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It sounds like a Zen or Sanskrit name for a loving and loved teacher of the sacred truths but Buda~dji is the Djabugay name for the Carpet Python who in the dreamtime carved out the Barron River Gorge from the Great Barrier Reef to the Tablelands.

The legend of Buda~dji was passed down through generations of Djabugay people to Nuwarri, known to the balanda as Grandmother Queen Maggie Donahue. This wonderful woman kept the legend alive and passed it on to us through the creative spirit of Djabugay where it is enshrined on the modern version of the cave wall which we call the World Wide Web, you may find the story in full on this address ~ www.kuranda scenic railway.com.au/the_history/Budadji/default.asp

The story goes on to tell of the trade in Nautilus shells that was carried out if you like in the Kuranda markets long before the coming of the railroad and the Kuranda Range road. As I have heard it told from the people of the Cape, the Nautilus was traded for the Djabugay crafts which included well made dilly bags, fish and eel traps and other local handcrafts. The inference from this is that the term Original Kuranda Markets may be somewhat difficult to define.





The legend tells how Buda~dji travels Garndal [Stoney Creek] to Diwunga [Stoney Creek Falls] and back down to the Barron River and thence up the river to Ngunbay [Kuranda]. However there was some drama unfolding and in the legend there is mention of some avaricious Bird~men who had designs on Buda~dji's beautiful Nautilus shells and were intent on gaining possession of them through fair means or foul.

As Buda~dji approached Din~Din [Barron Falls[they ambushed him and cut him up with stone axes into many pieces and scattered the pieces far and wide across the Tablelands throughout Djabuganydji tribal land and throughout the neighbouring coastal people's lands. Where each piece of his body fell the land was named for that particular Buda~dji's body parts.

The fabulous legacy of Buda~dji is some very romantic names for local areas. For example Freshwater's original name is Bubundji, Red Bluff is Mirimbi, The Pyramid is called Bunda Djarrugan while Lamb Range is Bunda Djarruy Gimbul. Buda~dji travelled back to Wangal Dungay [Double Island] where he is resting.

Today Din Din is one of Australia's most viewed landscapes. No doubt Buda~dji would be surprised to learn that his landscaping efforts are seen as even more beautiful than his pretty Nautilus shells. Some things never change, so people say, and these days Ngunbay is still an active site of trading in local handicraft. Part of any visitor's boast to the folks back home is that they have brought home a little piece of Kuranda. The percentage per capita of persons involved in the creative industries is among the highest in Australia. Support your local artist and encourage the Kuranda handicraft industry.



Since the intrusion of the Kuranda Railway and the modern marvel of Skyrail cableway, Din Din is easily viewed from many vantage points. The vision of the falls in full flow, as it is at this time of the year, is really awe inspiring. Visitors may feel the power of the vast volume of water as it cascades through the path which it has etched over millennia and watch the invisible process taking place before their eyes. We may become blase after living in this tropical zone for a few years but the grandeur of sights like DinDin can invigorate your spirit and really get your juices flowing. Go and have a decko right now!

In 1969 two friends and I had an experience of the falls which is virtually impossible to replicate in these liberated days of the third millennium. We ventured into the gorge with the complete protection of indestructible youth on our side and for the best part of an hour we picked our way down the cliff face from the railway line to the bottom of the falls.

The experience was mind numbing. Apart from the thunderous chundering of the cascading wall of water which set the ambience for a larger than life experience, the three of us were all affected by being humbled by the experience. Too stunned to say much we stared around us as if something very out of the ordinary had happened and it had. We looked at one another and agreed that we were having a singular reaction to Din Din's magnificence but could not find words enough to describe the depth of emotion, traumatic [in a good way] probably comes close.

I can't say the climb back up was edifying but every good thing has its price. Pity, these days access is prohibited, but now I am too old, er smart, to do it again.



Byline Ken Saville: Sourced from the website mentioned and personal experience. Thanks to the Dujabugay people~photos by the author except for Din Din 1915

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Dear Kuranda Paper

The Kuranda Media Association Inc. is pleased to advise that its first disbursement of \$2,000 has gone to Batreach for essential upgrading work to its facilities. This unanimous decision was based on the high level of community involvement with this operation, its unique place on both the tourist trail and in the community and the little financial support for its operations. Congratulations to Pam and her team for the sterling work they carry on through Wet and Dry in providing care to our furry friends.

Other applications for one-off funds are still under consideration with some delay in other disbursements following major and necessary expenses being met in maintenance and repairs to computers at the Paper's office.

The Kuranda Media Association would like to thank our loyal advertisers who in their ongoing support not only keep the paper coming to readers free of charge but allows the Association to assist the community in some small projects.

Garth Owen, President KMA Inc.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

With the release of the final FNQ2031 regional land use plan (formerly FNQ2025) we see that the Myola development plan , passed by the old Mareeba Shire council, has been set aside, at least until the next regional plan review period. This old plan would have seen up to 10,000 people crammed into the Myola valley between Kuranda lights and Kowrowa.

Many thanks to all of you in the community who supported the campaign to exclude the Myola area from Cairns suburb style development. And a special thank you to Steve Wettenhal who supported us. Without his lobbying of Minister Paul Lucas minister and other regional advisors, I doubt this campaign would not have been successful. Thankfully

Cathy Retter, Kuranda resident

Dear Kuranda Paper,

While I know that these quiet times are distressing for those with huge commitments to leases and stock on shelves it is nevertheless a good time to update our attitudes and evirons. By this I mean we may take this time to reassess our priorities and how we fit our dreams and desires into the reality of Kuranda as opposed to how we may wish it to be.

Without beginning to preach here, because that is the Reverend Chris's domain, let me just reiterate thoughts that I have heard around the town during the past year. One popular train of thought is about extending Kuranda's trading time into the evening. Going out on a limb, as I realise there are many voices in the village and just as many possibilities, might I suggest that the use of so many creative persons here in the fields of public performance, dance, music, creative exhibition etc, might be used to create a reputation for evening entertainment in Kuranda.

Ken Saville, Kuranda resident.

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

"Third World" Kuranda? - My wife and I made the pleasurable move from Brisbane to Kuranda two years ago. A couple of weeks ago we both came down with some sort of stomach bug - a bit of a surprise as we don't normally get flus or bugs. Whilst commiserating with some local friends, we were told "Oh, that will be the water!" In answer to our puzzled stares, we were told that when there is a lot of rain the Kuranda water filtration system cannot cope. "Oh, no, you have to boil the water for 10 minutes or so after a lot of rain", we were nonchalantly informed. Apparently this has been the situation for years.

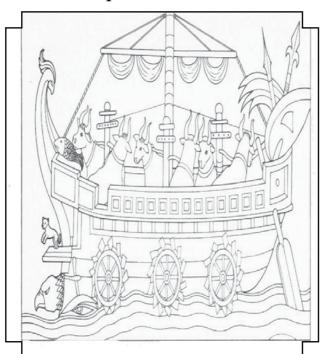
What's this? Is Kuranda part of a third world country? Isn't 'safe' drinking water the right of every Australian? Why haven't Kuranda-ites past and present risen up in righteous anger to appropriate levels of government? What do tourists, who are encouraged by literature to drink lots of water whilst in the tropics, think of this? Who is in control of this filtration system, the council or state government? Has anyone tried to lobby the appropriate body in the past? It would be appreciated if anyone with accurate information on this matter could write a reply to this paper. **Heavy Drinker.** (Name and Address

Heavy Drinker. (Name and Address supplied)

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I was in Kuranda village the other day after having been away for a few months. The grass verges and garden beds have been getting a lot of attention and with the grass growing madly the verges certainly look better for the mowing. But my god, what's happened to the garden beds? Where there was once lush growth to the ground, now we see a few tree trunks and mulch and lots of space. Or garden beds stripped bare of ground cover. Not quite the look for a village in the rainforest methinks. Watzup!

S. Alderton. Speewah



Since we are all in the same boat We should make an effort to get along Aesop

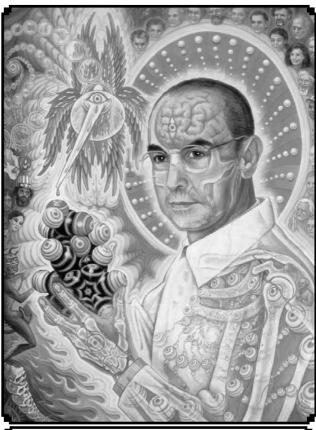
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Surely Everybody's Sentiment

Bob Hammond, the anchor of SES in the Kuranda area is seriously ill. No doubt, every resident, touched by Bob's involvement, hopes and prays for a successful outcome to his treatment. In acknowledging Bob's enormous contribution to SES activities over many years, every best wish is extended to his family and SES team members during this difficult time.



Milestones in Psychedelia Dr. Hoffman celebrates his 100th Birthday 2008



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Only after all the trees have been cut down,
Only after all the animals have been hunted,
Only after the last fish has been caught,
Only after all the waters are polluted,
Only when the air is unsafe to breathe,
Only then will you discover you cannot eat money.

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Pineapple Growing in the Kuranda District

Peter Ryle

It may come as a surprise to many of us that pineapples were grown commercially in the Kuranda area in the 1950s. This story of one such venture is told by Bill Kimpton in his own words:

"Malcolm Sheehan came down to Port Douglas and put us in touch with W.G. (Banjo) Lazzarini. Banjo, a bachelor originally from London, had been in Australia for years and was the procurer of planting material for the cannery. He used to go down to Nambour in Southern Queensland to organise the purchase, bagging them and railing them up to Cairns Cannery for planting material to start the pineapple plantations around the Cairns area. The cannery would sell the planting material for £10 a thousand or three pence each.

We had read as many books on this as we could get hold of. On paper there were big profits in this. The cannery was paying £33 per ton for the fruit. Each plant cost three pence. A pineapple in Southern Queensland would take about 18 months to produce fruit, and in North Queensland with more sun it would produce fruit in 12 months.

The smooth leaf fruit could weigh up to eight pounds each. When the plant fruited it would produce planting material, the "top" of the fruit, three or four "slips" around the bottom of the fruit, three or four "suckers" from the bottom of the plant. Then from the root we would get three or four corms on the "butt".

So from the three-penny plant, after twelve months you get 11 plants plus an eight-pound fruit at three pence a pound. Fruit 24 pence – 11 plants at three pence each. That was 430% profit??

"Banjo" introduced us to Ted Core in Cairns and we went with Ted up to "Court Mount" in the Jeep, up the range past Kuranda, turned right into the dirt Myola Road. It was beautiful country, and being about 1000 feet up much cooler than Cairns on the coast. About three miles along this dirt road we drove down to the Barron River and onto a low level bridge about 100 yards wide, where we got the first view of "Court Mount", a green roofed low level house overlooking the river.

The jeep scrambled up a narrow road like a tunnel through heavy bush and lantana about half a mile long when we came out on a beautiful view, about a quarter of an acre of pineapples. There was a big clump of tall gadargi trees, a small galvanised packing shed, garage and engine shed. There were terraces down to the house which was three rooms in the centre with a ten foot veranda all round. All around the outside wall was louvres on the top half, a sill and galvanised iron on the lower half. The three rooms had wooden floors and all the others had cement floors. There was a wood-burning stove. What a place to live, good views, clean air, good climate, and good prospects if only we could make a living. We became a pair of Sharefarmers - about four weeks from being a "Pioneer couple" in the Argus - with a large house overlooking the Barron River with a Ferguson tractor with all the bits, a 1942 "Jeep" and trailer, and a sunken bath!!

There was a large water tank on high posts with a diesel motor powering a pump at the river. The packing shed had a diesel lighting plant. Ted had arranged for a new Petter diesel for the pump and a new 1,000-gallon tank for irrigation. Ted stayed for about a week to show us how everything worked.

The land, 34 acres, was forest country undulating with a lot of lantana and molasses and bladey grass. The method we used to get rid of the lantana was to get a chain with a hook, wrap it around the main body of the plant and pull it out with the Fergy, and then pile it up in the middle of the area. We cleared about three acres and ploughed and disced around the pile of lantana, small trees and bushes, so the fire could not get into the surrounding bush.

When we had cleared, ploughed and harrowed the land, we had an Agriculture and Stock chap come out with his theodolite and give us the markings one in twelve inch fall for the contour banks. (A method to slow down rainwater in the wet season to prevent washouts) After the making of the contour banks we marked out the lines for the planting. These were two lines two feet apart, then a four foot gap, then another two foot spacing and so on. To achieve this I made a jig on the tractor drawbar to dig out shallow ditches to plant in.

Most of the planting material we used were tops. These were the top leaves of the fruit, which were not required for the cannery. At harvesting they were twisted off. If you peel back the lowest leaves you will see the roots. Tops seem to grow more evenly than buts and suckers. (Next time you have a pineapple peel off the leaves at the base).

After planting we would apply superphosphate fertiliser. For this I made a fertiliser applicator with a sugar bag with a two foot six inch aluminium tube with a small bend six inches from the bottom, attached to one corner of the bag. With a shoulder strap one



would get no more weeds.

To get the crop to fruit at the same time, the advantage of this timing was: The best price for the early fruit, some of which could be sold to the fresh fruit market which would pay more than the cannery, although you would lose the tops. At times we would get 35 shillings per case of ten pineapples from Herby Sang, a Cairns Chinese descent Green Grocer.

To get the pineapple plant to fruit (in about three months hence), one would put a handful of carbide in a bucket of water and let the acetylene gas bubble off then put an egg cupful of the water (two ounces) into the middle of the plant.

The type of pineapples used for the cannery were called "smooth leaf" which were bigger than the "rough leaf". In Southern Queensland the smooth leaf pines were quite tart in comparison with the North Queensland pines. Maybe this

in making up case kits. These were of four corner pieces, six sides and six end pieces. We would pick up the kits and assemble them at the packing shed.

The growing of pineapples sounds like a good way to make a living. BUT!!! The clearing of lantana, with lots of shellback ticks, was very unpleasant. The sharp thorns on the leaves of the pineapples, the spraying of petroclorphinate (it was recommended that you only do this early morning and not in windy conditions), the method of picking into a wheelbarrow – heavy physical work. Also, at the end of this effort, at the end of 18 months, just before our big crop was to come off, the cannery closed!!

The C.O.D. (Committee of Direction of Fruit Marketing), a State Government department, closed down the "Amber Glow" brand of canned fruit. This happened 18 months after we started on our pineapple venture. I never did find out the reason for the closure. Maybe it was because the Northgate Cannery in Brisbane, who acted as a consultant, sold their obsolete machinery to the Cairns Cannery.

We were in a bad position. The pineapples were about to ripen, and the Coorgal Cannery in Rockhampton offered £12 per ton!! Also the growers had to pay the rail freight to Rockhampton and there was no return of the cases. This was a no-win situation, and the pineapple venture soon died."

(The Cairns pineapple cannery was originally operated by the Great Northern Cannery Co-operative Ltd. at Smith's Creek. A public competition was held to choose a name for the product and 1,200 names were suggested. The name chosen was "Amberglow". When the Co-operative went broke at the end of the 1955 season it was taken over by the C.O.D. However, the C.O.D. closed the business in 1957. Although the fruit from Cairns was then sent to the Rockhampton cannery, this cannery also closed soon after the Cairns plant, and fruit had to go to Northgate at Brisbane. Obviously it was not viable to freight the fruit that distance, and most of the pineapple growers in the Cairns area stopped producing fruit. During its short life the Cairns cannery produced commercial packs of pineapple in slices, pieces, crush, juice, orange juice, grapefruit juice, pawpaw, mango, fruit salad, passion fruit pulp, mango chutney and various jams. It also experimented with canned litchi and crystallised fruit.)



would walk along the row of plants and then shake a small amount at the base of each plant.

After this, we applied by spray 30B oil and petroclorphinate, a preemergence spray, which, if the soil was not disturbed, would prevent seeds from germinating. This would last for about three months. After three months or so, if you bent down at the end of the four-foot space, you would see a green tinge on the soil. You would then give the plants another dose of fertiliser, and another spray. This would last for another three months and in three months time the leaves would have grown over the four-foot space and you

was because of the hotter climate. The smooth leaf fruit was larger with square shoulders and better for the lathes that peeled the pines in the cannery.

We also had another advantage, that is, we were about 1000 feet above sea level, and our fruit would mature earlier than on the coast. We also had a few vines of passion fruit. Our fruit would ripen about a month before that on the coast, and we would get three pence for each of them.

We had to have wooden cases to pack the pines in, either for delivery to the cannery or to Herbie Sang. In both deliveries we would get our cases back. A sawmill in Cairns used to specialise

Neighbourhood Centre News March 2009



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Neighbourhood Centre News March 2009 Seniors Newspapers:

KNC is the drop off point for the Senior's Newspaper every month, so please drop by and pick one up. Each edition has a range of information, articles and resources.

Seniors Week:

KNC is applying for funds to conduct Senior's week activities. As in previous years there will be a lunch at Ngoonbi Farm with a range of local entertainment, information sharing and performances over a lunch catered for by Ngoonbi staff. The day will be held on the **25th August** and be slightly shorter than in previous years going from **between 10.30 - 2pm**. There will also be a range of activities based at the Kuranda District State College during Senior's Week (17-21 August **2009).** These activities will be delivered by local elders and older community members and include story telling, craft, art and cooking etc. If you are an older member of our community and would like to participate in these activities in any way, please contact me at the Neighbourhood Centre as we will need to begin the planning process and make applications for Suitability for Working with Children (Blue) Cards prior to the events. If you would like to participate in the working group please call in or phone.

Youth Project:

We have had Bonnie Hendy doing some Volunteer work on the Youth Project, in particular working towards the set up of the Kuranda Youth Council and doing some research on youth funding for increased activities in the district. Bonnie will be at the Centre every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 - 5pm - so if you have any ideas about youth activities and want to find out how you can get involved, drop in and see her.

Financial Counseling:

We will be having the Financial Counselor from Lifeline coming up to see people who require support to sort out their financial situation, review household budgets, loan repayments and other debt issues. Contact the Centre for more details.

Free Lifeline Counseling:

A Lifeline Counselor is coming to KNC once per fortnight to see Kuranda people. There are up to 6 free sessions available with no obligation to have ongoing counseling. If you think this may meet your need or you want to know more, you can ring either Ceri or myself or you can contact Lifeline directly on 40504955. All contact with KNC or Lifeline staff is strictly confidential.

Kuranda Playgroup:

Meets at KNC every Wednesday Morning from 9.30-11.30. Contact Michelle Smith on 40939851 or Playgroup QLD 1800171882

Kuranda Interagency Network:

Is on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator

A "Good Tip" at the Tip
Thanks to the recent and sustained efforts of Ms Linda Snart, the Kuranda Transfer Station now has the provision of separate skips for re-cycling various materials. The Tablelands Shire Council in providing these measures stresses the importance of correct sorting and binning of materials to avoid spoilage of loads and subsequent dumping of skip contents. With so many Kuranda area residents waiting so long for this obvious response to the resource limits of Spaceship Earth, it is important that correct usage is employed to maximize the recycling efforts of

The following is taken from the TRC Facilities Website: http://www.trc. qld.gov.au/facilities/transfer-stations/accepted-prohibited-wastes

Recyclable materials include:

- Glass and plastic including milk and juice cartons (must be clean and
- Newspapers, magazines, clean cardboard and paper
- Aluminium and steel cans (must be clean and rinsed out)
- Used engine oil
- Scrap metals (eg. copper, steel)
- Batteries (lead acid)
- **Tyres**
- Clean, empty chemical drums and containers
- Green waste (uncontaminated for recycling)
- Industrial and commercial wastes (except regulated wastes)

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

May the road rise up to meet you May the wind be always at your back May the sun shine down upon your face. And the rain fall soft upon your fields Until we meet again May God hold you in the hollow of his hand

Jensen's Jottings Continued from Page 20

Kuranda artist, Toni Rogers has recently been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Regional Gallery.

Grants for Community Groups:

Don't forget that any community group is able to apply to Council for small grants to assist you in running events or projects. Your group needs to be incorporated and you can only apply once each year. Contact Council offices or myself for more details.

Earth Hour March 28th

Council will be supporting Earth Hour on Saturday March 28th. Hopefully lots of residents will also join the cause by turning off lights from 8.30pm to 9.30pm on that evening. (Essential lighting such as Street Lighting will remain on)

Council Meetings

During March, Council Meetings will be held at Malanda (March 11th/ 12th) and Herberton (March 25th/26th). These meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend. If you wish to access details of the Agenda, please contact either myself or the Council Office. Details of items (except for Confidential Items) are available by the Friday immediately prior to the Council Meeting. You can also access these details at the Kuranda Library.

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Ph: 40938466 or 40930798 or mobile 0417002046 (Please leave a message). Please note that my phone number does not appear in the current Phone Book. Email: jennyjensen@trc.qld.gov.au or TRC website www.trc.qld.gov.au ("Contact Us" link). If you are communicating in writing to Council it is always best to address the letter to the CEO. If you are phoning Council, the best number is 40434100.

Kuranda Aquatic Centre Happenings for February

In what has been our busiest month since opening, the pool continues to offer many programs to suit all ages and interests in our community. Our baby Learn to Swim mornings on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday continue to grow. Every afternoon from 3.30pm to closing time masses of local children and teenagers are learning to swim, developing strokes or training in squads, all levels are catered for.

The College held its first ever Swimming Carnival on Feb 13th and we now have individuals, houses and times that are set down in the history books forever as the first to race and compete in our own community pool. Some slashing times were set across the age groups with some memorable swims by Zac Richardson, Lincoln Hunter, Charlie Kirth, Peppa Warnett, Rhy Young and Johnathon Nandi to name just some of the new record holders.

Last weekend (the 14th and 15th of Feb) we hosted our first training weekend for the Bronze Medallion and Lifeguarding course assessments and upgrades. Peter Cox of Cairns put us through knowledge, skills and scenarios for lifesaving and resuscitation. Teachers and Lifeguards from Woree, Cooktown and Yarrabah pools joined with Linda and myself for 2 days and it was so nice to interact with other professionals from the Aquatics industry and you'll be pleased to know we did pass

Our squad training is coming along so well that we have been invited to Atherton Pool on the 27th of February to contest relay races including the Borzi Shield. As the previous winners Atherton will host the event and all Tableland's pools are represented (Mareeba, Dimbulah, Malanda, Atherton and now us.) It would be a real achievement to have some participants on the night and the club atmosphere could catch on at home as we build toward our own swim club.

Toward the end of this season a call for sign ups and the formation of a committee for a Swimming Club will be launched with the aim of getting up and running in Sept/Oct 2009. We feel a club for healthy sports participation would work well in the Kuranda district and can include all ages and the masters, what do you think? If you are interested in this idea contact us on 40937109.



TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2009-2013

The public is advised that Council has prepared a draft Corporate Plan for the period 2009-2013 and

the draft document is now available for public inspection.

The Corporate Plan details the priority issues that will be the focus of Tablelands Regional Council's strategic and operational priorities over the next five years. These priority issues, the outcomes proposed to address them and the strategies to achieve those outcomes are detailed under the four key principles commonly referred to as the Quadruple Bottom Line – Community, Economy, Environment and Governance.

A copy of the draft Corporate Plan can be downloaded from Council's website www.trc.qld.gov.au or a

hard copy obtained from Council's administration offices or libraries Written comments or submissions in relation to the draft Corporate Plan can be made to the Chief Executive Officer, Tablelands Regional Council, up to and including Friday, 27 March 2009.

Tablelands Regional Council ATHERTON QLD 4883

Ian Church **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



Play your part in the comedy but don't identify yourself in the role.

Time is a great healer but a lousy beautician.

Garden Jottings by Alectura

Things to do: A happy and successful gardening year to all readers. The heavy rains will have tested your gardens with potential washouts, soil compaction and waterlogging. The combination of heat and very high humidity quickly sorts out the plants that are not suitable for your area and posits that some favourites will need to be pot grown and moved under cover during the Wet.

Check potential mosquito breeding sites and all ponds should have suitable fish stock to deal with mosquito larvae. It is vital that pond overflow does not carry any water plants into nearby watercourses.

As the cyclone season builds up, the prudent gardener will eye diligently any potential danger from tree or limb over-hang, remove dead palm fronds and other materials that can become windborne including hanging baskets, pot plants and garden furniture. As well it is wise to ensure that ready egress from your property is maintained in case of emergency.

Plant of the Month: Fittonia (Acanthaceae) Nerve Plant or Silver Net Plant.

A superb and little used forest floor plant from the rainforest of Andean Peru. Fittonia albivenis (verschaffeltii) with its intricate network of white or red-pink veins is a small and somewhat slow growing ground cover to 20cms and needs protection from sun, well drained humus-y soil and regular and ample watering. Somewhat fallen out of favour with a undeserved reputation for difficulty, Fittonias. sometimes self-rooting, are of the easiest propagation with tip cuttings taken in the warmer months. A great plant to brighten up shady areas and making an excellent basket or pot plant if maintaining moisture. According to some authorities there is also a yellow netted form which the writer has never seen.

Q&A

Dear Tex: Chiltern Seeds UK (www.chilternseeds. co.uk/) have an excellent range of gesneriad seed to broaden your collection as has also Brazil Plants (www. brazilplants.com/). Remember that if importing seed you should check the AQIS data base ICON for terms and conditions of import: http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp. Unfortunately it is not possible to import mixed species of any seed.

Dear Lauren, I am having excellent success using just washed river sand as striking medium for taking cuttings. I learnt this lesson from Peter Anderson whom I consider probably one of the best amateur gardeners in the area and it sure works. At this time of the year Gardenia cuttings up to 1m can be rooted directly in situ.

Dear Alisha and Julie, Thank you for seed of the New Guinea Bean (Lagenaria siceraria). While I will plant a couple of this rather rampant climber, I will pass on to other readers who have requested same. Many thanks. For plant identification, sourcing and your gardening question contact Alectura - wortwoad@optusnet.com.au or to PO Box 66 Kuranda 4881.



Close up of Fittonia leaf.



Computer Column

Brought to you by Carlos Computers
Computer Security

Perhaps one of the biggest fears of the online age is the fear that our computers aren't secure enough. This article will give you a few hints and tips at how best to secure yourself while you're online.

Firstly every computer user should have an anti-virus program which is kept up to date. There are a plethora of them available and some good free ones such as AVG Free from http://free.grisoft.com which will do the trick. For a decent paid one I recommend NOD32 from http://www.eset.com.

Next you'll want an anti-spyware program that can search out those nasties hell bent on spying on your activity and placing ads on your system. Most anti-virus programs will have inbuilt anti-spyware capabilities but you can run multiple anti-spyware programs on your system at once for the best protection. I recommend Microsoft's Windows Defender from http://tinyurl.com/ah2lwq, Spybot from http://tinyurl.com/37t9f or Malwarebytes from http://tinyurl.com/wq6tn.

Thirdly, so very important is keeping your Windows system up to date with the latest patches from Microsoft. If you haven't already done so, turn on automatic updates or manually run Windows Update from your start menu regularly. Hackers and virus writers will often target vulnerabilities in the Windows operating system and completely bypass your security software so it is important that

you apply the security patches as soon as Microsoft releases them. This is normally around every second Tuesday of the month.

Make sure you have your firewall turned on. The Windows Firewall should be on by default if you have Service Pack 2 or higher installed on XP, or are running Vista. Some security software will come with its own firewall built in, make sure it is on. If you're on broadband ADSL more than likely your modem or router is a hardware firewall. This is the best protection as it stops intrusions at the source. Turning off Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) in your modem will also increase your protection.

If you run a wireless network you'll want to make sure you secure the connection with WPA encryption. Using a secure password, this will prevent unwanted users from accessing your network and potentially stealing data or running up bills on your internet connection.

Finally, stay vigilant and use common sense. If something looks dodgy it probably is. If something pops up on your screen telling you to download a program because you've got a virus infection, don't! Don't open email attachments unless you're 100% positive it's from a good source or you were expecting it. Don't click links in emails that ask you to verify your banking information, it's a trick!

If you want to ask Carl a question and be featured in a following article, email askcarlos@carloscomputers.com.au



KURANDA and DISTRICT GARDEN GROUP

Invites everyone interested in gardening to an illustrated talk by

Dave Weston

of the Cairns Bromeliad Society

'Caring for your Bromeliads'

Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road

2 pm Saturday 7th March

Please bring a plant or cuttings to swap, and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Phone David or Graham 4093 9492 dpsgkp@people.net.au

Think About It

The following article has been doing the rounds as a "chain" email. Normally we would consign all such to the great wastebasket in the sky. This seems to be a good idea however and so we're passing it on. If you have any thoughts one way or another please write to us. We would especially like to hear from Emergency Service people.

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE'. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

Bums – A New Study

There is a new study about women and how they feel about their bums. The results were pretty interesting: 30% of women think their bum is too fat.

10% of women think their bum is too skinny. The remaining 60% say they don't care, they love him, he's a good man, and they wouldn't trade him for the world.





KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

What compels humanity to make, and appreciate art?

Why do we make art? It can be stimulating. It can be lovely. It absorbs some of the finest minds in our society. It can change hands for ridiculous sums. But all those aspects of art beg a fundamental question; why do we do it? Art for an audience rather than art for arts sake? While imagination and inspiration are important ingredients of artworks, there is also a great deal that involves intelligent working out of artistic problems. This is often the aspect of artworks that is the most impressive.

Saying that great art has objective qualities means that there are features of it that we can point to and describe as marvellous achievements. Part of our sense (



"Print Gallery" - M.C. Escher

of wonder at artistic masterpieces is their capacity to go beyond what most of us feel that we could achieve ourselves. But it is implicit? in using a standard of quality, that great art will embody a high degree of skill. The value of skill in art has been downplayed in recent times. There are many forms of contemporary art in which skill has been virtually discounted, where all the value lies in the power of the idea. Bisected animals in an art gallery, or four and a half minutes of ambient sound in a concert hall, are examples. These may be interesting, thought-provoking works

worth experiencing in their own right but by their nature they make it impossible to have that integration of idea and skilful execution that most of us associate with great art.

Much of the greatest art of human history comes from a human mind trying to overcome a technical problem. Professor of philosophy Dennis Dutton said "I have an answer to that" when asked why some people get so het up when faced with art they don't like. "When you see that reaction from the conservative, from the naïve, or people on the street who say 'That's not a work of art' they are harking back to the older sense of art as an honorific. Those of us who are deeply into the art world stop making those kinds of assessments."

Beat the doom and gloom

Breeze into the Kuranda Art Co-operative Gallery and stroll through fields of colour provided by over 20 exhibiting local artists. Ceramics, jewellery, basketry, photography, paintings and limited-edition prints. Speak directly to the artists; we run the gallery. Invest in art, the asset that keeps appreciating.

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



Focus Theatre will be presenting

"COPY CAT CABERET"

Saturday 4th. April

at the

Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage

Who is your favourite character, performer, infamous person, or event?

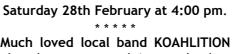
We'd love to hear your ideas for an act, so if you want to join in a fun event, come along to our Wednesday nights, 7-9 pm. at the Understage, and run it by us, but don't leave it until the last minute, as it's buzzing already!!

Musicians, singers, actors, impersonators, funny people, technicians, fools, come one-and-all and join in the mayhem.

For more info, call **Diana**: 4093 9778

FOCUS Theatre is a Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Initiative.

Imagine, this could be you at FOCUS



~ LAST MINUTE REMINDER ~ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Much loved local band KOAHLITION played to great acclaim at the last Member's Night at the Understage. I'm sure you all enjoyed dancing to those funky Oz reggae grooves.



FUND-RAISING FOR THE VICTORIANS AFFECTED BY BUSH FIRE.

Rumours of an auction at the Members' Night proved true and a number of generous people volunteered to act as escorts to a dinner for twenty-four held at the Kuranda Resort and Spa. Proceeds will go to toward the Victorian bush fire relief effort. I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to those less fortunate than themselves.

It is sad how sometimes unfortunate events conspire to make you understand just how good it is to be constantly hot and rained upon.

A young guy from a well known Telco attended the Amphitheatre the other day, and Morgan and I helped him string up the current 19th. century form

of telecommunications cable provided by that erstwhile giant of communications. They have got a "temporary" line strung-up through the

trees and as a special touch, it goes across the driveway at head-height and down to the stage via the fence. This line is very popular with the green ants but as a communications super highway from the office to the outside world, it is subject to unpredictable change, *Bron*.

COMING UP:

Saturday 28th. February -ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Understage, 4:00 pm. sharp. Election of Commitee.

Be there! Have your say.

Saturday 14th. March -CARRIBBEAN DANCE PARTY

Understage, hosted by DJ CLIMAX, DJ OMBUDSMAN and a **Special Guest**, plus live percussion by Teo. Dress for the occasion.

Doors and bar open at 6:30 pm. Members \$5, non-members \$10.

Saturday 24th. MEMBERS' NIGHT Understage, 6:30 pm with "Zennith".



Thanks to the following businesses for donating prizes for the raffles:

Djurri Dadagal Art Enterprises
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Peter Jarver Gallery
Mandala Mama
Great Adventures
Blazing Saddles Adventures
Cairns Wildlife Safari Reserve
Kuranda Earthmoving & Raw Materials
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Kuranda Coffee Republic
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Kaizi's Traditional Coconut

Jan Brown Jewellery
Funky Buddha
Bizzare
3 Crows
Earth Connection
Abbey Rose Designs
Rare Earth
Icy Pure Fruit Kuranda
Gary Alston
Grant Hynes
Bronwyn Gilchrist

Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Inc. PO Box 500, Kuranda, Qld. 4881 info@kurandaamphitheatre.org www.kurandaamphitheatre.org



Kuranda artist Ramona Barstys will be holding an exhibition at the Atherton Foyer Gallery from 3rd. April to 4th. May.

Entitled "OF NO FIXED ABODE", the exhibition will be opened by Lenore Howard on Friday 3rd. April, 6:00 pm. at 45 Mabel Street Atherton.

"Because You First Loved Me" - Acrylic on canvas, Ramona Barstys



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Is not art an attempt to communicate feelings and impressions directly, without words? When primative man first stencilled his hand on the cave wall, was this arts of was he just saying "I woz ere"? Some of air bush people still stencil on rock words? When primative man first stencilled his hand on the cave wall, was this art? walls while same of our city folk stencil on brick walls. Some are technically skilled, and same have an inate ability to express themselves with colour and form, but all have something to say. You only need to take a walk around Melbourne these days to see that yesterday's graffirti is today's art Anyhow, speaking of art as it expresses the evolution of conclousness into this highly technical world of our's, would anyone be interested in bringing our art and culture directly to the world as it happens, via the media of live WEB-TV? I would be pleased to hear from anyone with any ideas or technical skills in this area, wishing to get involved in this new form of global communication. Imagine sharing, teaching, learning, singing, dancing, working, partying with the rest of the world, and them sharing their gifts with us. If you are interested, give me a call on 0409 499 168, or email serenstarlight@gmail.com





Next shoot: Saturday 7th. March '09 at 2:00 pm **Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets** Meet us at the fountain opposite the Honey House, Therwine St.









Join us now!











Come along and join in the fun. We meet on the first Saturday of each month to take photos, field trips, workshops, etc. Get to know your local area, and some of its people too. Watch this space for the monthly location. On the second Monday after that, we meet at the Speewah Tavern to display and discuss our work.

The first three sessions are free, then it's only \$20 a year to enjoy the benefits of being a full member.







Next meeting:



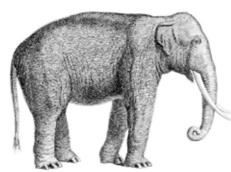
Monday 16th. March '09, 7:00 pm







For more info call:-Zananda 4093 0365 or Seren 0409 499168



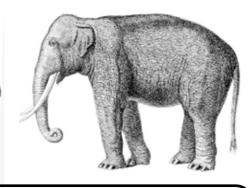
at the SPEEWAH TAVERN.



MOWING

5 ACRES

NORMAL







A Thought for March

This month we read a small portion of St Mark's Gospel Chapter 1 verse 9-15

It is a tremendous privilege when we are allowed by someone to share in a particularly intense moment. We have been admitted into the inner core of a life, and we are humbled by that. This is what Mark does here. The person into whose inner core we are being admitted is none other than Jesus.

All our lives are lived in stages, whether or not we recognize them. Sometimes the transition from one stage to the next is triggered by some event that requires action or decision. We are witnessing this with Jesus. Mark says merely,, "It happened." Often we find it difficult to say why we move from one stage to another. It happens. The ways of God are mysterious for us all, Jesus included.

Jesus offers himself in the river for baptism. By doing so he is acting out the new inner being which he feels called to become. The private stage, the village stage, is past. He must now walk on to a larger and, as time will tell, a more terrible and costly stage. Likewise, none of us knows the consequences of moving to another stage, with its decisions about various courses of action.

When Jesus rises from the waters of the Jordan, his decision to embark on the next stage is validated at the deepest level inside himself. A deep sense of peace, symbolized by the dove, comes upon him. Such moments we have known after some decisions. We know we were right to do this or that. Also Mark says that a voice spoke from heaven. We too have heard that voice whenever deep within us there has been a validation of who we are and what we are doing.

But for all of us the wilderness comes after the important decision. Big decisions themselves do not answer all our questions. They create more questions, and they take us into a wilderness. We watch Jesus enter his wilderness, but we cannot remain mere spectators. We have been there, and we will be there again. Wilderness in our lives is where there are far more questions than answers, where we feel terribly alone and vulnerable, and where there are no guarantees we will emerge. The wilderness is where we have all met our "wild beasts."

At the end of this passage we see a great truth about the wilderness. Such a period can energize and give us direction. Deliberately and confidently Jesus sets out on the next stage. A period of wilderness can do the same for us.

A wilderness period of our lives can be frightening. It can also, as with Jesus, energize us for the next stage of life.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF **AUSTRALIA** ST SAVIOUR'S **KURANDA Invites you to Worship**

SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **9.30am** Sung Eucharist 9.30am Sunday school

5.00pm Afternoon Worship

Holy Communion (March 1st) Praise@5 (March 29th) all other Evening Prayer

CAKES AND BOOKS

Saturday 7th March 8.30 -12.30pm

ACTIVITIES

Home Groups Alpha A life Worth Living Sunday School

POSSUM CORNER OP SHOP Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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

THE FRIENDS OF WELCOME **POCKET**

The Friends Of Welcome Pocket

wish to thank the great many individuals, families and organisations who wrote letters and completed petitions to have the land at Mantaka included as part of the Urban Footprint on the new FNQ 2009-2031 plan,

We are so grateful to have the backing of so many local people from KURANDA, KOAH, MANTAKA, KOWROWA, SPEEWAH, MAREEBA, ALONG WITH OUR STATE MEMBER FOR BARRON RIVER AND THE TABLELAND REGIONAL COUNCIL.

It is now decreed by the Qld. State Government that the land purchased by the North Queensland Anglican Diocese can ONLY be used for the purpose of AGED CARE.

We envisage the facility for our Aged and Frail will be enhanced by re-vegetating with native species (endemic to the area). Importantly a low impact approach on the environment will be sought, by farming roof water, treatment and re-use of grey water plus harnessing Solar Energy.

We welcome your prayers for Welcome Pocket's road ahead and give thanks for the achievements so far.

LORRAINE GOULD for F.O.W.P.

... Not by bread alone ...

Mass 7.00 pm





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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHA'I FAITH

"What has man made of religion? He has made it the cause of bloodshed and strife; enmity and hatred. Religion was destined to be a remedy for the sickness of humanity; ... We seem ...never to strive to proclaim those principles which enlighten humanity. In the sea of materialism we are sinking and of the Kingdom of God we know nothing. We are not living in accord with those precious teachings of God."

(Baha'i Writings)

Spiritual Readings from the great religions, every Wednesday 7 pm Baha'i Info Centre, bottom Therwine St. Kuranda, new theme each week.

Study Circles and Devotional Meetings by arrangement

Baha'i New Year (Naw Ruz) Saturday 21 March – please contact us if you wish to join the celebrations

BAHA'IS WELCOME CONTACT WITH THE FOLLOWERS OF ALL RELIGIONS AND **BELIEFS**

> Telephone 4093 7120 or 4093 9571 From the Baha'is of the Tablelands

UNITING CHURCH



All Welcome Informal gathering

2nd Sunday each month 4.30pm Kuranda Rec. Centre Fallon Rd.

Contact Rev. Russell Clark ph 4092 1175 or Krishna Buhler Ph 4093 8730



BatReach

Rani Ringtail came to BatReach via Wildlife Rescue mid-February with little information regarding the circumstances of her coming into care. She is a juvenile Ringtail Possum.

Common Ringtail Possums are found from Cape York down the eastern side of Australia into South Australia. They are variable in colour

from grey to reddish-brown, such as Rani.

Ringtails are nocturnal and occupy a variety of vegetation types, however are uncommon in the wetter rainforest areas. Primarily leaf eaters, their diet consists of a range of leaves and flowers of native trees and shrubs, but in metropolitan areas have adapted to some introduced plants.

Unlike the larger Brushtail Possums, Ringtails are social animals and are known to live in small groups. They often build nests (dreys) from twigs and can raise two or three young at a time. The opposable thumb on the hind feet and prehensile tail make them efficient climbers, sometimes even utilising powerlines as a highway between feeding sites.

Rani will eat a small quantity of banana and apple however she must have a variety of fresh leaves every day—we are kept busy foraging for suitable bottlebrush, lilly-pilly, eucalypt and calliandra leaves and flowers.

Pam & Helen, BatReach



Steve Wettenhall – protecting Kuranda's environment

"I fought with you for the ban on any urban residential development in Myola or Koah in the new FNQ 2009-2031 Regional Plan - and we won."



Steve accepting a petition from members of local environment groups calling for the new Regional Plan to protect areas such as Myola from urban development.

"Thank you Steve for standing up for Kuranda's natural values" – John Beasley, member of Kuranda Envirocare

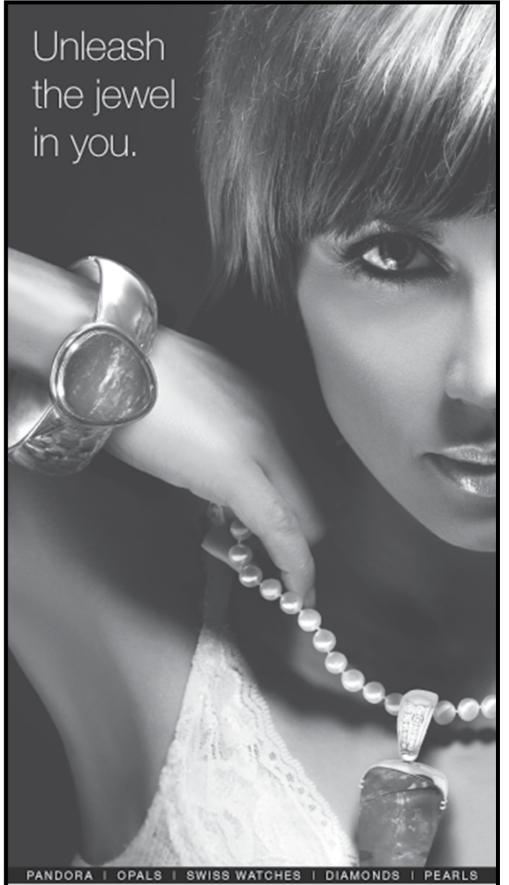


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State Member for Barron River

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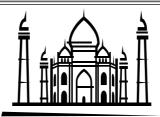
VISIT YOUR BEAUTY THERAPIST and LOCAL HAIR SALON ON A REGULAR BASIS TO MAINTAIN GOOD SKIN, HEALTHY HAIR AND WELLBEING.

MEDITATION: BASIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR SITTING MEDITATION

- Wash your hands, face, and feet.
- Find a quiet, clean, well ordered, well-ventilated space, indoors or outdoors
- Sit comfortable. If you are in a chair, sit with your back straight as possible, slightly away from the chair back. Rest your feet together firmly on the ground (barefoot is best). If you prefer, sit cross-legged on the ground upon firm pillows that are high enough to allow your knees to be lower than your
- Tuck your chin in slightly to help relax the back of your neck.
- Rest your tongue behind your front teeth allowing your mouth to be slightly
- Draw up the muscles of your lower pelvis.
- Rest your hands on your knees.
- Gently fix your gaze between your knees if you are sitting in a chair or about 45cm from the point where your legs cross.
- Breathe in through your nose, hold for a moment, then relax the body and allow the breath to go out. Keep your attention on your breath, feeling the sensations in your body as it comes in and goes out. Count 21 breaths like this. If you lose track of the number of breaths you have counted, start again at 1 until you can undistractedly count to 21. After you have done this, just observe the breath as it flows from the tip of your nose and out. If your mind becomes distracted from your breath, just say to yourself the word, "thinking" and resume your attention to the breath.
- Do this for 20 minutes minimum to start with and gradually increase as time and inclination allows.

Try to practise this meditation regularly at about the same time each day. Early morning is best as the body is rested and the world outside is still relatively quiet. It also harmonises Vata energy in the body which is active at this time.

If you feel you cannot find enough time in your day for meditation, remember this simple Tibetan saying: "If you have time to breathe then you have time to meditate." Meditation is a state of mind. With a little practice, you will be able to do it anywhere.



AYURVEDIC RECIPE

ABOUT COTTAGE CHEESE:

Cottage cheese is a lovely cooler for Pitta, and its moist heaviness makes it balancing for Vata as well. It can often be substituted for part or all of the sour cream or yogurt in a recipe, sometimes with the addition of a little lemon juice. This makes the recipe accessible for Pitta (see Pita Lassi). It is too heavy for Kapha to utilize regularly, although cottage cheese is less imbalancing to Kapha than hard cheeses by a long shot, being lighter than hard cheese by a considerable measure. Cottage cheese is good served with fresh ground black pepper. This aids digestibility for all doshas and cuts Kapha.

VATA LASSI:

1/2 cup cottage cheese

½ cup yogurt

1/4 cup water

1 teaspoon ground cumin powder

1 tablespoon honey or 3 large dates, pitted

1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

Blend cottage cheese, yogurt and water in blender. Add rest of ingredients and blend again. Drink at room temperature.

PITTA LASSI:

½ cup cottage cheese

½ cup yogurt

3/4 cup water

2 teaspoons coriander powder

1 tablespoon maple syrup or 3 large dried dated, pitted

Blend cottage cheese, yogurt and water in blender. Add rest of ingredients and blend again. Drink at room temperature.

KAPHA LASSI:

1/2 cup yogurt

1 cup water

2 teaspoons honey

1/8 teaspoon each of: cinnamon, dry ginger powder, black pepper, ground

3 cardamom seeds (about 1 pod)

1 tablespoon lecithin (optional)

Blend all ingredients well in blender. Drink at room temperature.

COMMENT: This drink has a bit of a kick – watch out!



MARCH ASTROLOGY REVIEW

Well, let's try a "Your Month by the Stars" kind of thing. Not my usual gig, but deep and meaningful doesn't seem to be the way to go this month and some of this might actually be useful. So here's a list of things to do in March.

1st March: Invent a new theory or technique, argue about it and force it upon your friends and colleagues.

8th March: Do something exciting and daring in the water, but try not to involve electricity. Obviously – but it does happen.

Show your compassionate, devotional side, but be subtle 11th March about it. It shouldn't bee too obvious. Gently, gently.

13th March Wow! How weird, eccentric and otherwise obnoxiously unique can you be? Today you find out.

20th March The Equinox. This is **the** day of the year for beginnings. Play "Start me up", crank it and see where you need to cast the first stone. Unnecessary aggression is acceptable.

24th March Talk about irresistible forces meeting immovable objects! This is the day for the big power play. There can only be

Confident, confrontational communication sums it up. If words are your thing then you can really fire them up and get results. Not up for it? Then best to avoid all potential win-lose situations.

29th March Same theme but different focus. Words of love and seduction can have a powerful effect today. "Resistance is useless: really.

31st March Quantum leaps in dexterity, hand-mind co-ordination and making sparkling progress in your practice. Watch those fingers fly!

> So there you have it. A bit of mainstream astrology without any of the astro-technical bits. Hope it works for you. And of course anyone wanting a more personal in-depth look at their relationship with the planets and stars can come



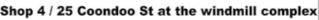


Miles says Play the notes that ain't there, Baby.

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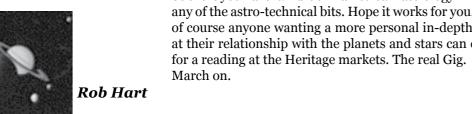
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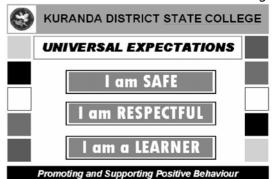


KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE











Small Steps Forward for Kuranda District State College.

The school year is well and truly rolling with students and teachers actively getting into the business of learning. The school numbers have increased from last year with approximately 20 new enrolments and the retention of 98% of students from 2008. The school has been exceptionally pleased with the start to the new academic year and all programs are now up and working. This is critical to ensure that each and every day is valuable and enlightening for each student.

As Principal, I have been watching and observing the school procedures and protocols for a month and I am happy to report that there is quality learning taking place and a valued and sincere staff team working hard to provide for our students. I do acknowledge that our school is taking some small steps in a number of areas which will help the product of student success. I implore on parents and care givers to back the school on a number of fronts to ensure the integrity of the learning processes are protected. Some of the small steps we are attempting to address include:

- Target 90 We need our students from prep to year 12 at school every day possible, on time and ready for work. Students missing days or arriving late are vulnerable to missing key parts of the learning which can rarely be retrieved. Remember every day counts in a child's education.
- A small number of students at our school are struggling with the appropriate behaviour for the school environment. This is the absolute minimum of students. However this can influence a large number of students working and teachers teaching. It is the schools responsibility to teach all subjects and values and I ask that parents and care givers assist by reinforcing good manners and appropriate language at our school. These behaviours will under no circumstances be overlooked or tolerated.
- The school uniform policy is clear and concise and fully endorsed by our P&C committee. The Education Queensland stance on Workplace Health and Safety is also very precise. We are taking small steps to have every student in full uniform with a current focus particularly on the wearing of shoes in the work place. Covered shoes and socks are a minimum requirement and parents are asked to ensure the students are wearing appropriate footwear every day.

Whilst we are aiming high in all regards our focus remains on learning and in achieving all of the above steps we ensure that our children are SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS.

Please take the time to read to your child tonight.
Gary Toshach
Acting principal
Kuranda District State College.

STUDENT LEADERS INDUCTION

Friday 27th February

Congratulations to our new School Captains: Bryce Keating & Bettina Schreiber

KDSC WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF:

Gary Toshach; Kylie Jones; Lexelle Bray; Monique Richardson; Margot Vander Sar; Kiana Bear; Linda Gough; Christine Wootten:

Meet the teacher afternoon

Families were invited to meet the teachers on the afternoon of Tuesday 11th February. Parents had the opportunity to have a guided tour of the school, be introduced to staff, including our music and PE teachers, and talk to teachers. A sausage sizzle at the secondary campus kept up energy levels. The first P&C meeting of the

year followed.

P-6 SCHOOL LEADERS GET INTO LEADERSHIP!

Years 6 had a great start to the year with the election of School and Sport Leaders, and have begun to experience some of the roles that are required for our leaders. These include meeting visitors on behalf of the school, collecting and presenting information for Administration and general thankyou speeches for classes.

The leaders also have a two day leadership course in the near future, which will put them in great stead to tackle the requirements leadership has to offer.



Pictured above our leaders in the P-6 Campus:

Connor McHugh and Lycia Erwin Campus Captains, with the Vice-Captains Bailey Kent and Kyesha Wason.

Sports Captains for Marangalay are Louise Kynuna and Leon Whipp; for Ganyal, Kyah Richards and Reego Gabrang. Shannon Price and Kris Verevis are the captains for Djama.

MAKING A SPLASH!

KDSC INAUGAURAL YR 4 - 12 SWIMMING CARNIVAL Friday 13th February



After School Care

After School Care is available for Prep – Year 3 students at the Kindy. The cost per afternoon is \$16.00.

The bus collects students from the school and takes them straight to the Kindy (first stop).

The program runs from 3.00pm to 5.15pm each week day. For further information, contact Lorraine Akkerman on 40938087

Steve Wettenhall - delivering for the Kuranda community

Kuranda District State College

Allocated \$4.79 million to bring together the primary and high schools at Myola. Funds have also been provided for the establishment of a new Steiner School.

New Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre

\$1.3 million was provided to establish a new and permanent home for the Neighbourhood Centre together with increased recurrent funding to respond to community needs. Continuing funding to the HACC service provided for the Kuranda region.



✓ Safety upgrades for the Kuranda Range Road

Road upgrades worth in excess of \$2.8 million to improve safety and traffic flow on the Kennedy Highway. Road funding provided to the Tableland Regional Council for local roads.

Kuranda Aquatic Centre

Partnered with the Tableland Regional Council by providing a \$592,500 grant to contribute to building the long sought after swimming pool for the local community.

"The ongoing and continued support and efforts of our local State Member Mr Steve Wettenhall on behalf of the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre ensures that this significant and vital community service continues to respond to the needs and concerns of our community."

Peter J. North, Secretary KNC

(Community letters, Kuranda Paper Feb 2009)

Steve Wettenhall will continue to fight for improved services and facilities for Kuranda

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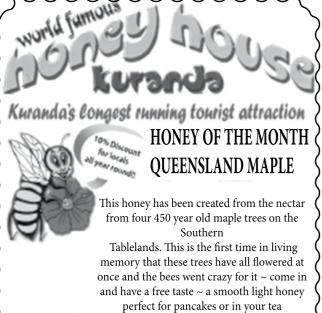
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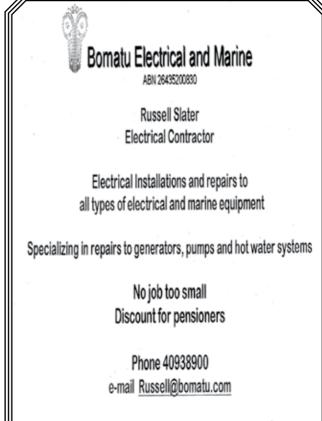
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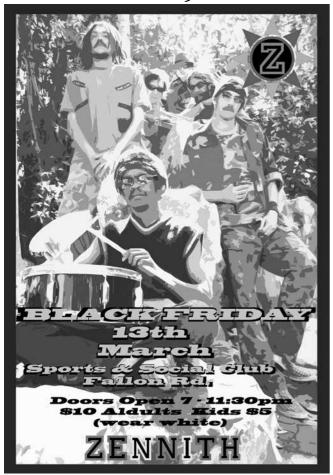
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Zennith Gears up for a Massive 2009



Local five-piece band Zennith has been enjoying great success recently. Over the past year the five-piece has built up hyped local support thanks to their high energy rhythms and rhymes, and now that hype seems set to spread throughout Australia and abroad in 2009.

2008 saw Zennith blow away audiences at the Woodward Folk Festival, Island Times Festival, Kuranda Roots and The Dreaming just to name a few. They were finalists in the 2008 Q Song Awards and invited to showcase at the BIGSOUND Music Industry Summit. Yet it was their acclaimed performance at the inaugural Australian World Music Expo in Melbourne that set the tongues awagging and wheels in motion for a huge 2009. Since that showcase the band has been overwhelmed by invitations to perform around the world from New Zealand to the USA and Europe.

The band's recent debut EP We Like It is full of uplifting and positive messages and a fresh fusion of hip-hop, roots, soul and reggae. The band is currently working on its debut album, set for release late 2009. In the meantime Zennith is doing what it does best-ripping up venues and festivals across the country and leaving audiences rapturous in their wake.

Catch them before the rest of the world does.

Tour Dates:

March: Mary River Festival, Gympie.

March 13: Kuranda.

April 17: Valley Mall, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane.

May 2 & 3: Nimbin Mardi Gras Festival. May 9: Boundary Street Festival, West End Brisbane.

May 9: Stylin Up Festival, Brisbane. June: The Dreaming Festival, Woodford.

July: NAIDOC Week.

August; Cairns Envirofiesta and Kuranda Hemp Festival.

November: Festival Napaun, Vanuatu. December: Adelaide Spring Festival For more information contact: zennithboyz@gmail.com

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Wendy Richardson BARRON RIVER



PLEASE CONTACT ME ON LOCAL ISSUES

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ISSUES BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION

- The recent wet weather has highlighted the need for a sensible resolution to the state of the Kuranda Range Road. Remedial work is urgently needed on some of the slopes. Further rain can only make matters worse. I urge everyone to exercise caution over the next few months.
- The relocation further along the Range Road of the pickup spot for John's Kuranda Bus at Smithfield means a greater distance that shoppers have to get themselves and purchases away from the Smithfield Centre. Many commuters have commented that they feel at risk as they push the trolleys uphill to the bus stop. This is an intolerable situation and needs to be addressed forthwith.
- Tourism throughout the region is in a slump and from my discussions with operators in Kuranda, businesses here are also being adversely affected. The flow-on effect means that all of the Kuranda community will eventually suffer. New ways to value-add to the Kuranda visitor experience need to be developed and I will certainly do what ever I can in this regard.

look forwarded to working through these and other local issues with you, both as candidate and as the future elected member for Barron River.

With the new boundary redistribution of the Barron River electorate taking in all of the outlying areas of Kuranda, we now have a chance to view Kuranda as a whole when it comes to state matters. This means that this growth area of the Tablelands can have a stronger voice – one that I aim to ensure IS heard. Once elected I will make sure that I will be available to meet you in Kuranda on a regular basis. Please feel free to contact me to get your voice heard.

WHAT AREAS MAKE UP THE ELECTORATE?

Barron River now encompasses Kuranda, Top of the Range, Myola, Kowrowa, Mantaka, Kuranda Springs, Koah, Mona Mona, Speewah and extends to the beginning of the Din Din State Forest at Kanervo Road. Also it includes all the Cairns area north of the Airport to just south of Wangetti Beach

As part of the LNP team that can deliver for Queensland, I believe that the LNP offers good strong effective alternatives to the current Government. Since my pre-selection I have been overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome from Barron River voters. You tell me that you want some one who listens, not just for a few weeks before the election, but for the time between elections—standing up for what is right for Barron River. I am that person.

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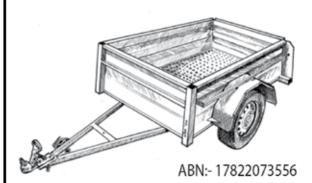
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Looking back at the young couple flung into a situation that would disperse their union and send them off in different directions, it seems almost vulgar that one should be uplifted into another kind of life, an expansion of mind and a liberation of consciousness and a totally new way of seeing the world, while the other would return to the mundane, the normal, the everyday without even a hint of what might have been.

Their time in the village would be time well spent for both of them. She would grow into a woman more in control of her own destiny than ever before while for him a spiritual happening and the laying of a blueprint for a life with few perils, little risk and the hint of magic in the air wherever he went and in whatever he undertook.

While the invitation to lunch seemed mundane and quite normal, after all they were on some sort of voyage of discovery and meeting new friends this way happens when you let serendipity take over, the repercussions would send ripples through their lives. The boy it seems had a secret passion for the arcane mystery of who what where and if not now then when?

Among his belongings were three books, not unusual you might say, yet those three books among the twelve billion books that were extant at those times were the cornerstone of a library in the forest camp where they were invited to lunch. I hope you can begin to see what is unfolding. The lunch led to an invite to stay for a few days in the forest and the few days in the forest turned into a few months in the university of life.

Herman Hesse talks of Castalia and we picture a noble academy pursuing knowledge for the sake of it, unlike the universities of the third millenium where universities exist for the sole purpose of attracting fees and where knowledge exists for the expansion of the economy and little else. We no longer have the time for high ideals or belief in the intangible things like magic or anything other than the material world. Well the little forest camp was a portal to that other side of life that exists at the end of the narrow goat track and the desire, the belief in something bigger than ourselves.

But somehow the story seems to have been led away from the village and we must get back to it, until next time however...

to be continued,





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TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

NEWS BRIEFS

Tablelands Regional Council will implement a trial using bio-diesel on several plant items. Mayor Tom Gilmore said the trial would run for six months and provide Council with information on issues like vehicle performance and potential savings.

"As a local government authority we have a social responsibility to implement initiatives for the good of the environment, where possible," Cr Gilmore said. "However, as elected representatives, we also need to balance that responsibility with our responsibility to ratepayers, ensuring that any change will not come at a huge cost to Council and will deliver significant improvements like lower emission levels."

The majority of Council's fleet including construction equipment, tractors, trucks most uts and three sedans, currently use diesel. Bio-diesel is an ecologically friendly fuel produced from renewable materials.

The trial will be carried out on a truck and grader. Council also moved to extend the use of E10 fuel to all council vehicles where it was possible to use E10 fuel. E10 has been used to refuel cars at the Mareeba depot for the past five years.

It will be "lights out" on Saturday 28 March as Tablelands Regional Council joins the internationally-celebrated Earth Hour event. The event involves turning off lights between 8.30pm and 9.30pm and is designed to raise community awareness about climate change. Mayor Tom Gilmore said Council's participation would not cost anything as the initiative would be held on a weekend when council offices are closed.

A BENEFIT concert is planned at Morrow Park, Tolga, on 15 March to raise money for fire and flood victims. The Tablelands Regional Council has been working behind the scenes to put together the Bushfire and Flood Benefit Bash which will kick off at 12 noon and go until about 7pm.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said Council had been overwhelmed with the number of people who had offered their services free-of-The line-up includes charge. Koahliton Reggae, No Gravity, Audioscam, the Tableland Country Music Club, Jacynta-Lee Glaspy and the Athertones, The Shannae Sclippa Band, Shari and the Mice and The Hot Shots and Dance Connection. A jumping castle, mini-mavericks and face painting will be available for the children. Refreshments will be available.

Entry will be via a donation.
All funds raised will be divided between the Red Cross Appeal for bushfire victims and the Gulf Flood Appeal and Premiers Disaster Relief Appeal for flood victims.

Uniform charges for all services at Tablelands Regional Council libraries will come into force mid-year.

Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Tom Gilmore said since amalgamation, each of the libraries had maintained fee structures from the four former shires. "Now that we are moving to a single, centralised library system for our libraries, it's imperative that we also move to a single set of library fees and charges," Cr Gilmore said.

The new fees structure will be implemented mid-year when the centralised library system is rolled out. Tablelands Regional Council has endorsed six applications for funding under the first round of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) program. The applications totalling \$14,695 were for a variety of projects including promotion of a website to festival and major event organisers, a circus artist trainer, choir and an art exhibition. The applications were considered and approved by the RADF committee which comprises representatives from Council and the arts community.

TABLELANDS Regional Council has launched a Gulf Flood Appeal to help flood victims in the lower Gulf region.

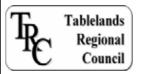
The Council-initiated appeal is being run with the support of the Queensland Country Women's Association, and will see a helping hand offered to residents, businesses and graziers affected by the worst flooding in more than a decade. Council has pledged \$10,000 to

start the appeal.

Division One Councillor and grazier Alan Pedersen, who was the main driver for the appeal, said it was gut-wrenching to see what graziers were going through. His division shares a boundary with Carpentaria and Etheridge shires, the areas affected by the flooding.

Tax deductible donations can be made at the Council's four service centres in Atherton, Mareeba, Herberton and Malanda. Cheques should be made payable to "Gulf Flood Appeal" and can also be mailed to The Gulf Flood Appeal, PO Box 19, Millaa Millaa Qld 4883. Collection tins will be available at the Council service centres.

Residents are asked not to donate non-perishable items. Funds raised will be forwarded to the QCWA for distribution. The appeal will close at the end of March 2009.



Rates Issued Due 25 March 2009

The half-yearly rate notices for the six-month period ending 30 June 2009 have been issued and will start arriving in letterboxes this week. The discount period closes on *Wednesday 25 March 2009*. If you don't receive your rates notices by the end of the week, please call one of Council's service centres.

HOW CAN I PAY MY RATES?

You can pay your rates in a number of ways. This includes BPay, EFTPOS including debit and credit card, cash, cheque and money orders. Change or cash out is not available on card payments. To receive the discount, you need to ensure that BPay transactions are processed and funds cleared into Council's bank account on or before the discount date.

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The above information is a summary only. If you have any questions about the Tax Bonus please feel free to call me on 4093 8222 at Kuranda Village Accountancy or visit the ATO website www.ato.gov.au **PS**I am hoping that you have all been keeping your receipts for your children's education expenses. You are eligible for the Education Tax Refund if you are eligible for Family Tax Benefit (Part A). This is claimed when you lodge your 2008-09 tax return.





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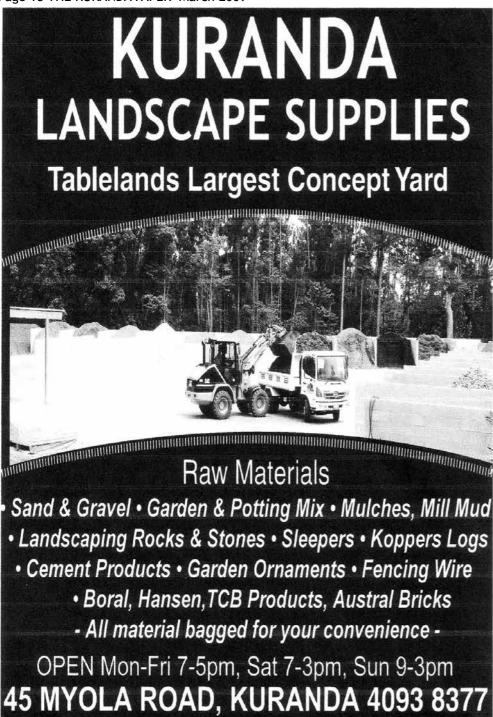
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Town Talk

Kuranda Lifestyle secured by Regional Plan

The new Far North Queensland regional plan 2009-2031 will ensure that 99% of our region will be saved from urban development protecting our treasured lifestyle. Most importantly for Kuranda residents we won the fight to exclude Myola and Koah from the urban footprint in the plan - with one important exception (see below). The plan will provide greater protection for environmentally significant areas including the vegetation along creeks and rivers, and wild life corridors. All local authorities MUST ensure that their own planning schemes comply with the Plan. I was pleased to support all those people and organisations who lobbied so hard to protect Kuranda special environment – our efforts paid off! Details of the new FNQ 2009-2031 plan can be found at www.dip.qld.gov.au. Of particular interest will be the fact sheets for each local government area and the one on biodiversity conservation.

Regional Plan gives Green light for Myola Welcome Pocket Proposal

As indicated above there was one change made to the draft plan which was also the result of community lobbying and another important win for the Kuranda community. In this case it was a win for Fr Chris Wright, the Anglican Church and the senior citizens of Kuranda. I am of course referring to the Welcome Pocket Aged Care Facility proposed for Myola which is now included in the urban footprint of the Plan.

When this issue first arose I personally arranged a meeting with the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, Paul Lucas MP, to discuss the proposal first-hand with Father Wright and Tablelands Mayor Tom Gilmore in Brisbane. The Minister has



Wettenhall Watch

responded to community concerns and amended the draft plan opening the door for consideration of this important community facility. I am mindful that this is not an approval, but when an application is received by Tablelands Regional Council it can now at least be assessed against the Mareeba Shire Planning Scheme provisions, which would not have been possible without the change to the Plan.

Jobs the highest priority to get Queensland through the global economic crisis

Nothing is more important for than protecting jobs in the wake of the global financial crisis. The government's \$17 billion building program is the largest in Australia and will create 119,000 jobs and boost economic confidence. This program will build and rebuild schools, hospitals, roads and other vital infrastructure in 2009. In Cairns the \$446 million Cairns Base Hospital redevelopment and expanded Emergency Department will in itself create 2,145 jobs.

Schools to benefit from Federal stimulus package

The Federal government has also announced a \$42 billion stimulus package to get the country through the global recession, which includes a range of nation building initiatives. The package included funding for upgraded and new school facilities like libraries and mulit-purpose centres. I will be working with our Federal MP Jim Turnour and local principals to ensure that all local schools, including the Kuranda District State College get the maximum benefit for this Federal funding.

Beefed up Protection for Reefs and Wetlands

Premier Anna Bligh has announced better protection for Queensland's wetlands, the essential

"kidneys" that filter run-off on to the Great Barrier Reef. Under new laws that will come into effect mid-2009, the State will have stronger powers to assess and manage earthworks near significant freshwater wetlands in Reef catchments.

Cancer services sooner

Premier Anna Bligh, has recently announced that radiation oncology is to be fast-tracked and the new Cancer Care Unit will open next year, two years earlier than planned. Adjacent to the Cairns Base Hospital, the new E-block unit will include a day oncology unit, radiation oncology bunkers, new Hospital Foundation offices and the new car park.

Dengue Danger

Everyone must take responsibility for breaking the dengue epidemic in Cairns. Even though dengue is not yet a problem in Kuranda please make sure you remove all breeding sites around your home and take steps to protect yourself from being bitten. For more information visit: www.health.qld.gov.au/dengue/

Flood and Fire Appeal

I know household budgets are tight at the moment but if you can spare some cash the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal Fund in Queensland will help Queensland's flood victims. Call 1800 173 349 with credit card details. My own family in Victoria were thankfully spared in the terrible bush fires but I know many Queenslanders have generously supported the victims of this tragedy despite our own problems. If you wish to donate to the Red Cross Appeal for bush fire victims ph 1800811700.

Steve Wettenhall MP, Member for Barron River



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Jenny Jensen
Division 8 Councillor
TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
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Bushfire and Flood Appeal: The trauma and loss of the Victorian bushfires has touched us all. Along with the losses of the floods, the impacts have been almost incomprehensible. Many residents have already donated to appeals and provided support. If you still wish to assist there are a number of ways that you can do so. Red Cross Bushfire Appeal www.redcross. org.au or Ph 1 800 811700 (the Red Cross website also has details of a Fundraising Kit that may be useful for any clubs/ groups who wish to organise Benefit Events), Premiers Flood Appeal www.thepremier.qld. gov.au Ph 1 800 173 349 (or donate at any of the major banks).

Bushfire and Flood Benefit Event: Council has already donated to the Flood Appeal and is also organising a regional Fundraising Event to benefit both the Bushfire and Flood Appeals. Please come along if you can. This is a free event to be held on Sunday 15th March at Morrow Park Tolga. There will be lots of local bands playing (including our local "Koahlition") as well as a range of entertainment for all ages.

Federal Government Funds: Late last year the Tablelands Regional Council received an additional 1.34 million in federal government funds for local infrastructure projects such as halls, parks and gardens, community facilities. Council has already allocated these funds for projects across our region with approximately \$200,000 of this amount to be allocated for works at the old Kuranda Primary School. The recent second package from the Commonwealth government will also allow for projects and Council is

developing proposals (particularly in the area of social housing) to access some of these funds.

International Women's Day Event: FREE event .. Council is sponsoring a free Film afternoon on Sunday 1st March at the Majestic Theatre in Malanda. Yes it is a long way from Kuranda, but we will have a free bus from Kuranda. All women of all ages will be given free admission and treated to afternoon tea. (donations to Bushfire and Flood Appeals will be available). Full details will be published in the Tablelands papers next week.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Kelli Craig who received the Senior Cultural Award at Council's Australia Day awards. (My apologies to Kelli as I missed her name from last month's paper). Congratulations also to the Kuranda Accommodation and Tourism operators who have initiated a program to provide Bushfire victims with holidays in our region.

Safer Communities Crime Prevention Group: This is a regional group which is working on a range of initiatives aimed at crime prevention. Police, Education, Support Agencies and local government are working together on proactive strategies. As Chair of this group, I am keen to hear from anyone in our local community who has ideas in this area.

Old Primary School: The Advisory Committee is meeting monthly to consider the future development of the site. Our caretaker is continuing to do minor maintenance at the site and the toilet block is now repaired and available for users of Bartley Park. Once we have decided on a strategic direction for the site, the Committee will be revisiting the public submissions. Please continue to discuss your ideas and

views with any of the Advisory Committee members. (Linda Snart, Ken Harley, Gerald Hobbler, Chris Martin, Matt Hyde (General Manager: Community Services TRC and myself)

Civil Works and Roads: Part of the Budget process will be to develop a List for Major Roadworks across the region. During March, Council will be considering the priority list. It is now a good time to submit (and re-submit) your requests. It is helpful if you provide this in writing to both myself and direct to Council. (suggest that you address your email/ letter to Council "ATT: Gen Manager Civil Works")

New Playing Field at Junior School: There have been some erosion issues at the Playing Field at the Junior School Campus at the Kuranda District College. Council staff are continuing to monitor this and complete further erosion control works. Once the area is stabilised, the playing field will be available for school and community use. A Management Committee will administer community use.

Tourism Matters: Recently the first meeting of the new Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee or KIAC was held. The next meeting will be held on March 17th. This committee advises Council on the major projects related to infrastructure in the central Kuranda Village area (funded through the Skyrail and Scenic Rail contributions). Committee members are keen to hear from local residents and tourism operators as the Village area is everyone's domain. Please talk to either any of the members: Fay Allen, Terry Pates, Cathy Retter, Gerald Hobbler, Kim Forde, Melanie Wicks, Peter Thompson, MP Steve Wettenhall, Mayor Tom Gilmore or myself. Projects currently under consideration include the upgrade to Therwine St, Toilet facilities for the Barron Falls area and covered walkways.

Regional Art Gallery: I encourage local Kuranda artists to be a part of the activities of the Regional Art Gallery. While the Gallery is located in Atherton, it is important that Kuranda artists are represented in the regional Gallery.

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WHAT'S HAPPENED

Now a Plant Smart Nursery

You may have noticed that Ergon contractors are in the Kuranda area again and will be pruning the vegetation under powerlines. After the savage pruning last year and many complaints from residents, we have established in conjunction with Ergon, a list of native plants suited to this area and suitable for under powerlines. We're now propagating these species, many of which are very suitable for your home garden block. So if in need of plants for round your home or under powerlines, please feel free to drop in to the nursery and take a look at what we have.

And a shaded nursery

With help from Mission Australia participants and our own volunteers we've been able to construct a very useful under shade area to grow plants on plus a shade wind break to reduce the effects of wind on our nursery irrigation. Many thanks to Mission Australia for the funding to enable this latest project. Visitors are commenting on how solid and professional the nursery is looking with healthy, well rooted plants.



2031 Plan Announced

The 2025 Plan is finally complete, but not before a last minute change of name. It is now the 2031 Plan, and it will control all development in Far North Queensland for the next 20 years, unless amended or abolished. Hard copies will be available soon from FNQRegionalPlan@dip.qld.gov.au (Ph 1300 721194) or from the Department of Infrastructure and Planning, Level 2, Orchid Plaza, Abbott St., Cairns. The maps are believed to be quite expensive.

While it is too soon to make comments on the overall plan, it appears to be quite similar to the draft released a year or so ago. Kuranda Envirocare will be looking carefully at the final form of the plan over coming weeks.

Kuranda residents will be interested to know that the general situation of Myola remains unchanged (That is, that it will not be required for urban development during the life of the plan). However there is included in the long term strategy (15 or more years hence) a review of the Kuranda Range Road upgrade and Myola proposals. It is unlikely that dormitory suburbs will be any more sensible then than they are now, so hopefully this will be just a final review. There is, however, a change to the urban footprint at Myola to allow the Welcome Pocket aged care facility to proceed.

Thanks are due to the many hundreds of Kuranda and Myola residents who signed the petition opposing urban development at Myola, and to Steve Wettenhall for listening to our views and representing us in meetings where his input has made a difference.

Plant of the Month: Vomit Vine.

This vine is fruiting well in the Kuranda area at present. The fruits are orange, look a bit like miniature flying saucers, and have a disgusting smell. However the ants love them, and quickly devour the fruits if they are left lying around. The vine is a twiner or scrambler, usually growing over low vegetation. The leaves often have small pits known as domatia where the side veins meet the mid vein. Sometimes these are visible on the top of the leaf, but the pits are actually on the underside.

Vomit Vine has the scientific name *Morinda umbellata*. The Morinda genus includes a few other smelly members, including the Rotten Cheese Fruit

(*Morinda citrifolia*) which grows a juicy fruit from which a health tonic called Noni juice is derived. Thankfully no one seems to be drinking the extract from Vomit Vine. The species name *umbellata* refers to the way the flowers are arranged in flat heads, or umbels. The fruits are eaten by Golden Bowerbirds and Yellow Orioles, and the vine can be found between the McIlwraith Range east of Coen to SE Queensland, as well as in Asia.





Vomit vine

WHAT'S COMING UP



Plant 1000



Greencorp community planting day Saturday 7 March 7am.

Next Community planting is planned for March 07 at the Kuranda District school. This time it's on the farm side, so best to park in the school car park and follow the signs from there past the swimming pool to the school farm entrance. We'll ferry you to the site or you can walk there.

Bring your hat, water bottle and gloves, and a trowel if possible. We'll start at 7am, no holes to dig, they'll be done already. Just tap the seedling from its pot, place in the hole, backfill with soil, firm in and move to the next one. The Envirocare team will do the watering in.

We hope to have another 1000 trees planted in plenty of time for a scrumptious morning tea at 8:30am . Park at the Kuranda School carpark and follow the signs from there.

Sunday 22 March 7am Green Corridor Community planting, Mantaka

Another 1,000 trees to plant. Park in Diamond Road, look for the signs on Oak Forest Road at Mantaka.

Meeting, 4 March 7pm "Seed dispersal in the Wet Tropics forest"

Speaker David Westcott, CSIRO

David will speak on animals and birds which disperse seeds in the Wet Tropics, the cassowary being of major importance. We'll also get an update on his latest project on cassowary scat DNA analysis followed by

AGM 4 March, at 8pm Sports and Social Club, Fallon Road All welcome, light supper provided.

KURANDA OPENS ITS DOORS AND ITS HEART

The Kuranda Accommodation Group is opening its doors to the families of the Victorian bushfire victims and fire fighters. Kuranda Resort's Events Manager, Dave Coupe, started the ball rolling and received overwhelming support from members of the Accommodation Group in Kuranda. "Everyone just says 'count me in'," Dave said.

While the airlines are still considering the proposition and have asked that the approach be formalised, Kuranda residents are insistent they will fly the Victorian bushfire victims up to the Far North even if the airlines don't get on board. Dave Coupe said he has received continuing calls by people wanting to assist with the air fares.

The Kuranda Accommodation Group has set up a trust fund with the local Bendigo Bank and Flight Centre will work with the Red Cross to fly the victims up. Businesses in both Kuranda and Cairns are offering their services. The invitation is gaining more and more momentum.

Kuranda Businesses and Accommodation Group can feel justifiably proud of their generosity and community spirit, and the Kuranda Resort's new owner Graham Hughs is commended for the initiative.

KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE, FALLON ROAD

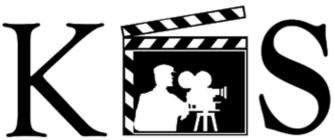
A BBQ will be held on Friday nights with barefoot bowls weather permitting. Please book for the

Keen to join a Kuranda community group? Check out what's happening at the Recreation Centre. Membership enquiries? Contact Rebecca 4093 8460.

Need a venue for a private function? A business function? Or a community group meeting place? Contact Arch on 4093 7511 or Gary on 4093 8399.

What's happening and when?

Weekday	Activity	When?	Contact?	
Monday	Salsa Dancing Lessons	Every Monday 6.30pm to 7.30pm	Kevin on 0414 364 965.	
Tuesday	Tai Chi classes	Every Tuesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm	Les Anwyl on 4093 8276	
Wednesday	Free for Bookings			
Thursday	Tribal Dancing	Every Thursday from 13 March 6 to 8pm	Lisa Newton 40939492	
Friday	Bare Foot Bowls and BBQ	Every Friday 6pm – 10pm. Extra activities for everyone: Pool tables, darts, Mah Jong, cards, open bar. New members welcome!	Bookings Sylvia on 4093 7124	
Saturday	FREE for bookings	memory well-one.		
Sunday	Film Club	First Sunday of every month. 4pm till 8pm.	Margaret or Hans on 4093 8393	



Kuranda Film Society at the Sports & Social Club

Sunday March 1 at 4 pm at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Rd.

Bring a plate to share at "interval".

Subscriptions for 2009 are \$10 per year, or \$5 for a 1 day membership. For more information ring Hans at 4093 8393

AGM. Election of Committee Members. Planning for the year ahead.

Vera Drake

Vera Drake (Imelda Staunton) lives with her husband Stan (Phil Davis) and their two adult children Sid and Ethel. Vera lives an altruistic life. After work each day she spends her time nursing her mother and ill neighbours and taking in suppertime strays. Unbeknownst to her family, Vera also helps girls who "find themselves in trouble". Writer-Director Mike Leigh ('Secrets and Lies', 'Topsy Turvy', 'Life is Sweet') returns to the screen with this affecting drama which examines social attitudes to abortion in post-war London.

Cantata Choir Regroups

The popular Cantata Choir has regrouped and is welcoming people who enjoy singing. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays in the Uniting Church, Mareeba from 7.30 - 9.30pm. No audition is required.

The Cantata, "God Moments, the Crossroads of Life", the third of four written by Kuranda resident, Ruth Beasley, and her sister Audrey Francis from Perth, will be performed in Kuranda, Atherton, Cairns and Mareeba over the weekend of April 3,4,5. Anyone interested may contact Ruth for further information phone 4093 0303.

Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

The **AGM** will be held Next Tuesday 3rd March 2009 At the Kuranda Hotel/Motel **Commencing 5.30pm**

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Current social events: Sunday 22nd March at 11am, meet at the shed of the Barron Gorge Power Station and see its operation. Lunch later at Lake Placid restaurant. For social events: Phone Denise 4033 7240. New members all welcome, phone Helen 4039 1650.

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Kuranda to Cairns Shuttle

Departures			Daily		
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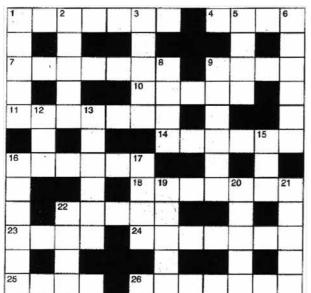
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Kuranda Kryptic Krossword No. 107



compiled by:- John Brooksbank

Down

- 1. One of life's certainties, if you don't die that is.
- 2. She has to get her firearm, musically speaking.
- 3. Can nail UK asset in NSW town.
- 5. Heads hanging up in aircraft for Kiwi bird.
- 6. Found condiment was a big hit in Japan.
- 8. So how he found himself in shady London suburb. Employ pole after type of wood louse.
- 12. At face value on the golf course.
- 13. Ben and Col muck in as a whole (2-4).
- 15. Short Irish postman?
- 16. Made by both Smith & Douglas travelling up to Kuranda from the coast.
- Might be gilded at `Be-Jewelled'.
- 19. Most Russians thought about them as rats.
- 20. New Guinea art found lurking as material in

Across

- 1. Trade in used cars.
- 4. Food for this dog?
- 7. Sex up on a recipe for clawed frogs.
- 9. Confessional topics at St. Christopers.
- 10. Marsupial bear not really!
- 11. We shape this suburb.
- 14. No optic required, for multiples of eight.
- 16 & 22. Where clan finds shoes in Kuranda Markets, despite the name (6,5)
- 18. Repeat it again without a the top part.
- 23. Trendy like legless domesticated bird. 24. Make hay mask for Muslim ladies.
- 25. Function that sounds like 22 down in maths.
- 26. About lap rest found in St. Saviours.



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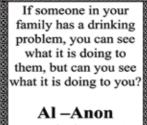
Sunday March 1st

(sponsored by Tablelands Regional Council in lead-up to **International Women's Day**) Starts at 2pm at the Majestic Theatre Malanda.

Afternoon tea, entry and transport provide free of charge.



Bus departs Kuranda at 12.15pm, Speewah at 12.25pm, Koah at 12.35pm. Enquiries: Stacey Maisel 40434114 (Events Officer at TRC)



can help you!

Meetings: For meeting information contact Diane Phone: 4093 0462 or 4054 2707





Community Calendar

Kuranda Envirocare Tree Planting, phone 4093 9926 **Every Sat** 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

Car Boot Sale Recreation Centre carpark Fallon Road 1st Sat

8 am - 11 am Phone Gary Davis 4093 8399 Garden Group 2 pm Phone David or Graham 4093 9492

A.A. CWA Hall 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599 **Every Sun**

Kuranda Bowls Club Please contact Lorraine on

4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124

Speewah Country Market 8am to 2pm 4093 0361 Happy hour at Kuranda Recreation Centre 3:30 - 6:30

1st Sun R.S.L. 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.

Kuranda Film Society 4 pm - 8pm Kuranda Recreation

Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393

Al-Anon Family Groups 8 pm Phone Diane **Every Mon**

4093 0462

1st Mon

1st Tue

2ndTue

Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm – 7.15 pm for more

info call Geoff 4093 7380

Pilates classes at Speewah Studio 6.30 pm

Phone 4093 0732

Salsa dancing. Kuranda Recreation Centre 6:30 -7:30 pm

Ph Kevin 0414 364 965

H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and

flex class. 8.45am for 9:00 start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617 Kuranda Horse and Pony Club 7.30 pm Mantaka

Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm Barbara La

Baysse 4093 7026

KNC Management Committee Meeting 6.00 pm Rob 3rd Mon

Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933

Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults 7.00 pm **Every Tue**

QCWA hall Ph 4093 8682

Tai Chi Kuranda Recreation Centre 5:30 pm

Ph Les Anwyl 4093 8276

8 Ball 7.00 pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537 Belly Dance at Amphitheatre Understage. Have fun

Tourism Kuranda meets behind St. Saviour's Church.

and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393 **The KCCT** meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel.

Spring Festival meeting. 5:00pm. 1 Pademelon Ln, 3rd Tue

Kuranda 4093 8834. All Welcome. **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 Kuranda RecreationCentre contact Lorraine on 4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124 Happy hour at Kuranda Recreation Centre 3:30 - 6:30

Kuranda Interagency Network Mtng 2.00 pm at KNC 1st Wed **QCWA** meeting 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016 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

Women's Acapella Choir 7 pm Kuranda

Neighbourhood Centre. New voices welcome

2nd Thur Ambulance 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road H.A.L.S. Stretch Yoga. 4.45pm for 5pm start at QCWA hall. **Every Fri**

Ph 4093 7617 or 4093 7401

Barefoot bowls and BBQ. Kuranda Recreation Centre 6pm-10pm Ph Lorraine 4093 9583 or Sylvia 4093 7124 by Wed prior for catering purposes.

Happy hour at Kuranda Recreation Centre 3:30 - 6:30

IEMERGENCY CONTACTS

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

Koah Kuranda

Myola

Enquiries ~ Phone Betty Timmins ~ 4093 8981

Rural Fire Brigade Contacts . **Davies Creek** 4093 3181 Lloyd 4093 7006 Peter 0408 077 746 Nick

Duncan

4093 7190 0408 151 199

4093 0211 Speewah John Kuranda Transfer Station Opening Times

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

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

		MON &TUES	WED & FRI	SATSUN & PUB HOL
To:-	SPEEWAII	0900	0900	1000
-	KOAH		1300	
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		#1315	#1315	
		*1550	*1550	
EX:-	SPEEWAH	#0710	#0710	#0820
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	SCHOOL D	AYS ONLY		
	* BOOKING!	REQUIRED		
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TEL .	JOHN 941877	72953		

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	MONATUES	WEDtoFRI	SAT/SUN		
DEPARTS	#0725	#0725	0830	(SCHOOL DAYS	ONLY
KURANDA	1330	0900	1500	W/CRT	1450
	1530	1130		REDLYNCH	1455
		1330		CARAVONICA	1505
		1530		SMITHTELD	1510
DEPARTS	**0825	0825	0930	ALL SERVICES E	XCEPT
CAIRNS	1715	1000	**1600	1000 GO TO SPEE	WAH &
		1230		KOAH IF REQU	RED.
"ATHERTO	N & MAREEBA	1715			

VIA CARAVONICA, RAINTREES, W/CRT, TAFE, CAIRNS CITY. NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY XMAS DAY. TEL JOHN 0418772953

Local Bus Timetables



Departures		Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
RAVENSHOE		7.30 em	7.45 en	2.00 +=			
HERBERTON		8.00 am	8.15 am	2.30 pm			
ATHERTON (arrive)		8.25	8.45 au	3.00 +==			
ATHERTON (depart)	6.30		9.15	3.30 ***	6.30 em	9.15 ***	9.15 ***
MAREEBA	7.00 mm		9.45	4.00 ***	7.00 ***	9.45	9.45 ***
KURANDA	7.30 mm		10,20 tm	4.30 ***	7,30 am	10.20 am	10.20
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HERBERTON	11.20 am	3.30 pm	5.35 am	- A			
RAVENSHOE	Noon	4.05 ***	6.15				

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Ticket purchases can be made at:

Phillips News, Afrecton

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The bus stops are located at:

- 46 Spenice Street, Car
- 15 Therwine Street, Kerunde,
- Old Raibray Station, Manasha, and
- Phillips News, Atherton.

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