 4881 or wortwoad@optusnet.com.au

COCKTAILS "ICE"

Ice is used in nearly all cocktails to have clean, fresh cubes, blocks or crushed ice. Remember, a warm cocktail is, quite simply, Undrinkable.

Well iced drinks are best because they have more body; the ice improves the texture by thickening the drink. It is important, however, to always add the ice first so it chills the liquid quickly and thoroughly and doesn't overflow the glass.

Prepare ice in the size and shape desired then freeze it; melting ice is of little use.

Cubed ice can be prepared in freezer



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New School News: Symbolics Meeting:

This is the next phase of planning for our new school. There are many things that need to be decided and you are welcome to have your say. We need to decide:

- Name for the one school – Will we be a College, Community Learning Centre??
- Logo and motto -
- Uniforms – Do we have a new one? Do we use the current ones for each section of the school?
- Sport's Houses and how many.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th October (2nd week back) at the High School from 6 to 8 PM.

New School Buildings: A meeting was held on Thursday 31st August. The consultants who will design the school were at the meeting. From that meeting a diagram showing where the buildings could go was developed. The Steering Committee is busy with many facets of bringing the new campus together so that all aspects benefit all students from preschool to year 12.

Term Three Review: Ten weeks have passed with many successes. A few of our highlights include:

- Twelve staff complete INTEL training – 60 hrs of own time.
- School Photos
- Athletics Sport's Day
- Years 3, 5 & 7 Statewide Testing
- Visitors included two groups from Torres Strait school.
- NAIDOC week celebrations
- Student success happens every day.

Cheers Stan



Indigenous Studies

Students in Year 6 Kuranda State Primary School Indigenous Studies Lessons are using local information, provided by the P&C, to investigate the community services that are available to them and listing their findings on the local map of Kuranda and District.

This subject takes the students on a journey about their body and the requirements needed to exist, and will eventually compare their findings to Indigenous life prior to 1770.

GIRLS JOIN BAND

Sarah Vekula, Mylee Boyd and Allisandra Plasto left on Saturday 3rd September to travel by train to the Sunshine Coast with the Mareeba High School Concert and Stage Band to perform a series of concerts and participate in workshops. They have been joining the band for rehearsals most Tuesday afternoons and have lessons at school on Mondays with the instrumental teacher/conductor, Jane Campbell. There have even been performances at several Mareeba events. Jane teaches students how to play brass, wind and woodwind instruments at Kuranda District State School, Kuranda High School, Mareeba High and Primary and Kiari Primary. Sarah and Allisandra both play the flute and piccolo and Mylee plays the clarinet. The girls left with much excitement early Saturday morning along with 38 other students mostly from Mareeba High and Primary. They will be performing at Sunshine Coast and Nambour Christian Colleges, Nambour, Maroochydoore and Noosa State High Schools. This trip is a great opportunity for the girls to experience, meet new people, see new places and have fun playing their instruments at the same time.



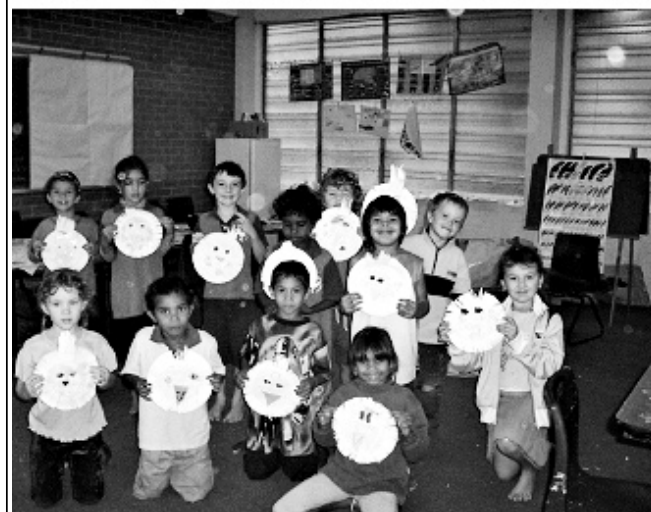
SPRING FESTIVAL NEWS

As most of you know the Kuranda Spring Festival is being held on Saturday the 1st October and is fast approaching. This year we are going to be taking part in the parade and will walk behind our school banner dressed up (or at least in masks) as white cockatoos. We felt the white cockatoo was rather appropriate as it incorporates the theme for the festival being "History and Hysteria" and is also our school emblem. We have been having fun making masks in our Performing Arts classes. The parade leaves from the Skyrail end at 4pm so we will meet at the school at 3.15pm to collect masks and add any final touches to costumes. Parental supervision is desirable, as I will not be able to take responsibility for students during this time.

WANTED: Any thing white/yellow that may be used for completing white cockatoo costumes. Eg white strips of paper to make wings. Please leave at the office for me. Also any helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated as some students require some interesting hairdos!!

Performances - There are several groups who have been practicing dances and plays to perform on the stage in the park at the festival. These will start at 11am and should be finished by 12.15pm. Students should be there by 10.45am with relevant CD's.

* If there are any queries please email Cheryl Matley HPE teacher at cmatl1@eq.edu.au or phone the school.



SUNSAFE

Kuranda District State School is a "Sunsafe School" which means we promote actions that minimise direct exposure to the harmful rays of the sun. It has been very encouraging to see most students wearing hats whilst outdoors. In particular congratulations to 4S/T and 5M who had every student in their class wearing hats for HPE last week. I would also like to publicly thank Uncle Toby's who generously donated some caps to the school. C. Matley HPE teacher



Human Body

The Outside of the Body

There are numerous parts on the outside of our bodies. Skin is on the outside and protects the insides. On the outside we have pores, moles and two eyes. Our hair is in our ears and on our eyes.

What's on the Inside?

There are different features inside our bodies. We have fat and blood inside our bodies. The heart is used for pumping your blood. Parts of our body we have 7 main systems or parts in our bodies.

By Judy Yr 4 2005

Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

A. G. M.

will be held at 7 Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda (beside the BP) at **6.00pm, Monday 14th November 2005.** All interested members of the Kuranda community are warmly invited to attend. A light supper will be served after the meeting. Please RSVP by Wednesday 9th November. Enquiries to: **Ph 4093 8933**

KURANDA FILM SOCIETY

ONE DAY FILM FESTIVAL

I know you have left time in your November calendar for the Film Festival I wrote about last month. It will be held on the Sunday the 6th of November at the Amphitheatre. Check around the village for poster telling you what films will be showing and the timetable.

But that is not all, on the same day we are having a film competition as well!! There are 3 categories: Primary School [to year 7]; High School [years 8 to 12]; and a category open to all. There are a few conditions: the film must have been produced in 2005, and it can either be created by an individual or by a group. It's time to call on your imagination and resourcefulness as the topic is anything that you want it to be.

To make it possible for the film to be shown on our equipment, the film must be on either VHS or DVD format. Including 'credits' the total length is to be approximately 5 minutes long

Please don't send your precious original, keep it safe, and send us a duplicate, as although all care will be taken we cannot accept any responsibility if something does happen to it.

An entry fee of \$10 is applicable, but this includes posting back your film.

I know that all you potential movie stars and directors will come up with some ideas for films that will not only delight us, but also amaze us with your ingenuity and brilliance.

There's not much time to waste dithering about as your entry must be **received by us by 14 October 2005** Addressed to

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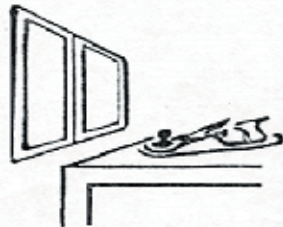


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Kuranda Chamber of Commerce

The General Meeting of the KCCT was held at Billy's Bar on Tuesday 6th September. Our guest speaker for the night was Di Pregyl from Tropical Tableland Tourism. Di spoke about funding that was received and how that would affect Kuranda. She also spoke about the need for business operators to become members so that we could have more of a say where funding from Government was allocated. It is important that we work together and support the TTT because ultimately this will benefit the Tablelands as a whole.

The KCCT voted to donate \$1,000.00 to the Spring Fair Committee to help with advertising of this important event for Kuranda. We as business operators need to support this venture as much as possible as this is the one time of the year that we can work together to showcase Kuranda. Kylie Dumas bought us up to date with what is proposed for this year's Spring Fair. The KCCT would encourage business owners to support this year's activities. For any further information please contact Kylie at Monkey's Restaurant.

Our next meeting will be a Social Meeting and will be held on the 4th October at Billy's Bar commencing at 5.00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

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All the exercises or massaging movements on the chin should be towards the bone, and not away from it. Sometimes a crepe bandage can be used too, as a chin strap. When you have some time to yourself take a crepe bandage and tie it around your chin by taking it up both sides and keeping it tied for ten minutes every day. You will soon be pleasantly surprised with the results.

Valarie Birchall, Aesthetician

DISKS AND PHOTOS

Please collect material used in the Kuranda paper if their return has been requested.

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LOOSE FACIAL MUSCLES

Home Treatments: Regular face massage with upward movements, and a bit of taping all over the face is very beneficial. But facial exercises become a must in this condition, as massaging alone cannot help very much. You should try the following exercises:

1. Close your eyes tight, and then open them as wide as possible. Do this five times. Now frown tightly, and then relax.
2. Raise your eyebrows and relax them five times.
3. Smile tightly and then form a light 'O' with your lips. Do this five times.
4. Fill up air in the mouth, take it from one side to the other and blow out slowly - five times.
5. Try to touch the tip of the nose with your tongue - again, five times.
6. With your first finger under each eye draw the parts of the eyes under your fingers close together towards the nose. Then relax. This exercise should also be performed five times.
7. Open your mouth and relax your lower jaw, then take your lower jaw up gradually, and tightly, five times.

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The next opportunity is a co-operative advert in the Tablelands "Discover" Magazine. The KVPP intend to take out a two page spread in the advert and are offering businesses the opportunity to take out an advert for only \$330. This publication is excellent and particularly useful for self drivers traveling in the region.

The foreign language component of the website has now been added and the whole site is now nearing completion. If anyone has any feedback, particularly improvements, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Cathy at the Information Centre. Please also check information relating to your business or service organisation you are involved with and advise if any changes are required. Kuranda's website is



www.kuranda.org.

Steve Caught

RECIPES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

FRIENDSHIP CAKE:

(KURANDA VILLAGE IN THE RAINFOREST)

- 1 cup of Greetings
- 1/4 cup of Smiles
- 1 large Handshake
- 2/3 cup of Love
- 1 teaspoon of Sympathy
- 2 cups of Hospitality

Cream Greetings and Smiles thoroughly. Add Handshake separately. Slowly stir in Love. Sift Sympathy and Hospitality and fold in carefully. Bake in warm Heart. Serve often.

APPLESAUCE CAKE

(KATHY MAKINSON-SANDERS, NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK)

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla
- 1 cup sliced dates
- 1 1/2 cup applesauce
- 1 cup nuts, chopped
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda

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Also thanks to Dave H. for bringing the table and other gear on the day of the drawing.

For those who purchased tickets and have not been contacted re winning: Better Luck next time with our Christmas Raffle! It was pleasing to see that prizes went to Cairns, Mareeba and Kuranda. Thanks must also go to our very generous supporters from the Mareeba Business Centre – Mitre 10, Hasties Furniture, Crazy Clarks, RSL Mareeba, TGT, Video 2000, Sam Torrisi, Another Glance, Duff's Retrovision, McMahons and Café Trieste together with the Kuranda Trading Post, Milton Undy, Carol Jeanes and Fr. Chris Wright.

Heard recently about the local business(?) person who asked rather abruptly for customers to leave his shop. No they weren't eating food or stealing goods but he had a Japanese tourist party coming in. When the shop patrons demurred, he said they could come back later on. As our informants said: "We'd never go back in there after that rudeness and any of our friends and visitors we'll advise not to as well". Congratulations to this enterprising store-keeper. Keep the efforts up and Kuranda will be shot of those troublesome tourists.

The Gripefruit [Ed. Note: All reports are checked for veracity. If you or your friends have a horror story of poor and/or rude service in Kuranda, let the Gripefruit know at :- kurandapaper@iig.com.au]

The Afternoon Tea raffle held by Lorraine Gould was won by Sheila Wilhelm. The next Fund Raising Project will be a Cake Stall, Trash and Treasure Stall and other stalls held outside St. Saviour's Church on **Saturday 1st October, 2005** during the Spring Fair Festival.

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Kuranda Lions Club

I would like to thank Bob, Ken, Phil and Troy for doing the merry-go-round for the Dream Train in the park. I'm sure all the children who had a ride did appreciate your efforts. We will soon have our new signs up on some of the bus shelters. Everyone is now looking forward to the Spring Festival when the merry-go-round will again be in the park. That's all at present. -Yours in Lionism!

Carol Jeanes (Prsident)



General Meeting for the Kuranda/Myola Rural Fire Brigade	On the: 17 th October 2005 Venue: KMRFB shed Time: 7.30pm
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KURANDA DISTRICT STATE SCHOOL P&C NEWS

Next meeting is Wednesday 5th October, 6.30pm at the Primary School, everybody is more than welcome to come along.

Kuranda School is just about to start the process of creating a new & healthy Tuckshop menu. We would like to invite you to be involved in this process, with ideas, recipes or any suggestions. A special meeting will be held in October to get this started. Look for more details in the next school newsletter, out Thursday 6th October, or email to mandypc@qld.chariot.net.au, to find out when this is happening.

Coming up on Saturday 1st October, the P&C will have a food stand at the Kuranda Spring Fair. Delicious donor Kebabs, fabulous falafels and scrumptious sausages, all on the menu for the day. So come up to the park and the kids entertainment, between 10am-4pm, have some lunch and join in the fun. Of course anyone who has a little bit of time to spare is quite welcome to give us a helping hand.

How many missed the chance to win that fantastic seafood tray that went up for

raffle at the Speewah Tavern a few weeks ago? (Thanks to the generosity of Rob & Lloyd from Speewah Take-away) Make sure you don't miss the next one Friday 7th October. The Father's Day raffle was a great success, thank you to everyone involved, and to the following businesses for donating wonderful prizes- Speewah Tavern & Take-away, Kuranda Hotel/Motel, Monsoon Leather, Speewah Life, Kuranda Fruit'n'Veg, Kuranda Butchery, Kuranda Foodworks, Kuranda Summit, Les Anwyl Tai Chi, Kuranda Video, John Beasley and Ezy Riders.

If your child is starting Prep in 2007, could you please phone the pre-school on 4093 7309. This is just an expression of interest, not a commitment, to give us an idea of how many children we may need to accommodate.

A reminder also of our very own local Kuranda Phonebook, with local businesses listed, makes this a must have for all. Available at Koah Roadhouse, Speewah Life Store, The Professionals Kuranda, Kuranda Pharmacy & Newsagency and Kuranda Post Office.

Speewah Tavern



Saturday 15th October: Mexican Night

Forget the Siesta - it's time for Fiesta!
Amigos - throw on your sombreros and come and join us for some margaritas and good times (fancy dress encouraged)

Friday 28th October: Halloween Party

A Kuranda Primary School P & F fundraiser proudly supported by Speewah Tavern. Mums & Dads - dress up your kids and yourselves and come along for a great family night. Starts at 5pm.



Tuesday 1st November: Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Enjoy lunch and the good local atmosphere. See the race on the big screen.

Friday 11th November: Battle of the Sexes

What a blast - a trivia/trivial night where the genders battle it out for supremacy. Make up a team of 3 or join one of ours. You need a pinch of knowledge, art and acting skills and the desire for a laughing good time...Registration 6pm for 7pm start. Please nominate your teams the week before to assist organisation of the night.... *



Saturday 26th November:

Kids "Wet & Wild" Christmas Party

Get wet and have lots of fun with our water games and activities. Don't miss Santa's visit too. We believe the heat has sent him a bit troppo this year... *

Contact Speewah Tavern for details (& Registration *)
Ph 40 930055



HALLOWEEN
At the Speewah Tavern
Friday night 28th October

Come one, come all, if you dare
All witches & warlocks, ghosts & goblins, werewolves & vampires
Make sure you're there
Prizes abound & kid's stuff everywhere

Band, Jumping Castle, Trick a Treat,
Spooky Games

A Fundraiser for Kuranda District Primary School P&C Assoc.

CLASSIFIEDS

COST 22 CENTS PER WORD. UNPAID
CLASSIFIEDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
Lodge at Video Shop BP Complex.

Pool Maintenance - Kuranda "The Pool Man"
Regular service, Pump, Filter and Chlorination
repairs. Phone "The Pool Man" 4031 3600
or 0408 382 464

For VCR, Stereo, microwave & other small
appliance repairs Phone Darryl 4093 9157. Free
estimates in workshop.

Wanted: WOOD STOVE with oven. Telephone
4085 0054

Dressmaker Casual to evening, bridal wear.
Alterations no problem. Cushion covers and lounge
covers. Ring Dorothy on 4093 8886.

MULCHING HAY (round bales - equal to 8
sq.bales). Weed-free. \$18 to members, \$20 to non-
members. Kuranda EnviroCare 4093 8834

CAR TRAILER HIRE: 6x4 box trailers for hire.
\$10 half day. \$20 full day. KURANDA EnviroCare
4093 8834

NATIVE TREES available at Kuranda Enviro Care's

nursery, Pademelon Lane (corner Kennedy Hwy and
Fallon Road)

LAND for WILDLIFE This great program is being
revived with Kuranda EnviroCare officers trained
to do assessments. If you want your property to
be recognised for its wildlife habitat value, have it
registered as land for Wildlife. Kuranda EnviroCare
4093 8834.

Native Rainforest Trees \$1.50 each for 10 or
more. Tel: 4085 0054

WANTED by local person: **HOUSE and LAND** in
Kuranda Area. Up to low \$200,000. Please
phone 4093 0413

LOUNGE 3 Seater Good Condition
Phone: 4093 8182

GARAGE SALE 1/10/05 Beds, Lounge Suite,
Cupboard, Books, Chessboards, Hoover tumble Drier
5kg.. Copper Table, Household Goods.
Phone 4093 7458

Bromeliad Sale Numerous varieties. Thousands to
choose from. From \$2 each Ph 4093 8489

KURANDA DIPLOCIOS My five year old
daughter is hooked on the hommus of "Kuranda
Fruit `n` Veg". She dips each cracker in scooping

up the garlic yumminess! When the crackers start
to run out they are broken into bits then made into
little hommus sandwiches. When the bickies are out,
hands make a great scoop! Have You tried the Dips at
"Kuranda Fruit `n` Veggies" - BP Service Station?

Hyundai Elantra GLS Hatch 2001, auto, silver.
Logbook, RWC, roofrack, aircon., t/bar, 4 mths
factory warranty. 108,000kms. VGC. \$13,300 ono Ph:
0427 161 072

STUDENT DESK for Sale \$70. 0427 161 072

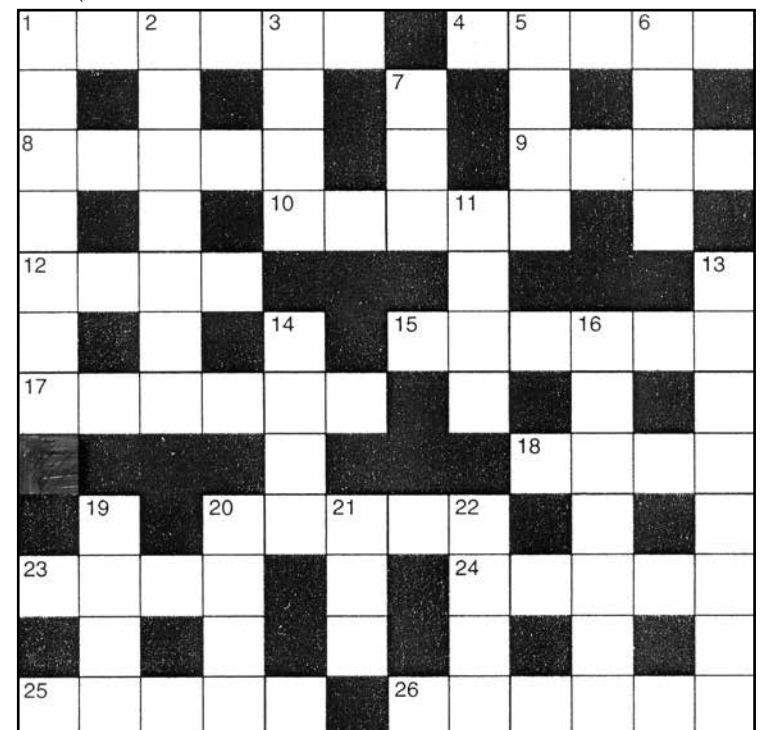
FRIENDLY FEMALE FLATMATE WANTED to
share large house in Speewah. Non-smoker preferred.
Please phone 4093 0413.

"Help with Housework"

Washing ironing tidying
reliable honest cleaners
Weekly service 3 hours \$72

Absolute Domestics

Please phone 4045 1695



Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 69

Compiled by John Brooksbank

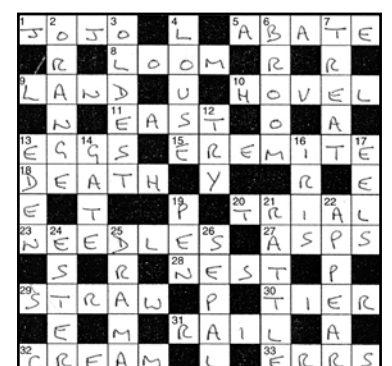
Across

- 1 Queensland Rail exercises?
4. Wash up this fowl?
8. You nine could be wearisome.
9. Bird is a bit of an idiot.
10. Nall a Tarzan accessory in the bush.
12. Endless desire for this period.
15. Asparagus weapons at the Foodstore.
17. Mercy giver is St Christophers relative?.
18. Medical acronym that involves hot lips!
20. Special Ukranian at Fitzie's drive in.
23. The only sort of notice one gets from Mareeba Shire?.
24. Strength of wines from the Bottom Pub.
25. Don't be a chicken - get your dye from Abra Kadabra.
26. Thrashed the chicken in the Resort kitchen.

Down

1. Organs they see!.(3,4)
2. Plants that only last for 12 ac.

3. A fingertip fix?
5. African tree found with rum.
6. Skippy in Burke's back yard?.
7. Kuranda resort bath?
11. This palm can be a real pain when drunk.
13. Avoided shed about eating - doesn't sound like it.
14. Lone Roman was a cruel fiddler.
16. View of a stag in opposition.
19. Sounds like a rogue in the middle of St Saviour's.
20. Best vessel for drugs?
21. Tinaroo is a real mother!
22. Deli Llama food inspiration.



Kuranda Bus Problem

A STATEMENT FROM CONCERNED SMALL BUSINESS OPERATORS IN KURANDA VILLAGE

Despite assurances to the contrary, a number of Kuranda business operators remain very concerned that the bus issue and its short and long term effects on smaller business operators in the town will continue unabated. The issue came into prominence when complaints were lodged regarding the use of buses by a number of larger operators to ferry tourists arriving at Kuranda Railway and Skyrail straight through the town directly to their businesses, ignoring other operators and businesses in the town.

Kuranda Hotel Motel operator and spokesperson Barry Smith said that the issue has become a major one as the operators providing the bus services continue to keep their passengers as a "captive audience". This largely denies their passengers the opportunity of visiting other businesses in the town and experiencing a more complete Kuranda experience, he said. With around one million visitors coming to the town each year, there is no need for practices that come an unfair percentage of the market to the exclusion of other tourism oriented operators. The large businesses that operate these buses seem to feel that they are entitled to first shot at the tourist dollars, and leave small operators what is left. The so called courtesy buses take football teams or anyone else regardless of prior booking to various establishments, and they cannot and do not provide transport for wheelchair bound persons. The previous excuse given for these buses was that they were for disabled persons, but not one bus is fitted for wheelchair access.

Many of Kuranda's businesses and ratepayers feel that this on-going bus issue concerns more than a few big businesses in Kuranda. Kuranda is one of the most visited destinations in NQ, apart from The Great Barrier Reef, and it should be a showcase to encourage domestic and international visitors to venture further to Mareeba Shire, Atherton Tablelands etc and hopefully become return visitors. There should be a more cohesive effort from all operators rather than practices on the part of major operators that are to the detriment of other tourism businesses in the town and result in disunity and animosity among smaller operators.

The Kuranda Village Promotion Program (KVPP) spends hundreds of thousands of dollars promoting the *More than a Village in the Rainforest* theme. However if all the town's tourism business

operators decide to run buses exclusively to individual establishments there would be hundreds of bus trips up and down Kuranda's streets, extra diesel fumes, pollution for safety issues with the pedestrian traffic every day. Suddenly the theme will be shot to pieces. Visitors' perception of the town being a pristine and friendly village will turn to thoughts of a Reg Varney "On The Buses" movie gone bad. Business operators who are currently being denied access to courtesy bus visitors are concerned with the long term viability of Kuranda as a pristine tourist destination. We ask that the large business operators ensure that Kuranda village goes back to basic grassroots.

Mareeba Shire Council spent approximately \$7 million of the Tourism Infrastructure Levy on upgrading the main street, Centenary Park and the Environmental walks around the village. Good Australian made, locally produced products and an environment that is visitor friendly is being denied to our courtesy bus visitors. Buses taking approximately 15% of tourists past the majority of businesses equate to the loss of approximately 3000 potential customers each and every week to small business operators in Kuranda. This is a clear disadvantage for the small operators, The question has to be asked that, apart from self-interest, why is there a need to operate buses at all?

The tarmac area in front of the Railway and Skyrail should not be cluttered with buses but be reserved for emergency vehicles, a pick up point for wheelchair visitors and for pedestrian traffic. Suitable signage at the tarmac would give people the knowledge that they were in the village already and would not need a bus to get there. Buses should be relegated to the Arara St. bus parking facility 60 meters away. This purpose-built parking cost around \$500,000 so why not use it for the purpose intended?

The staged meetings that are stacked with supporters who uphold loaded motions to achieve desired outcomes provide no real solutions to the current problem. The Lepage Report commissioned by the KVPP mentions making the village "pedestrian friendly" and the possibility of a people mover which would not detract from the *Village in the Rainforest* theme. This would alleviate bus traffic and cut down on the diesel fumes. Hopefully Mareeba Shire Council will take charge of this situation and do what is in the best interest of long term tourism in Kuranda and North Queensland.

TRAINS AND TOURIST HAVE BEEN COMING TO KURANDA SINCE THE 1980'S and NO BUSES HAVE BEEN NEEDED TILL NOW!

Barry Smith

Community Calendar

Mondays. Come & Try Junior Rugby League **3:30pm Bartley Park Oval adjacent Primary School.** 4093 7177

Every Sun **Soft Ball**, Hunter Park, Fallon Road 2.30 pm Ph 4093 7113
Al-Anon 10.30 am. Neighbourhood Centre Cnr. Coondoo & Barang Sts. Ph 4093 0462
Alcoholics Anonymous 10.30 am. at CWA Hall Ph 4093 0462
Kuranda Bowls Club every Sunday social games 2 pm (reg 1:30pm)

1st Saturday **Kuranda Film Society** screening 7.00pm, 19 Kullaroo Close, Kuranda. Ph Cathy 4093 9926

1st Sunday **R.S.L.** 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Therwine Street.
Uniting Church at St. Christophers.

3rd Sunday **Bowls Club Meeting** 1.00pm

Every Mon **Life Span** exercise QCWA Hall 9.30 am.
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm – 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
8 Ball 7.00 pm at Speewah Tavern, Fitzies Tavern, S.&S.Club & RSL

1st Monday **Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30 pm Mantaka
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
Kuranda State Primary P & C Assoc 7.00 pm in school staff room, all parents welcome

2nd Monday **QCWA** 12.30 pm Ph 4093 8933
High School P & C 5.00 pm

3rd Monday **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933

Every Tues **Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults** 7.00 pm CWA hall Ph 4093 8682
Focus Theatre Group 7pm Kuranda Amphitheatre, under stage

First Tues **Chamber of Commerce** 5.00 pm Billy's Bar Ph 4093 8834

3rd Tues **Rangers Soccer Club** 6.30 pm Ph 4093 8803 Norman Guy

Last Tues **Kuranda Sports and Social Club** Management Committee at 7.00 pm – All members welcome as observers.

Every Wed **Craft classes** at QCWA hall 9.30 am.
Baha'i "Spirit of the Forrest" 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St, Kuranda (next to Monkeys)
Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm – 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Yoga at CWA
Tai Chi Sports and Social Club Ph 4093 8276 also on Tuesdays

First Wed **Kuranda Envirocare**, Primary School 7.00 pm Ph 4093 8834
Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting at 2.00 pm @ KNC

2nd Wed **QCWA** meeting 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016

Last Wed **Kuranda Pool Cmtee**, 7.00 pm Neighbourhood Ctr 40939594

Every Thurs **Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206
Kuranda Bowls Club Night Bowls - Casual 7.00 pm [reg. 6.30 pm]
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682
8 Ball S & S Club 7.15 pm & RSL
Koah Tree Planting: junction of Barron & Clohesy Rivers Ph 40937 979

1st Thurs **Kuranda Charity Bowls** 7 pm (reg. 6.30 pm)

2nd Thurs **Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road

Every Fri **Cloggers** at CWA

2nd Saturday **Garden Group** 2 pm Phone Arlene Wienert Ph 4093 7927

3rd Saturday **Ambulance Committee Stall** outside St Saviours Church (bi-monthly)

Every Sat **EnviroCare** 8-9 am. Tree planting bees Ph 4093 8834

KURANDA TRANSFER STATION OPENING TIMES		
Monday	7.00 am	to 10.00 am
Wednesday	3.00 pm	to 6.00 pm
Friday	7.00 am	to 10.00 am
Saturday	8.00 am	to 12.00 pm
Sunday	1.00 pm	to 5.00 pm

PLEASE CHECK IF THE DAY, TIME AND PHONE NUMBERS ARE CORRECT



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PO Box 140, ATHERTON 4883 ABN 69 465 540 048 Ph 4091 1855

Kuranda Branch Library Council Office

4-12 Thoree Street
Phone 4093 9185

OPENING HOURS

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

No Council Services available Saturday
Council Cashier Closes at 4 pm
Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday.

Your Rural Fire Brigade Contacts

For Fire Permits etc.

Davies Creek - Lloyd 4093 3181
 Koah - Peter 4093 7006
 Kuranda/Myola - Paul 4093 8540
 Speewah - John 4093 0211

In Case of Fire or Other Emergency Please Phone 000

KURANDA S.E.S. 40939143

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departs -	Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)				
Ravenshoe	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
#7.45am	#8.15am	6.30am	7.00am	7.30am	8.15am arr
		8.45arr / * 9.15dep	*9.45am	10.20am	11.15am arr
#2.00pm	#2.30pm	2.50arr / 3.30dep	4.00pm	4.30pm	5.15pm arr

Departs -	Saturday (not Public Holidays)				
Ravenshoe	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
#7.45am	#8.15am	6.30am	7.00am	7.30am	8.15am arr
		9.15am	9.45am	10.20am	11.15am arr

# Towns above serviced to/from	Sunday and Public Holidays			
Atherton by Kerry's Bus Service	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
Ph 40977167 or 0419020370	9.15am	9.45am	10.20am	11.15am arr

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departs-	Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)				
Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Herberton	Ravenshoe
*8.30am	*9.05am	9.40am	10.15arr/11.00dep	#11.15am	#12.00n arr
10.00am	10.35am		3.00pm	#3.30pm	#4.00pm arr
3.15pm	3.55pm	4.30pm	5.00pm	#5.30pm	#6.00pm arr
5.30pm	6.05pm	6.40pm	7.15pm arr		

Departs -	Saturday (not Public Holidays)				
Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Herberton	Ravenshoe
9.30am	10.05am	10.40am	11.15arr/11.45dep	#12.05pm	#12.45pm
1.00pm	1.40pm	2.15pm	2.45pm arr		

Departs -	Sunday and Public Holidays				# Towns above serviced to/from
Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Atherton	Atherton by Kerry's Bus Service
1.00pm	1.40pm	2.15pm	2.45pm arr		Ph 40977167 or 0419020370

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS "THE LOCAL BUS"

	MON	TUES	WEDtoFRI	P/HOL & SAT/SUN
DEPARTS	0730	0730	0730	0830
KURANDA	1330	1330	0930	1500
	1530	1530	1230	
	1615	1615	1330	
			1415 Smithfield Only	
			1530	
			1615	
DEPARTS	**0830	**0830	0830	*0930
CAIRNS	1430	1430	*1015	1600
	1715	1715	1230	
** ATHERTON & MAREEBA			1330	
* MAREEBA			1430	
JOHN. 0418 772953. A/HRS 40939278			1715	
NO SERVICE XMAS DAY & EASTER FRIDAY				

(Subject to change without notice) * Connect with Chillagoe Bus Service (This timetable does not show all routes and/or times) (Mon/Wed/Fri) Ph 40947155

- AIRPORT/TRINITY WHARF DROP-OFF AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST (Surcharge Applies)
- HOSPITAL & DOCTORS SURGERIES DROP-OFF (Eastern Side of Sheridan St. only) (Surcharge Applies)
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CARDS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR CONCESSION
- NO SERVICES OPERATING CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY
- PASSAGE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF SEATS

LOCAL SHOW HOLIDAY IS NORMAL TIMETABLE
(Cairns Show please check with drivers/office)

ATHERTON HEAD OFFICE 6 McConaghie St 4091 1855
 ATHERTON PHILLIPS NEWS, 48c Main St 4091 1105
 CAIRNS 46 Spence St (Pay driver) 4091 1855
 KURANDA 15 Therwine St (Pay driver) 4091 1855
 MAREEBA MAREEBA NEWS, 125 Byrnes St 4092 1030 (Bus stop is at old Railway Station - behind KFC)