



Only four weeks to go to the
**Official Opening of Kuranda District College
 and the P&C Fete**

Sunday 24th August 12-8pm



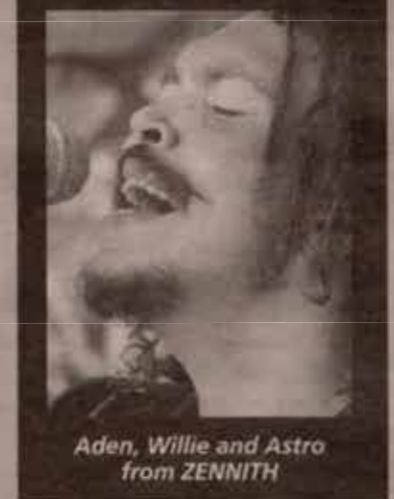
THERE would be very few schools in the Cairns/ Tablelands district that would be able to muster up such a wealth of talent to perform at their local school fete. However, the upcoming Kuranda District College Fete will showcase a line-up of performers that would rival many festivals. The crowd will be entertained for over five hours by high class performers who are all either, former students, parents or have a strong connection to the College.

Kicking off performances on centre stage will be local member for Barron **Steve Wettenhall**, joined by **Kirk Steele** and **Dave Martin**, bringing their brand of Celtic folk as **Get Reel**. There is something for everyone with reggae from **Koahlition**, funky originals and covers from **Jon Banks and friends**, traditional language songs from **Gudju Gudju**, and original blues with **Double Trouble**. Headlining are former students and local heroes **Zennith**, fresh from wowing the crowds at major festivals including Woodford, Island Time, the Dreaming, Winter solstices and Kuranda Roots.

An extensive range of performers will also be showcasing their talents such as **Kassowary Circus**, **Mareeba Gymnastics**, **Dance House**, **Dance Junction**, and **Kuranda Tae kwon do** and as part of the official opening there will be a smoking ceremony.

People would expect to pay top dollar to view this type of entertainment, however, all the entertainers have generously donated their time so come along to the fete Sunday 24th August. Buy some dinner, a cuppa, or a raffle ticket, go on a ride or kick back and enjoy the free entertainment before watching the fireworks spectacular to round off the evening.

Alongside all this entertainment will be the traditional fete activities, school based performances, classrooms displays, demonstrations, jumping castles, rides, stalls etc. More details on the school page inside.



COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

Having been rejected from becoming a member of The Kuranda Chamber of Commerce three times now; I felt it time to tell my story.

For those of you who don't know me, I have owned and operated Abra Kadabra in Kuranda since 1990. Late in 2004, I thought it a responsible act to be a current member of the Chamber of Commerce. Having been a member in previous years, I sent a cheque for half year membership; only to be notified that my membership had lapsed and I needed to reapply in the usual way.

I filled out the form with two current members as witnesses, only to have this application rejected because I filled out the old form. So I got the new form, filled it out with two witnesses and cheque accompanied, only to be rejected again.

My solicitor wrote the Chamber a letter asking "Please Explain?". The e-mail reply to him was that there was "not enough affirmative votes" and that I could appeal the decision if I wished.

Well, now, I'm not sure I want to join an elite group of over political, discriminative, ineffectual people anyway!

The paradox is that the Chamber writes every month in this paper that they encourage membership. Well, that was certainly not my experience. Nor did they make it easy or welcoming for me as they imply.

Forgive me for actually thinking that it is my right as a business owner and a rate payer to be a member of one's local Chamber of Commerce.

I have been rejected by a small internal group of narrow-minded committee. So rather than appeal, write to higher bodies, or waste my time and money fighting a Chamber which doesn't want me, and which, is supposed to represent me(scary). I have learnt through all this that I no longer need to be a part of this out of touch group to have power in my village.

Like they say, if you want to know what's going on in Kuranda, you have to walk the streets.

Josette Braithwaite, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Toby Hutcheon's letter regarding the Bligh Government's solar feed-in tariff misses the key features of the Solar Bonus Scheme.

The Solar Bonus Scheme promotes the uptake of household solar PV, encourages energy conservation, costs Queenslanders one-quarter as much as the alternative scheme, and results in lower greenhouse gas emissions per household.

The Solar Bonus offers PV owners 44 cents per kilowatt hour for all excess energy fed back into the electricity grid.

Consumers are paid for all moments throughout the day where household energy consumption is less than that being produced by their solar system.

Contrary to Mr Hutcheon's allegation, households are expected to receive the Solar Bonus on up to one quarter of the electricity they generate. The other three quarters, which they use themselves, will be free.

The contrary proposal put by Mr Hutcheon would see solar households produce clean energy and sell it to the grid, but continue to run their homes on

fossil fuel energy!

What is the point of installing solar and then powering your home with fossil-fuel generated electricity?

Finally, funding a gross-metered scheme would see Queensland electricity prices skyrocket by four times the cost of the Solar Bonus.

The Bligh Government will continue to promote environmentally friendly solar energy without punishing the hip-pockets of working families.

Steve Wettenhall MP. Member for Barron River

Dear Kuranda Paper,

This month some senseless vandalism took place in our lovely new playground, and also at the information centre. The contents of two paint tins were thrown over the windows of the centre and over the playground equipment. As well as causing council workers' time to clean it up, it also prevented the playground being used for the day.

I don't suppose anyone noticed family or friends with cream paint on their hands or clothing but if you did perhaps you could remind them that the playground is for our families and children - not just the tourists.

The information centre is also a centre that works as much for the community as well as tourists. The hard working and dedicated volunteers put in a lot of time helping locals with information on buses and local events and it leaves a bad taste here to be broken in or vandalized on a regular basis.

Perhaps these bored folk would like to donate a bit of their 'spare' time to the various community organizations around the village that are always looking for people to help. (Now we have a security camera, we will see you next time you try and damage the centre or break in)

Cathy Harvey, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

We recently enjoyed thoroughly a three week visit to Kuranda. We participated in a number of community activities including mah jong and painting lessons. We supped in local cafes and shopped locally. It is a beautiful village and we met very interesting people.

There was, however, one disappointment during our stay. We hired a rental car from the Kuranda Resort and Spa, gave our credit card details and drove west. We rang a number of days later and extended the rental period. When the vehicle was returned to the Resort they were unable to give us any documentation or receipt. After 7 return visits to the Resort on 7 different days, and with 7 more excuses, we had to leave the country without a receipt or knowing how much had been deducted from our account. It made us worry and it made us angry. It took the gloss off an otherwise most enjoyable visit to Kuranda.

**Harlen
New Zealand**

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

A new "Super market" for Kuranda on one of the nicest sites in town... Hopefully it will not be just a bigger version of what we have already - namely a large expensive corner-store where most of us can only afford to get those odds and ends we forgot to get at Smithfield or Mareeba. If it wasn't for the Indigenous community who seem to be happy spenders, I doubt that the shop would be lucrative enough to expand at all... We can only hope that the new version becomes a "REAL" supermarket which will end up benefiting the broader Community by being able to afford our weekly shopping here in Kuranda rather than having to spend extra on petrol going elsewhere. It is understood that it is hard to compete for prices like Woolies or Coles - but I think the IGA shops are a good example of smaller super markets with competitive prices and local produce if available.

Tina Corry-Sokolich, Speewah.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I had a little giggle seeing the big advertisement in your paper saying: "Look At Me - Hair Free!". This is not against the advertiser, I am just wondering, as a mother of a teenage daughter - what next? First it was the legs that had to be hair free, then it was the armpits, followed by the bikini-line. Now our girls are being told that they are not beautiful unless they have absolutely NO hair on their body at all - and we are supposed to be emancipated?

Who is it that dictates what we should wear and how we should look? It is some male-fantasy that comes alive in order to make money out of it and everybody jumps on the bandwagon including us women.... Let's face it - we are the victims! Why don't we start telling the males that we've had enough of hairy faces, chests and bottoms? Let's see how they like to spend hundreds of dollars for enduring painful sessions of having their hair ripped out with wax to please us girls - and see what Happens!!!

Anike Frank, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

My husband and I live in Kuranda Springs, I work in Smithfield and by the time we pick up our baby from Childcare and drive up the Range, it's almost 6pm. Feeling tired and thinking of things we still have to do - cooking dinner, feeding and putting baby to sleep, again we've run out of time to collect mail at Kuranda Post Office. We've been living here for four years and all this time wished for mail delivered to our home.

I know mail gets delivered to the Top of the Range residents! Why not us? I've found out I'm not the only

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only one asking this question. My neighbour Michele Woods approached Australia Post in February 2008 and was told that a poll of local residents was conducted in 2006 via doorknocking establishing there wasn't a need for mail delivery in Kuranda. Michele was further told that if she collects minimum of 150 signatures, Australia Post will reconsider their decision.

Since then, we've left petitions at Cafe Kuranda, Food Works, Fitzgerald Hotel at the Bistro Garden and Kuranda Hotel at the main bar. I am asking those who would like their mail delivered to come and sign petition. I realise not everyone wants mail delivery as some feel picking mail from Kuranda Post Office is an opportunity to meet their friends. All I want is to have a choice of holding PO Box or not and at the moment I don't have that choice.

If you feel you would also like to have that choice, please support our movement to establish mail delivery in Kuranda by signing the petition.

Yuliya Brandt, Kuranda Springs.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

How sad to lose our Principal of Kuranda District College, Chris Capra.

In his short tenure here Chris proved himself to be an innovative, progressive and dynamic leader. This was shown by the many awards and the Australia wide recognition received by our College. However like any outstanding leader he had a dedicated team behind him.

He was well respected throughout the community not only at the school but by the business sector as well.

However, as with many people in his position, he had a small number of detractors who stopped at nothing to attack him at every opportunity.

I witnessed first hand the personal and professional attacks on Chris by these individuals. I assume that they now feel vindicated in their extensive crusade to denigrate his professionalism and dedication to our College and Kuranda in general.

I hope these individuals sleep well at night in the knowledge that they have, by their actions, left a huge void in this community.

Ross Breadsell, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

A Big thank-you!

For the past nine months I have been caring for an injured rock wallaby that originated in the Lakeland area, brought to me by Sue, a station owner in the area, and would like to thank all the people who have contributed to his care for all these months. Vet Dorothy McLauchlan from the surgery at Smithfield first diagnosed Rocky's condition as a broken back and instructed me as to how best go about

his rehabilitation, always overseeing his ongoing progress. Then once the break had healed, Kerry Hawkes, the chiropractor in Mareeba kindly gave Rocky special massage and treatment every fortnight, at no cost, to regain some mobility and strength in his legs. Then two Bowen Therapy Practitioners helped out with treatments and Rocky was actually up on three legs. Sadly though Rocky recently died, not from the original injury but from an internal infection.

Once again thank-you so much for all the help and support Rocky and I have received from all the concerned professional as well as lay people. Without this help Rocky would have died a slow and lonely death out in the bush.

Betty Timmins, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

A Better Alternative for the Elderly? I'm surprised that the Old School Site in Kuranda, purchased recently for the community by Council, is not the preferred location for an aged care facility. It seems to me to have a number of key advantages - social and environmental - over Welcome Pocket in the Myola valley.

The Old Primary School site has a great view and yet requires no new clearance of native forest or agricultural land. It's close to existing facilities such as public transport, shops, cafes, library and churches. Town water and sewage services are already available. Such a development would bring more life, purchasing power and prosperity into Kuranda village - another bonus for residents in general.

Finally, as the site is Council-owned, it would be possible to stipulate that provision is made for all sectors of our elderly community - including low income earners.

Syd. Walker, Oak Forest

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Meow, meow, meow!

Keep your moggies in at night. Moggies cannot resist the temptations to hunt our beautiful wildlife. Nocturnal as they are they do wander at night and sometimes end up on the wildlife cages where animals are being rehabilitated. This creates fear and anxiety for the wildlife awaiting future release.

We know that our Moggies need exercise, love and care and the most recent suggestion is a cat enclosure/run where your cat can run and play. These enclosures are not difficult to install.

Purr, purr, purr!

Joanie Byrnes, Kuranda.

**Just Gorgeous
A
Cooktown Cup
Winner**



Michelle Cochrane, from Kuranda, winner of Fashions on the Field at the Cooktown Cup Races. You too can become a winner with fashions and friendly advice from the Just Gorgeous Girls

(Photo compliments of Cooktown Paper)

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ELVIS FEVER

FNQ ANNIVERSARY TOUR 08

Friday August 15th - 7.30pm
Kuranda Amphitheatre

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online at www.ticketlink.com.au
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and the kuranda video shop

WIN 1 of 3 double passes
In 25 words or less explain to the VULTURE why you deserve 2 tickets to ELVIS FEVER?
Send your answers to vulture@kulturevulture.com.au
Winners will be contacted via email on Friday August 8

All articles submitted will be printed in the paper. Conditions apply to acceptance of material.

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No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) Program: KNC is delighted to welcome Cathy Billam as our NILS Volunteer Coordinator. Cathy will be working on the Accreditation Process and we hope to have our program up and running in about 6 months. Please call the centre if you want further details about this new project.

Administration Officer Position: KNC welcomes Louise Gilmour as our Admin/Book keeper. Thank you to all who applied – we had many quality applications. Louise brings with her broad expertise and experience from many diverse fields including human services, legal and hospitality.

Information Session Ideas: We are organizing information sessions when we identify a need for them. Recent sessions have included Family Law Information with the Registrar Gilbert Victoire (Cairns Family Law Court), Tenancy Advice Session, Child Protection/Child Safety Legislation and Processes. If you would like to know more about a particular service or area, please let Ceri Hughes (Family Support

Worker) know by calling the Centre or email her at kdfs@qld.chariot.net.au so she can arrange a session.

Grandparents Support Group: With the support of Atherton Neighbourhood Centre KNC is starting a Grandparent's support group. The group will meet the 4th Monday of each month 9.30-11.30am at KNC. The next group meeting will be 28th July and then 25th August 2008. For more information please call Ceri Hughes.

Book Exchange: Please continue to give donations of books as we are extending our Book Shop/Exchange. Don't forget we have cheap photocopying, laminating, fax and some phone services. Internet is \$2 flat rate (book if you want more than 1 hour). We have office space and conference room with all facilities available for hire.

Kuranda Interagency Network: Is on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm. The next meeting is on 6th August 2008.

Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator

Hemp Versatility Featured at Gathering

The versatility of commercial hemp will be highlighted at the inaugural Hemp Gathering to be held in Kuranda next month.

Event co-ordinator Di Russo said that the event, which will be officially opened on Friday August 8 and run on Saturday and Sunday August 9 and

the potential to be a robust industry as awareness is increased of the benefits in North Queensland. The Hemp Gathering will be attended by people from Northern New South Wales who have directed production to for use as a food alternative for human and animal consumption," Ms Russo added.

The Kuranda community already has learned of the versatility of hemp via a course conducted in the town some years ago when Ms Russo instructed a number of participants in manufacturing and screen printing hemp cloth tote bags for tourists and also in the production and screen printing of various types of hemp cloth into trendy and modern wearing apparel.



Models display garments made from natural hemp cloth and screen painted at an earlier hemp training course in Kuranda.



Words of Wisdom from My Grandmother:

If you don't know where you're going any road will get you there.
 A friend's eye is a good mirror.
 We can't all be heroes, someone has to sit on the step and clap as they go by.
 Worry about the past only if you intend to go that way.

10 at the Kuranda Rainforest Markets Amphitheatre, will place accent on the many uses and versatility of commercial hemp.

"We are confident that anyone who attends will be pleasantly surprised at the many uses of this versatile crop," Ms Russo said. She said that the event has been planned for participants to share ideas and for the public to become more aware of the potential commercial Hemp has as a future crop for the Far North.

"The promotion of hemp, as an environmental alternative, can also have benefits for the Tableland - hemp has

The Hemp Gathering also will feature organic hemp products, environmental information, alternative living ideas, local art, music and performances and lots more.

The event will co-incide with celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets.

"This is planned to be a family friendly, alcohol and drug free event and we have received magnificent support from the Tableland Regional Council and numerous local residents and businesses," Ms Russo said.

For any further information please contact Di Russo on 4093 8761.

Fossil Forum

Kuranda – more than a Village in the Rainforest – yes you've heard it before but ever stopped to think what might make it more than a Village in the rain forest. Aside from its vibrancy and uniqueness as a tourist attraction and epicentre for extraordinary access to natural beauties, Kuranda has an attraction that finds expression in the numerous comments of visitors who are struck by its appeal and in the fierce loyalties and dedication of its residents.

One has only to look around at the legacies of this commitment to our Village – the Amphitheatre, the Arts Co-operative, Envirocare, the Information Centre, Kuranda District College, the Neighbourhood Centre, Ngoonbi the Kuranda Paper, the Recreation and Sports Club and the numerous Clubs and Organisations offering a diverse range of opportunities to pursue shared interests and socialize.

Behind each one of these is a long history of dedication - of time and energies devoted to the inception and maintenance of the organisation – the commitment of individuals passionately united in securing a



common goal – time and efforts often unremarked and unacknowledged.

From farming, railhead, tourist centre, Hippie Mecca to today's Kuranda – a long story of growth, decline and regrowth. The question is how does the Village move forward, maintaining its unique features and charms in the growing uncertainties of climate change, peak oil and population growth?

Obviously, residents long gone, some now long in the tooth and more recent arrivals have seen that they can make a contribution, fight for opportunities for the Village and gone about it with passion and zeal to secure their goals – our shared inheritances.

The coming months will see a veritable avalanche of Annual General Meetings as organisations set their courses for the next year. And across this time, individuals will continue to give their time and energies to maintaining these organisations. Where are you?

What can you contribute, what skills, time, passion and energies are you prepared to give to build upon and expand those things that make Kuranda – more than a Village in the Rainforest?



August 2008 and the recent winter rains have boosted dams and tanks and brought forward growth and early starts to some plants. The keen gardener is already beginning to plan for Spring/Summer plantings and how to carry through the garden to the Wet. More gardeners are removing palms from their established gardens as they find increasing damage to understorey plantings as the palms get taller and the falling fronds heavier – a caution here to the beginning gardener. Considerable care should be exercised in selecting any proposed permanent planting, think of eventual size, growth rate and siting. The canvas

you are painting on stretches forward into the future.

I have had just removed a massive monster of Flame of the Forest (*Mucuna bennettii*) which threatened to take over the entire forest, not only in its rapidity of spread but from the ever increasing seed drop which, despite its very short viability, managed to increase its domain by dangerous dimensions. I will mourn its flamboyant beauty, paying the price for a "must have" and ill-considered planting but relax a little that I won't be strangled in my bed by its tendentious tendrils.

It is a never ceasing wonder, the generosity and willingness of gardeners to pass on plants and knowledge to their visitors and how some many fond memories are often

carried across time and place as one recalls the origin of a particular plant. It is so important to pass on this passion for the growing world to young people and every seed of interest shown by children in the wonders of the plant world should be encouraged.

Plant of the Month: Begonia (*Begoniaceae*). Who hasn't drooled over the wondrous patterns and luxurious velvets of the Rex Begonia and who hasn't lost more than one of these treasures? A very large family with nearly 1000 species and swarms of hybrids and cultivars, spread extensively through tropical and sub-tropical regions, Begonias are unisexual carrying both male and female flowers occurring in the same flower cluster on the one plant.



Ranging from high altitude to rainforest floor and with habitat from wet tropical to semi-arid, the begonia family has something to offer the most discriminating gardener. Rule out the luscious flowering tuberous begonias derived from higher regions and curling their toes in the heat and humidity and if you must purchase one of these offering shortly appearing in the chain stores, see it as a passing pleasure.

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In the last article we promised to give you a brief overview of the different products and services of ECOSmart-AustralAsia. This edition is about Light Weight Concrete.

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It is available on a license basis or directly through Boral Concrete. Contact us on 07 4085 5100 for more information or come to our office-opening on 31 July, lower floor of the Kuranda Business Centre (underneath the Professionals / Kuranda Village Accountancy on 12 Rob Veivers Drive Kuranda).

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Kuranda Film Society at the Sports & Social Club

Sunday August 3 at 4 pm at the Sports & Social club Fallon Rd.

Bring a plate to share at "interval". Subscriptions for 2008 are: \$10 per year, or \$5 for a 1 day membership. For more information ring Hans at 40938393

Little Fish

After four years of treading water and redeeming herself in the eyes of her hard-working single mother, she has set herself the humble goal of owning her own business. But the unexpected return of her ex-boyfriend Jonny, the criminal aspirations of her brother Ray and the emotional draw of troubled family friend and ex footy star Lionel Dawson, creates friction for Tracey. Her dream becomes tangled with criminal boss Bradley 'the Jockey' Thompson with shattering consequences. As a result, Tracey's bond with her mother Janelle is tested and she has to confront her fears to find happiness.

Rosenstrasse

In the spring of 1943, on a street called Rosenstrasse in Berlin, hundreds of women achieved the impossible through peaceful protest. Staring down the barrel of machine guns, they demonstrated against the deportation of their Jewish husbands who were imprisoned by the Nazis in the Jewish Welfare Office in Rosenstrasse. The women of Rosenstrasse put their lives and reputations on the line to free their husbands. Based on true events, renowned German filmmaker Margarethe von Trotta brings to life this incredible story of courage and determination.



COMMUNITY MEETING

Barron – Trinity Inlet

Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP)

What is a WQIP?

What does a WQIP mean for the area?

How is the WQIP being done?

How is the community involved?

Want to understand more about how the process will help improve water quality, what information the WQIP is based on, and how modelling will be used? And most importantly, what the outcome of this process will mean and how can it help to protect the Great Barrier Reef?

You are invited to come along to a community meeting

Date: Thursday 14 August

Time: 7.00pm- 8.30pm

Place: Kuranda Sports and Social Club

Please RSVP to 40938393

For more information please contact ;

Fiona Barron Ph: 4042 1576

or email: fionab@terrain.org.au

Interested in gardening? Come along to KURANDA and DISTRICT GARDEN GROUP

Enjoy a stroll around Neven & Linda Saches garden at 9 Butler Drive, Kuranda 2 pm Saturday 9th August Please bring a plant or cuttings to swap, and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Phone David or Graham 4093 9492

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the Arts page

Duchamp & Dada

The enigma that is Marcel Duchamp defies understanding. Nowhere else in art is there such an anti-artist who means so much to the way in which we view art today, yet it is difficult to find people outside the academy who have even heard of Marcel and his contribution to 'contemporary' art practice.

He is a true iconoclast, he blasted the established and sanctified image of art that had been built layer by layer, 'ism' by 'ism' from Cave Art to post Cubism, and created an art world where everyone may be an artist and everything may be art.

The first mistake that was made, in dealing with Duchamp, was the removal of his painting (now celebrated as being as significant as the Mona Lisa to the canon of art) "Nude Descending a Staircase". The traditionalists were worried that he was attacking their view of traditional art and the Cubists were afraid that he was lampooning their style; still in its infancy and struggling to get up on its feet.

The seriousness of Duchamp is balanced by his diabolical sense of humour. He indulged in "keeping open a corridor of humour" through the stodgy halls of art theory and delighted in a surfeit of wit and paradox. Although he railed against the sanctifying of art, the art that he did produce, (Duchamp was far from prolific), was scientific in approach and excellent in execution.

The lunacy of destruction of 1916 brought the frenzied absurdity of Dada to the battlefield of art. The new avant-garde was as insane as the turbulent world around it, and Duchamp was right in tune and on time to emerge as a figurehead for the new movement. Dada grew out of the Cabaret Voltaire and



Through Art to Anti-Art

from increasingly bizarre forms of 'performance art' drew to itself a multitude of artists including: Picasso, Apollinaire, Modigliani, Kandinski and Jean Arp. Arp was among the first to use non-traditional material in his non-art. "We wanted to avoid any reminder of the paintings that seemed to us to be characteristic of a pretentious, self-centered world". The forces of artistic freedom that Dada set in motion would inspire the Surrealists and Abstract Impressionists as well as Pop Artists (Warhol et al), Assemblage Sculpture and Installaion Art.

Duchamp's own contributions include the humour of "Found Art", the serendipitous act of allotting a title to any common or found object. Marcel presented a white porcelain urinal, inverted and titled "Fountain" and signed R. Mutt for an exhibition for the New York Society of Independent Artists- (an organisation that he helped to form). he presented the "Fountain" along with the \$6 entry fee only to have it rejected. Though the original has been lost, signed and authorised copies are now housed in prestigious galleries around the world. By far the most impressive and the most technical sculptural innovation from Marcel Duchamp is a work known both as 'The Large Glass and Bride Stripped Bare by Her Bachelors, Even'. Even though Duchamp and many others have written reams of explanations of this work it defies rational description. There has certainly been nothing like it in the world of art - unfinished, shattered and repaired, 'The Large Glass', which took Marcel over 7 years to design and complete continues to cast a spell over those who see it, and casts its influence far into the future of 'modern' & 'post modern' art.

Ken Saville

Calling all photographers!

A Kuranda Photography Group has formed over the last few months with locals getting together to share tips on taking photos with different cameras and in different conditions. Members range from novices to skilled practitioners with both film and digital cameras in use.

We are currently meeting on the first Saturday of each month with an outing every second month. The last outing was to the Butterfly Sanctuary where our humorous guide, Rafeek, gave us insight into the micro world of the butterfly. Appropriately, our aim for the outing was to improve on 'moving objects' and close-up skills. The butterflies certainly put us to the test!

Next month's outing will be to a secret location in Speewah, with an aim to improve on outdoor portraiture and natural lighting skills. With around nine members attending at the Butterfly Sanctuary we look forward to another great turn out and to meet new members who join us.

Members from the Cairns Photographic Society (CPS) have expressed interest in involvement with the Kuranda group activities. Those who saw the recent CPS exhibition at the TANKS will know what a fantastic opportunity it will be to enjoy the company of such skilled photographers.

Last month Frank Harrison (from CPS) had a selection of his amazing bird photographs grace the inner pages of the Cairns Post. Frank has offered to speak to members on how to turn wildlife shots into 'topshots'. Over the years he has photographed for the Queensland National Parks & Wildlife Service and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Authority (to name but a few). He has also been awarded as a semi-finalist in the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition - four times! Stay tuned for a time and date when Frank will be speaking.

In the short term we are working towards forming the group into a non-profit as-

sociation so that funding can be applied for with an aim to cover annual exhibition costs and (in the longer term) to set up a photography studio with equipment available for members' use. To become an association we need active members to fill key positions of president, secretary, treasurer and marketing/events coordinator. Drop us a line or join us at the next meeting if this interests you.

For those budding photographers with only a few pennies in their pocket, check out the new, FREE online software from Adobe - Photoshop Express. This basic version lets you upload a photo then carry out a variety of options including: resize, tint, distort, crop and colour correct. With up to 2 GB of FREE online photo storage it is also an easy way to show off your images online to others. Well that's it for this month. Until next time

- Happy Snapping!
Tahlia Jayde @ www.jaydeimages.com



KURANDA PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Next meeting
Saturday 2nd August at
The Speewah Country Tavern

Sign up day
Membership \$20

Election of the committee
will also take place.
Have your say and get involved!

Call Zananda 4093 0365 or
Seren 0409 499 188
for more details

KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE

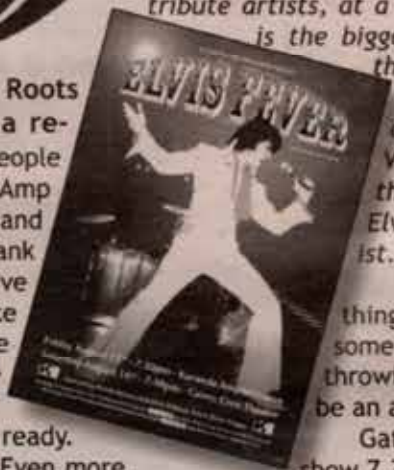
Well the Kuranda Roots Festival was once again a resounding success with people from all over flocking to the Amp for an afternoon of Rooting and Merrymaking. We cannot thank enough the volunteers who give up their free time to make this possible, and I'd also like to include in that all of those who've been spending their weekends getting the Venue ready. The place looked fantastic! Even more so when we had the inevitable Power Drama and everything went all dark!!

Coming up:-

Friday the 15th August Elvis Presley will be taking his annual leave from the Ballarat RSL that he runs with Kurt Cobain, and coming to Kuranda to entertain the masses. Even if you're not that much of an Elvis fan, this guy is worth seeing. Listen to this, plagiarised from his website:-

"When Australia's own Dean Vegas stepped out on stage on the 28th July

2000 to perform in front of over 16,000 people in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, he was the only Australian taking on over 100 of the world's best Elvis tribute artists, at a convention which is the biggest of its kind in the world.



Out of this class field, Dean Vegas was voted the world's No.1 Elvis tribute artist."

So bring something to sit on, and some underpants for throwing. I'm sure it'll be an amazing night!

Gates open 6.00pm - show 7.30pm

Ticket Prices:-

Adults - \$55
Concession Card Holders - \$50
Students (12-15 Yrs) - \$39.50
Children (Under 12) - Free
from Ticketlink: Ph. (07) 4031 9555 or
www.ticketlink.com.au

In readiness for the imminent arrival of "The King", we're going to be having a Whopping Great monstrous massive quadruple HUUUGE big fat obese wobbly "KING-SIZED WORKING BEE"!!!! and we know that all of you love com-

ing along to these!! This will be this Sunday (3rd August), starting at 9am. Rewarding yet challenging activities include:-

- Whipper-snipping
 - Cleaning amenities and Gatehouse
 - Painting the Mainstage.
 - And plenty of other things for those feeling energetic and full of initiative!!
- So come along, bring your own method of mass destruction or use ours, have a few laughs, meet some new people. First 10 to arrive receive FREE MULCH!! Don't miss out!!!

Looking ahead, Carinda Christie will be returning to the Understage on August 30th, supported by Emmaline. They've both played here before, both were very popular, so this should be a good one! There'll be posters up nearer the date. Keep an eye out or check our website for news!

The next Mainstage gig is James Morrison, on the 18th November.

I'm going to use this opportunity to clarify exactly WHICH James Morrison we are having, as there seems to be some confusion about this. He's the jazz legend trumpet man, not the dead



one from the Doors, not the Pommie one and also not Van Morrison, although a few people seem fairly certain that it's him.

This is what has been written about the one that is coming here:-

"There's no doubt that James Morrison is unique in talent and personality. He can play almost any instrument with spectacular genius, and thoroughly enjoys every opportunity to perform."

Tickets on sale now from Ticketlink. See www.kurandaamphitheatre.org or, if you prefer, www.myspace.com/kurandaamphitheatre (new photos up now!!)

- Cat



Focus theatre is now in post AFTER PASSION phase! For us who were involved in the production, it's a type of anti-climax, a time of reflection, cleaning up, bookwork, and not the least, finding out who owns those items left behind! As writer/director, I have to say I am so proud of my cast and crew, who worked hard to help me realize my vision.

Until one becomes involved in a drama production, there can be no conception of how a play can take over your life. With a cast and crew mixture of the more experienced and the first-timers, we all gained so much from the experience. And of course, the

AUDIENCE! What a good reception we had on both nights. Less people on the Friday than on the Saturday, but hey! Isn't that the Kuranda style?

Focus Theatre has been so fortunate in the past to obtain sponsorship from our village, and again, many businesses gave to the raffle and a precious few offered support for our advertising in the form of cash. Many, many thanks to you all. There is talk that the younger ones of the cast are planning a public showing of the video of the play, if it is happening, you will see the posters around town.

On a different note, if you would like to be involved in Youth Week 2009, as a tutor in a one day celebration in Kuranda, combining with the other centres on the Tablelands, then please contact me, as Focus Theatre has been asked to host our part of Youth week by the Tablelands Regional Council. The deadlines for grants are very soon, so here's my email and number. dianam9@dodo.com.au Ph: 40939778 Yours in Theatre, Diana Monaghan



After Passion... what next?!



Donna at work

connecting with...

Donna Raymond

Casually strolling through the Original Rainforest markets on a Thursday or Saturday, you'll find Kurandas new resident artist busily painting away on the creative balcony of Earth Connections. Donna Raymond or "D*" to her friends has been a resident for almost 2yrs now, and feels at home in the rainforest. D* has always had a flair for the creative arts and regularly explores the realms of Acrylic Paint. Having no formal training with a brush, Her works are constantly evolving with each brush stroke! Her works are bright and vibrant, deep and meaningful and embedded with subtle energies. Each piece is intoned with a different intention... and you can really feel it! Donna doesn't usually give much thought to what she creates...it just happens! Intuitively "tapping in" to a collective consciousness. Sometimes esoteric in nature, her works are inspired by the spiritual and physical realms. A constant exploration into the creative mind and processes of this physical experience we call life!



Donna will be holding her first exhibition at the Higher Ground Hemp Gathering on the 08.08.08 till 10.08.08 at the original Rainforest Markets.

If you would like to see more of the artwork she produces please drop into Earth Connections Kuranda (shop 30 in the original kuranda rainforest markets)

or visit her website

www.dlightworks.com
www.earthconnectionsKuranda.com

Celebrate the 30th Birthday Party of the fabulous revamped and pumping ORIGINAL KURANDA RAINFOREST MARKETS and enjoy the Higher Ground Hemp Gathering 8th, 9th and 10th August 2008

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Exhibition of Australian

Hemp products

Hemp industry talks

Food

SATURDAY Midday

- 3pm till 8.30pm

Recycled and sustainable fashion show

Live Music

Night Stalls

Food

Hemp industry talks

D'lightworks

Especially for Kids:-

- Kids Circus acts

- Merry-go-round

- Bruce the Wonder Goat

- Face painting and hair braiding

- Farm animals

SUNDAY 10am till 3pm

Fashion Parades featuring local designers showing off 100% organic hemp wearable art.

Corsets from recycled fabrics plus knickers and hats

Alternative energy demo Exhibitions

Hemp industry talks

D'lightworks Hemp Art Exhibition

Food

Live music and dancing

Drumming

Lots of things especially for the kids.

Finish off at FROGS.

Please gather with us over that weekend and help us go forward into a new era of creativity and environmental awareness and celebrate the Original Market's 30th birthday! A HUGE thankyou to our sponsors and everyone who has come forward with offers of help.

KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

Thank You

The Arts Co-op Mid-Year Sale was a huge success. That is, if the sales, comments and expressions of the visitors and purchasers are anything to go by. They were pleased indeed to have the opportunity to buy beautiful artworks at considerably reduced prices and to meet and talk to the artists.

Thank you sincerely to all those locals who called at the gallery for the sale on 5th July, many for the first time, and supported their local arts community.

Thank you also to the CO-Op's member artists who brought their many art pieces for the sale, including new works, and stayed all day at the gallery to discuss the art and craft processes with the visitors.

Congratulations

For three months in row the Arts Co-op has had the opportunity to publicly congratulate member artists for personal awards and exhibitions.

Congratulations this month go to Toni Rogers, Cantata Studio. Toni is a local photographer and fibre artist. She recently submitted two pieces in the Mareeba Art Society annual exhibition.

The first was 'Crocodillos', in the Sculpture section - a tall metal frame holding a small handmade basket, adorned with feathers, small marsupial bones and three crocodile tails. This piece was awarded a Highly Commended.

The second, 'Sanuki' in the Fibre Section - a handmade, stitched pine needle basket. This piece was also awarded a Highly Commended. This artwork has been sold and is heading for Ireland. Toni was thrilled and thought 2 out of 2 was pretty good.

'Crocodillos', along with Toni's other innovative craft works can be seen at the Arts Co-operative Gallery.

Photography

Of the fine arts "photography is easily the highest growth medium", Art Market Insight reports. "Between 1990 and October 2007, prices for photography rose 70% compared to 43% for sculpture and 15% for paintings." According to this European industry journal, in the first nine months of 2007 the photography sector posted

sales of Euro75 million, compared with Euro65 million for all of 2006. However, New York is the biggest market accounting for 65% of proceeds from photography transactions over the past decade, followed by London with 19% and Paris with 9%.

Amanda Rowell, Roslyn Oxley9 manager, the Sydney gallery now famous for exhibiting in May 2008 Bill Henson's images of naked children, said the controversy propelled photography from newspaper arts pages to the front pages, and arguably brought the art form more public awareness in this country than ever before. She said "time will tell whether that media blitz creates long-term interest in photography in general."

It is an interesting time for photography, with the phasing out of analog paper and film by photographic companies forcing artists to go digital.

There are a number of photographic studies by local photographers for viewing in the Arts Co-op gallery.



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KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE
Settlement Building, Rob Veivers Drive
(next to the Butterfly Sanctuary)

A Thought for August

This month we read from St Matthews's Gospel Chapter 13 verse 1 to 23

There are all sorts of ways by which we come to faith. One person cannot point to a moment when Jesus became their Lord because they have never known a period when Jesus was not part of their consciousness. Someone else may have had a totally different experience. Through some event, some book, some relationship, some conversation, they may have been brought to deciding that Jesus was their Lord. The sad thing is that sometimes the latter person will think the former person's way to be not quite the real thing. Of course it is the real thing. It may be gradual, even lifelong, but it can be profoundly real.

Jesus told a story about the many kinds of faith journeys people experience. His image of God is that of a sower striding along a stretch of ground. In long regular sweeps of his arm he throws the seed far and wide. That seed represents all the myriad ways in which God communicates with us and gives grace to us.

A seed falls on the roadway beyond the soil line. A bird comes and the seed is gone. A seed falls among rocks where there is just a sprinkling of earth. It grows but it has no nourishment, so it dies. A seed falls among thorns, struggles to grow, succeeds partially, and is overcome. Finally a seed falls in good rich earth and there are magnificent results.

In a sense the whole story is true of each of our lives. From birth to death God communicates with us, fostering our growth, guiding, inspiring, and calling. Because we are human we go through periods and circumstances when we become each of those places in the story where the seed of God tries to grow. We can be the path beyond the soil line. That may be a stage in our lives when other influences, some of them actually evil, can snatch from us any link with Our Lord. We can become the rocky ground, a person full of initial enthusiasm, but if there comes a time when our allegiance to Our Lord becomes costly in any way, we fade out. We can be the place of thorns. We encounter Our Lord. It affects us deeply, but something more attractive comes and we go in that direction. There are a host of shiny options in today's world to make us do just that. Finally we can become good soil. We encounter Our Lord. We grow in Him and we respond to Him. He becomes the foundation of our lives. We find that life with Him can be far more satisfying than the other shiny options. God sows the seed. We are the ground which receives it. What kind of ground do we decide to be?

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
KURANDA MEDIA ASSOCIATION
Inc.**

9.30am - Saturday 6th September
Training Room - Kuranda Fire and Rescue Station
Membership \$5.00 - Forms at Video Shop, BP Complex
Management nominations and new membership voting eligibility
Closing 5.00pm Friday Aug 22nd.

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"O God, refresh and gladden my spirit. Purify my heart. Illumine my mind. I lay all my affairs in Thy hand. Thou art my Guide and my Refuge. I will no longer be sorrowful and grieved, I will be happy and joyful. O God, I will no longer be full of anxiety, nor will I let trouble harass me. I will not dwell on the unpleasant things of life. O God! Thou art kinder to me than I am to myself I dedicate myself to Thee, O Lord.

Spiritual Meeting: readings from the great religions, Wednesdays, 7 pm, Baha'i Info Centre, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda, all welcome.

Study circles by arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

All enquiries welcome. Telephone 4093 7120

From the Baha'i Community of the Tablelands

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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Family Eucharist
9.30am Sunday school
5.00pm Afternoon Worship
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Prayer and Praise @ 5 (Aug 31st)
all other Evening Prayer

**ST SAVIOUR'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL
OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**

Saturday 10th August
6.00pm Sung Eucharist and Dinner
Sunday 11th August
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Family Eucharist
5.00pm Evening Prayer

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Saturday August 2nd
8.30am - 12.00noon

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**FOOTSTEPS IN
THE SAND**



One night I had a dream. I was walking with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and the other was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared

before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you the most". The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you".

*... Not by bread
alone ...*

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1st Wednesday of each month
Mass 7.00 pm



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Informal style of family service

2nd Sunday of the month - 4:30 pm

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4054 2707

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Kuranda Tennis Club

Congratulations to our Junior Fixtures team. The trophy winners for term 2 were Jess Leon as Most Improved Player, Leon Whipp the Winner and Chantel Dealy was Runner-up. It was a very close competition so well done to all the other players, Aiden McGee, Tom Bullen, Beau and Connor McHugh.

It has been wonderful to see so many new players for our Saturday morning lessons with Marty Howell. Marty runs several sessions catering for all levels, starting bright and early at 8am with our youngest beginners continuing through to the teenagers. If anyone is interested phone Marty on 0418 788369.

The courts are also available for private hire day and evening with the flood lights at very reasonable rates. Phone Katy for more information on 40937666.



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By Day

Prizes

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Carl - 0427831113
Secure Display - \$10.00 entry, General Display - Free
Sponsors and details to be announced

KURANDA PLAYGROUP

Solid Foundations

It is not bricks and mortar that gives a place solid foundations, but people. At Kuranda Playgroup's new home out the back at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, new families have joined this year and given us new vigor. Each week new families turn up to try it out and do an activity like playdough, singing and storytelling. All families with kids under five are welcome.

Some families have also gotten busy getting us set up with new toys, equipment and landscaping. When we first arrived, the KNC garage and backyard was really an empty canvas which held much promise. Now it's an inviting space, brimming with lots of kids' stuff. But perhaps nothing holds as much appeal to our kids as our beautiful new sandpit.

Lovingly planned and constructed by Andrew, Emily, Michelle, Marty and Ray over a couple of weekends, the sandpit has transformed the backyard. The kids throng to it and for good reason - if a resort had a sandpit this would be it! Of course none of this would have been possible without Boral Masonry for providing the pavers and concrete blocks, and Buster from Kuranda Earth Moving for the excavating and the glorious sand. Our kids love you!

Next thing planned by our backyard blitz team

is more all weather cover to extend the back patio in plenty of time for the wet. We are always looking for more shade cloth and we are still trying to find a good swing set. If you can help us out please contact us. Clean, good quality toys are always gratefully accepted. Anyone got a kid's parachute game?

Also planned is internal shelving which will get us organised, give the kids a safer play area and mean we can get our toy library up and running again. Kuranda Playgroup members are eligible to borrow a toy a week for a gold coin through the library. All profits are reinvested in more toys (and batteries).

At the beginning of the year we were in a conundrum about where the Playgroup was to move to after our previous wonderful hosts, the Kuranda Community Kindergarten could no longer have us due to changed government policy. Lorraine and the Centre's committee were fantastic. Well we landed on our feet with the KNC. Now we have a dedicated space, and again our hosts could not be more benevolent and understanding. Special thanks to Marg Yendell.

Playgroups serve a really important community function. They allow us to feel connected. Families get a chance to socialize and get valuable informal support at a time when many of us are new to this community, and don't have our families close by to help. As a lot of us have our kids later in life after many life adventures, we often have very little

experience with children when we get started. We are on a steep learning curve. Playgroup helps fill this void, and make new meaningful friends in the communities we live in. They provide important foundations for any community. Not to mention the enjoyment the kids get learning, playing, sharing and caring for each other.

Kuranda Playgroup meets every Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (next to the Butterflies). It's \$2 per session and Playgroup QLD annual membership is \$28 or \$20 concession. Families with their first babies born in 2008 get free membership! For more information please call:-

Michelle on 4093 9851 or Davini on 4093 7357



Playgroup Angels: Alyssa, George with Naomi and Marianne



Sandpit Hug: Samuel, Coen, Alyssa, Pypah and Kaylee with Michelle



**FLOOD STORM
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WHAT A GREAT IDEA

In previous articles I've given details of the SES Rank Structure and Courses to be completed to gain the rank of Community Member, Field Operations Member, Senior Field Operations Member or Team Leader. Our group has worked for many months at fortnightly training to complete the courses which are at the basis of the whole rank structure- Safety, Perform CPR and Provide Basic Emergency Life Support.

These Community Member Initial Training Courses are now being regularly offered over a weekend at different sites with transport provided. Our members who have not completed Safety and/or First Aid have applied to attend the next course at Mareeba on 20/21 September.

As new members enrol, they will have the opportunity to quickly complete the basic courses.

This means that in our group training we can concentrate on courses in the SES Basic Rescue Program. We've applied to conduct Ladders and Ropes, Knots and Holdfasts over the next four training nights and will then move on to General

Rescue and Casualty Handling.

Having another trainer will enable us to conduct different courses on the same night.

REGIONAL TRAINING

Recently, Matheus Nube completed a General Trainer course and I attended a Lifeline Leadership course.

Courses offered in the near future are: Flood Boat- Atherton 6/7 and 13/14 Sept; Working Safely at Heights- Mossman 18 Oct and Malanda 19 Oct; Disaster Management Arrangements- Innisfail 25 Oct.

HEADQUARTERS WORKS

Members will be practising their chainsaw skills in reducing the height of trees at the back of our building. This will reduce the productivity of our "gutter garden". We're grateful for the offer of assistance from a commercial tree lopper.

A new sign has brightened the front of our building.

Planned electrical work will enhance safety.

AGENCY ASSISTANCE

Because of recent rain, it's probably unlikely that we'll be assisting Rural Fire Brigades with the planned controlled burn-off at Mona Mona on 2 Aug. However, in preparing for the catering task, we've upgraded some of our equipment so that we're prepared for future needs.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

We're organising an SES display for the Kuranda District State College and Fete and helping the Lions Club erect and dismantle their merry-go-round at the fete.

Interested in joining or require more information- Contact Bob Hammond 0408 939 143 or 4093 9143.

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HOW TO MAKE A FACE PACK:

SANDALWOOD PASTE PACK: Rub a piece of sandalwood on a clean stone, using a bit of rose water or cucumber juice. Soon you will find a paste being formed. This pack will give you a tingling, fresh feeling, and will discourage pimples also.

FOR NORMAL SKINS: Mix 2 tablespoons of gram flour and 4 tablespoons of milk in a clean container or an empty cream jar, and apply all over your face, leaving the area around the eyes and lips clear. Leave it on for 5 minutes, and then wash off with luke warm water and a clean soft cloth. This is also excellent for a dry skin.

FOR OILY SKINS: Mix 2 tablespoons of honey with 1 teaspoon of lemon-juice and 1 teaspoon rose water and apply over the face. Leave it on for 5 minutes, and then wash off. This pack helps to bleach the skin as well as keep the pores tight.

FOR ALL KINDS OF SKINS: Add cucumber juice to any face pack such as gram flour, kaolin, Fuller's earth and milk powder, and form a soft paste. This is a very gentle astringent pack, which tightens the pores.

FOR DRY SKINS: Mix together the yolk of an egg, a teaspoon of almond oil, and a teaspoon of milk cream. This is excellent for treating a very dry skin.

FOR TANNED SKIN: Grind ten almonds to a paste and mix into a teaspoon of curd. Use this pack to remove a bit of your tan and also to soften the skin. Also use this pack when the skin is tanned dry.

YEAST PACK TO NOURISH THE SKIN: Fuller's earth, brewer's yeast, rose water - mix a little of each of these 3 ingredients to form 2 tablespoons of paste. This mask is very useful and nourishes the skin.

MILK MASK TO NOURISH A DRY SKIN: Mix 1 tablespoon of milk powder with one teaspoon of gram flour and 2 tablespoons rose water. This is a very effective mask for both dry and normal skins.

Valarie Birchall, Aesthetician

The Stamp of Approval on a Very Special Package.

Joy and Freda would like to send this message to our readers about a very special lady. **Meryl**, after 24 years, has retired from sorting our mail. **Meryl's** knowledge gave her the ability to sort the mail with such dedication. Starting work Mondays at 1 am and other days at 5 am, her remarkable memory and her dedication in getting the mail out was amazing.

Meryl is a silent achiever and was so extremely dedicated to her job.

Meryl has some amazing stories of the history and goings on in Kuranda over time.

Many great stories of growing up in Kuranda, riding around on a Henkel Scooter.

Stories of playing on the Barron, fishing, swimming and growing up in a local Pub.

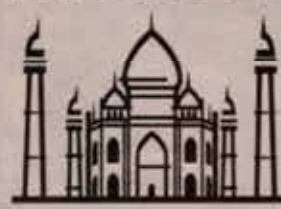
Meryl is a very private person and this made her the perfect person to sort our mail.

On behalf of all those who have received their mail through **Meryl's** dedication

We would like to thank **Meryl** and wish her all the best!



AYURVEDIC RECIPE



GREEN BEAN BHAJI

- 4 cups fresh green beans
- 1 tablespoon sunflower oil or ghee
- 1/2 teaspoon black mustard seeds
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 2 to 6 tablespoons water
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 inch fresh chopped ginger root
- 1 small fresh green chilli pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh coriander leaves

GARNISH: shredded unsweetened coconut, chopped coriander leaves

Wash the beans and chop into 3 cm pieces. Warm the oil or ghee in a large skillet with a lid. Add the mustard seeds and warm them until they pop. Add turmeric and stir well. Put in the chopped green beans and 2 to 3 tablespoons water. Cover and cook on low until the beans are tender (about 15 to 30 minutes).

Put the rest of the water and the remaining ingredients (salt, ginger, chilli, coriander and coconut) in the blender and puree. Pour over the cooked beans and mix well. Simmer for 1 to 2 minutes or until well-mixed. Garnish with more coriander and coconut.

COMMENT: This goes well with basmati rice or dal.

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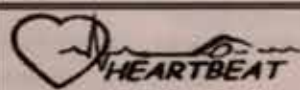
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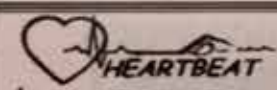


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THE STARS IN AUGUST

Well August begins with some celestial fireworks. On first of August the sun, full of royal pomp and dignity in Leo, is totally eclipsed by the moon. Yep! A total eclipse of the heart.

No doubt back in the days within the destiny of Kings and Rulers was at the mercy of solar eclipses the court astrologer would have had to put in a bit of nimble footwork on this one. But what he wouldn't have known, with the planet Neptune not having been discovered yet, was that at the same time, Venus, also in Leo, was making an exact potentially treacherous erotic contact with Neptune. Very deep waters. If he had known he would almost certainly have had a quiet word to the King suggesting that he might keep a close eye on the movements of the Queen and/or favoured mistresses. Definitely something under covers going on that could bring bad trouble for his madge.

This is a right royal erotic combination and with the Aquarian Neptune involvement nothing is too weird or too beautiful.

Chiron and the moon's north node are tracking together this month, suggesting that the people we are meeting are exactly the ones that we need to meet for teaching, healing and generally shaking life up to get it moving in the right direction for the soul's growth and satisfaction. So let's hope the soul knows what it's doing and isn't just bored with the life you're leading. The inner auto-pilot now takes the rocky road so watch out for pot holes and falling coconuts. Astrology texts call the small planetoid Chiron the "Inconvenient Benefit" in a typical bit of language - mangling but never mind, it does kind of explain the rough and tumble crisis-activated changes that Chiron contacts seem to reflect. And with the moon's node appointed as the heavenly indicator of the "Soul's Journey", then we are headed for the Rock 'N Roll Rodeo on account of the soul wanting a bit of action.

If your Birthday is 9th or 10th February, or 12th or 13th August or if 20 degrees Aquarius is prominent in your birthchart then your own inner rough rider will be full "yee-ha!" mode this month. Hang on!

On 17th August, 7am local time, there is a partial eclipse of the moon, not visible here as the moon will have just set. This is the full moon in Aquarius and quite close to the aforementioned Neptune, Chiron and moon's node - all more or less opposite the sun in Leo. As this archetypal Leo, Mick Jagger, once howled it's time for palace revolution.....! Nothing subtle about this one. The weird are in full cry and the rulers are in trouble.

If you've ever felt that you might have were-wolf tendencies then this weekend might get a bit hairy. And even if you don't get fangy at fullmoon, this one has got a real bite to it.

By the end of the month the Sun, Mercury and Venus and Venus are all in Virgo. Do the cleanse, the fast, and the healing retreat. Mars is in Libra and it's definitely time to take action to get back in balance after a very strange month. Rob Hart.

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BatReach news

Three Lucky Little Possums

Photos and article by Julia Cooper and Martin Cohen

Maxwell Smart and Miss Money Penny are two very lucky possums indeed. A kind member of the public pulled over to the side of the road near Mareeba and checked the pouch of an adult female brushtail possum that unfortunately been hit and killed by a car. To the person's surprise, inside her pouch were tiny twin possums that were too scared to move and too young to fend for themselves. Cold and hungry they were taken to BatReach in Kuranda where they were successfully hand reared by Julia and Martin.

A few weeks later another possum arrived. A dog had attacked the possums and in the panic mum and baby had been separated. Named Mocha, this little coppery brush-tail possum was covered in scratches and in shock. He was far too young to survive without his mother and was therefore also bought to BatReach to be cared for by Pam Tully.

After several months of care the mischievous twins Max and Penny, along with their coppery friend Mocha, have at last found their confidence. All three are bouncing with health and will eventually be returned to the wild.

The Common Brush-tailed Possum (Max and Penny) are an attractive grey and cream in colour. They live in woodlands feeding mainly on the leaves and blossoms of eucalypt, acacia, and melaleuca trees. It is very unusual for possums to have twins and it's very unlikely that both would survive in the wild. A different colour morph called a Coppery Brush-tailed Possum (Mocha) lives on the Atherton Tableland. These coppery possums live in the rainforest and mainly feed on leaves, blossoms and fruits of rainforest trees. During the day they sleep in hollow logs high up in the canopy and wake up on dusk and spend the night foraging for food.

Be careful when driving at night as these possums often come down to the ground to cross roads. Like kangaroos, possums are marsupials and carry their young in a small pouch. Please stop and check the pouch of any possums that have been hit on the road and ensure that dogs and cats are kept safely inside at night.



Max and Penny



Mocha



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help one of the millions of people in the world suffering extreme cold. This is something so simple we can do to help and should also be a fun morning. To sweeten the deal, breakfast and beverages will be served. The bad news is it starts at **7:00am** (feel free to turn up in your P.J's). It is on the **1st of August** and we are asking that **you book, since we will be catering.**

And without further adieu (drum rooooooolll!)...

Two of our borrowers put their hands up to do book reviews for us! Since my 'to read' pile always grows substantially after one of them visits us, I think they are perfect. So, two reviews - one classic and one contemporary, and many more to come I hope.

Until next month, enjoy the weather and this amazing forest we live in. I'll leave you with two of the books you can borrow from the Kuranda Library. There are, of course, many more. Enjoy!

War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy

'If the world could write by itself, It would write like Tolstoy.' Isaac Babel

What a hugs book. Over 1000 pages of story and history, set at the time of Napoleon invading Russia. And stories are the thing, Tolstoy reminds us, that make up who and what we are. He is quoted as saying the book is not a novel, nor an epic poem, but the truth as he wrote it. A sweep of epic proportions, certainly, the book is about real characters, people that we get to know, and even feel we understand.

I decided about halfway through, the book could have been written today. Tolstoy has a way of showing how the truth of a moment in time can shape the rest of life for a person. And how we feel about

things we can't express in words.

But of course it couldn't have been written today. The Zeitgeist now is expressed through technology. Reality shows and Youtube are killing narrative, so storytelling is best found away from popular media.

Tolstoy, with lucid prose and a great storytellers weave of plot and characters, takes us on a journey, best appreciated in a comfortable spot, with the time to enjoy a big book.

I warmly recommend War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy, I absolutely loved it.

'love awoke, and life awoke.' L. Tolstoy.

R.J. Harvey.

Breath by Tim Winton

Winton's love of land and landscape is well-known. He describes himself humbly as a 'wordsmith'. In this novel the reader is transported to the sea and it's mesmerizing colours and light. Rich images of walls of water and "surfers bobbing like tea-bags" on water delight the reader.

As in previous novels we see a group of flawed human-beings. We start with Pike the middle-aged ambo as he looks back on his days as "Pikelet", remembering growing up with 'old codger' parents in a mill town.

We meet Sando, Loonie and Eva, all seeking the ultimate high and looking for more and better dangerous locations to achieve the rush. Pikelet seeks new adventure in the liaison with Eva to no avail despite his efforts.

After the feeding frenzy of each of their risk-taking addiction the last pages reveal the ordinariness of their lives. Pikelet sums it up by wondering whether he "could do something gnarly, or was I just ordinary?" A sober thought for us all?

The feel of the novel is often mysterious and we anticipate disaster. However, by the final pages we are cast onto the mundane, the going to work, children etc. It is a let down, after reading about the first wave of the morning, the smells of paraffin wax and brine as the boys engage in a "rebellion against the monotony of drawing breath".

Gaelle Olsen.

KURANDA VILLAGE TAX TIP

By Fay Allen BCom CPA

WORK-RELATED CLOTHING DEDUCTIONS

Did you purchase clothing for work purposes? You may be able to claim these items as a deduction in your tax return although there are very strict rules about claiming clothing expenses. You can claim the cost of buying, repairing and cleaning occupation-specific clothing, protective clothing and certain work uniforms.

Compulsory Work Uniform - This is clothing that identifies you as an employee of an organisation. It must be compulsory for you to wear the uniform while you are at work. It must be unique or distinctive to the organisation that you work for. E.g. the employer's logo is permanently attached to the clothing. Clothing such as bartender's black trousers and white shirt do not qualify even if your boss tells you to wear them because the ATO view is that you may wear them other

than at work. Yeah Right!

Protective Clothing - This includes clothing and footwear that will protect you from illness or injury posed by your work activities or the environment in which you work. E.g. Overalls, steel capped boots, safety-coloured vests and aprons. Ordinary clothes such as jeans, trousers and socks do not qualify.

Occupation-specific Clothing - This is clothing that is specific to your occupation. E.g. the checked pants of a chef.

Laundry - You can claim a deduction for washing the qualifying clothing. A reasonable way of working out the laundry claim is \$1 per load or .50c per load if you wash the clothing with other laundry items. The maximum claimed using this method is \$150.

The types of clothing listed above is not an exhaustive list and other items may apply. If you have any questions about work related clothing please feel free to call me on 4093 8222 at Kuranda Village Accountancy or visit the ATO website www.ato.gov.au.

WELCOME POCKET

Over seventy people from Kuranda, Myola, Oak Forest, Speewah and district attended a special Welcome Pocket (Public) meeting on June 25th at the QCWA hall convened by the Friends of Welcome Pocket.

Speaker after speaker supported the project at Mantaka near Myola including representatives from the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce, and the Mayor, Councillor Tom Gilmore.

The meeting passed the following resolution unanimously;

"That this meeting resolves to inform the Hon Paul Lucas MP Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning that:

There is a severe shortage of Aged Care accommodation in FNQ and none in the Kuranda Area.

That the freezing of the Welcome Pocket Community Care project near Myola in the draft FNQ 2025 needs to be urgently reviewed.

This meeting endorses the Welcome

Pocket project as a project of great significance and importance for Kuranda and District that will enhance employment and skilling in Kuranda and District.

That the Minister be encouraged to intervene in the matter so that the project can progress."

The meeting then proceeded to endorse the Welcome Pocket project as a one of great significance and called upon the Minister to intervene so that the project could go ahead.

A meeting has been arranged by Steve Wettenhall, the member from Barron River between Fr Chris Wright, Mayor Tom Gilmore and the Minister in Brisbane.

Watch this space for further developments.



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Coffee Production in the Kuranda Area

Peter Ryle

Mareeba is now one of the principal coffee producing areas in Australia, and the town is understandably proud of its quality product. However, Kuranda was a coffee producing area many years before the crop became popular in Mareeba. Coffee was grown in the Kuranda area around 1900 by several people, including A. Street, A.W. Warren and G.R. Mayers. Street's farm was on the bank of the Barron River opposite Remilton's Hotel. It is unclear where the other farms were but wild coffee is still growing in the area in several places.

In 1901 a severe black frost wiped out most of the coffee crops on the Atherton Tableland but Street's crop survived with minimal damage. The Kamerunga State Nursery encouraged coffee growers in the area. The nursery provided seed and gave technical advice to Street and other growers and kept a watch over the crops. Some reports claim the crop was hand picked by children, but other sources report that Aboriginal labour was engaged to pick the crop. One newspaper report said that while the crop was harvested by itinerant labour, Street and his three "stalwart" sons attended to cultivation, pruning and manufacturing the coffee. In 1902 Street had 14 acres under coffee. Of this area 10 acres had full bearing trees from 6 to 8 years in age. He harvested 7 tons of coffee beans from the 10 acres. Reports on the crop state that it took 5 pounds of coffee beans to produce 1 pound of coffee. Street's coffee was sold in tins with bright green and gold labels. The green label variety was a mixture of coffee and chicory and the gold label contained pure coffee. Soon after he began production Street's coffee won prizes at the London and Paris Exhibitions as well as many local shows.

In 1905 Street advertised extensively in the local *Cairns Morning Post*, the forerunner to *The Cairns Post*. Several advertisements were carried in each paper:

Wanted Known ---- That Street's Coffee secured Three First Prizes and Gold Medal, Townsville Show, 1900, and Coffee First Prize and Special Prize, Cairns Show 1900. Seven out of eight First Prize Cairns Show 1901, and all prizes at Townsville Show 1901.

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label) Pure Coffee.

If you want No 1 Coffee and Chicory ask for Street's Green Label Coffee, and do not be put off with inferior articles.

Street had a long association with North Queensland. He was very interested in municipal affairs and was elected Chairman of the Cairns Divisional Board in 1884. Street was also involved in commerce as well as agriculture. In 1885 he purchased the Bee Hive Café, and also operated other businesses. There is little evidence to indicate



Street's Fernhill Coffee Plantation Kuranda
Photo courtesy Cairns Historical Society

when Street ceased farming and manufacturing coffee.

In 1905 he took legal action against another prominent Cairns resident, A.J. Draper. Draper operated a cane farm adjacent to a 160-acre farm owned by Mrs Street at the Mulgrave River. Draper cut off a six-acre section of Mrs Street's farm and fenced it. He grew cane on three acres and ran cattle on the rest. Street subsequently took action against Draper on his wife's behalf, claiming damages of £350. After a case lasting several days the jury found for Street and awarded him £30. The judge agreed to restitution of £30 but ordered Street to pay Draper's legal fees and court

costs. A report in *The Cairns Post* of 1 October 1918 announced that: "Mr. and Mrs. A. Street, Kuranda, have been advised that their youngest son, Private C.H.S. Street, has been wounded in France (2nd occasion). Another son, Pte. J.F. Street who was reported wounded last month, and it is now learned, is suffering from gunshot wounds in the thigh and buttocks".

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Harvesting coffee on Kuranda plantation
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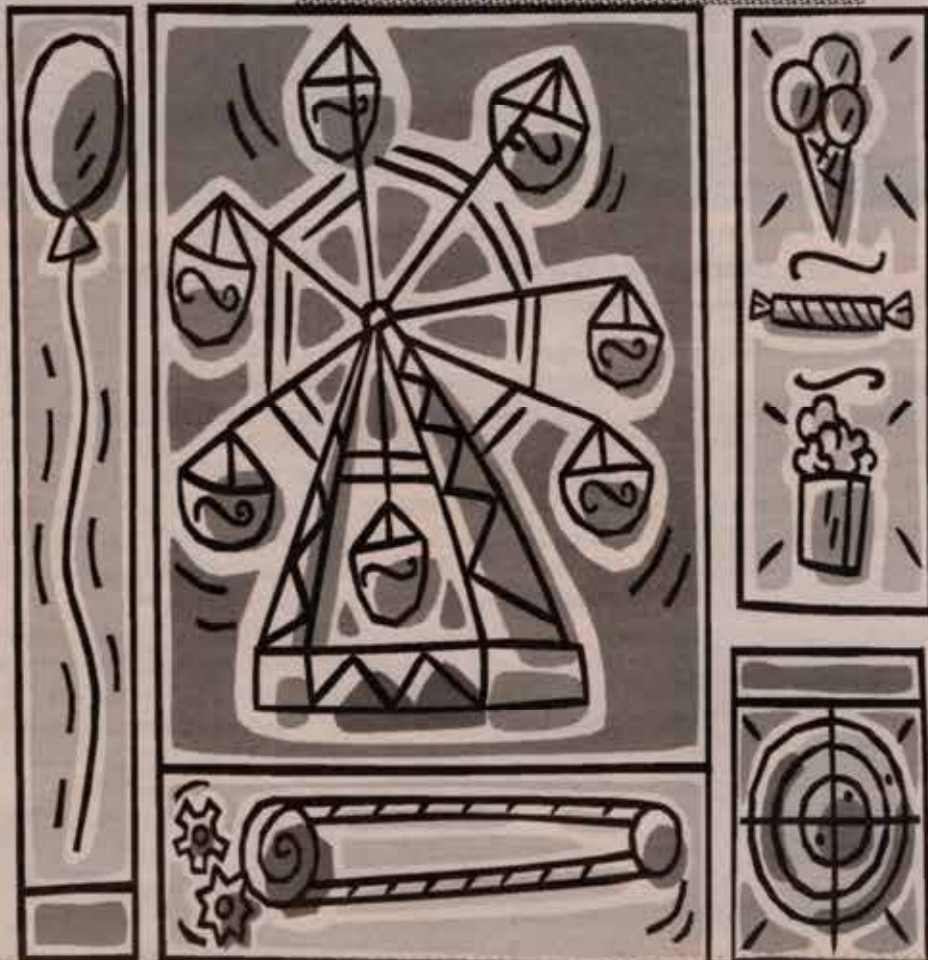
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"I am pleased to report that payment of the carer's bonus to eligible recipients has already commenced in the Tropical North," said the Member for Leichhardt, Jim Turnour. "The Rudd Government acknowledges the incredible work that our carers undertake. They perform a vital role in our community and often under very challenging circumstances."

Recipients of Carer Payments and Department of Veterans' Affairs Carer Service Pensions will each receive \$1,000 bonus payments.

Carer Allowance recipients who receive a Wife Pension or the Department of Veterans' Affairs Partner Service Pension also receive \$1,000.

Carer Allowance recipients will be paid \$600 for each eligible care receiver.

Mr Turnour said, "Recognising the important role of carers in our community, the Rudd Government is enhancing the support available to people in this role."

The Government's measures include: Fairer and simpler access to financial support for eligible carers looking after children with a severe disability, \$100 million for additional supported accommodation to help ageing parents who can no longer care for their disabled children at home, and extending the Utilities Allowance to Carer Payment recipients.

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A lot of people have been asking what our Committee is all about and how can they find out more especially after the great quiz night held last month?

Local Ambulance Committees (LACs) are made up of members of the community who, like you, take an active interest in the provision of ambulance services in their neighbourhood.

They know that they can have a direct bearing on the provision of pre-hospital patient care and work with the QAS to ensure their community receives the best possible service available.

LACs liaise between the community and the QAS, and:

- promote community participation in and an awareness of ambulance services;
- provide advice to the Commissioner in respect of ambulance services in their community;
- carry out fundraising activities for the benefit of ambulance services in their community; and
- manage money held in trust for the benefit of ambulance services in their community.
- LACs work with their community for the benefit of their community.

- All moneys raised by local fundraising activities, donations or bequests remain in their respective communities.
- LACs therefore, have a direct impact on the delivery of services in their community.
- LACs liaise between their community and the QAS by:
- representing their local community on matters affecting the provision of ambulance services;
- advising local ambulance officers about local community expectations for ambulance services;
- being represented on the selection panel to appoint the local station Officer-In-Charge; and
- monitoring the purchase and use of equipment funded by the local community.
- LACs promote community participation in, and awareness of, ambulance services by:
- assisting local ambulance officers to promote awareness of the QAS within the community; and
- promoting community fundraising for QAS projects.
- LACs provide advice to the Commissioner by preparing reports, participating in meetings and conferences and monitoring QAS services at a local level.

Where do LAC members come from?

- LAC members come from their local community and they are elected for a two-year term.
- To be eligible to be on a LAC you must be 18 years of age or over and reside or work in the area served by the LAC.

The Kuranda LAC is holding it's AGM on Thursday 21st August at 7.30pm at the Ambulance Centre in Fallon Road come along and find out more.



KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB

Hi everyone, well July is almost over and what a month it's been, the pony club had its Gymkhana and horse sports week end which was quite successful. A good turn out and lots of fun was had by all.

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successful in receiving a grant from the Reef Hotel Casino Community Benefit Fund to purchase a shipping container so we can store our equipment, which will be a great asset to the club. So we thank them very much. Without these grants it would be very hard to purchase major items for the club.

So our **next rally day will be the 2nd August starting at 9am.** We will have our next monthly meeting on Monday 4th August at 7.30 pm. All welcome!

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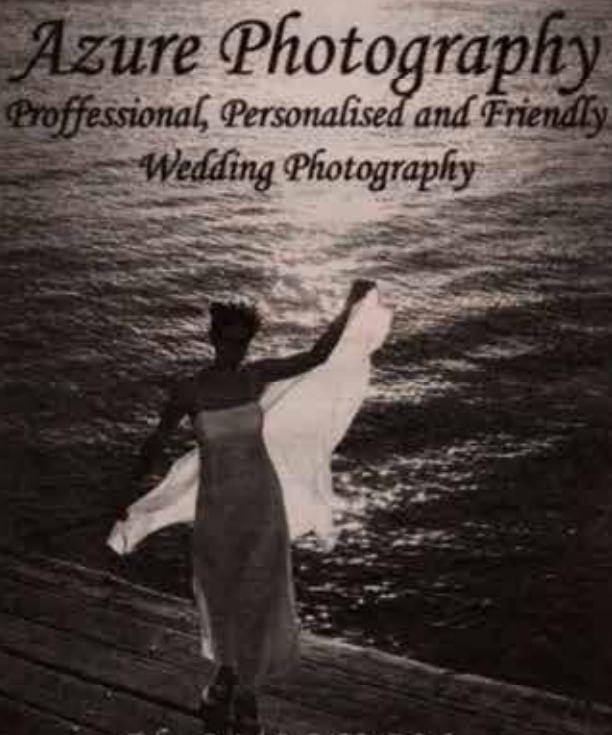
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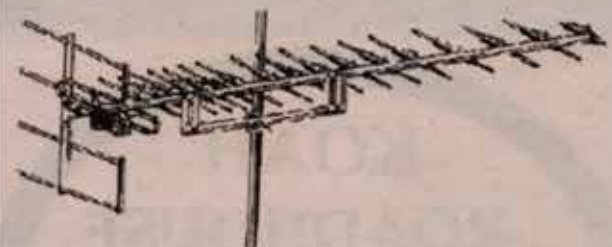
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Finally, the show season is over! Our members have had a busy time with finishing their craft entries for our branch display at both Innisfail and Cairns Shows. Thanks go to the dedicated ladies who traveled down to Innisfail and then Cairns to set up our display. The judges were tough but fair and we were delighted to win the Red Ribbon (2nd) at Cairns. To achieve 108.5 points out of a possible 120 plus 9.5 points (out of 10) for the display was a good effort – and only 1.5 points behind the winning branch entry. Congratulations to the crafters who rose to the occasion by agreeing and then making the lovely craft items that were entered. Perhaps those of the local community who visited the Horticultural Pavilion during Show week would have seen our display along with 8 other QCWA branch displays.

The rest of the month has been taken up with our usual community projects including a quantity of knee rugs, bed socks, and beanies knitted and crocheted by our members and donated to the Kooyong Nursing Home at Julatten. Just in time for the colder weather. On the agenda also were Branch Annual Meetings around the Far Northern Division – a busy time for Division Executives who endeavour to attend all Branch Annuals from Mossman to Tully and up the range to include Kuranda, Aerial Outpost (Chillagoe) and Mt.Molloy.

Craft Lesson Day for August: our ladies are dithering between Card Making (Beaded cards and/or embroidered cards) and Blackwork (a traditional embroidery). For anyone interested in learning a new craft – here is your opportunity. Come along on Wednesday 20th August and join in the fun. Materials are supplied at a small cost for the lesson and lunch is provided as well.

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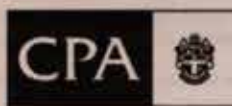
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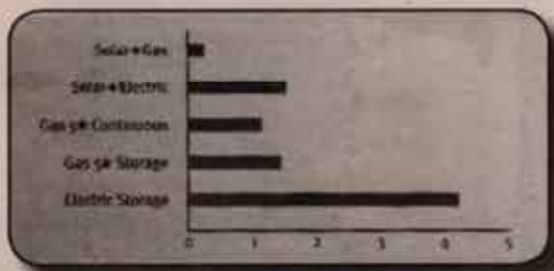
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Wettenhall Watch

Pedestrian bridge over the Douglas Track soon to be re-opened.

The Douglas walking track forms part of a walking track network within the Barron Gorge National Park and meanders its way up the range behind Kamerunga. In 2004 the track was closed for safety reasons, but with cooperation between Queensland Rail, and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service we will soon be able to re-open the track with a new sturdy galvanised steel staircase crossing the Kuranda rail line at Red Bluff. Subject to suitable weather, it is expected the project will be completed at the end of August 2008.

The Douglas Track follows one of the first trails linking the Hodgkinson goldfields (west of Mareeba) with the port of Cairns. Climbing above the northern side of Stoney Creek valley, the track crosses through both rainforest and open woodland. Landmarks including Red Bluff and Glacier Rock provide excellent panoramic views. A variety of animals can be seen along the track, including musky rat-kangaroos, skinks, butterflies and birds such as the catbird, black butcherbird, emerald dove, sulphur-crested cockatoo, spangled drongo and cassowary. It is a 7klm (one way) trip that I can highly recommend.

Funding for Rudolf Steiner School

Funding has been approved for prep to year 7 at Cairns Rudolf Steiner School at the new location at 46 Boyles Rd, Myola. Currently situated at 1 Clacherty St in Stratford, the school has plans to relocate to the new site later this year.

Grants booklets always available

The 'Get that Grant' evening I hosted last month was a great success with 35 different community groups represented. If you or your community group would like a copy of the "Funding and Grants Program" booklet, please let my office know.

New Resources Help Demystify Court System:

Queensland's court users now have easy access to information that will help them understand the legal system and the process involved with going to court.

The three 'Going to court' brochures, together with an excellent website, will help people due to come before the courts feel more comfortable about what happens in courtrooms in the Magistrates, Supreme and District Courts.

The 'Going to Court' series of brochures will provide a user-friendly guide for people interacting with the criminal justice system. For more information on the 'Going to Court' resources, visit www.justice.qld.gov.au

Disability Action Awards

Disability Action Week is being held from September 14 to 20 with a theme of *See Beyond The Disability*. Watch out for local events and activities being advertised across the state to help raise awareness of disability issues, promote positive attitudes and recognise the achievements of people with a disability. Nominations are still open until August 8 for the Disability Action Awards - see the website at www.disability.qld.gov.au/acionweek or phone 3224 8722.

Cycle Network Plan

Queensland Transport has released the draft maps for the *Principal Cycle Network Plan for Far North Queensland*. You can view the maps at www.transport.qld.gov.au/pcnfnq which are open for public consultation until August 1, with the final plan expected to be completed by December 2008. These maps show the draft principal cycle network - a continuous and interconnected network across local government areas that will allow safe cycling between the region's major destinations. Two classifications include: shorted distance trips within centres for schools, work etc; and longer distance trips between regional centres for cycling tourism.

Steve Wettenhall MP, Member for Barron River. Ph: 4038 2800

JENSEN JOTTINGS



Working for you

There has been a lot said about the first 100 days, but you be the judge... How is your new Council performing? Is the TRC on track? I am interested in your feedback.

Old Primary School: Council has appointed a caretaker to live onsite in their own caravan and start basic clean-up and small basic repairs at the old school. Welcome to Claude and Shree who have already started to make a difference to the site. Over the coming months Council will consider the Building Report in detail and make some decisions on which areas to repair first with the intent that some areas can become available for public use. However this will take time and money and we do need to ensure that all public areas are safe. Again, I must emphasize that I am committed to ensuring that the old school remains as a community facility.

Welcome Pocket Aged Care Facility: Council is very supportive of the proposed facility and the Mayor travelled to Brisbane last Thursday, along with Fr Chris Wright, to speak directly with the Minister regarding the need for the 2025 FNQ Plan to be amended so as to allow the Welcome Pocket project to proceed. The Mayor, Council's Senior Planner and I attended the recent public meeting in Kuranda and it is evident that this project is widely supported in our community.

Council Services: Council has a number of staff engaged throughout the region to assist in animal and pest management programs. For example, Environmental Health Officers have recently been involved in assisting residents with the management of feral animals encroaching on some residential areas. These officers are also responsible for weed control programs and water testing.

Tourism matters: Council has recently approved a name change for the Kuranda Village Promotions Program. The KVPP will soon be known as "Tourism Kuranda". Council is also in the process of arranging new signage near the Railway and Skyrail stations. This will show visitors a map of the Village area as they arrive by train or Skyrail. The draft map/sign is available for comment.

Road Safety issues: Council sponsors a Traffic Advisory Group which meets bi-monthly to examine matters of road safety. The group is made up of Main Roads, Council, Police and Community members. Currently the group has very few community members and would welcome interest from members of communities within the region. I have forwarded a number of issues to the Traffic Advisory Group and am happy to put forward any other issues of road safety that residents wish to raise.

Local Laws: Council administers a whole range of local laws which are legislated by the state government. These include such areas as noise management, overgrown properties, fixed and mobile

food licences, food handling safety, keeping and control of animals, commercial use of roads, signage, busking, parking etc. In fact I recently learnt that we administer over 150 local laws. (A reminder to make sure all your registrations are up to date!)

Free Workshop: Glenys Pilat (Community and Social Planner at TRC) is conducting a free workshop for interested community groups who want to find out how to access population statistics in writing submissions and funding applications. The workshop will be held at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on Tuesday August 5th from 9.00am to 11.30am. Contact Glenys at 40932866 to book a place or email glenysp@trc.qld.gov.au

Congratulations: Congratulations to Jane DeCol for the excellent Sport and Recreation Program that is being provided within our community. This program was initiated by Ngoonbi and has been very successful. Unfortunately, the State funding for the program is at risk. It has been extended for 6 months and the TRC will continue to advocate for the program to continue.

Meetings this month: During August, Council Meetings will be held at Mareeba (13/14 August) and Atherton (27/ 28 August). These meetings are open to the public and agendas and minutes are available on the TRC website www.trc.qld.gov.au. Members of the public are always welcome to attend any of the Council Meetings. I will also be attending a variety of other meetings (including Environment Committee, Admin Committee, Planning, Community Services, Budget workshops and various community meetings). Just as well I like meetings!!

Councillor Contact Details: Ph: 40938466 or 40930798 or mobile 0417002046 (Sometimes your call will be redirected, which may mean that you have to wait for a number of rings before you get an answer.) Email: jenny.jensen@trc.qld.gov.au or TRC website www.trc.qld.gov.au ("Contact Us" link)

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Departures	Daily
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Cairns (Spence st)	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:15 PM 3:00 PM 5:00 PM



**LIONS CLUB OF KURANDA INC
ACTIVITY REPORT
Kuranda District State
College Sound field
Hearing System**

On Monday 21 July,
President Bruce
Vanderweyde, Secretary

Phil Pearce and Treasurer Bob Hammond enjoyed a visit to the Primary Campus of Kuranda District State College to formally present, on parade, a sound field system. Head of Curriculum, Leanne Plasto, had successfully applied for the system.

Provision of sound field systems to primary schools is an initiative of Lions Hearing Dogs Inc and began in 2006. It is funded from the interest from a \$4.8 million legacy from Beth Klugh, a former member of the Lioness Club of City of Adelaide. Lions Hearing Dogs Inc provides two systems per Lions Club District per year.

Thank you to Rob Jennings, Head of the Junior School, who during morning tea guided us on a most informative and pleasant tour of the junior school. After the parade, we met Ken Mclean, new Principal of District State College, and visited

the 4P classroom, where teacher Teresa Porasjki demonstrated the effectiveness of the sound field system.

The system has a number of speakers, a base station and a lanyard microphone worn by the teacher. By overcoming problems associated with noise, distance and reverberation. Sound field improves learning and literacy outcomes, creates enhanced classroom harmony and improved student behaviour, and reduces voice strain among teachers. We certainly noticed that the teacher's voice could be heard quite clearly at the back of the classroom and this would mean that less time would be spent on repeating instructions and information.

Learn to Swim Equipment-During the parade, the Lions Club invited the primary school to apply to them for funding for learn to swim equipment. Primary Physical Education teacher, Michael Cavanagh, is preparing a list.

Bus shelters- Over many years, the Lions Club has responded to community needs by erecting bus shelters along school bus routes. On the parade, quite a number of students put their hands up to say they got wet waiting for school buses. We would like to hear from School Bus Committees, Bus Operators and students about the need for bus

shelters. Club members have been very disappointed by what we have observed as minimal use of the council donated, Lions Club erected bus shelter on the corner of Black Mt Road/ Kennedy Highway corner. Nevertheless, we recently concreted the base and will give it a coat of paint and sign. In future, we'll do our best to ensure that shelters are erected to meet priorities of our community. We do believe that the communities where the bus shelters are have some responsibility to maintain the shelters. If your bus shelter is looking a bit "daggy" and you're willing to help with the clean up, please contact us.

Lions Club Sign-We're in the process of refurbishing our town entry sign and we have been working through council to make sure that the sign on Rob Veivers Drive is not obscured by plants or vehicles parking in front of it.

Kuranda District State College Opening and Fete- The Lions Club merry-go-round will be in operation at the fete on Sunday 24 August.

Lions Club Contact Details: The Secretary, Lions Club of Kuranda, PO Box 13, Kuranda QLD 4881. Ph 07 4093 8131

**Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and
Tourism**

Some thirty members and their partners recently attended the Chamber social meeting held at the Cedar Park Rainforest Resort. Our guests were the mayor Tom Gilmore, Div 8 Councilor Jenny Jensen and the CEO of the Tableland Regional Council Ian Church. It was a good opportunity to meet and greet our representatives in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere and special thanks must go out not only to those who attended but the Resort's proprietors who treated us so warmly.

Our September social meeting will be something spectacular with dinner at Cairns Wildlife Safari Reserve. Members will be advised of more details via our website and e-mail. Dave Coupe of Kulture Vulture Productions is hosting the dinner and the cost will be \$ 50 per person with a maximum number of forty guests. This is an ideal opportunity for members to experience first hand the unique opportunity of dining with the lions under the stars.

At a recent meeting and walk around town with the mayor it was noted that some business owners are encroaching within the two (2) meter wide traffic way and some signage on footpaths was not approved. I would urge business owners to be aware of their requirements under council by-laws for sandwich boards, seating and displays as fines could be imposed by council if the situation continues.

The Mayor has also noted that the village is looking a little tired. The council

can only do so much to help with this. With the current situation and the downturn in tourist numbers it is up to all of us to make sure that our premises are clean and tidy at all times. Dirty and dented roller doors do not paint a pretty picture for those visitors arriving after 3.30 pm. If we are to survive the economic downturn we need to not only reinvent Kuranda but also to put it on the map as a must see destination. All of us can do our bit to make our premises clean and inviting to tourists.

I currently meet with our Division 8 Councilor Jenny Jenson on a fortnightly basis. This is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in our shire and to also discuss any concerns or issues that have been passed onto me. My thanks must go to Jenny for her quick response to issues raised and for giving me this opportunity. I must say that meeting on a one to one basis is much more beneficial than the situation which existed in previous years.

Just a gentle reminder that membership subscriptions are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.

Welcome to the new Gingerbread house and Bakery which has recently opened in the New Kuranda Markets in Condoe Street. The Chamber wishes the owners success in the future.

I would like to invite all interested parties to come along to the next Chamber General Meeting which will be held on 5th August at the Kuranda Hotel Motel commencing at 5.30 pm. Remember if you're not there you can't be part of the decision making process.

Ross Breadsell, President

**RECREATION CENTRE
HAPPENINGS – FALLON ROAD**

This month sees the club trading once more and Steve Boag as our new Nominee. We can now start implementing a Volunteer Action Plan for the future.

At this stage the venue operates on demand, so if a function needs the space and facilities we offer in the way of recreational activities; get in touch on any of the following numbers.

With the Tablelands Council's support we are now able to offer the facility for Tennis, Table Tennis, Darts, Lawn Bowls, Snooker, Carpet Bowls and the development of a multi purpose grass court, volley ball etc that would operate by day and night under existing night lighting.

The venue is also available for hire for birthdays, weddings, meetings, seminars and professional development days for any groups. Hire by the hour, half day or full day reasonable rates apply. Membership for a year is \$25.00 and numbers are building steadily. Visitors sign in at the door. Thanks to Council for doing a cleanup on the public gardens

Regular Events-
Tuesday evenings Tai Chi classes

with Les 40938276, 0400938276
Wednesday evenings Salsa
Dance classes with Kevin
0414364965

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be disappointed Ring Sylvia 40
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Bare Foot Bowls-. Getting up
again Thursday nights. Talk to
Lorraine on 40939583

Saturday mornings Tennis
and Coaching, Fixtures, Katy
40937666

Car Boot Sale - club car park first
Saturday of every Month 8.00am
start. Phone Gary 40938399

Film Club - movie afternoons
First Sunday of the month, Phone
Hans on 40938393

Envirocare Meetings third
Wednesday of the month. Phone
Cathy on 40939926

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Cheers,
Gary (President)

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ENVIRO WATCH
 Environment and Conservation News

Weed Alert along the river

The vine we love to hate, Turbina, is flowering at present. It has heart shaped leaves and produces masses of white flowers at this time of year. There's a massive one flowering in the tree tops on Little Rd river ford, off Myola Road and just after Warril Creek. The stem has a characteristic "ropey" look. It infests the banks of the Barron and is now escaping deeper into the rainforest. If you see anything resembling Turbina in the Kuranda area (apart from along the Barron), please contact Druce Horton - ph: 4093 8208. It's readily killed by simply cutting its stems.

Hymenachne control week (a class 1 declared weed) in June this year and some of you may have seen spraying on the river banks by people in canoes. This is part of the control action for this weed which 3 years ago was spread over all the sand banks downstream from Mareeba and is capable of growing in up to 2 metres of water. Without the persistent effort over recent years by the Mareeba weed control officer, Sid Clayton, BRICMA landcare coordinator Jane Page and their various helpers, this weed would have choked the waterway as it was growing on all sand banks. Now it's almost vanished from the river, from Mareeba to Koah. It still persists from Koah to Kuranda weir as fewer treatments have been done. If you see any strange looking grass with leaves clasping right around the stem but not hairy like guinea grass, please let Sid Clayton know on 40 924311 or email sid@msc.qld.gov.au or Cathy on 40 93 9926

DVD on "Tropical Revegetation"

We've been having fun over the last two months making a DVD on Tropical Revegetation! This is to help volunteers who plant in this tropical region understand the background to "why and how" we are regenerating rainforest (bit different to most areas of Australia). Starring several of our members with more than 55 combined years experience in rainforest revegetation, it provides some practical information on rainforest ecology, seed treatments, potting up, nursery care, planting out and safety inductions. The DVD will be available shortly (hopefully free) and should make a handy resource on introducing the Wet Tropics and what's involved in rainforest plantings. To obtain a copy contact Cathy on 40 93 9926.

Have your say -

FNQ2025 - our statutory regional plan

The draft regional plan is still open for public submission till 8 August. Submissions must be faxed or mailed by this date. This is your chance to have a say before the plan amendments are assessed, modification and then law. All council planning schemes must then conform to the limitations contained within the plan. Although the plan excludes Myola urbanisation for now, there are a few items of concern regarding treatment of our environment over the next 20 years. For a list of notes and issues to help with your submission and a submission form, please contact Margaret on 40 93 83 93 or email secretary@envirocare.org.au

Envirocare plantings behind Kowrowa oval - Sat. at 8am

Still at the fig tree bend area, upstream of Big Sands, behind the Kowrowa oval, while the cool weather and showers hold. Watch for the signs to park at the Kowrowa oval/ Big Sands turnoff or ring Cathy to arrange a lift or directions - 40 939926.

Date savers

Envirocare mtg Wed. Aug. 6th 7:30

Sports and Social Club, Fallon Road

Barron Water Quality mtg, Aug. 14th, 7pm

Sports and Social Club, Fallon Road
 (see advert. page 5)

Tree Planting at the Kuranda State school Friday 25 July

Well students enjoyed a fine day, planted a tree each and tucked into a sausage sizzle. Thanks to Cassie and her CVA crew, Work for the Dole crew, Penny Scott our BRICMA Green Corridor Project Manager, Kerry Hardy of Kuranda College and the groundsmen and a very special thanks to the teachers and students who made it possible. A really nice day and another 750 rainforest trees in the ground.



KURANDA conservation

COMMUNITY NURSERY Inc

1 Pademelon Lane, Kuranda (off Fallon Road). Ph: 4093 8834

SORRY we missed last month's Kuranda Paper. We've just been toooo busy.....

We're coming to the end of a massive rearrangement of the nursery. This brings to fruition a long held dream that the community nursery would have its own secure place for the long term.

Now we have our potting shed, shade houses, soil mixes and tools ergonomically arranged to enable us to do our stuff in comfort and efficiently.

It's been thanks to the Mareeba and Cairns Green Corps teams, the QITE Farm Force team and our regular Workers for the Dole that we got this huge job done. And we had heaps of fun and challenges.

Thanks also to our regular volunteers and their amazing skills that have seen major welding jobs done so professionally. Thanks Di Daniels for lending out your welding wiz husband, Phil. What an asset! "Jaxtrax" the tractor did an awful lot of earthmoving and lifting.

You're most welcome to check us out and share a cuppa when we have a break. If we're not out planting, we're at the nursery (1 Pademelon Lane) every Saturday morning.

Our "This is Cassowary Country" exhibition at the Cairns Regional Art Gallery next April is well on track. This exhibition will coincide with other Cassowary-focused events in Cairns so you're likely to be caught up in it somehow.

We've just taken delivery of a **Cassowary scat collecting kit** that will ensure we collect scat material correctly for DNA analysis.

CSIRO will train us and do the analysis. This will enable us to identify the movements of individual birds and the area they cover in their seasonal wanderings. This is cutting edge research.

Meanwhile, we continue with seed identification of Cassowary scats and propagating them so we can be sure we're planting the right food plants back into their habitat.

Our own PIG TRAPS are being fabricated, so soon you'll be able to set up a trap on your place and hopefully remove the troublesome trotters from the system.

"This is Cassowary Country" signs are in stock for you to put up on your gate or fence to let passers-by know the environmental value you place on your land. The signs are FREE.

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Annual General Meeting
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Business to be discussed at this meeting will include the upcoming inbound exchange from the Isle of Wight.

This month's social outing is a visit to the Golden Drop Winery, the Mareeba Wetlands and the Mareeba Heritage Centre.

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Land for Wildlife: This great program continues to be run by Kuranda Envirocare with an experienced officer trained to do assessments. If you want recognition for your property's wildlife habitat value, have it registered as Land for Wildlife.
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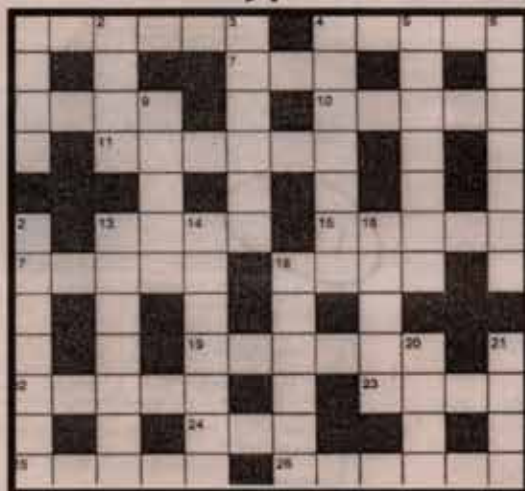
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The 'Koah CleanHarvest Food Bowl'
 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project, of organic and biodynamic farmers and supporters, commences at a gathering at Koah Community Hall on Thursday the 8th of August from 5.30pm, (donations to cover costs, thank you.) With esteemed guest speaker Hugh Lovel, - scientist, csa pioneer, author, biodynamic farmer, consultant and market gardener, the evening will instigate the direct social and economic link between local farmers and producers, and consumers in the local food cycle and offer social cohesion, on-farm biodiversity, a more self-reliant community, employment and skills-building opportunities, the protection of wildlife and environmental values, and of the rural lifestyle, clean water and invigorated soil life.

Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 101 *Compiled by John Brooksbank*



- Across**
- Smallholder urge to keep trophy. 4. Loamy country turned over here.
 - Expectorate - for a pig?
 - Rosie is a willow.
 - Utility shell.
 - Indians rural wagons?
 - Jemima's ex was good with balls.
 - Pool count.
 - Headless & muddled suite is a case.
 - NB - I'm in another alternative lifestyle centre.
 - Birthmarks for Evan and I.
 - Stage a close of business double.
 - In short she's lost more than her head this year.

25. With Martin he's a speedster.
 26. Doesn't sound like it but - still here!
- Down**
- Scots in reverse.
 - True raw material from HJM Construction.
 - Only things taken in National Parks.
 - Illuminating bushranger lost his tail at night.
 - Kuranda cafe for rice balls with seaweed!
 - Stranded on a land.
 - Never known to interfere with a good story.
 - Deck moved to Kuranda Resort.
 - Guest with learner is the worst.
 - Old boy Ian finished after school.
 - Food of love on the veranda.
 - Queen Liz starts ownership claim for winter stoat.
 - Avon calling - no another star is born.!
 - Encourage gambling at the TAB.





Community Calendar

Community Calendar

- Every Sat** Kuranda Envirocare Tree Planting bee, phone 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
Kuranda Tennis Club Junior lessons 8.30am beg, 9.15am intermediate. Fallon Road. Court hire avail. Ph 40937666
- 1st Sat** **Car Boot Sale** Recreation Centre Fallon Road
2nd Sat **Garden Group** 2 pm Phone David 4093 9492
- Every Sun** A.A. CWA Hall 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599
Kuranda Bowls Club Please contact Lorraine on 4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124
Speewah Country Market 8am to 2pm 4093 0361
- 1st Sunday** R.S.L. 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.
Kuranda Film Society 4 pm 6th July Sports and Social club
- Every Mon** **Al-Anon Family Groups** 8 pm Phone Diane 4093 0462
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm - 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Pilates classes at Speewah Pilates Studios 6.30 pm
H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45pm QCWA hall
- 1st Monday** **Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30 pm Mantaka
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- 3rd Monday** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933
- 1st Tuesday** **The KCCT** meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel.
2nd Tuesday **The KVPP** meets behind St. Saviour's Church.
3rd Tuesday **Spring Festival meeting.** 5:00pm. 1 Pademelon Ln, Kuranda 4093 8834. All Welcome.
- Every Tues** **Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults** 7.00 pm QCWA hall Ph 4093 8682
Tai Chi Sports and Social Club 6 pm 4093 8276
8 Ball 7.00 pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537
Belly Dance at Amphitheatre Understage. Have fun and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393
H.A.L.S. Circuit training 4.45pm -5.45pm QCWA hall
- Every Wed** **Craft and social morning** at QCWA hall 9 am
Kuranda Playgroup - 9:30 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre - New families please RSVP Lisa ph 4093 0038 or Michelle ph 4093 9851
Baha'i "Spirit of the Forest" 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St.
Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm - 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Yoga at CWA
Kuranda Bowls Club Please contact Lorraine on 4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124
- First Wed** **Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** at 2.00 pm at KNC
- 2nd Wed** **QCWA meeting** 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group - 10 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
- Every Thur** **Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682
- 2nd Thur** **Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road
- Every Fri** **H.A.L.S.** Stretch Yoga. 4.45pm for 5pm start at QCWA hall

PLEASE CHECK THAT INFORMATION IS CORRECT

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FIRE or other emergencies - please phone 000
SES Flood or Storm emergencies - please phone 132 500
Kuranda SES phone Bob on 4093 9143 or 0408 939 143

Rural Fire Brigade Contacts

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

Kuranda Transfer Station Opening Times

Monday & Friday 7am - 10am Wednesday 3pm - 6pm Saturday 8am - 12pm
 Sunday 1pm - 5pm

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

	MON & TUES	WED & FRI	SAT, SUN & PUB HOL
To :- SPEEWAH	0900	0900	1000
KOAH		1300	
	* 1530	* 1530	
	1750	1750	1630
EX:- KOAH	#0705	#0705	#0815
	#1315	#1315	
	*1550	*1550	
EX:- SPEEWAH	#0710	#0710	#0820
	#1320	#1320	
	*1540	*1540	

* SCHOOL DAYS ONLY

BOOKING REQUIRED

NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & XMAS DAY

TEL JOHN 0418772953

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

"THE LOCAL BUS"

	MON & TUES	WED & FRI	PHOL & SAT/SUN	
DEPARTS	#0725	#0725	0830	(SCHOOL DAYS ONLY)
KURANDA	1330	0900	1500	W/CRT 1450
	1530	1130		RED LUNCH 1455
		1330		CARAVONICA 1505
		1530		SMITHFIELD 1510

	**0825	0825	0930	ALL SERVICES EXCEPT
DEPARTS				1600 GO TO SPEEWAH &
CAIRNS	1715	1000	**1600	KOAH IF REQUIRED.
		1230		
		1715		

**ATHERTON & MAREEBA

VIA CARAVONICA, RAINTREES, W/CRT, TAFE, CAIRNS CITY.

NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY XMAS DAY.

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Local Bus Timetables



Trans North

Bus & Coach

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS BUS TIMETABLE

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday	Sunday
RAVENSHOE	7.30 am	7.45 am	2.00 pm		
HERBERTON	8.00 am	8.15 am	2.30 pm		
ATHERTON (arrive)	8.25 am	8.45 am	3.00 pm		
ATHERTON (depart)	6.30 am	9.15 am	3.30 pm	6.30 am	9.15 am
MAREEBA	7.00 am	9.45 am	4.00 pm	7.00 am	9.45 am
KURANDA	7.30 am	10.20 am	4.30 pm	7.30 am	10.20 am
CAIRNS	8.15 am	11.15 am	5.15 pm	8.15 am	11.15 am

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS BUS TIMETABLE

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday	Sunday
CAIRNS	8.30 am	3.15 pm	5.30 pm	9.30 am	1.00 pm
KURANDA	9.05 am	3.55 pm	6.05 pm	10.05 am	1.40 pm
MAREEBA	9.40 am	4.30 pm	6.40 pm	10.40 am	2.15 pm
ATHERTON (arrive)	10.15 am	5.00 pm	7.15 pm	11.15 am	2.45 pm
ATHERTON (depart)	11.00 am	3.00 pm	6.15 pm		
HERBERTON	11.20 am	3.30 pm	6.35 pm		
RAVENSHOE	Noon	4.05 pm	6.15 pm		

Operated by Kerry's Bus Service

0000 School days only

Connects with Chillagoe Bus Service Mon / Wed / Fri

Commencing January 2nd 2008, Trans North will provide a passenger and light freight service between Atherton and Cairns and all towns and villages enroute. This service also connects at Atherton for Ravenshoe with Kerry's Bus Service, and at Mareeba with Chillagoe Bus Service.

Ticket purchases can be made at:

- Phillips News, Atherton
- Blomley News, Bambleby
- from the driver on board the bus.

The bus stops are located at:

- 48 Spence Street, Cairns
- 12 Therwine Street, Kuranda
- Old Railway Station, Mareeba, and
- Phillips News, Atherton.

You may Hail and Ride at any location enroute, where the bus can safely stop. Upon request, this service will drop off at the Airport, Trinity Wharf and Hospitals and Doctor Surgeries in Cairns.

THERE ARE NO SERVICES OPERATING ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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