



OUT ON A LIMB

Next time you are having coffee or walking Coondoo Street, take a good look at the old fig trees that grace the main street. Possibly the most photographed features of Kuranda, each year the dining table of the shy Fig Parrot and host to numerous epiphytic plants, the trees appear to be in slow decline.

The last two "Wets" have seen minimal new growth flushes and close examination shows increasing dead wood in their crowns with more blue sky appearing each year through their canopies.

A comparison of photographic records

shows a gradual decline from a cathedral-like arched avenue with trees meeting overhead to ever retreating foliage.

While some concern has been expressed over their root system lifting pavement, it would generally be agreed that the trees' beauty and presence make for an inspiring and not-to be forgotten streetscape.

It seems vital that remedial action be taken to halt their ongoing decline or else risk losing the unique beauty of the Coondoo figs.



Kuranda Launch for Casso-wary book

Kuranda now has its very own booklet centering attention on Cassowaries following an official launch on May 22.

"Be Casso-wary" is a whimsical children's book which has been written and illustrated by students of the Kuranda District State College.

The new booklet contains a powerful message highlighting the plight of the Cassowary facing the dangers of the modern environment.

"As a result of a collaborative effort between the Kuranda District State College and the Kuranda community, and with sponsorship from Kuranda Visitors Information Centre and Kuranda Koala Gardens, this book is yet another successful project completed by the students.

"This latest effort complements their past projects which also include the design and production of a rainforest display at the Kuranda Visitors Information Centre," Kuranda Village Promotion Program chairman Fr Chris Wright said.

The book will be available from Kuranda Visitors Information Centre.

"Importantly, a portion of each "Be Casso-wary" booklet sale will be donated by the Kuranda District College to Kuranda Envirocare to assist in the continued protection and awareness of the cassowary's environment," Fr Wright said.

Present to launch the "Be Casso-wary" booklet and to present awards were: MP for Barron River Steve Wettenhall, Cr Jenny Jensen, Fr Chris Wright, School Principal Chris Capra, Shane Curley as well as representatives of the Kuranda Village Promotion Program, Chamber of Commerce and Envirocare, teachers and students.



COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

In reply to Mr. Breadsell's letter in your last edition there is no question about the good works that Rotary performs.

The palms that were removed by Ergon on Rob Vievers Drive would have been a threat to our electricity supply. What is in question is the malicious poisoning of a very healthy Licuala fan palm that was not in "poor condition" until it was hit with a massive dose of Roundup. Due to its slow growing habit our electricity supply will be underground before it would be a threat to power lines. Every palm is precious and many Kuranda people were upset at its wanton destruction with the only benefit going to the Rotary advertising sign.

Mary von Keyserlingk

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Ross, I don't think anyone had a problem with the eventual removal of the "obviously in a very poor condition" Palms that you made mention to last month ... but they did have a problem with the fact that the Palm in question was obviously given a dose of Roundup or the like.

You don't have to know much about plants and the observance of how quick the palm died off to realise what caused its demise, and lo and behold what was bought out into the full light of day but, ... yet another "SIGN".

Peter Anderson, Speewah

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Toilets and water at Barron Falls?

We are curious of the reasons the KCCT is pursuing this issue as it seems an irrational, unnecessary and costly exercise.

Living near the Barron Falls and walking most mornings to the Lookout we have not noticed any signs that people have had to visit the bush for toilet emergencies. As most tourists arrive at the Barron Falls Lookout by car they then spend approximately 10-15 minutes doing the board walk. What we have noticed though is an increasing number of overnight campers at the parking area leaving rubbish behind, and we agree a rubbish bin or two would be useful. We collect at least a full bag of rubbish each week from this area!

However, if toilets and water would be provided at the Lookout carpark the number of illegal campers would increase; why would the business community want this? What about putting "No Overnight Camping" signs there and also at Wrights Lookout with appropriate fines for same? These signs have proved successful in the Port Douglas and Mission Beach areas to steer people to caravan parks and other local accommodation businesses.

As for walking to the Barron Falls from the village, this at present is a very dangerous activity due to the narrow road and traffic. As tourists walk two or three abreast, we local drivers know to take extra care, but it really is an accident waiting to happen. Walking this road is certainly not recommended. Generally only independent travellers coming up by public bus and returning the same way would walk to the Falls, as other tourists can enjoy the Barron Falls from the train or Skyrail or by driving out.

Has anyone in KCCT actually done this walk? It is extremely hot and steamy walking on the road in summer. The walkers arrive at the top of the hill sweating, panting and very thirsty, only to find the National Park sign and a further 1 km to the actual falls.

May we suggest the first priority should be a proper safe walking track or sidewalk to the Barron Falls. Signage could be added pointing out the giant penda trees which are only a short walk off Barron Falls road and worth the detour.

And right there, at the entrance to the National Park on the left would be a most suitable spot to locate toilets and drinking water with space for limited parking available. This option would be much more affordable and sensible as town water is close by, and being on the road rather than at the end it would not encourage people to camp illegally.

KCCT members please go for a walk and reconsider this issue.

Frank and Helen Burton, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I am a newcomer to this beautiful part of our world. I undertook considerable research before making my decision to come and live in Kuranda. One of the main points of attraction was the future development of an "Aged Care Retirement Village" with other aged care services attached. I was thrilled to learn that 'Welcome Pocket' Aged Care village was to be established within the **not** too distant future.

I have now been here 14 months and was wondering what has happened to this project? I am a concerned resident and daily see Kuranda residents becoming older and frailer. I also hear people asking "what has happened to Welcome Pocket?" It is needed now, not 10 years down the track. It is everyone's dream to be able to spend their whole lives in their own homes/communities. This is the reason why "Welcome Pocket" is so important and urgently needed in Kuranda.

I would like to suggest a progress report on "Welcome Pocket" on a regular basis in the Kuranda Paper, enabling elderly Kuranda residents time to plan for their future, which is so important for us all.

I would also like to say a **special** thank-you to all the **volunteers** who give up a week each month to produce the Kuranda Paper. You are all "national treasures". I would like to see the Kuranda community honour this small band of dedicated volunteers. Without them there would be no community paper.

Sandy Kelly, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

In response to Ross Breadsell (of Rotary Ck. P. No 188) no personal asides were inferred in my previous letter Re. Rapid demise of Licuala Palm adjacent to Rotary sign.

I do not know who your individual members are, or the work that your club does in and around Kuranda. I'm merely aware there is a new Rotary sign on a hill standing free and unencumbered from any vegetation for the entire world to see.

In defence, pointing the finger at Ergon's contractors is not a good move. They are a different kettle of fish and should be reprimanded for

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their actions of the present and to be constructive and monitored in their actions of the future in our 'Village in the Rainforest'.

Perhaps your club (which my Oxford Dictionary states is a 'world-wide charitable society of business and professional people organised into local Rotary clubs') could come to the party by lobbying Ergon on Kuranda's behalf to employ a horticultural advisor before attacking vegetation in sensitive areas like ours. That would benefit the whole community and indeed be charitable.

Incidentally, palms removed diagonally across the road from your sign appear to have been two Alexander Palms and one Golden Cane. Although as common as the Alexander Palms, the Golden Cane would never have been a threat to the power lines so a bit of knowledge is required.

Kuranda's two "Green Groups" (neither of which I'm a member) would be valuable to consult with to replant spots, which have been desecrated by Ergon contractors and other unknown perpetrators.

Zaiga Gardiner

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I have looked into the net about fluoridation. Fluoride is a waste product from the manufacture of fertilizers, aluminium, steel, oil etc. It has always been argued that too much fluoride is a bad thing...it already exists naturally in water and air...if introduced into the water supply, it is therefore present in processed food, pharmaceuticals, tooth paste etc. It has not been proved that it is safe for very small children or pregnant mothers. It would appear that we are getting an overdose of fluoride. So I, and it appears, many other people are distressed that we are being forced to ingest it whether we like it or not. Its a bit like being told it's a good idea to go to war...and then finding out later we were wrong. It also has NOT been proved that it saves us from tooth decay...get people to stop drinking coca cola...that might help...

**Joon Graham. 2c Barang St. Kuranda
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Dear Kuranda Paper,

Lord Hamish the golden Scotch collie passed away on Thursday the 24th of April in very peaceful circumstances and is buried at our home at 31 Barron Falls Road, visitors to his shrine welcome. His legs just gave out. He was well known around Kuranda entertaining tourists and posing for pictures. He was in two Kuranda Spring Festivals clothed in Scottish gear. Many kids have hugged him. His gentle friendly nature sometimes got him into



trouble as he had no aggression in him whatsoever, no defences and was always welcoming and happy with never a complaint. But that we could all live life like that!
**G r a h a m
& T e r r i e
Nicholson**

Dear Kuranda Paper,

KURANDA HAS GONE TO THE DOGS & CATS. We as residents of Kuranda are in for a very interesting 4 years with our newly amalgamated council. For those who are concerned with the local politics I suggest that you view the council meeting minutes on the web at www.trc.qld.gov.au/ Some Kuranda-ites may not be aware that we have a dog kennel nestled in our tranquil rainforest in Kuranda.

For over two and half years now a lot of residents of Boyle's road and surrounding areas have been lobbying Mareeba Shire Council against the noise from the dog kennels with zero success. The Kennels before Christmas 2007 made application to council for a Material Change of Use (expanding the kennel capacity from 40 to 80 dogs and the added bonus of 50 cats) the Mareeba Shire Council rejected this application due to the fact that they needed to seek legal advice over this application. We were able to have an independent acoustic engineer (at our expense) evaluate the acoustic reports submitted to council for operational noise regulations and they were found to be questionable.

Rather than enforce the kennel operation into a period of time (when at capacity '40 dogs') for monitoring to ensure that they can meet their regulations.

The new council's way of resolving this issue was not to enforce the original 40 dog capacity noise restriction but to allow the kennels to increase their capacity in a hope that the kennels will be able to control the triple up of animals. If they could not control the noise of 40 dogs how the hell are they going to control 80 dogs and 50 cats????????? Mayor Tom Gilmore assures me that if the dogs cannot see each other they will not bark, (thanks for that pearl of wisdom Tom that's why you are Mayor and I am not) try telling that to someone who has been living next door to this 24/7. Council also assures us that this

is beneficial to our community "WELL HOW?"
'Check this out' -

www.utube.com/watch?v=njwWCJR28U4

Tracey, Kuranda.



Dear Kuranda Paper,

It's absolutely terrible and now they say 40,000 dead, and 42,000 missing and 5,000,000 homeless. Poor buggers and no warning from a cruel world. . .

I'm so lucky. I was more than 200k's away from the epicentre without a scratch and a big scaredy cat compared to the amazing bravery of those poor people buried under the thousands of destroyed buildings. I watch Sichuan TV and the astounding acts of bravery by the PLA boys diving right into tangled masses of debris held up by cranes to retrieve trapped children. I'm a bit nervous here in Nanchong because my 8th floor apartment continually shakes and we have had a couple of big aftershocks that sent everyone running.

On the day, Monday 12th May at 2.38 pm my apartment began shaking and I couldn't work out what was happening. Then I heard everyone shouting and I scooted down 16 flights of shaking and twisting stairs in record time. Our school and our city survived OK but when I returned to my apartment it was a mess with everything high up, fallen down and broken. The whole town, 600,000 of us have slept outside for the following nights.

So I jumped on my bike on Friday and rode off to Bazhong, the first city we lived in when we first came to China and about 230 k's to the northwest away from Nanchong and about 400 k's from the epicentre, to see my good friends and booked into a hotel that has an '8' earthquake rating, and charging for it, and all the time I'm thinking of the 1,000,000's of people who have no option but to deal with the catastrophe while I'm scuttling away to save my sorry little ass.

And so as if retributive, on Sunday night at 1.05 there is a huge aftershock, a '6', in the nearby province of Gansu. So, in fact, I've ridden closer to the trouble I was seeking to avoid. So far it had been much calmer in Bazhong than in Nanchong but Sunday night I was woken by the rockin' of the aftershock and all the glasses chattering away in my hotel room and the mirror bouncing on the wall and the bed shaking and people running and screaming down the hallway and it's just like the

ground feels like water and so I rode back to Nanchong on Monday to head for some relative calmness but that night, as all the school kids and I were sleeping outside, we got hit by a '5' aftershock and I get that feeling again that the ground is just like water. It just feels as if there is another big one ready to break out again. And I don't know much about earthquakes, but this one's been a killer because it was so close to the surface and that means it can pop up again anywhere anytime. So scaredy Pete just keeps on running and riding and now I've run to Chengdu and tomorrow off to Kunming about 1,000 k's to the south and can't help thinking again and again about the people who had no escape and now have a very sad future and the thousands of people who have died.

And as I rode through the villages and towns between Nanchong and Bazhong I can see what it must be like to have everything flattened, no escape, no future and no luck. It could have easily been us but not this time. So thinking of you all in Kuranda town.

Peter McCabe

(Thanks to Cathy Harvey and Elaine Cushman for sharing this personal communication with our readers.)

Dear Kuranda Paper,

As a relative newcomer to the area, and a war widow, I enjoy the community newspaper very much, in particular the last 'Anzac' edition .

I am sorry that I never had the opportunity to meet the late Joan Dods whose memorial featured in the same edition. Mrs Dods was very obviously held in extremely high esteem by the community. I was interested to read that she was instrumental in the formation of the local Chamber of Commerce so many years ago. "The Chamber Maids" made their civic voices heard.

The current Chamber of Commerce could do well to learn from those ladies' efforts and the progress they obviously made. The Chamber President asserted in his last report 'the management committee will not be influenced by negative comments from self-interested parties and will attempt to negate any such actions'. Who determines what are negative and what are constructive comments?

I operate a home based business in the area but live outside the local Kuranda business area. His bullying remarks would not inspire me to join that business organisation.

Ruby Bradshaw, Speewah.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

During the May Day long weekend the Kuranda Resort and Spa hosted renowned Tibetan Lama Choedak Rinpoche who led a "Calm Abiding Meditation" retreat, organized by Khacho Yulo Ling Buddhist Centre, Cairns.

Over 60 participants had the opportunity to learn meditation first hand from the master. Lama Choedak Rinpoche had the participants captivated with his

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insightful wisdom teachings of the Buddha interspersed with refreshing humour that comes from many years spent in silent meditation and his deep understanding of the Western mind. Through meditation we can gain clarity which leads to calm and inner peace which is what so many people seek today in our increasingly complex and demanding world. In a small ceremony at the end seven new participants took refuge in the Buddha.

For those who missed out (it was fully booked) it is hoped to make this an annual event. The Kuranda Resort and Spa provided an excellent venue and professional service (the food was delicious!). Our thanks go out to the management and friendly, helpful staff. This event has proved once again what a valuable asset the Resort is to the community of Kuranda in being able to hold events of this calibre.

Khacho Yulo Ling Buddhist Centre is located at 348 Severin Street, Parramatta Park, Cairns (ph 07 4041 5556) New and experienced practitioners are welcome. A commitment to Buddhism is not required to attend the meditation sessions or courses. For more information on events or meditation sessions at the Khacho Yulo Ling Buddhist Centre please check this website: www.Yuloling.com

Frank Burton Kuranda

Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother:



Death pays all debts.

Learn from the mistakes of others, you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

A hungry man is an angry man.

Don't chase a dog into a blind alley.

Sometimes when we scratch the surface we scratch right through.

You cannot fight a fire with water from far away.

A thief believes everyone steals.

New Bus Service for Kuranda

A new bus service linking Kuranda with the coast will further enhance potential for increases in visitor numbers according to Kuranda Village Promotion Program chairman Fr Chris Wright.

The new Cairns-Kuranda Shuttle Service will operate five times per day with the 7.30am (from Kuranda), 8.10am (from Cairns Central) and 8.15am (Spence Street) services travelling via Skyrail, Carivonica, Cairns TAFE and Cairns High.

The other daily shuttle services also will operate between Kuranda, Cairns Central and Spence Street and Kuranda bus stops.

Operated by Trans North, the five daily services between Cairns and Kuranda and return also link with the existing seven days a week Trans North Services between Atherton, Mareeba and Cairns.

Further information is available by phoning 4061 7944 or www.transnorth.com



Neighbourhood Centre News June 2008

June promises to be another busy month at KNC. Check out the dates below and see if there is something for you:

Monday 2nd June

2.00-4.00pm: Child Safety: will be conducting a presentation on Child Protection/Child Safety Legislation. If you have any issues or would like to get some information they will be happy to talk to you.

Wednesdays 9.30am-12.00: Kuranda Playgroup: meets at KNC behind the shed. Please contact Michelle Smith on 40939851 or Davini Lewis on 40937357/0414994123.

Wednesday 4th June 2.00pm: Kuranda Interagency Network: If you would like to attend we meet monthly at 2pm the first Wednesday in the month. If you would like to receive minutes, reminders and opportunity to put items on the agenda, please contact me. The purpose of this network is to link with other services, share information, work on collaborative projects and have a voice on community service matters.

Wednesdays 1.00-4.00pm: Mahjong: is played in the conference room. There are enough sets to cater for any number and cake comes with the cuppa!

Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm: Acapella Choir: sing their way through the evening and are happy to welcome newcomers, even those who think they can't sing-Sue will teach you!

Thursday 12th & 26th June 2.00-4.00pm: Tenancy Advice Info Session: Shirley Law from the Tenancy Advice Service will be here every second Thursday to provide information about Tenancy rights and other processes and services available. Housing Support Services have also advised KNC that this free service is now available to Kuranda. They support tenants to maintain their existing tenancies whether it be in private or public housing. You can call them on 40926899 or come in to KNC.

Tuesday 17th June 10.00am-12.00: POKER MACHINES How do they work? See the staff and let them know you would like to join us for the free tour. Information, education and resources provided by the Gambling Help Service Cairns Region.

Monday 30th June 9.30-11.30am: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group:

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FossilForum

As well as its superb natural attractions, Kuranda has developed a reputation for its vibrant artistic and performance culture. Unfortunately, the Arts Co-operative is struggling to maintain its presence being somewhat off the beaten "tourist track" and

alternate suitably placed and reasonably priced rental property unavailable. It would be a major loss to the area if this showcase for local artists and their unique and stunning works disappears from the village.

Speaking of things artistic, where is the streetscape that once enlivened the village? Are busker permits too expensive and too restrictive

and what about the dreary shutters going down on shop fronts around 4pm giving the impression of a silent ghost town - do they need enlivening with art and colour.

A quick whisk around the public plantings reveals a growing desertification - the planting across from the post office, despite the cost and care of its stone wall facing, is a particularly prominent monument to plants deceased.

Interest and anticipation is growing in the "Foodworks" construction on the old Doctors' surgery site. Given the contributions made to the Village by the present proprietors, there are no doubts that every wrinkle from off-street parking to landscaping has been thoroughly planned.

Congratulations to the members of the incoming Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Executive and their vigorous address to the LePage Report. For interested readers, copies of this report are held at the Kuranda Library.

GARDEN JOTTINGS BY ALECTURA

June and the year half gone. Looks like a cold hard winter with mulching and watering. The major tasks: Time to clean up the gingers and heliconias taking out spent flowering stems and dying leaves. Mark wintering bulbs and rhizomes to avoid damage when digging. With skies the blue of a Ulysses' wing, a good time to open up that new garden bed, checking soil pH, adjusting to growth requirements, enriching and mulching for planting on warmth returning. Fence if necessary as the turkeys are getting territorial and the bandicoot bandits are on the move. Regularly check hanging baskets and pot plants for watering needs - they dry out quickly. Place orders for citrus and other fruiting trees. A great time for planning and poring over catalogues, preparing wish lists of plants desired.

No Plant of the Month - space constraints and time to catch up on the mail bag.

Q. & A

Dear Gabrielle, Regarding weeds in paving and pebbles. Not wanting to use a systemic poison, a good organic solution (pun intended) is Vinegar. Household vinegar has an approximate 4% Acetic acid content while industrial grade, a 20% content - the latter does the job. Another product is Bioweed, a weed-killer derived from plant materials. With low toxicity and short with-holding period, this weed killer and industrial grade vinegar are both available from Enviromart and are recommended for the "green" gardener.

Dear Stan, From your description, the flowering basket plant purchased at Smithfield Markets is probably a *Columnnea*. Belonging to the Gesneriaceae family and hailing from South America, *Columnneas* produce magnificent flowering hanging baskets. *Columnneas* are trailing or semi-erect plants with brilliant yellow, orange, red, pink, or combination colored tubular flowers several inches in length and up to one inch across with flowers developing year round in the axils of leaves and projecting away from the foliage.

The secret to success in growing most Gesneriads is a light, well drained, porous but high water holding mix. Commercial growers and researchers agree that "soiless" mixes composed of peat and sand, vermiculite, or perlite are best suited with a popular mix consisting of 50% peat and 50% perlite or vermiculite amended with two tablespoons of

dolomitic limestone for each quart of prepared mix. Commercial "African Violet" mix is available and can be improved with a bit of tweaking. Avoid pressing the medium around the roots but gently tap to settle the mix.

Some other "basket" plants in the same family to expand your hanging collection are the *Aeschynanthus* species and hybrids having brilliant red, orange and yellow tubular flowers produced in abundance in spring and summer. The emerging red flower buds and tubular calyx of *A. radicans* and *A. pulcher* resemble a lipstick, hence the common name, Lipstick Plant.

Episcias (a special favorite of mine) are grown mainly for their attractive, somewhat fuzzy, often multicoloured foliage and colourful funnel-form flowers. Leaves may be of silver, bronze, emerald green, or steel blue over brown or they may be decoratively veined in contrasting brown, green, silver, or rose. Flowers are produced in a variety of shades from pink, red to lavender. These plants are particularly prolific in their stolon production making it easy to build up a good display in reasonable time.

Watch it Stan, this vast family is alarmingly addictive and of the easiest propagation. Sounds like you may already be hooked. If interested, I can deal you a great Gesneriad Catalogue due out end of July.

Apologies: You introduced yourself in Condo Street outside St. Saviours and I have forgotten your name. The yellow flowering creeper you mentioned growing above the upper entrance to Jumrun Walk is *Merremia tuberosa* (*Convolvulaceae*) "The Woodrose" from South America. Much beloved by floral artists for its attractive woody seed case, this creeper has high "Weed" potential. The "Hawaiian Baby Woodrose" *Argyrea nervosa*, is also a perennial climbing vine, also known as "Elephant Creeper" or "Woolly Morning Glory" and is native to the Indian subcontinent. With its much larger, lush leaves, more vigorous growth and large whitish flowers, this creeper is highly invasive and also has hallucinogenic properties in some plant parts.

Several enquiries about obtaining plants/seeds of *Telosma cordata*, (*Asclepiadaceae*) "Pakalana Vine" or "Tonkin Jasmine" featured in the last edition of TQG. With a very heavy lemon-like fragrance similar to Ylang-Ylang, clusters of golden yellow flowers form along the vining stems during summer months. This ornamental and fragrant climber is fried or boiled in several South East Asian recipes. The cut flowers are sold in markets wrapped in banana leaves with the flowers tasty and rich in carbohydrates, proteins and vitamins A and C. Can any reader help in sourcing? **For plant identification/sourcing, general questions contact Alectura or email wortwoad@optusnet.com.au. Keep those questions coming in!**

career. The wonderful chemistry between her and the self destructive 'Spider' (Simon Bossell) is the key ingredient in this film's success. Add in an AFI Award winning supporting performance from Max Cullen as Jack the beekeeper, confident direction from Bill Bennett, smooth, lush cinematography from Andrew Lesnie (who has since shot 'Babe', the 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy and 'King Kong') and a laid back musical score from the Cruel Sea, and this cross-generational road movie just cruises nicely along.

Salaam Bombay

This is a sympathetic study of poverty on the streets of Bombay from the point of view of an 11 year old boy who becomes implicated in Bombay's drug trade and prostitution. In the light of the film's success in Western art cinemas a recent critique has raised questions about Salaam Bombay's implied eurocentrism which presents Third World urban poverty as 'other' so feeding Western misconceptions in reality there is an interdependent network of exploitation involving the drug trade, the commodification of women and the First World's own urban crisis.



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Phone David or Graham 4093 9492



Kuranda Library News

Winter is definitely here. It's easy to tell. It is dark by the time we all get home and we indulge in a baked potato for dinner and a hot chocolate for desert. It's really hard to get out of bed in the morning. And the other winter cliché I always enjoy... curling up with a good book by the fire / under a blanket / with the dog asleep on your feet.

For those who aren't lucky enough to have a lazy dog, there are plenty of secrets to pick up at the library. Learn to knit yourself a stylish cardigan (have I been working in libraries too long?) or to play the guitar or chess - next to the fire, of course. Maybe you'd like to find a recipe for winter soups, roasts or fondues or for the more risqué Kuranderites; books on how to distil your own moonshine (an age old remedy for the cold) or practice the ancient positions of the Karma Sutra.

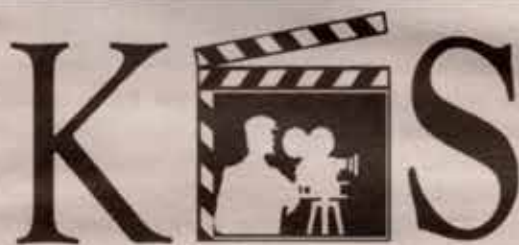
And if you want to be able to drift off to some desert island or remote city for a while, we have plenty of new fiction to help. There is always a poster on the front desk of new fiction to help inspire. Here are just a few of this month's offerings -

The Whole Truth - David Baldacci
Where Are You Now? - Mary Higgins Clark
The Unknown - James Pattinson
A Prisoner of Birth - Jeffrey Archer
The Purrfect Murder - Rita Mae Brown & Sneaky Pie Brown
Pebble in the Sky - Isaac Asimov
Open File - Peter Corris
Friday Nights - Joanna Trollope
The Enchantress of Florence - Salman Rushdie
Compulsion - Jonathan Kellerman
Breath - Tim Winton
Brida - Paulo Coelho
Change of heart - Jodi Picoult.

For those who have little ones (or for any really clever three year olds who are reading this) remember Storytime is on the first Friday of every month. We read a few stories and do some crafts and games. We really need to build up a group of kids again, since it is such a fantastic outing for the kids and their parents when a whole group comes. Let us know if you are interested and we can organise some sort of reminder for when the next one is coming up.

And finally, for any inspired organisers out there - this month we have heaps of information on community grants at the library. If you belong to a community group or want to start something in Kuranda, the library is a great place to begin. In fact, no matter who you are, there is something here for you. Enjoy the sunshine, and we'll see you soon.

Ros and Maddie @ the Kuranda Library



Sunday June 1 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 4093 8393

Spider and Rose

Spider McCall is a 22-year-old ambulance driver with 'attitude'. His final day on the job lands him the assignment from hell - driving an elderly patient from a Sydney hospital to her son's farm in country Coonabarabran. His patient, Rose Dougherty, is a well-preserved 70-year-old who's as spirited and willful as her driver. They embark on a journey that changes both their lives. Ruth Cracknell is outstanding as Rose, in what is arguably the best film role of her

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This month's feature artist... Ken Saville



Ken Saville grew up with the intention of becoming Kid Colt - Outlaw with two sixguns ablazin', unfortunately he was born about 150 years too late.

So after a misspent youth, including almost a year in a small cabin on Black Mountain road in 1969, and a couple years exploiting Tradewinds as a Chef, he turned his crafty blue eyes onto the only thing he really knew how to do, create things out of nothing.

Embarking on the art trail, sans sixguns, Ken fooled with a Diploma of Visual Arts and a Bachelor in Creative Industries and duped the academy (JCU) into awarding him with both.

Now, under the impression that these pieces of cardboard permit him to create art in any and all forms he has conned Jennie Thomson into leasing him the art gallery on Speewah Rd. 6kms. out of town, just off the Kennedy Highway.

There beside the leafy surrounds of the Barron Gorge National Park he is responding to the mess he laughingly refers to as his life. In other words he is reacting to the slings and barbs of outrageous fortune and drawing on his misspent youth to connect his art to the Greek Myths, Rock & Roll, Freudian concepts, Comics and an accumulated 10,000 hours of television.

The images are presented through the mediums of Charcoal drawings, acrylic paintings, pop art inks and stencilling, computer graphics, wood carving and assemblage sculpture.

His art has been smuggled to Paris, London, Berlin and Arkansas by unsuspecting travellers.

Ken has prevailed upon the Kuranda Arts Co-op to accept him as a member and has in his possession a killer Banana-coconut-choc chip-raisin-w/m -muffin recipe.



It's nearly June! In fact, as you read this, it may well even be June already, which is fantastic! Because June is going to be the BEST MONTH

EVER! Well, it will be at the Amphitheatre anyway. I'm becoming so excited and overwhelmed by the sheer wondrousness of what next month will bring us that I may well have to get a chamomile teabag implant, or some other anti-hysteria remedy. All suggestions welcome.

Anyway, I digress. The Zenith gig last month was amazing, the understage was pumping! We reached capacity by 8:30, and had the novel and unpleasant task of turning people away. All of us that made it in though, had a great time; the band really seem to be maturing in their sound, and they left us with no doubt about their technical talents, with each member seemingly able to play all not just their own instruments, but each other's too. I really admire the way that they haven't simply slipped into a genre, they've created one, and made that sound unique. Thank you to all the band for a great performance, to the eternally heroic volunteer staff and to everyone who came, from near and far!

Now....JUNE!! On the 7th, we have our "Open Mic Night"!! Get in touch with Scott (0431 604092) to discuss if you feel like performing. Whatever talent you have, you'll be welcome (in fact you don't even need talent, we're a very easily-pleased crowd!). Doors/Bar 6:30 MEMBERS ENTER FREE!!



Kuranda Roots Festival is back!! 28th June, Gates open 12 Midday. This is an event that we should all support: one of its primary goals is to be of longstanding benefit to the wider Kuranda community. Kuranda Roots also aims to "grow annually in the Kuranda Village, and complement the whole Kuranda Experience. The aim is to create a distinct boutique music event that value adds to the town's appeal, and encourages overnight stays and repeat visitation.

In the words of the Morgyn, "Kuranda Roots is about bringing together the diverse forms of Roots Music including Soul, Reggae, Dub, Dancehall, World and Blues and creating a world class bill of cutting edge entertainment. We are also committed to developing the skills and abilities of local artists."

Kuranda has a long and colourful history of roots music, and the Amphitheatre is one of the most critical and beautiful outdoor live music venues in the country. Last year's festival left punters hungry for more, and the 2008 program promises to deliver some great musical surprises.

The program features many local indigenous artists and acts as a showcase event for the great diversity of talent across the Far North.

Feature acts include Olmecha Supreme (NZ), The Nomad (NZ), Fyah Walk (Byron), Dubmarine (Bris), Zenith (Kuranda), Mistalaneous (Bris), Mystic beats (Byron), Rudekat Soundsystem (Bris) and many more.

Kuranda Roots is an all ages licensed event. Tickets on sale now from Ticketlink, www.ticketlink.com.au, 07-4031-9555 and Tantrika in Kuranda, plus Taste-y, Shiva moon and Shi-Sha in Cairns.

Kuranda Photography Group

Do you enjoy taking photos?

Next meeting: 27 Black Mountain Rd, Saturday, 7th. June, at 3:30 pm.

Come and meet the happy snappers. Learn/share photo & digital skills. Do amazing field trips with us.

Zananda 4093 0365, Seren 0409 499 168.



presents

"After Passion"

A Romantic Comedy devised from a theatre workshop by Diana Monaghan (Director)

Friday 18th. & Saturday 19th. July doors open 7:30

TOP STAGE at the AMPHITHEATRE

Production and technical crew required, enquiries: 4093 9778

Yours in Theatre, Diana.

Check www.kurandaroots.com for more information.

Of course, there is balance in all things, and all this fun does mean a bit of work. As well



as volunteers for the day, we have a working bee scheduled for 15th June, 9am. Please come along and lend a hand. Your help is invaluable, and greatly appreciated.

The day before the working bee, Saturday 14th June, we have another General Meeting. This will be at the later time of 4pm, to make it easier for those who work in the village to attend. Please come along, this is a member-based organisation, and your input is necessary for us to function as we should. Criticism, praise, suggestions: all of these help to keep KAS dynamic and community-driven!! See you all there for cheap biscuits!!

www.kurandaamphitheatre.org or, if you prefer: www.myspace.com/kurandaamphitheatre



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DANELL MACONACHIE

SIREN HILLS CORSETS



KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

Art Courses

A number of the Arts Co-operative members will be conducting art courses in the next few months.

The first cab off the rank was Toni Rogers with four very popular 'silk indulgence' mornings during May. Toni will soon do another round of the 'indulgences', plus basketmaking classes. The dates will be advised.

Mollie Bosworth, national award winning potter/ceramicist, is commencing pottery classes in her Kuranda studio on 4th June - including hand building and wheel throwing. This is a great opportunity for beginners to learn from 'the best' in the region. See Mollie's advertisement in the Classified section of this paper for times and dates. Don't miss out on these classes. Bookings are essential as numbers will be limited. Enquiries about other courses can be made at the Arts Co-operative Gallery.

Greeting cards

The Arts Co-operative has always boasted having the most artistic and well priced cards in the village. This month has seen an exceptional number of locals popping into the gallery to purchase a special occasion card for birthdays, 'get well', and bereavements. We thank them for their continued support and know that the recipients will appreciate and enjoy the well chosen 'artworks'. Three Co-op artists produce handmade and signed greeting cards.

Mareeba Art Society

Annual Exhibition 7th - 12th July

Entry forms for this very popular Mareeba exhibition are available at the Arts Co-operative gallery. There are 13 adult categories and 4 special Junior (12-17years) categories. Prize monies range from \$50 - \$500.

Congratulations to Henri

There was standing room only at the opening of Henri Hunsinger's exhibition at the Casino in Cairns. It was great to see so many Arts Co-operative members, and Kuranda art lovers, supporting this very popular and exceptional local artist. Henri's colourful and figurative masterpieces will grace the walls of the Casino's main foyer for three months. A lot of work, artistic ability and energy, has been invested in these works and congratulations and credit is due to Henri. It is a beautiful collection. Henri's artwork can also be seen at the Arts Co-op gallery.

Kuranda Arts Co-operative
Settlement Building, Rob Veivers Drive
Look for the coloured flags.
(next to the Butterfly Sanctuary)

A passion for fabrics and love of the classic looks of bygone eras inspires Danell Maconachie, the designer and creator behind Siren Hills Corsets. Danell has a fascination with traditional corsetry and brings her unique style and mix of recycled fabrics to create designs that are as beautiful as they are functional.

"My love of sewing started when I was young, I remember my mum making my sister and I dresses out of these weird green and brown curtains.. My very first sewing machine was a Strawberry Shortcake toy one, my Dad could never understand how it sewed with no bobbin.

I remember seeing Scarlett O'Hara in Gone With The Wind in that big red dress and that teeny waist and thinking 'How?'. I didn't know what a corset was but was fascinated by the way the dress looked. I loved the way it accentuated the curves of the female form and have been curious about corsets ever since.

I studied fashion design at High School at designed and created my graduation dress. At one point I ran away for a year with a circus and learnt costuming which added to my design ability. I have always been making clothes and have been involved in designing with Di Russo

and Hemp Horizons [now Earth Connections] in Kuranda.

I came across a reproduced corset pattern about 7 yrs ago and set about making it. Due to my naivety of a corset's complexity, I was not particularly successful with my first few attempts. However I perse-

vered and taught myself corsetry, with trial and error until I was successful. I sourced different original, reproduction and modern patterns, which I used to inspire me creating my own patterns of which I now have a small collection.

I prefer to use recycled fabrics because it is my way of giving back to the community. By recycling fabrics I also am reminded of other times and periods. In the past there

has been some amazing fabrics with unusual textures which now can be hard to find except in second hand shops. I like to combine unusual fabrics together to further accentuate their unique diversity. And yes I have recycled old curtains, tablecloths and bedspreads!"

Siren Hills Corsets can be individually designed



or created using a diverse range of fabrics and textures. Danell has created corsets for weddings, costumes, daywear, eveningwear and underwear. Fabrics that are rich and lush with colour and pattern, from silks, brocades to denim, lacy edgings, and tassels - anything that can be reused is kept.

When ordering one of Siren Hills unique designs you are able to choose what fabrics you might like to incorporate into your corset. Trimmings, lace, ribbons all add to the individuality of the design that will be created. No two corsets can be alike as there are limits to the material available.

Siren Hills Corsets can be found at Shop 1 at the Original Kuranda Markets where Danell has her workshop and fitting room. Drop in and see her designs and discuss your requirements.

Exhibition June 1st.
at Kuranda Resort.

KURANDA ROOTS

JUNE 30 KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE



Kuranda Roots is a new, annual, professional contemporary roots and world music festival focused on Kuranda Amphitheatre. Importantly, the event strives to capture the true essence of Far North Qld's true music and cultural roots. The Far North has produced a great portfolio of high achieving music artists, and Kuranda Roots aims to become a focal point for the next generation of artists. Over three stages, a diversity of National and local artists, across a colourful blend of roots, world beat, reggae, funk, dancehall and electronica, will provide a unique and distinct musical experience in the rainforest. Yummy food, arts market ambience, and spontaneous street performance will place Kuranda Roots as the ideal contemporary music event. The program will focus on local, high quality artists, indigenous artists and the pick of Brisbane and National artists. Kuranda Roots also aims to grow annually in the Kuranda Village, and complement the whole Kuranda Experience. The aim is to create a distinct boutique music event that value adds to the towns appeal, and encourages overnight stays and repeat visitation. Tickets are on sale now from Ticketlink: www.ticketlink.com.au, 07-4031-9555. Updated artist and program information can be found at: www.kurandaroots.com

Kuranda Roots also aims to become a National and International boutique festival, which develops a reputation for excellence, diverse programming, and tropical hospitality and ambience.

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"These are not days of prosperity and triumph. The whole of mankind is in the grip of manifold ills. Strive, therefore, to save its life through the wholesome medicine which the almighty hand of the unerring Physician hath prepared."

(Baha'u'llah)

Spiritual Healing course using the writings of the great religions, every Wednesday 7 pm Baha'i Info Centre, bottom Therwine St. Kuranda, new theme each week.

Study Circles by arrangement

Holy Day, Ascension of Baha'u'llah, Prophet/Founder of the Faith, 28/29 May

BAHA'IS WELCOME CONTACT WITH THE FOLLOWERS OF ALL RELIGIONS AND BELIEFS Telephone 4093 7120

From the Baha'is of the Tablelands

A Thought for June

This month we read from St Matthews Gospel Chapter 7 verses 21 to 29

Human nature says one thing and does another. We begin in childhood. We say we will not play in the water but we do. As youths we say we will tidy the room but we don't. We will tidy it tomorrow or next Saturday or when the exams are over, but we don't. So the pattern goes on in our lives, always leaving a gap between saying and doing.

The Gospel says that Jesus knew what is in us human beings. Nothing is hidden, so we might as well save our energy spent hiding things we do not wish known to Our Lord. Our Lord had no illusions about our infinite capacity for saying one thing and doing another.

It is interesting to see that this point is left to the last in this Sermon on the Mount. Usually we put the really important things either at the end or at the beginning to emphasize them. If that is true then there is no doubt that Jesus really wished to get across this message!

Jesus knew that it is easy in spiritual matters to make all kinds of promises, to experience great emotion and great highs in our lives, to have wonderful visions in which we see ourselves doing this or that in the future. But all these feelings and promises can disappear in the face of the demands of daily life, its busyness, its temptations, its very real problems and sufferings. So Our Lord bids us watch very carefully the relationship between our saying and our doing.

Jesus tells us a story about two people who each build a house, one on sand, the other on rock. Both houses presumably look very much the same, each quite attractive and impressive. Each serves very well as long as the sun shines and the birds sing and life continues along pleasantly. But life changes, clouds gather, rain comes. Life becomes difficult, demanding, challenging. Stress builds. One house withstands the pressure and strain, the other collapses.

What Jesus is telling us is that we very much need a rocklike consistency in our spiritual lives. One

SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Family Eucharist

9.30am Sunday school

5.00pm Afternoon Worship

Holy Communion (June 1st)

Prayer and Praise @ 5 (June 29th)

all other Evening Prayer

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Saturday June 7th

8.30am -12.00noon

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of the strongest components of that is to watch very carefully the gap between saying and doing, between promise and performance. The wider the gap, the less our spirituality has any real foundation. We will say yes to Jesus today and yes to ourselves tomorrow. Jesus understands this. His presence in our lives can help us close that gap. We need to watch the gap in our lives between promise and performance.



KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB

Hello everyone, well there's been plenty happening in the last month. We had a great turnout in the Anzac Parade with 15 riders. We all felt very proud and honored to be there.

There have been different clinics at the club grounds. We had Geoff Toomby doing some great Natural Horsemanship classes. Geoff Blacklock did a one day clinic were we all learnt a lot. Geoff is also doing another one-day clinic on the 21st June so if any members are interested please contact Di Curtis-email paulanddi@bigpond.com.

Dog Training was displayed last weekend using 6 local dogs. All who attended had a great weekend. Geoff will be conducting a dog-training workshop on the 14th and 15th June at the Kuranda Pony Club for any enquires for this please contact Margie Burdfield on 40 939 997.

We had 11 riders from

Kuranda compete at the Mareeba Gymkhana. It was a great day with our riders all doing very well and all having lots of fun. So if you're new to Kuranda or have got yourself a horse and would like to join us to learn and have fun, our club meets every fortnight on a Saturday 9am to 1pm. Any enquires can be made to the above email address.

Remember our Friday night Socials are always on, with great food and the bar is open from 6pm. As always a BIG THANK YOU to KURANDA BUTCHERY for their fabulous Meat Tray raffles every Friday night.

Till next time HAPPY RIDING!

On Anzac Day 2008.

Dressed out in there uniform colours of white shirt, navy tie and jodhpurs. Horses and riders where a huge hit on the parade.

This photo all has the light horseman with the club. He talked



about the use of the horses in the Anzac battle.

A great job done up all of the club and there families for a very smart display of horse and riders

Fionna Lane, Kuranda Pony Club Member

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Our Sunday Mass will be held at 6 pm

1st Wednesday of each month
Mass 7.00 pm

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

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Meetings:
For meeting information contact Diane
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ALL WELCOME
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1st Sunday of the month - 9am

Sports and Social Club, Fallon Road

Contact Pastor Russell Clark Ph 4092 1175
or Kirsteen Baker Ph 4093 7548

Metaphysical Meditations

By Paramahansa Yoganada

I am captain of my ship of good judgement, will and activity. I will guide my ship of life, ever beholding the polestar of His peace shining in the firmament of my deep meditation.

Today I will open the door of my calmness and let the footsteps of Silence gently enter the temple of all my activities. I will perform all duties serenely, saturated with peace.

As I work and exercise my powers of creativity I will remember that it is thou who art working and creating through me.

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UNIVERSAL EXPECTATIONS

I am SAFE

I am RESPECTFUL

I am a LEARNER

Promoting and Supporting Positive Behaviour

Arthur
Amanda Graham Donna Gynell



Australian Libraries and Information Week.

MAY 19th—23rd.

We are participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime. This involves libraries all over Australia sharing storytime with the children's book **ARTHUR** by Amanda Graham and Donna Gynell. P-3 students viewed and heard the story in the library while all other students heard it in the classes online via the Interactive Whiteboards!

Flame trees
I saw a tree that can be chopped down
To make a boomerang.
I close my eyes
I see people
Dancing in a circle.
I open my eyes.
I see no-one
Just leaves and trees.
I pick up a stick
Everything goes back to normal
Me and the class
Walking the boundaries
With Uncle Gerald.
As I walk I can hear the wind blowing
Through the trees.
Trying to give me a sign.
No sign anywhere.
As I walk I can feel the footsteps
Under my feet.
I see two eagles circling their prey.

By Mitchell Brim

*Around the rainforest I hear Uncle Gerald's footsteps.
They are stomping on the dead brown leaves
The sound crackles through the air.
Up above me I hear an aeroplane zooming
Through the sky.
It sounds like the rumble of thunder.
When the wind comes
The leaves and trees shake.
Raindrops fall.
They hit with a splat
On the ground
Sometimes they hit me.
I feel the coolness on my face.
Around me
I see big and small,
Thick and thin
Old and young.
Trees
They look beautiful.
I see the sunlight
Making its way through the leaves
It shines on us.
I see rocks surrounding the old aboriginal fireplace
In front of me.
I see an old shelter
It is made of fallen palm fronds
Lots of sticks.
Lots of leaves.
I feel like I'm surrounded
By spirits.
I feel safe.
I feel warm*

By Kaira Richardson



Jemma Cahill and Mele Klose Senior students conducting interviews as part of their documentary filmmaking projects for Semester 1.



Students painting their volcanoes and Mrs Beth Curley's Thematic Studies Face Painting class.



Senior art students painting and designing linoblocks in the High School art room.

School Opening & Fete
Date - Sunday 24th August
Where - Kuranda District SC
Time - 12pm - 8pm
What - rides, stalls, food, entertainment, performances
More information next month

Community Date Claimers
P&C Morning Tea - Friday June 6
NAIDOC Day Activities - June 26
Athletics Carnivals P- 12 - June 20

Permanent School Page

This is the first edition of what will be a monthly magazine of news and views from the Kuranda State School. All editorial work and photographs have been done by the students, as has the type-setting and layout.

We at the paper are very impressed by the standard shown and look forward eagerly to our future collaborations.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY HINTS

VISIT YOUR BEAUTY THERAPIST AND LOCAL HAIR SALON ON A REGULAR BASIS TO MAINTAIN GOOD SKIN, HEALTHY HAIR AND WELL BEING.

ESSENTIAL OILS AND THEIR USES:

GALBANUM: A plant growing in Iran. Its properties are very powerful which make it a very good rejuvenating remedy. Should not be used in treatment of young people.

GERANIUM: Is a plant of which there are about 700 different species. Acts on the blood, dissolving haematomas, making the blood more fluid and having a general effect on blood circulation, anticoagulant,

LAVENDER: Found in South of France and Italy, the French one being the more appreciated and well known. The French production of lavender amount to 150,000 kg. a year. 200 kilos of plants give 1 kg. essence. Very good regulator of the nervous system, antiseptic - very diuretic, anti-rheumatism. Very effective on wounds, burns, bites, scabies, eczema. Another kind of lavender called ASPIC is found by the seaside. A similar variety is also found in Great Britain Hitcham lavender is well known.

LEMON GRASS: Is the essential oil from Indian Verbena. Very strong anti-bacterial element. Good effects on the skin in checking open pores with infected sebum.

MARJORAM: Found all along the Mediterranean coasts. Antispasm, arterial vasodilator, calming, digestive, anxiety, insomnia, rheumatic conditions.

PEPPER: Used in Greece for combating intermittent fever (mild form of malaria) very great influence on the muscular tonus specially on the stomach.

ROSE: Praised by poets of all times, the rose is very well known for its innumerable healing virtues, anti-bacteriological agent, well known aphrodisiac, has a great influence as regulator of female sexual organs. Its properties are different depending on the country in which it has grown. The Moroccan rose is known for its narcotic effects. Used on the skin it is slightly astringent.

It is advisable to go to a very well trained expert for essential oil treatments.

**Valerie Birchall,
Aesthetician**

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A VERY LATE LETTER

Dear Kuranda Paper,

While working at the Myola site of the Barron River Green Corridor project last week, we got into a spot of bother. Our Conservation Volunteers Australia vehicle slipped into a ditch and was precariously balanced on an angle such that if it slipped, our water tank and pump could be seriously damaged.

Ken Harley came to our rescue and was able to

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AYURVEDIC RECIPE



RICE AND POTATOES

1 cup dry rice, basmati or brown (3 cups cooked)

3 medium potatoes

3 tablespoons sunflower oil

1 teaspoon mustard seeds

1 teaspoon turmeric

1/2 cup water

1 teaspoon sea salt

1 bunch fresh dark leafy greens, chopped (optional)

1 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

1/2 hot green pepper, chopped (optional)

1 teaspoon honey

Garnish: cup fresh coriander leaves, chopped.

Cook the rice in two cups of water and cool. While rice is cooking, cut the potatoes into 1/4 inch pieces.

Wash twice with water, draining each time.

In a large saucepan, heat oil and mustard seeds.

When the seeds pop, add turmeric, potatoes, greens, 1/2 cup water, and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Mix well.

Cook over low heat for about 15 minutes or until the potatoes are soft. Combine the rice with the cooked potatoes. Add lemon juice, pepper and rest of salt and mix well.

Cook for an additional 3 minutes, then add honey, drizzling it over the dish then stirring it in well.

Garnish with fresh coriander leaves.

COMMENTS: Serve it as a lunch or light supper. Extra lemon can be squeezed on top.

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The Stars in June

The winter solstice when the sun reaches its northern-most latitude, for us in the southern hemisphere, signifies the return of the light and our shortest day of the year. After the winter solstice the daylight hours begin to lengthen again as the sun tracks south.

All planetary and solar-lunar movement is tracked in universal time or Greenwich Mean Time, and this year, according to my Ephemeris, the winter solstice is at exactly midnight, or zero hours zero minutes GMT on the 21st. June.

So we have the Sun, symbolised in Astrology by the circle with a dot in the centre, entering the birth sign of cancer-two circles, at exactly 0 hours 0 minutes giving us five circles together in an Olympic year and the Olympic Games symbol is of course five circles!

It is hard not to get carried away by this powerful cosmic symbolism: wholeness, completion, togetherness, birth, perfection and the return of the light. And, yes, the moon is in Aquarius in the seventh house for all you "HAIR" freaks out there. *Is the dawning of the age of...?* Well it is certainly the dawning of something! And the Sun is in conjunction with Venus, planet of love and all things beautiful, "... and love will steer the stars..." right. That is enough 'HAIR', but if we reflect on the idealism, groundbreaking theatre, and incredible success of that particular musical and find its themes so powerfully re-iterated in this years solstice, I think we are entitled to be optimistic. Maybe we are taking a giant step towards harmony & understanding, sympathy and trust. Let's do it anyway in our own small circles and watch them expand as ripples in the global pool circle upon circle.

If we're reading the stars right then this is the energy and theme for the coming year and if you want to grow your hair and dance naked under the moonlight I'm sure the stars will dance with you. There is a Mars - Neptune opposition on the day of the solstice - confusion in the ranks and a dissolving of warring energy into acts of sacrifice and compassion, which fits neatly into our little scenario laying down the weapons and offering service to the suffering.

Pluto has just slipped back into Sagittarius suggesting that we polish up our long term ideals and take care of unfinished business before Pluto gets back into Capricorn for the long haul. Lightning up and clearing out the backlog seems to be the way to go now.

Another standout date is the 8th. June, let's take a little time to see why. Astrologically, the passage of time is aligned with the stars and our orbit of the Sun in relation to the positions of the stars. This is called sidereal time. Through the 7th. & 8th. June we move through 1700 hours sidereal time. The Sun, Mercury and Venus also move through 17^o Gemini. Numerologically reduce the number 17 and you get number 8, the day of the month, and in this Tarot deck, Major Arcana card #17 is, yes, the Star! If we look at 17^o Gemini in the sky we find that it aligns exactly with the Star Capella which is the Alpha (brightest) star in the constellation Auriga, the charioteer in lunar, or 13 sign astrology, Auriga sits at the centre and drives, or directs, the other 12 Zodiac signs.

With the Sun, Mercury and Venus all aligning with this powerful driving force we have an incredible opportunity to push towards success in communication, creativity, love and personal freedom. So look to the stars and take control of your direction at this most auspicious time.

Rob Hart.

From Column 1

arrange a vehicle with a crane to pull our vehicle to safety. It was very nerve-racking and our crew was traumatised by the accident, although no one was hurt. The whole procedure took hours and Ken stayed with us all the time, calming and reassuring us. He knew just who to call and how to tackle the problem.

Thank you Ken.
**Cassie Read, Supervisor, Conservation
Volunteers Australia Green Corridor Team**

Influenza Season:

Call for Older Australians to Protect Themselves with a Free Vaccination



Jim Turnour, Member for Leichhardt, today said older Australians in the Tropical North should take steps to protect themselves from potentially life threatening winter illness - and have their annual free influenza shots.

"Last year, 2.57 million Australians over the age of 65 received the free flu vaccinations from their GPs, at clinics or in aged care facilities across the country, Mr Turnour said. "In the last five years, influenza and pneumonia were responsible for 2.5 per cent

of all deaths in Australia - and in 2006 resulted in 2725 deaths - making it the 12th highest cause of death."

"Flu can be very serious for any age group, but older people can be more susceptible to influenza complications, like pneumonia. Influenza can also complicate existing illnesses such as diabetes, heart conditions and severe asthma - with people needing to be hospitalised when conditions became life-threatening," Mr Turnour said.

The Government not only recommends annual vaccinations for people 65 years of age and over, but provides them free of charge to this age group under the Program. The Government has provided \$26.2 million for the influenza vaccine program.

Further information is available on the Fight Flu web site developed by the National Institute of Clinical Studies. The address is www.fightflu.gov.au. The influenza season usually commences in late-May and continues until September.

Update from Kuranda Medical Services



We would like to welcome our new female General Practitioner, Dr Helen Pedgrift who is now working at Kuranda Medical Services on a Full time basis. Helen has just arrived from England and is now making Cairns and Kuranda her home.

We also have Dr Aileen Underhill - our Medical Registrar who joined the KMS team in January and Dr Manju is back on deck working Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. She has taken over from Dr Michelle Cresp who will unfortunately not be returning to the Practice due to Family circumstances, and we wish Michelle all the best for the future.

Please feel free to ring or pop in and arrange an appointment with any of these or existing Doctor's on 40 937 118.

Friendly Service with a Smile.

Cedar Park Celebrates

It was another glorious day in paradise and on Monday 5 May saw about one-hundred and fifty guests gather amidst the beautiful gardens and natural forest of Cedar Park Rainforest Resort next to the Clohesy River, about 45kms west of Cairns.

Rosy, Christoph and Markus hosted a fantastic function to celebrate their third year in business at their own venue.

The guests came from the Tablelands, the coast, interstate and from as far away as Europe. Their reasons for attending this event were so varied, quite personal and always with accolades to the hosts for their fantastic service and the most delicious food consistently provided.

Friends from "Wildlife Rescue", Atherton "Hot Shots" big band, Tropical Tableland Tourism, "The Table Top Dancers", a regional teachers' group known as "The Five Ladies", and many

more locals, all expressed their delight in previously visiting or staying at Cedar Park, and will do so again.

Some spoke of the isolation of Cedar Park as being ideal for big birthdays. Those who had celebrated their milestones, booked out the rooms with their guests and camped-out on the idyllic grounds, said it was perfect. The place is with no night noise restrictions. So, they came to remember those special times, and stayed the night again.

Cedar Park seems to have unique memories for everyone who has been there. Perhaps the most poignant was for the widow's memory of her husband's ashes which she chose to scatter there, as it is such a special place.

With the forest in the background "Koahlition" provided great music as the guests enjoyed the ambience with some taking to the floor.

The huge ghost gum, the birds, the frogs, the wallabies, the river and most importantly, the hosts, ensured another successful afternoon of entertainment at the Cedar Park Rainforest Resort.

To see the photos log onto www.cedarparkresort.com.au and click onto NEWS, then anniversary photos and start slideshow ... enjoy!

Tablelands Baha'i Community Established

Following the amalgamation of the various shire councils on the Tablelands, the former Baha'i Group of Kuranda has been merged into a larger community on the Tablelands. Elections for the first Tablelands Assembly were recently held successfully on the first day of Ridvan Holy Day. Nine adult Baha'is were elected from throughout the Tablelands, with Ian Cerny as chairperson, Owen Allen as secretary and Saeid Derakshan from Kuranda as treasurer. Four women were also elected. This is a yearly election that takes place without nominations, canvassing or politicking, the choice being based on merit alone. This local Assembly represents the worldwide Baha'i Faith for this Tableland area. The existing activities of the Faith will still continue in Kuranda and elsewhere, including at the Baha'i Information Centre at the bottom of Therwine Street Kuranda, contact PO Box 702 Kuranda 4881 or telephone 40937120.

Currently some 1000 delegates comprising the members of the national assemblies of virtually every country are also meeting in Haifa, Israel for the election of the Universal House of Justice, the ruling world body of the Faith, with its seat on Mount Carmel. This election occurs every five years.

KURANDA VILLAGE TAX TIP

By Fay Allen BCom CPA

SUPER CO-CONTRIBUTION

The Super Co-contribution is a contribution that you make to a super fund and the Australian Government will match \$1.50 for every \$1.00 that you contribute up to a maximum co-contribution of \$1,500 if you are eligible.

You are eligible for the co-contribution for the 2007 - 2008 financial year if:

- you make a personal super contribution by 30 June 2008 into a complying super fund
- your total income is less than \$58,980 (this is not your taxable income)
- 10% or more of your total income is from eligible employment, running a business or a combination of both
- you are less than 71 years of age at 30 June 2008
- you do not hold an eligible temporary

resident visa

- you lodge an income tax return

If you contribute \$1,000 to a super fund the maximum amount of the co-contribution is \$1,500. However, you must reduce this by 5c for every dollar you earn over \$28,980 up to \$58,980. You can use the *Super co-contribution calculator* on the ATO web site at www.ato.gov.au to work out how much you will get.

Example: Matilda is 40 years old. Her total income for the 2007 - 2008 income year is \$25,550. During the financial year she made personal contributions totalling \$1,000 to her super fund. Matilda meets all of the eligibility criteria for the co-contribution. The Australian Government pays a co-contribution of \$1,500 into her super fund.

If you have any questions about the super co-contribution please feel free to call me on 4093 8222 at Kuranda Village Accountancy or visit the ATO website www.ato.gov.au.



A Word from Matty

Ahoy there citizens of Kuranda! You have no doubt noticed our ad in the paper these past months so here is some info on us. What we have done with the **Kuranda Landscape & Gardening** is to band together a group of hard working people very proficient in their field.

Renae Rush is our head landscapist. He has been landscaping locally for 25 years and has an incredible wealth of knowledge on local flora and tropical rainforest - a highly skilled and creative landscaper.

We have **'Tonk'** our **Bobcat** driver and **6m³** (capacity) **Tiptruck** driver - an excellent operator.

Roy, our **Backhoe** driver - our strong man, he puts in a hard and precise day's work. Both operators are very good with their machine work

and work 'hard for their money'.

Our **Mowing & Brushcutting** division is handled by **Frenchy** (Fabian) so if you just need a mow or a clean up we will do that as well.

Now last but not least, there is me - some of you may remember me from Speewah Country Kitchen, a year ago. I was the bald guy (Matty) doing all the talking while my chef (Steve) did all the awesome food that you all enjoyed - getting back into it again.

Now folks, I know times are a little tough at the moment so if you can't afford the big outlay we can do things in stages. Give us a call and we will come over and discuss things and come up with solutions that will keep everyone happy and budgets are not overblown.

So any work you want done, call us and if my team and I do not have the skills to do what you want we will find the right people with relevant skills to do the job or part of.

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Barron Falls Tragedy



BARRON FALLS attracts many admirers each year, both locals and tourists. It is quite apparent that although this is a picturesque spot it is also a very dangerous place. I don't know just how many people have met a tragic end at the falls, but one such tragedy in particular received considerable coverage in the local press.

The Cairns Post of Monday 20 December 1920 carried the story of E. Galt, a nurse working at the Cairns District Hospital, who fell 700 feet (230 metres) to her death at the Barron Falls. Nurse Galt left Cairns alone by train on Thursday 16 December for the Barron Falls. The *Post* said "It will be readily understood why the nurse should make such a trip alone when it is mentioned that she was a landscape painter, and one of Nature's lovers". Nurse Galt came originally from Western Australia, and before working in Cairns spent two years at Sydney Hospital. She lived and worked in Cairns for six months before her death. The *Post* stated: "Nurse Galt wanted to paint the beautiful falls and gather ferns and other botanical specimens, which she had heard grew profusely on the cliffs nearby the rushing waters". She had previously asked another nurse to accompany her but she couldn't get away.

When Nurse Galt left the train at Barron Falls Station two men also alighted. They met her while descending the steps to the base of the falls, but when they asked her to accompany them she declined. She then proceeded to return to the top of the stairs. The article in the paper said that "As a Nature Lover she wished to commune with

KURANDA FLASHBACK

Nature by herself". That was the last any person saw her alive.

When Nurse Galt failed to return to the hospital on Friday, the Matron reported her missing. The Cairns police contacted Constable Bamback of the Kuranda police who immediately searched the area around the falls. He failed to find the nurse, but he learned that a young woman and two men had left the train at the falls on the Thursday. The police issued a request through *The Cairns Post* asking the two men to contact the officer in charge of the investigation to give any information on their contact with the woman. The men, who were strangers to each other, confirmed to police that they had spoken to the woman briefly, but knew nothing of her movements after that. On the Saturday a contingent of people went to the falls to search for her. The party included some police, the Chairman of the Hospital Committee, the Matron and one of the nurses who worked with Nurse Galt.

Police Inspector Allen interviewed some of the line maintenance men, but they had not seen the missing woman. After making further enquiries at Kuranda he initiated a more thorough search. One search party led by Constable Brown found articles believed to belong to Nurse Galt at Knight's Rock, a lookout point with a very good view of the Barron Gorge. The articles included a pair of lady's tan boots, a small leather handbag, a fancy cloth bag and a book. The *Post* stressed that contrary to a previous report there were no stockings found. The searchers found that some large ferns growing on the brink of the precipice were disturbed.

The Cairns Post then gave its view of what the searchers would have speculated: "Then her eyes must have rested on the pretty ferns growing at the edge of the rock. No doubt she coveted some of these, and to secure a better foothold removed her shoes and laid them down with her bags and book while she went forward to gather the green beauties. The spot where the ferns grow looks as if Mother Earth supports them, and the nurse must have stepped out on this treacherous part. She found herself slipping, but tried to save herself by clutching at the ferns, which gave way beneath her weight, and with an agonising shriek she went over the cliff to an awful death". The report said "The signs all suggested that is what happened".

The spot from which the nurse was suspected to have fallen was a piece of rock outside the guardrail at the viewing area. Inspector Allen

climbed down a 200-foot cliff with the aid of a rope but had to return without success. Several railway navvies then made the descent but the rope proved too short. Another 200 feet of rope was sent to the site by train and another attempt was made to locate the nurse. This time the searchers found a blue cloth hat and other signs that she had fallen there. However, the rope was still not long enough to reach the bottom and a car was sent to Mantaka for more. Four searchers, Wilson, Fry, Connors and Summers then descended to the bottom and found the nurse's body on a rock upstream from the Devil's Pool. Attempts to bring the body to the top of the cliff failed. The searchers then opened up an old track leading from near Robb's Monument to the river. This task proved very difficult and only seven of the twenty men who made the attempt were able to reach the Devil's Pool. By the time they reached the body they realised they would be unable to retrieve it before dark, and the decision was made to resume the task next day. The climb back was so difficult that Inspector Allen almost collapsed and had to be helped out by his companions.

Next morning, a Sunday, a large party left Kuranda at 6.00 a.m., and by 9.00 a.m. five of them had reached the body. The rest of the party had fallen by the wayside as their enthusiasm and endurance waned. The body was wrapped in some material and suspended on a pole to enable it to be carried out. The task was very difficult and it was not until 1.00 p.m. that the recovery party reached the foot of the track leading to the top. Fifteen men worked to pull the body up the slope by rope while two men travelled with the body to protect it from being damaged on the rocks. The party took two hours to complete this task, after which two members of the Cairns Ambulance Brigade wrapped the body in clean linen before taking it to Freshwater on a hand railway car.

Many of the retrieval party, including Mr Allen, Chairman of the Hospital Committee, and Constable Brown of the Cairns police, were completely exhausted after the arduous task. More than thirty people helped in the search and retrieval, and special mention was made of Miss Remilton of Remilton's Hotel and Mr Pearce of Pearce's Hotel, who made the workers comfortable while they were in Kuranda. The two hoteliers also sent food and refreshments each day to the party at the Barron Falls. The funeral of Nurse Galt was held at 11.00 a.m. at St John's Church on Monday 20 December 1920. ■

BatReach news

Kuranda residents would no doubt agree that one of the major pleasures of living in this beautiful region is the abundance of wildlife. It is unfortunate, however, that our wildlife is often adversely affected by the necessities of human existence. Most of the orphaned/injured creatures received at BatReach are victims of powerlines, barbed-wire fencing, roads, cats, dogs and habitat destruction.

A recent arrival at BatReach is Irwin, a baby Striped Possum, whose mother was a victim of dog attack. Striped Possums are found only in the northern tropics. These small nocturnal mammals find shelter in tree hollows and epiphytes during the day. At night they move swiftly and deftly through the trees in search of insects, native fruits and leaves. An elongated fourth finger assists the Striped Possum to probe bark to extract insects. These fascinating yet little-studied creatures have a distinctively pungent, sweet odour, which becomes stronger as they reach maturity.

The aim of BatReach is to rehabilitate injured/orphaned wildlife and return them to their rightful place in the wild. Such is the case with Irwin. When he is ready for release in four to five months, he will go through a gradual, monitored, supported release process.

We can all help to preserve and protect our precious Kuranda wildlife by driving slowly, confining our dogs and keeping our cats indoors, especially at night. We can also plant native trees to provide food and shelter for our wildlife.

Helen — BatReach Volunteer



Irwin

SWIMMING POOL TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER

Introducing Gary and Linda Davis in their new role as Managers of the Kuranda Aquatic Centre. They will Lease the pool from the Council and run the facility's operations which will include Learn to Swim Programs and Aquafitness Classes. The family including their 3 children have lived and worked in Kuranda for 11 years now, Gary as a Phys Ed teacher and Linda with the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

First and foremost this facility is a Community Swimming Pool. It will be open to all members and will operate long hours and holidays. It is also very beneficial to have the Schools next door, within walking distance, a far better situation than buses and the time taken to get to Mareeba for all those years. Aquatics programs of all sorts can be fostered as the need arises.

The Swimming School and Exercise Programs will be called "The Heartbeat" Swim School. Bookings are being taken now for the Learn to Swim Classes and Squads. Depending on demand, afternoons 3.30pm - 6.00pm mornings 10.00am - 12.00noon for little ones and their mums classes.

The Pool will be open at 6.00am and close at 6.00pm, some exercise classes and Swimming club activities will develop in the evenings as well.

The motto will be "Start Small, Build Up, Value All."

Service and Quality will be the Aim, as the pool should be viewed as a community centre, meeting place and safe haven. Every effort from the start will be made to kick off the venue so that it adequately meets your needs in the community.

All the Water Safety, Water Sense and Water Wise principles will be adopted and be guided by Qualifications with Royal Lifesaving Society of Australia. Over time the opportunity to provide community based Recreational and Trainer Assessments will become available to further certify and ensure our locals are water and first aid safe.

For any Enquiries and Bookings ring 40938399 or Email GNL.davis@bigpond.com.au.

If you want to be the first "something or someone" to do anything for the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, maybe it's the 2020 Olympic Swimmer from Kuranda!! Let us know.

We are proud to be given this opportunity to facilitate these services to the lovely, spirited people of Kuranda. Looking forward to welcoming you and saying "come on in, the waters fine"

Neighbourhood Centre Cont.

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whether grandparenting part-time, full-time or casual, come along and meet others every last Monday of the month. Addressing your needs.

Rummage Boutique: In collaboration with Possum Corner who are expanding their Op Shop, we are winding down our little boutique. All our clothing and bric-a-brac will be transferred over at the end of the month. So that makes for a bargain! All clothing is \$1. All kids' clothing 20-50 cents. All bric-a-brac is going cheap! Thankyou for your generous donations in the past and please drop any items off at Possum Corner. Thank you to Debi Seaton Crow who spent countless hours transforming our Odds & Ends table back at the old Cottage next to the BP, to Rummage Boutique where many locals (and tourists) knew they could grab a bargain. We hope we will still see Debi volunteering at the centre.

Book Exchange: will continue and we will have more space for our never-ending turnover of books, magazines, puzzles and games. Books are still \$1 or 50 cents if you want to bring one in to swap. Mags are free-50 cents. With more space available we will set up some coffee tables so please come in and have a chat or bring a friend for a hot cuppa.

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.

Did you know? That we have a recycling box for all your printer/photocopier ink cartridges, toner bottles and all things of that nature. Please drop them in to the front desk so that these disposables can be recycled into new products. This is a free service to KNC that we are happy to share with our community.

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Continuing the tradition of supporting local talent, the Kuranda Resort and Spa proudly presents our monthly JazzArt event June 1st. 3-6pm. This promises to be a stylish JazzArt performance featuring Handmade Corset Fashion Exhibition (Danelle - Siren Hills) + local Jazz duo Out Of The Blue - Julie McLaughlin & Jim Black.

We're excited to launch our Winter a la carte Menu voted in the ten 'Top Nosh' Restaurants in Cairns Eye. The recently introduced BISTRO STYLE Menu is proving popular with locals! Pop in any night 5.30 - 8.30pm for a gourmet pizza, jungle curry, fish & chips, massive burger and more. Order from this EASY EATING menu at the bar or snuggle up for a candle-lit dinner around our open fires.

What's up with all these functions? Over the past months we've been inundated with inquiries of all shapes & sizes. Conferences, weddings, birthdays, baby showers ... flooding through our doors... and we love it!!! Specializing in customized group bookings, if you're looking for a party with a difference, contact our functions department.



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**FLOOD STORM
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Thank you to our Tablelands Councillor, Jenny Jensen, for accepting an invitation to visit our headquarters and giving sympathetic consideration to a request to Council for assistance to upgrade our power supply; Jim Partridge for being first in line for call-outs during my absence; Mattheus Nube for his excellent presentation of a session on *Basic Fire Fighting* at training on Tuesday night, 29 April; and members who marched on Anzac Day.

Kuranda Group Roles

So far I have outlined the roles of the Kuranda Group in **Storm Response and General Rescue**.

Kuranda Group's Other Roles

Flood Response and Boating: Because of our location on the Barron River, we have a role in **Flood Response and Boating**. While the group does not have a flood boat, one is based at Mareeba and has been used to ferry supplies to Russet Park, carry residents across the Clohesy River to Koah and assist in Skyrail exercises. We have one member trained in Flood Boat Operations, and need at least two more.

Traffic and Vehicle Management is another of our roles and we have nine members trained in Traffic Control.

Our Search role has two aspects - **Land Based Search Operations** and **Air Observation**. Two members have completed *Search as a Member of a*

Land Search Team and *Protect and Preserve an Incident Scene*. We also have two trained in *Search as a Member of an Air Search Team* and *Work in an Aviation Environment*. We need more trained for both aspects. Training for Land Based Search is conducted at group level, and Air Search at regional level.

Emergency Welfare and Catering Support is provided to SES operations or other agencies on site or in the field. Sufficient people need to be trained in *Safe Food Handling* and be able to monitor any assistants under their supervision.

Incident Management requires training in *Work in an Emergency Operations Centre* and applies the AIMS ICS system to manage any activity. Two members have been trained in *Work in an Emergency Operations Centre*.

Training Nights in June are on Tuesday 10 and 24 and an exercise will be conducted on Saturday, 28 June.

Recent Activations

Two members participated in an activation on 7 May.

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

Fire Season Awareness

Regardless of where a fire originated or who lit it, a landholder or occupier of a property with a fire on it, is responsible to contain or extinguish that fire immediately upon becoming aware of its existence.

Rural fire fighters are there to assist. They are community minded volunteers, not servants - they do not get paid, so be active and help out where possible. Remember, where volunteer brigades are located, there is not a



Heavy fines can be and have been imposed in the past, for inaction. Litigation by neighbours has also occurred.

Adequate breaks must be maintained by occupiers of land to prevent fire escaping onto other property and also stop fires entering.

A permit system is in force for the lighting of fires. Your local Warden will issue a permit with certain provisions stipulated, depending on weather and other conditions at the time. This is for your protection. An applicant MUST abide by the conditions on the permit and not be of the belief, that just because one has a permit one can burn when or how.

situation of fee for service, as there is in towns. You are not just entitled to a service. Volunteer brigade members give their time freely to support their local community, so please if you can, become a member. Learn how to protect yourself, your property and your community.

(The Fire & Rescue Authority Act 1990 Q'ld. : Section 66: Occupier to extinguish fire.)

Thank you,

Yvonne Thomson

Hon. Admin. Officer, CLOHESY RURAL FIRE GROUP
(Davies Creek Brigade; Koah Brigade; Kuranda/Myola Brigade; Speewah Brigade)

RECREATION CENTRE HAPPENINGS

It's been a good month - over the financial hump and looking forward to some consistent and sustained opportunities to function as a viable venue for Kuranda. The Tablelands Regional Council has provided support to keep the facility in the hands of the local community which means operating the Liquor Licence for events and finding someone who would like to run the kitchen.

The Department of Sport and Recreation held a free "How to run Committees" seminar. It is amazing how much is involved in the Incorporation Act, to be legitimate and successful. At the heart of all committees are Volunteers. Volunteerism is a wonderful opportunity for anyone to give back to their community and it provides a great sense of citizenship and satisfaction for the heart and well being.

Our club currently runs entirely on volunteers and now we are gaining support dollars from the Council and also the satisfaction in knowing that it is seen by Council that the club is necessary for the future meeting and function venue needs of locals. This week we will be allocating specific roles for our committee members to help to chip away at solutions

to our revenue to support renovations and repairs. A Big thank you to Cllr Jenny Jensen, Mayor Tom Gilmore and the Tableland Regional Council for their prompt attention to our case.

Our first car boot sale was last month and generated plenty of interest to see the event continue. The next will be held on **Saturday the 7th of June**. One person's trash is another's treasure. Also available as a service on "Car Boot" Saturdays is a Justice of the Peace to sign documents etc.

Masses of kids are practising **Tennis** with coaches from 8.00am Saturday mornings at the courts. Each week Katy Whipp coordinates proceedings and with very successful programs in the schools, generates quite a following. If you would like to be involved come on the day. It's fantastic to see social groups at the courts regularly with the honesty system and key exchange working well. Lights are also available for night hits. Further info **Contact Katy on 40937666**

We are currently networking with groups and members to put together social and competitive nights of Snooker, Darts and Table Tennis. These players can become members when organised and represent the Rec Centre around the district,

thanks to the interest shown from Uncle Gerald, Les, Glen, Steve and Sue forming the core group. An Events Coordinator is needed. **Contact Arch on 4093 7511 or Gary on 4093 8399.**

Lawn bowls back on the agenda and thanks to Lorraine Ryle for representing their interests. It could be possible to include Bare Foot Bowls evenings with dates and times to be discussed at our next meeting. The cross over to casual bowls from formal competition could have enormous benefits for all. If you have any enquires about playing **Contact Lorraine 40 939 583**

We have also hosted a successful fundraiser for a local student heading to New Zealand on the Biannual Ski trip later this year and we have found the venue is serving well for this type of function, where the hirer brings in their own food, refreshments and entertainment.

We are thinking about constructing a **volley ball/net ball** court on half of the lawn bowls rink which could operate day or night. We need to know if there is interest for this activity **Contact: Arch 40937511 or Gary on 40938399.**

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The draft FNQ 2025 regional plan, released on 9 May, rules out urbanisation of Myola. At the launch of the plan, the Minister for Planning & Infrastructure, Paul Lucas, also ruled out the 4-lane Kuranda highway at least until 2025.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to achieve these outcomes over the years if not decades. A time to celebrate....

The Regional Plan will guide development over the next 2 decades and influence what environment and style of community we leave for future generations. It is therefore important to examine the details of the proposed plan and comment on its flaws as well as compliment the planners and polities on the bits we particularly like and want to keep.

The draft FNQ2025 Regional Plan is open for public submissions for

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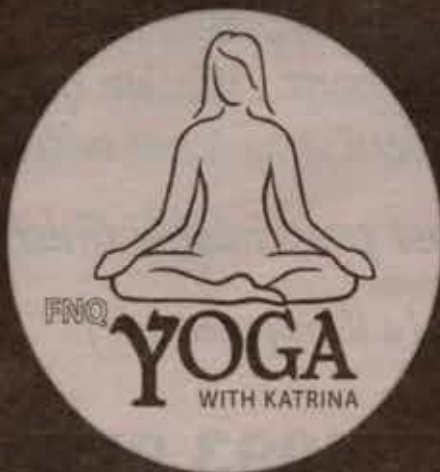
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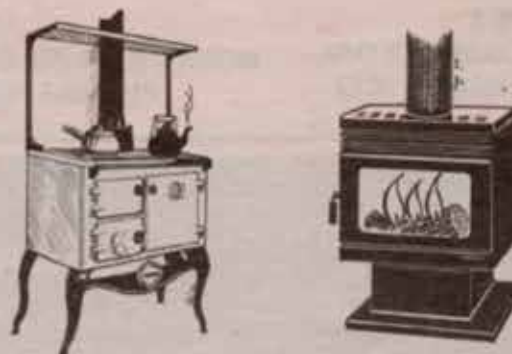


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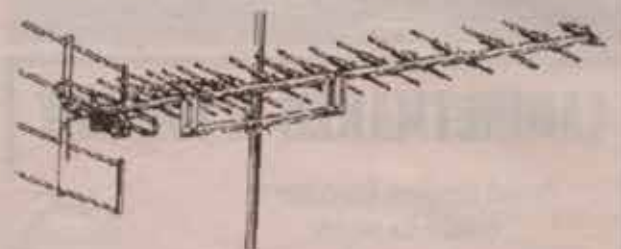
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Last year we were too few to do the event full justice. All we could do is run the bare bones of each event, much more is needed, both for the old faithful events and for new ones to lift the day.

There'll need to be new people if the Festival is to proceed

this year.

The Kuranda Village Promotion Program (whose charter is the promotion of the Village as a tourist destination) will not be able to provide funds for this year's festival due to new Tablelands Regional Council arrangements. However, it will continue to help with promoting the event on TV and in the Cairns Post. The Kuranda Chamber of Commerce has not yet confirmed that it will provide funds this year. Both these entities have provided significant and necessary funding in the past. Without their support, it will be a major challenge to raise the funds required for insurance, stage and lights and advertising costs for the Kuranda Paper and prizes.

Who's willing to assist with organisation and fundraising?

The Kuranda College is planning its official opening and fete for Sunday 24 August, just days away from the date set for the Spring

Festival & Battle of the Barron. Given the College fete will be a major community event and draw upon the resources of many in the Kuranda community:

Do we want to concentrate on the College fete or attempt both events?

Maybe we could hold the stalls and entertainment at the College and 2 weeks later, hold the Grand Parade and Battle of the Barron on Saturday 6 September as planned.

The next meeting of the Kuranda Festivals Association Inc will be its Annual General Meeting to be held at the Queen Bee Café, Lower Therman Street, at 5pm. Tuesday 17th. June. Refreshments on hand. All welcome - and we can discuss what we might do about the Kuranda Spring Festival this year.

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Community News

KURANDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM

The May 2008 Social Meeting of the Kuranda Chamber was held at the Kuranda District College with the senior hospitality students providing the catering to the twenty-five members and guests who attended. Special thanks must be extended to Chris Capra, Kerry Hardy and Lyn Lyons. Most of all our special thanks to the hospitality students who prepared the food for us on the night. It is refreshing to see so much talent in our community and comforting to know that most of these students will secure positions in their chosen field.

Our special guests were Steve Wettenhall the Member for Barron River and Jenny Jensen our Division 8 Councillor. Both Steve and Jenny spoke to us about what is relevant to business in our area. It was refreshing to be able to speak to our representatives in a relaxed and non-confrontational setting.

Recently there have been a number of decisions made by our State Government which will affect our community. Namely the decision not to proceed with

the Kuranda Range and the Myola Plan. This is unfortunate, however, we now need to respect the decisions made and move on. Below is an extract from the draft for Far North Queensland 2025 Regional Plan:

The draft has effectively ruled

out a major upgrade to the Kuranda Range road at least until 2023 - if not beyond - with the Mt Peter area south of Edmonton designated to take the bulk of projected population growth. As well, the draft plan appears to have allayed fears rural residential developments and major tourism developments on the Atherton Tableland would be stymied by a plan based on southeast Queensland.

Mr Lucas and Ms Bligh stressed the FNQ plan - the first statutory regional plan in Queensland - had been built around the region's unique features and lifestyle and diverse economy. Ms Bligh said the plan would cater for regional population growth without compromising natural assets or allowing urban sprawl. "It protects World Heritage Listed Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics by containing development in identified areas and preserving natural drawcards for future generations," Ms Bligh said. The draft has ruled out development in the Koah, Myola and Clohesy areas on the Tableland by saying there is enough land near Cairns to

cater for regional settlement centres until 2025.

However, the Chamber is still working towards toilets and water at the Barron Falls. Recently the Management Committee inspected the toilet facilities at Speewah camping grounds. It is certainly an eye opener to see such first rate facilities in such a remote setting. There does seem to be reluctance on the part of the State Government and our local authority to provide such facilities at Barron Falls. The Chamber will continue to lobby for such facilities in one of the most visited tourist destinations in North Queensland.

The Chamber would like to extend our congratulations to a number of new businesses in our area, namely Silver Chain Jewellery and Kuranda Kitchen Café. Special mention must be made to the refurbished Frogs Restaurant and the Original Kuranda Markets. It is wonderful to see owners taking such pride in their premises.

Chamber would like to extend an invitation to anyone wishing to join the Chamber to come along to our meetings. With the amalgamation of the councils it is of the utmost importance that Kuranda has a voice with our local Council. This can only be obtained by people willing to become involved and putting their ideas forward.

The next General Meeting will be on the 3rd June at the Kuranda Hotel Motel commencing at 5.00 pm. All current members and guests are cordially invited to attend.

Ross Breadsell
President



Wettenhall Watch

MYOLA RURAL LIFESTYLE AND ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES SAVED:-FNQ 2025 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN RELEASED.-

Former Mareeba Shire plans to turn Myola into a satellite suburb of 11,000 are set to be superseded by the new FNQ 2025 plan released in Cairns by Premier Anna Bligh and the Deputy Premier Planning Minister, Paul Lucas.

I lobbied hard to get former premier Beattie to agree to fund this new statutory plan because I know that only a plan with the force of law really works. As a member of the advisory council that helped shape the plan, I also argued for Myola to be outside the urban footprint and for stricter development controls to protect our environment.

The plan achieves both these important outcomes and much more. Now that there is not going to be thousands more cars commuting up and down the range road, the need for the four-laning of the road will obviously be well into the future.

In the meantime, my campaign for safety improvements for the range road will continue.

FNQ 2025 will steer population growth in Cairns to the Mt Peter southern corridor - while in the northern suburbs, growth will consolidate around 'transit orientated communities'. These are urban nodes that will be designed to allow people to work, shop and play close to home while maximising the use of public transport, walking and cycling.

Have your say about the future of Cairns: have a look at the draft plan on the website www.dip.qld.gov.au; view a hard copy at my office; phone the Cairns Regional Council; or visit the Department of Infrastructure and Planning, Level 2 Orchid Plaza 79-87 Abbott St, Cairns. Submissions must be received by August 8, 2008.

QUEENSLAND DAY AWARDS - JUNE 1

An invitation is extended to all to attend my second annual Barron River Electorate Queensland Day Awards - recognising the great work of volunteers in the community as part of Queensland Week. The awards will be presented at a special morning tea for friends, family and the wider community at 10.30am, June 1 at the Yorkeys Knob Community Hall. RSVP to Cathy or Alana on 4038 2800. All welcome.

STOP PRESS: KURANDA UNITED: STATE ELECTORAL DISTRICT RE-DISTRIBUTION

A periodic review of Queensland Parliament electoral boundaries has been undertaken to ensure that the number of electors in each seat is within a certain range so that we have 'one vote, one value.'

The new boundaries issued for Barron River will see those parts of Kuranda formerly in Cook (north of the highway and the river eg Top of the Range, Russet Park, Mona Mona etc.) moved into Barron River.

I am delighted that Kuranda remains in my electorate and I think it makes a lot of sense to have all of Kuranda in the same seat. I will continue to work hard for the people of Kuranda until the next election and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can throughout the expanded electorate over the coming months.

Steve Wettenhall MP. Member for Barron River, Phone 4038 2800

in a different Division each May is a great opportunity not only for our Teachers to learn a new craft under tuition but also to refresh old friendships and make new ones. No doubt the craft shops in Cairns are happy - these ladies kept shop cash registers ringing for 5 days straight. It was a great week, the weather behaved well and everyone enjoyed our Far Northern hospitality.

Hall information: for the groups hiring our hall on a regular basis, we ask for your patience and understanding while the wooden floor is being repaired.

Hall bookings: for the month of June please contact 4093 7599 or 4093 8229.

Safety Requirements Priority at Old Primary School

Cleaning up vandalism and general restoration work on the old Kuranda Primary School site is a priority for the Tablelands Regional Council to ensure that the facility meets safety requirements before becoming available for use by community groups.

Since its purchase by the Mareeba Shire Council in late January 2008 for \$750,000, ongoing vandalism has created hazards at the site which the Tablelands Regional Council will need to fix before an investigation into restoration work can commence.

With many local groups showing interest in using the site, Mayor Tom Gilmore promises to keep the community informed throughout the upgrade process, assuring that a planned approach will be undertaken to identify and

complete necessary upgrades.

"Our first priority is to make sure the facility is safe," stated Mayor Gilmore. "Vandalism of any public building or amenity is shameful, and in the case of this site, broken glass is causing a serious safety issue. Next we will find out the costs involved in upgrading the facility to meet fire safety requirements, with a report outlining the business case to be presented to Council. Once we have an understanding of costs, where the funds will come from and an expected timeframe for upgrades, we will be able to go back to the community with our approach," concluded Mayor Gilmore.

Submissions lodged to the Mareeba Shire Council regarding use of the facilities at the old Kuranda Primary School site in

January have been considered and will be used for ongoing stakeholder consultation.

Groups wanting to register their interest in using the site in the future should contact Matthew Hyde, General Manager - Community Services, on 07 4096 7641, email matth@trc.qld.gov.au or PO Box 3 Malanda Q 4885. There is no need to re-lodge submissions to Council.

Anyone who sees inappropriate behaviour at the site should contact Council on 4030 3900 or local police to help curb future incidents of graffiti, littering and destruction.



QCWA NEWSLETTER

This month, apart from the usual events, our branch assisted in catering for the QCWA State Handcraft School that was held in Cairns and, once again, held a Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser for cancer research. We would like to thank the local community for coming along and supporting this worthwhile cause. Several raffle prizes and lucky door prizes went home with some of our visitors.

Craft: Ribbon Embroidery was the craft lesson for May - thank you Judy for taking this lesson. On June 18 (Wednesday), the craft lesson for June will be a **Beaded Amulet Bag (peyote stitch)** - again, kits will be available and lunch provided at a small cost. Come along and enjoy a social morning with our crafty ladies. If you would like to join us for this craft lesson, please contact Yvonne on 4093 7016 to arrange for a kit.

The big thing in craft this month was - as mentioned before - the State Handcraft School. Held over 4 days and 2 nights at the Cairns branch hall, it was a very busy and educational time. Our handcraft teacher was the tutor for Parchment craft by day and beaded Swarovski bracelets at night while one of our Teachers - in - Training took the opportunity to join the class learning Florentine Embroidery. Other crafts taught were: Stool seating, Wool Embroidery, Wessex Embroidery and Assisi.

Being a "school" one would imagine that all would be quiet and peaceful. Not so! Anyone passing by must have wondered at the noise emanating from the hall. Mind you, those familiar with CWA meetings, get together etc. wouldn't be at all surprised, and yes, 70 plus women in one room - well what would you expect? Certainly not silence. This yearly event which takes place

JENSEN'S JOTTINGS



The Tableland Regional Council has now been in operation for approximately 6 weeks. The new Council has certainly settled in and it has been a busy time for both staff and Council members. I am pleased to report that consideration of the needs of the Kuranda area are now well and truly "on the agenda". The Councillors have visited Kuranda and had a look at a number of issues and sites. We are currently visiting all areas of the region so that all Councillors have a better understanding of the needs of the communities within the region.

Council Meetings: The schedule for Council Meetings has been amended and Council will now meet for 2 days each fortnight. All Meeting dates, Agendas and Minutes are published on the TRC website www.trc.qld.gov.au. Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the Council Meetings. At present, the meetings rotate around the 4 former shire centres and are held in either Atherton, Mareeba, Herberton or Malanda. I am hopeful that later in the year, there will also be meetings held in other centres such as Kuranda.

Old Primary School: I have received lots of calls and questions

regarding the future of the old Primary School site. Council has inspected the site and a report is being prepared on the current state of the site and repair requirements. I am very keen to see the site used by community groups and it will most certainly be a community facility. However it is important that we assess such things as safety and funding implications before we take the next step. For more details, please have a look at the Mayor's comments in this edition of the Kuranda Paper. To ensure better security at the old school, Council will soon be advertising for a Caretaker to reside at the site. Anyone interested can contact Matt Hyde (General Manager Community Services) at 40965311.

Budget: The 2008-2009 Budget is currently being prepared and will be presented to Council in the coming weeks. The current rating schemes as operated by the 4 former shires will continue for this year. However, during the coming year, rating schedules will be reviewed. The review will involve opportunity for you to provide comment and feedback. A schedule for major road and bridge works will also be part of the Budget preparation and I encourage residents to advise me in writing before June 4th of any particular needs in this area.

2025 Plan: Many people will be aware that the 2025 Planning framework was released by State Government on May 9th. The Myola and Koah areas are no longer identified as areas for future population growth. The new Plan also places a hold on the Kuranda Range Road upgrade project. Community consultations are now underway and feedback submissions are due by August 8th. If you have questions as to how the FNQ 2025 may impact on your property, please contact the Town Planning Department at Council or the Dept of Infrastructure and Planning Ph 40398867.

Community facilities: In Kuranda we have a number of

community facilities. Many of these have grown out of the efforts of volunteers and community minded citizens over the years. However, it is becoming more and more important that we work together to develop the sort of community facilities that meet the needs of a growing and changing community. Council staff will soon be undertaking the process of developing a report on the Sport and Leisure needs of communities within the new Council region. This will assist in future planning and provide a more co-ordinated approach to community facilities in all areas of the Tablelands Regional Council.

Reminder to Community Groups: Council supports a variety of community organisations with small grants each year. Any group which meets the eligibility criteria (NB need to be an incorporated body) is welcome to make application to Council. Grants are usually not large amounts of money, but certainly can assist community groups/sporting organisations.

Congratulations: Students from Kuranda District State College recently launched their book "Be Casso-Wary". What a great publication! Full marks to our kids and their teachers for developing this. Congratulations also to the Kuranda Village Promotions Program for their newly published Kuranda Map and the fine work they do in promoting Kuranda to visitors to our region.

Kuranda Office: Our small Division 8 Councillor office is now almost established. The office is next to Kuranda Village Accountancy and Professionals Real Estate. The office is only open when I am available in Kuranda. The office is a not a service centre for Tablelands Regional Council but you can still continue to access the Kuranda Library for some council services or you may contact the Mareeba Office at 40303900.

Councillor Contact Details: You are welcome to contact me regarding issues, questions and feedback (however, I would request that you leave Sundays free.) Phone is 40938466 or 0417002046 and email is jenny.jensen@trc.qld.gov.au. Please also make use of the online facility on the Council website www.trc.qld.gov.au where you can use the "Contact Us" link to the online feedback form.

Stroke Symptoms

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- S * Ask the individual to SMILE.
- T * Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today)
- R * Ask them to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If they have trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 999/911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ———
Stick out Your Tongue - Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.



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ENVIRO WATCH

Environment and Conservation News

Myola Urban plan excluded in draft FNQ2025 regional plan

Good news for all those who didn't wish to see a 10,000 person satellite suburb of Cairns located in the Myola valley!

The draft FNQ2025 excludes Myola as an urban node for the next 20 years and the new 4 lane Kuranda Range Road is also excluded due to lack of government funding. Many thanks to all those who have supported the work to ensure this outcome. We will still need to work on keeping Myola urbanisation excluded from the final plan.

See "Friends of the Earth" article for more details.

Plant id workshop - Sat. 28 June free

Nine community members enjoyed the plant id course run by Druce Horton in May. As one participant said - "I never knew there was so much to learn about leaves".

Here's a little excerpt: "Taxonomists organise plants into families on the basis of their descent from a common ancestor. As with human families, there is usually a resemblance between family members (but not always). Though there are a bewildering number of plant species in the wet tropics, nine plant families account for more than 50 % of the trees so, as an aid to identification, it is worth trying to familiarise yourself with some of the characteristics of these common families. The avocado (*Persea americana*) and that marvellous cabinet timber species Black Walnut (*Endiandra palmerstonii*) are members of the

Lauraceae family. The rainforest laurels often have oily fruit with a texture similar to the avocado fruit and these fruit are favourites of the fruit eating pigeons".

Ring Margaret on 40 938393 or email secretary@envirocare.org.au to book a spot. Class is restricted to 10, so with 5 already booked, let us know as early as you can.

Introduction to Rainforest Revegetation workshop - 18-20 June (Wed-Fri) free

We're re running our Rainforest revegetation workshop, which was so well received last year, again Druce Horton has agreed to be the tutor. Druce provides our plant of the month segment in the paper and in this course provides fascinating insights into the whys and wherefores of rainforest revegetation. The workshop covers rainforest ecology, plant botany and id, seed collection, nursery practices and revegetation practices. To book a place or for a detailed workshop outline, please call Margaret on 40 938393 or email secretary@envirocare.org.au

Speaker meeting - 4 June 7-7:45 pm Rainforest Rescue CEO Kelvin Davies

Rainforest Rescue is an Australian based not for profit organisation whose focus is protecting rainforest. In Australia they have created the *Daintree Buy Back and Protect Forever Project* This project has successfully purchased and protected forever 10 properties, creating a lowland rainforest corridor. Come

along and learn more about this fascinating concept. Kelvin will speak about the work of the organisation, illustrated with photos and video footage.

All are welcome, light supper provided. Followed by **General meeting 4 June 7:45 - 9 pm**

Envirocare plantings - Sat. - 8am

We're continuing to plant and also water! We're now working on the fig tree bend area upstream of Big Sands and behind the Kowrowa oval. Watch for the signs at the Kowrowa oval/ Big Sands turnoff or ring 40 939926 for directions.

Plant of the Month

The feature plant for this month is *Alstonia scholaris* (Milky Pine). One can be seen on the



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A number of people who are required by Centrelink to put in some time with a community organisation are choosing K-Cons (Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery). We've quite a team atmosphere building up at the nursery with many types of jobs to be done ranging from carpentry, renovating and welding (pig traps) to seed collecting, propagating and planting. Workers can choose the type of work they like doing. This makes for contentment and that's a great way to get the jobs done.

We also host a QITE Farm Force team and Green Corps teams, sometimes all at the same time, so our place is abuzz with activity.

You might wonder how we find time for anything else, but we've just been accepted by the Cairns Regional Art Gallery prestigious ground floor space to hold a "This is Cassowary Country" exhibition next April. This will involve many artists in Kuranda. The Wet Tropics Management Authority wants to be involved too - and it's early days.

Talking Cassowaries, with funds from the Gaming Community Benefit Fund, we've purchased specialised computerised microscopic equipment to help us to study the content of Cassowary scats (poo, that is). Our keen botanist is finding all sorts of fascinating things about Casso poo that can't be seen with the naked eye. This will give us insight into their feeding habits and their role as a vector for spreading microscopic fungi and even weeds.

From the scats we take samples for DNA analysis by CSIRO. This will help us to identify individual birds and give us a better idea of the area they cover. This is cutting edge research.

When a Cassowary swallows fruit, it digests the flesh and defecates the indigestible seeds. Some fruit pass through their gut untouched. We're there at the back end to pick up the scat, claim the seeds, count and identify them and propagate them in the nursery. The plants we grow, we plant in nearby Cassowary country, and your property, if you'd like us to.

That's what we do - is there anything else you could possibly want to do?!

PIGS ARE MOVING IN

Locals are informing us that feral pigs are moving onto to properties where there's fodder and water.

If we are serious about reducing the pig threat, we're going to have to take responsibility ourselves. There's not a lot of help available out there!

At K-Cons, we have been given some steel mesh (thanks Warren) that we can make into pig traps. get them out there, catch 'em and dispatch 'em! There's a way, now we only need the will.

If you have the skills to make a trap, we'll supply the rest to make it happen. Let's do it.

"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 but we'll reluctantly accept a donation!!

WHERE DO YOU GET LOCAL NATIVE PLANTS?

Try K-Cons at 1 Pademelon Lane. Phone: 4093 8834.

WHERE DO YOU GET "CASSOWARY COUNTRY" SIGNS?

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Kuranda range at culvert 28. There is a good specimen near the entrance of Rainforestation and another on a block, corner of Mason Road/ Platypus Close. Once you learn to identify it, you will spot numerous examples close to the roadside as you drive the range.

The *Alstonia* has a very distinctive architecture. The branches come off the main trunk more or less horizontally and grow out twisting and turning every which way. The tree looks as if it has been tortured or maybe it just had a really bad hair decade. This shape is caused by a fairly odd growth habit. Instead of the branch growing from its tip, new growth begins from a node behind the tip. So rather than just elongating, the branches extend like a game of leap frog with the growth from the node behind the tip overtaking the old tip. As well as growing in Australia, it also occurs through most of Asia. Its timber is of a fairly poor quality and its species name "*scholaris*" is derived from its use for making school desks in Asia.

Its leaves are clustered together in whorls (like an umbrella tree). It has a very milky sap. The sap has been used in India to treat abdominal pains and dysentery.

Milky sap is a common trait in the family to which this tree belongs - Apocynaceae. The sap contains alkaloids which are usually toxic or medicinal. You will often see *Alstonias* growing alone in paddocks or near roadsides. They are fairly resistant to cyclones. They survive by dropping their branches, leaving a bare trunk.

For people using the CSIRO key: - The leaf features: L3- leaf simple; L7- leaves whorled; L20 - intramarginal vein present; L26 - more than 20 veins: narrows it down to 23 species. The white sap is a good indication that it probably is in the Apocynaceae family. Now you are down to 13 species. If you then go to the leaf images, you will see that *Alstonia scholaris* is reasonably easy to pick out.

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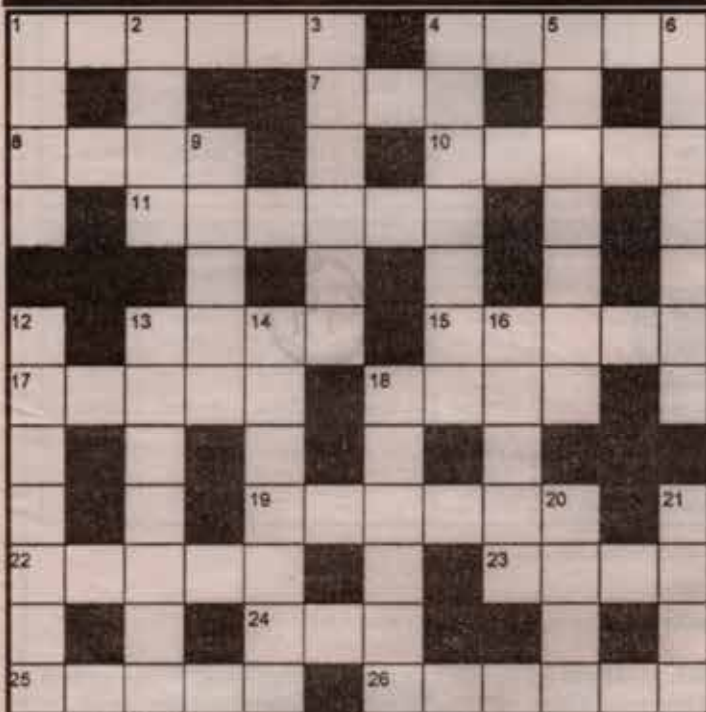
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Across

- 1. One of Queensland's first tourists?
- 4. Suss out that it's almost a duck between the poles.
- 7. Previous head of Grant Haynes council empire.
- 8. Copies in cheap escape holiday.
- 10. Every village needs one!

Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 99

Compiled by John Brooksbank

- 11. Elasticity season.
- 13. First man lady lost her head to?
- 15. Taste puts the acid on a regular.
- 17. Mareeba fruit picked with a smile.
- 18. Church leader is one mother.
- 19. Partner about to lose tail in capture.
- 22. French water good enough to bottle.
- 23. Sweet with bite from Kuranda's new bakery.
- 24. And make the grade at CWA Karate class.
- 25. Doubly hip toys?
- 26. Generous truck from Earthworkers.
- 16. Sounds like a vegetable weight.
- 18. Result of, and purpose, of local scouts camping?
- 20. Dad's old vinyl is a bit touchy-feely.
- 21. Astrologers signpost.

Down

- 1. OK about top air heads here.
- 2. Scots negatives are not mad, just upset.
- 3. Half-hearted centre court?
- 4. Remark on a gripe over a degree.
- 5. Regular at Kuranda State College.
- 6. Unpleasant after Tex is put out with force.
- 9. Sam can be a real tool in the garden.
- 12. Yeh, calm will change you at Amura's spa.
- 13. Flip over yam to enlarge.
- 14. What the Range Road does from Smithfield.

Answers to No. 98





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
- 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 If interested in a game, Phone 4093 9583
- 1st Sunday R.S.L.** 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.
Kuranda Film Society 4 pm 4th May 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
Junior Rugby League 3:30pm Bartley Park Oval 4093 7177
Pilates classes at Kuranda Resort & Spa (Function Room) 6.30 pm
- 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 CWA hall Ph 4093 8682
Tai Chi Sports and Social Club 6 pm Phone 4093 8276
8 Ball 7.00 pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537
Belly Dance at Kuranda Resort and Spa. Have fun and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393
- 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 Barefoot Night bowls, Casual 7.00 pm
- First Wed Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** at 2.00 pm @ KNC
- 2nd Wed QCWA meeting** 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
- Every 2nd Wed - 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 Life Span exercises** - circuit training - QCWA Hall 8.30 am.

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



Kuranda Branch Library and Council Office

4 - 12 Thoree Street Phone 4093 9185

Monday	Closed	No council services are available on Sat. Council cashier closes at 4pm on Tues. Wed. and Thurs.
Tuesday	11am - 6pm	
Wednesday	11am - 5pm	
Thursday	11am - 5pm	
Friday	9am - 12 noon	
Saturday	9am - 12 noon	

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BUSES DEPART KURANDA

Mon-Tues		Wed/Thu/Fri		Saturday		Sun/Pub Holiday	
7.30	THW	7.30	THW	7.30	THW	7.30	THW
7.25	John	7.25	John			8.30	John
				8.30	John	8.30	John
8.15	THW	8.15	THW	8.15	THW	8.15	THW
		9.00	John				
10.20	TH	10.20	TH	10.20	TH	10.20	TH
		11.30	John				
12.30	THW	12.30	THW	12.30	THW	12.30	THW
1.30	John	1.30	John				
2.15	THW	2.15	THW	2.15	THW	2.15	THW
				3.00	John	3.00	John
3.30	John	3.30	John				
4.15	THW	4.15	THW	4.15	THW	4.15	THW
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TH = Trans North, 4091 7944
 John Mobile: 0419 772 960
 (THW) = Shuttle 4091 7944

Trans North does not run on public holidays. Trans North does not run Sunday times
 **John will go to MAREEBA if required mon/tue/ wed and sat/sun at 10
 **JOHN'S BUS GOES FROM KOAH AND SPEEWAH SCHOOL, DAYS ONLY - 7.00am, 4.00pm (from Koah)
 7.30am Trans North shuttle via SKYTRAIL, CARAVONCA, TAPE, CAIRNS HIGH
 3.00pm Trans North shuttle via CAIRNS HIGH, TAPE, CARAVONCA

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	5.15 pm		
HERBERTON	11.20 am	3.30 pm	5.35 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

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Ticket purchases can be made at:

- Phillips News, Atherton
- Mareeba News, Mareeba or
- from the driver as you board the bus.

The bus stops are located at:

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

You may Mail 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.