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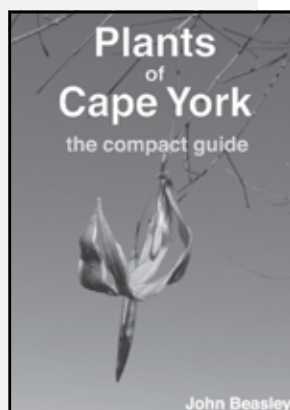
COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

John Beasley



John has helped to protect biodiversity around Kuranda through a long involvement in local development and planning issues and his role in the Speewah District Residents' Association and Kuranda EnviroCare. He has written many submissions and worked on planning for protection of biodiversity, especially within the EnviroLink Corridor and Fairyland Link. John has spent over eleven years planting and maintaining revegetation areas with EnviroCare. His book *Plants of Tropical North Queensland* has now sold over 8,000 copies – that's almost a best seller. He has spent the past three years working on a new book, *Plants of Cape York*, to be released later this month. He is also a well-known local artist, having done numerous public works of art.

BOOK LAUNCH
SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER
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UNSUNG HERO

Pam Tully

Pam came to Cairns in 1990 and fell in love with the rainforest and its animals – she still loves spotlighting among the tall eucalypts on the Lamb Range. After caring for a few orphaned flying-foxes, Pam soon found herself opening a wildlife hospital at Millaa Millaa because she was so concerned by the extent of tick paralysis amongst a nearby flying-fox colony. In 1999 Pam opened BatReach, a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation facility in Kuranda. She invited the public to attend and learn about native wildlife, particularly flying-foxes. Pam finances BatReach herself with help from donations. Volunteers also come in daily to assist to clean enclosures and feed the wildlife. Pam rehabilitates thousands of injured and orphaned native animals each year and organises comprehensive release programs to ensure the animals' successful release and return to the wild. She is always on the other end of the phone for other wildlife carers or members of the public who need advice or support.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all!

To our valued advertisers: we sincerely thank you for your continued support and hope that your business prospered during the year. We look forward to your further association throughout the coming year.

To our faithful readers: the production of The Kuranda Paper would be rather silly if there weren't readers out there, who continue to keep us on our toes with their praise, criticism and general comments. Please keep them up (not necessarily the criticism).

To our contributors: our local paper would be a very sparse publication without the literary offerings from our regular and not-so-regular contributors. We hope that you continue to put quill to paper for the following year.

To our workers: the paper could not exist without the background team of volunteer artwork preparers, typesetters, proof readers, paper folders, deliverers.

COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4881

Please keep your letter to the point and under 250 words. All letters are subject to editing. Anonymous letters or those of doubtful origin are not published. Correct name, street address and phone contact are to be submitted with your letter which should be headed "Dear Kuranda Paper". Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Kuranda Media Association Incorporated, Publishers of the Kuranda Paper.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

On behalf of Brett and myself, I would like to thank a few local businesses for making our wedding the perfect day.

Kai Hagberg for his never ending patience with the design of our wedding rings. Cedar Park for helping to make it a night to remember – we've had numerous comments about the superb quality of the food. Special thanks to Liza from Porio Hair Spa out at Russet Park – it was a wonderful 10 month journey and during that time you not only became a good friend, but on the day of the wedding you miraculously waved your artistic, talented wand and transformed me into a princess fit to marry my squire.

A very special mention must go to Bonnie Harris, our local celebrant, as it was her first time and as they say "you always remember your first"! For us and our family it was a touching and moving ceremony with a good pinch of humour and sentiment thrown in. We would also like to express our gratitude to Aurelien (pastry chef who can be found making waffles with his partner Kia in the original markets) for the croquembouche (profiterole) wedding cake, it was a delight to the eyes and a sensation to the palate.

Last but not least we are most grateful to Helen (Kuranda paper and fellow BatReach volunteer) for all your support and effort in your contribution to the wedding stationery.

We may only be a small rainforest community but we have five-star quality and service and I highly recommend any of these local businesses for any occasion!

Thanks to all our local friends who were there to share our special day! As Rob Hart predicted many moons ago it was a "magical day"!

From the blissfully married

Mr & Mrs Browning-Crowley

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Our fearless leader, during his attendance at APEC in Singapore, was encouraging partners to join him in 'habits of co-operation'. I am sure my mother told me that this sends you blind.

Ruby Bradshaw, Speewah

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Member for Barron River, Steve Wettenhall, says I attacked him (Kuranda Paper, Nov) for "working for more social housing in Kuranda". Huh? This is quite deceptive spin in response to my letter (Kuranda Paper, October) castigating Steve and his Govt. for ten years of apathy and inertia in social housing.

I applaud Steve's news that "work will soon commence on a major new housing project at Top Korowa". This announcement is quite precious as it does not appear on Steve's website nor in his monthly Kuranda Paper column. But Steve has a suitable get out clause for future development with a "lack of suitable serviced land in the Kuranda area". If Steve's Govt. really is willing it will find a way.

The Queensland State Budget for 2009-10 announced "\$1.447 billion to build 1601 rental units, commence construction on 1742 rental units and upgrade existing social housing." Barron River electorate has just over 1% of Qld's population. Will Steve ensure that the electorate gets a miserly 1/3 of 1% of this funding for each of the next three years ie. 33 units in all, remembering he achieved nothing in the previous three years? I am not holding my breath. When it comes to big ticket initiatives for the electorate it seems Steve has set the bar at limbo level so he can never under-achieve.

Barry Hodson Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I have been working for community development with a disadvantaged group within this community for the last three years in an endeavor ensure they are treated justly by government. However, at times I despair at their habitual capacity to self sabotage coherent development strategy, solidarity and communication with government through long habitualised and corrosive power struggles.

Who is responsible for the development of the Kuranda community, is it residents or is it government? If it is the residents, how do they need to behave towards one another to ensure it moves ahead? Does one point of view have to discredit other points of view? Is it acceptable to threaten those that support different points of view?

Why is it? Is it our education system, with its pretensions to enlightenment that fails to produce citizens who do not have the capacity to reflect on their own behavior and its consequences? Or is it, the straightjacket of modern culture's too often unchallenged norms? Is not reflection, the essential habit of thought that provides capacity for self-improvement?

With a little reflection, surely we must all understand, we all have social power (the power to influence others and the power to control ourselves and make choices). The issue that takes deeper reflection is the question of how we may use this power ethically; that is to do good for as many people as practical and as little harm as possible. The issue of why we must do good, will be explored later.

Usually we are spared the challenges demanded by self reflection, by the customs of contemporary culture; but other times, during rapid social change that developments imply, discuss them we must. Are not these just the times we need the diversity of views available in our community; with habits of respectful consideration of alternate views? Not one of us has such a good understanding of ourselves or the world, that we should not be challenged. Power, when we are delegated it by others, has the doubled responsibility of public reflection that is questioning or critical

discussion. If we are confident of our integrity in this matter, surely we can make such exercise of power open to the scrutiny of those who have given us the privilege of their trust. That government too often fails to model this is only a reflection of our individual failure do so in the first instance.

I suggest the prosperity of this community does not depend on the unconsciously received views of modernity nor does it on government; so much as each of us accepting the responsibility of digging deeper into the quality of our own motives and self-understanding. Only from a deeper level of self love that this can reveal, can the love be found for the collaborative activity that is required for community development. What have we to lose by trying?

Duncan Mills, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

The world's politically correct leaders from over 100 countries will converge on Copenhagen next month for a summit on "Climate Change". This horde of the world's political elite will be plunged into a \$45 trillion global business model that is designed to change the world forever, but for a reason well known... World Government.

The extent of the power of the world's financial elite can be measured by their ability to muster the total political leadership of the world, for a reason all of those gathering know is false. The 'power of the lie', or 'the politically correct', will smother the truth beneath this great heap of world "leaders".

If this new monopoly World Government contract can tax, and list as a toxic waste, one of the four basic building blocks of life - carbon dioxide - they will be able to regulate and control every facet of our lives, and shut down any business or person that are not part of their global view.

The idea that carbon is a pollutant is essentially a way of saying that humanity is a disease or a cancer that must be scientifically controlled and used to make money for those chosen for the chase, as cancer has done for the chasers over the last 100 years.

The original model for this take-over was the Soviet Union, which destroyed at least 60 million of its inhabitants trying to make it work.

"Oh what a tangled web they weave, when first they practice to deceive"!

Selwyn Johnston, Cairns

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All contributions and advertising to Pauline and Jan at "Kuranda Videos" at the BP Complex.

Deadlines must be adhered to. Photographs and items for return to be collected from the "Kuranda Videos" immediately after publication. Thanks to Pauline and Jan at the Video Shop.

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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS "MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY"

"Where have all the Lions Gone"? Is the question District Governor of Lions District 201Q2, Lion John Muller, asks himself every day. What has happened to our community based service clubs – not all that long ago there were many people prepared to join Lions and work for the good of their local communities! Where are these types of people to-day, and how can we assist them to ignite a new career in volunteering for the community?

Lion John is leading a Recruitment and Public Awareness drive in an attempt to solve these issues, and to provide additional support to the Kuranda Lions Club. "Chartered on 12th April 1976, this Club has a proud record of providing outstanding support to the people of Kuranda, and it would be such a loss to the community if it was to fold due to lack of members" District Governor John said.

"It is a fact of life that Lions Clubs provide many services and conduct projects that provide very real benefits to their communities, that otherwise would not happen if left to individuals or the various levels of Government to perform" Lion John said. "We are very appreciative of the support we do get from Local Authorities and various Government Departments, but as we know there are still many areas where Lions Clubs provide that essential service no one else can, or is prepared to offer" he said.

And what would be the cost to the community should the Kuranda Lions Club cease to exist – a thought too unpalatable to consider! Who will carry out those humanitarian tasks Lions Club do so well, like supporting our School Fetes, Australia Day Celebrations, support to various festivals, catering for public functions, and services to youth – just to name a few? Where would you get your Lions Christmas Cake each festive season?

District Governor John and his team are appealing to you, our every day citizens in the Kuranda District, to please offer a small portion of your time and energy to help maintain and grow our Lions Club membership, and thus continue to enhance the service the Kuranda Lions Club provides.

So...are you an outgoing community minded individual who enjoys helping others? Are you a caring and sharing person willing and prepared to work on projects for the betterment of your fellow citizens within your district? Do you possess a "can do" attitude, enjoy life and meeting new people, and keen to help make your community a better place?

**Have a Merry Christmas
from The Lions Club and Col Jeans.**

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Tourism Kuranda Monthly Update

This month I thought we would give you a bit of an insight into one of the key roles performed by Tourism Kuranda. Each month the executive officer visits in excess of 280 tour desks, car rentals, hotel concierges and caravan parks in Cairns, the Northern Beaches and Port Douglas. This gives us the opportunity to develop a rapport with their staff, answer any question they have and distribute our Kuranda Maps. Most operators are very pleased to use them, particularly when booking people on the train and Skyrail. We also distribute Kuranda notepads and pens which promote our website and information centre contact details. These are used to keep Kuranda top of mind and are well received by the operators. Often you will see notes on the walls using our notepads.

Another excellent tool distributed by the executive officer is the Kuranda desk top calendar which we have produced for the last couple of years. The calendar is supported by some of the key businesses in the village and distributed to all tour operators from Airlie Beach to Cooktown and out west to Mt Isa. It is also mailed to many of the key tour wholesalers around Australia. Sales staff calling at these offices in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne have noted the calendars on display. So a relatively inexpensive item to produce, is giving us excellent exposure both in and outside the region.

As most of you are probably aware Steve Caught has now left his position as our executive officer and we are currently in the process of looking for a new recruit to fill his shoes – which is not an easy task. In the interim please contact Cathy Harvey at the information centre on 40939311 if you require any assistance.



The Kuranda Range



Darling, are you in Kuranda?



Congratulations Sue & Arch McArthur

50 Years!

Sue and Arch were married on 21st November 1959 in Gladesville, Sydney. They moved to Kuranda in 1985 after spending 18 years in New Guinea.



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Have a great 2010





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Neighbourhood Centre News December 2009

KNC Christmas Wishes and Closing Dates: Heading into the Christmas period the management, staff and volunteers wish everyone a safe and happy time over Christmas. KNC will be closed from 5pm Friday 18th December 2009 and reopen at 9am Monday 4th of January 2010.

Family Support Items Needed: Thank you to those who have generously donated items recently. We have an informal way of linking up families and individuals with different items of furniture and household goods etc that they need. Right now we know families who need: washing machines, a dining table, beds of any size. If you have any of those items that you no longer need, please give us a call.

Broadband for Seniors: Broadband for Seniors Kiosk has two computers for broadband internet and email access for people aged 55 and over. It is a free service funded by the Queensland Government. There is some tutor/training available, so drop by and have a look or even better – have a go!

Free Lifeline Counselling in Kuranda: A Lifeline Counselor is coming to KNC each Thursday 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.

Volunteer Training: KNC Volunteer training was held on Friday 13th November with 7 participants. We run this training approximately every 6 months, so if you are interested, the next event will be in March 2010. FNQ Volunteers conduct the two modules of training with certificates for completion. If you are interested in volunteering at KNC or would like to be considered for the training next year, see Marg in the next few months.

ITEC Employment: Is renting office space three days every second week to meet with Kuranda clients. If you have an appointment, please let reception know when you come in. If you need to ring ITEC outside these days regarding your appointment, please let staff know.

Seasons for Growth: A loss and grief education program catering for young people aged 6-18 years focuses on understanding the effects of change, loss and grief and specifically develops skills in communication, decision making and problem solving. This is being co-facilitated between the Guidance Officer at Kuranda District State College and Ceri Hughes **KNC Family Support Coordinator**. If you are interested in finding out more for the 2010 program please see or ring Ceri (40938933) before the end of the year please.

Laughter Yoga: Is currently being held on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm for 20-30 minutes – cost is \$2 per session. Laughter really is the best medicine.

Housing: We have a Dept of Housing worker here every second Thursday (next ones 3/12/09 and 17/12/09) between 2-4 - no appointment necessary.

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

NEED A NEW WASHING MACHINE, FRIDGE OR OTHER ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD GOODS?

NILS

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

How much can you borrow?

It varies, but usually up to \$1,000.00 and the repayment period is up to two years.

Who is eligible?

Anyone holding a health care card or pension card.

See Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre for more details.



Kuranda Police Beat

Christmas is just around the corner and every one is out to bag a bargain. With Internet shopping becoming increasingly popular, can I recommend you keep your guard up the next time you see an online deal too good to

be true. That guard I speak of entails authenticating the other parties identity - Who are they? Where are they from? This is important from a Police perspective as, if the deal is fraudulent, then the offence is deemed to have occurred wherever the offender posted the offer. For example if the fraudster enters a sale in Melbourne then the offence occurs in Victoria and is therefore it is investigated by Victorian Police. Making contact via email or even by phone is, in itself no guarantee that the sale is genuine.

Secondly – Check the customer feedback comments- Do they look genuine? Thirdly - How is the transaction going to occur? Ask questions like -When is the delivery date? What are the payment options? Using a secure payment option can improve but not completely eliminate risk.

The Police Academy taught me many things. Not least of all was the **A.B.C. (Ask questions, Believe nothing and Confirm everything)**. As an online shopper myself, this is perhaps the best advice I can give.

On behalf of the Kuranda Police can I also wish you the readers and producers of this fine literary compendium a safe Christmas and all the very best for 2010. Take care and look after one another.

Cheers,

Constable Tom Hess, Kuranda Police

(*KMA and, no doubt, all our readers would like to thank Tom for his informative monthly reports and wish him and his family joy and happiness for the Festive Season and every success in his new posting. Thanks to Sergeant Lesic for continuing to find the 'wallopers with words'.)

KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE CLASS OF 2009



Kuranda Rainforest Resort was the venue of the Class of 2009 Graduation Ceremony on Friday 20th November. Family, friends and staff along with the students celebrated their achievements over the past 12 years.

Pictured: Monty Monro, Fabian Hudson, Max Lacour, Matthew Masters, Nicky Tomson, Marcus Hunter, Axl Tibay, Alexis Herbohn, Chantelle Saunders, Solli Harris, Bryce Keating, Shahnee Hunter, Tandia Singleton, Bettina Schrieber, Alana Blue.

Lifeline Counselling in Kuranda

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Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



Take life with a pinch of salt... a wedge of lime and a shot of tequila.

Go on the 30-day diet. I'm on it and so far I've lost 15 days.

Remember wherever there is a good looking, sweet, single or married man there is some woman tired of his bullshit.





December Vege Column

Mulch is great for insulating and feeding the soil, but needs to be applied sensibly during the wet season. While it is great for reducing erosion during the pounding, torrential rain, if the mulch is too thick it can hamper evaporation and leave plants too wet for too long. If using grass clippings, these need to be dried for a few days before spreading thinly to avoid it rotting into a slimy green mess. The mulch keeps the worms fed and helps to improve the soil structure. If you have a worm farm, also watch that it is protected from too much rain which can drown the worms.

Green manure crops are another way to protect the soil and retain vital nutrients during the wet. The big problem in the tropics is that the heavy rain leaches the soil nutrients, washing them away. Planting a green manure crop will help "hold" these nutrients to be dug back into the soil after the wet. Leaving a different area of the vegetable garden fallow once every four years is another traditional method to build up nutrients. In this case it's the herbaceous weeds that draw up the nutrients from deeper in the soil. Make sure you dig the weeds in before they go to seed.

Some seed companies sell green manure seed mixes (I got mine from Greenpatch seeds) but you can just scatter any leftover seed over the vegetable plot, although legumes like soybeans and pigeon pea or lucerne (alfalfa) will add extra nitrogen. These plants are not harvested but recycled back into the soil. So if they get eaten by bugs try not to get too concerned, just think of it as encouraging food for the local birds and skinks.

Some edible plants that can be grown over the wet season include okra, rosella, tree spinach (aibika), Chinese spinach (edible amaranth), pigeon pea, snakebeans and garlic chives.

I've also discovered some of our common garden plants are edible, although I haven't tried them personally. It seems the fragrant day lily flowers are prized in Japanese and Chinese cooking. The red flowering edible canna lily is also known as Queensland arrowroot and in Vietnam starch is extracted from the tubers to make noodles. Torch ginger flower buds are used in Singapore and Malaysia, while sweets are made from the ripe fruits. Before harvesting your flower garden though, I would recommend looking further into the preparation and edible varieties of these plants just to be sure you have the right ones.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sheree Scott
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or email
info@moongardeningcalendar.com

KURANDA GARDEN GROUP

invite all who have attended this year to a

Festive Christmas Lunch

at the home of

David and Graham

Lot 10 Saddle Mountain Road, Kuranda

12 noon

Saturday 5th December

Please bring food and drink to share

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KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

'NO VACANCY' PROGRAM

Breathing life into the recession in 1991 National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA), Victoria initiated a program in collaboration with the City of Melbourne called No Vacancy. The program launched a very successful exhibition and promotion space for artists. A few years later a Brisbane version of the No Vacancy program was launched, and then negotiations began towards establishing a similar program in Townsville using the No Vacancy in Victoria as a model.

The program was designed to assist artists in the practicalities of establishing public showing space in non traditional locations which, more often than not, would otherwise be vacant. It addressed the fact that space is owned, used or not, and that the owner would need to be convinced to give that space freely to art. These spaces can include shop windows, display cases, foyers, office buildings, and shop windows. A common factor is that all are easily accessible to the public, giving the artist a wider audience, a cost effective space, control over the way the artwork is shown, as well as a role in extending the concept of the place of art in our lives. There are many advantages for the agent/owner. For example, people will notice the site and see its potential, spaces used in this way liven up a streetscape and improve the overall feel of the area, which in turn attracts more people to the area.

There are vacant properties in the main streets of Kuranda, Cairns and our regional towns, a number of which have been vacant for a long time. Local owners are urged to give this concept some earnest consideration. You could benefit from such a program as No Vacancy.

Support local artists in 2010. Adopt an artist today.

Any agent/owner wishing to avail themselves of more information please contact Toni Rogers, Publicity Officer, Kuranda Arts Co-operative.

e-mail: tonirogers-cantata@bigpond.com

Thanks to Peter Thompson, Kuranda potter, for assisting with the background information about this very worthwhile No Vacancy program.

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NEW GALLERY OPENING

Kuranda Arts Co-op member and well known pottery and jewellery artist **Jana Iriyadi**, is re-opening The Verandah Gallery/Studio at 72 Strattman Street, Mareeba. A number of local artists will showcase their work in the gallery. Jana Iriyadi Jewellery; Darryl Ely, Sculpture / metal ware, Mollie Bosworth, Ceramics; Toni Rogers, Fibre Art / Sculpture / Paintings and Photography and Terry Eager, Glass ware, to name a few. The gallery will be open most days from 10am – 2pm. Ring 40923783 anytime and call in when you have finished your shopping in Mareeba.

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The Management Committee and Member Artists
of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative
would like to extend their very best Christmas wishes to the local community.
We wish you all safe travelling during the festive season.

PLANTS OF CAPE YORK

BOOK LAUNCH AND TALK ON INSECT EATING

PLANTS IN COOKTOWN

ON SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER - 11 AM

Well-known Kuranda naturalist and author **John Beasley** will be launching his new book *Plants of Cape York – The Compact Guide* in Cooktown on Saturday morning, December 5th.

Jeanette Covacevich, a senior curator at the Queensland Museum before moving to Cooktown, will launch the book.

The new book features some 600 species which visitors to the area are likely to encounter. With over 1800 photographs, and a simple key, the book makes identification easy. It also nominates several spots for visitors to stop, get out of their cars, and locate a range of plants on the roadside.

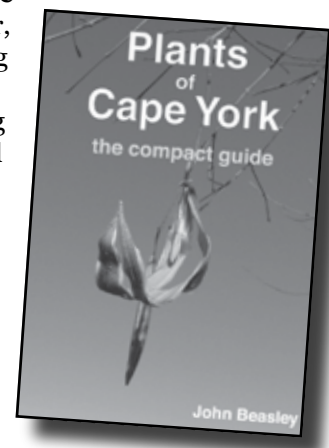
Cape York Peninsula is home to some 3500 species of plants, with new species being discovered each year. It is notable for the wide range of insect-eating plants to be found in the very infertile soils of the 'wet desert'.

Nature's Powerhouse in the **Cooktown Botanic Gardens** will host the launch on Saturday 5th December, starting promptly at 11 am, with Jo Wynter introducing the speakers.

John will present an illustrated talk on the fascinating insect-eating plants on Cape York Peninsula, and he will also explore the truth of reports that newly described Peninsula pitcher plants eat rats!!

Jeanette Covacevich will then launch the book, signed copies of which will be available for \$25 from the author. **Plants of Cape York – The Compact Guide** will be a must-have for locals at Christmas-time!

Everybody is welcome to attend, and light refreshments will be served.



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SEASONS BLESSINGS TO ALL FROM THE AMPHITHEATRE



"Simmer Down in the Summer Time" kicks off at the Amphi



Gudju Gudju



Rohan & Tracey Rusch

Koahlition



Dear Members and friends, The Simmer Down in the Summertime concert was well attended by the community with over 400 patrons on the day. We were indeed blessed with ideal weather, and with many fine performances by Kuranda bands. Koahlition won the day, with many wording their appreciation to their musical accomplishment, and the first class lighting show and sound gave their performance that extra edge. Zennith Boyz, recently returned from Vanuatu gave their all to their friends, family and fans, and left the audience wanting more.



Bully Hagger

A big thank you to all our volunteers, with your wonderful, willing energy, that made the day a success.

The Kuranda Amphitheatre presents the Christmas Boot Sale & Trash and Treasure at the Amphitheatre on Sat. 5th Dec from 9am to 3pm. Come along and cash up with those unwanted items around the

house, plants, bric-a-brac, no item too big. A great way to tidy up before Christmas and the wet. Encourage the kids to make some pocket money by recycling 'days gone by favourites' & make room for some new. Calling to all Kuranda crafts people and artists, any of your wonderful creations for sale, please join us too.

Only have a few items to sell? Be a part of the boot sale in the staff car park - simply park, and sell...Some under cover stall areas available, so be certain to call early to book a space, else set up your stall on the terraces. The Amphitheatre is having a sausage sizzle & drink stall... acoustic muso's needed.

Busking is welcomed, so come and create some atmosphere for us.

Tell your neighbours and friends to come and find a bargain. Encouraging community trading. Volunteers are needed for on the day. Stalls are \$5-10 householders, \$20 commercial vendors. For stall enquiries and bookings phone:- Kitty on 0432 160 245.

To bring in the Christmas season, the Amphitheatre's Members Night is at the Understage on Sat 12th Dec. Entertainment provided by our very own Vikarious, their sets will be bursting with those funky pop tunes guaranteed to have you dancing, so enjoy a mango daiquiri or two, and bring in the Christmas cheer.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Sat 5th Dec: 9am to 3pm - *Amphitheatre Christmas Trash 'n Treasure & Boot Sale*. Stalls: \$5-10 householders, \$20 commercial. Encouraging community trading. Sausage sizzle & drink stall. Volunteers needed. For Stall bookings and enquiries: phone Kitty 0432 160 245.

Sat 12th Dec: *Christmas Members Night at the Understage*. Entertainment provided by Vikarious. Get ready to dance. Volunteers needed. Doors & Bar open 6.30pm. Music starts 7.30pm. Entry members \$10, visitors \$15

Every Tuesday: *Belly dancing with Bronwyn*. Suitable for all ages, fun & relaxed, for information on class times ph. 0429 070 393

Every Monday & Thursday: *Circus* - For more information phone Piers 0438 368 117.

Our 2010 season has already kicked off to a great start with the awesome, legendary Al Di Meola to be appearing Main Stage at our Amphitheatre on March 14th 2010. Known for his latin-influenced jazz fusion works, and the incredible technique and discipline with which he plays, Al Di Meola has a prolific solo career, and successful collaborations with musical greats, Stanley Clarke, Jan Hammer, Jean-Luc Ponty, John McLaughlin, Paco de Luca, Chick Corea, Stevie Wonder to name a few. Tickets available through Ticketlink. Then on 25th April we are going country & western with Lee Kernagan, tickets available at Ticketlink from 1st December. See you at the Amphi, **Kitty**.



Pad Boyz



Koahlition



Chronic Haze

FOCUS THEATRE will be back in the new year. Meanwhile, enjoy the seasons festivities in peace.

Yours in theatre,
Diana



Go Leah!



Dancing at Simmer Down, Kuranda Amphitheatre



It's been some months now since I found Rodrigo's USB-card containing hundreds of pictures of South American birds and animals. Remember Rodrigo, the prize-winning candy artist from the Kuranda Candy Kitchen, featured in last months paper. I couldn't publish his pics then due to a memory failure, mine, so here are some now.

Well, it's almost Xmas now. XMAS! My mother said I should always say "Christmas", but I'm grown up now and think for myself. I prefer "Xmas" because the "X", in algebra, stands for "the unknown quantity". Surely this is preferable than letting one religion dominate the Solstice celebrations. And what's more, here in the glorious Southern Hemisphere, it's mid-summer, not mid-winter. Forget the snow, bunnies! (Bunnies? Easter? That's another story!)

So when your fellow Earthlings wish you a "Merry whatever", remember that the "MERRY" is the important bit. Yes it's time to embrace the differences and celebrate the diversity of the human condition. Life is what YOU make it. Love is all around. Try it sometime next time you feel wronged. The Christians don't have a monopoly on forgiveness either. It's a useful tool to relieve your pain, and it's empowering too!

That's all from me for this year. Please do enjoy a very Merry *Whatever* and a safe New Year full of Love, Peace, and Happiness!

seren
P.S. Next year, Kuranda Paper in cyberspace? XX



barn owl



spoon bill



tiger heron



aninga



cara cara



voegel



stork



Rodrigo





THE BOOGIE BROTHERS MUSIC REVIEW

GIG REVIEW

Simmer Down in the Summertime Amphitheatre November 14th.

What a treat! 10 local acts - all different, all good and all homegrown. How good is the line up of talent in this village!

A quick run through:

RACONTEURS - Dave Breeze's latest band - Nick on trumpet, Jungle funk, cool and juicy. Big bass lines, Dave laying on the funky lead. Guitar rhythms, keyboards - very smooth.

TASTY - Ross Wilson and Kai. Twin acoustic guitars and vocals. Joined at the hip, these guys. Originals, John Butler and John Johnson covers. Very classy. Double the sound, double the pleasure.

CHRONIC HAZE - Sensational! Hard-edged elemental groove from your basic 3 piece, crafting full-blown original prog-rock songs like veterans. Great vocal range, real passion, phat and heavy. As good as Dream Theatre, better than Silverchair. Keep jammin' boys - we love it.

FADE TO BLACK - Strong black woman band. Full throated vocals, original songs, sweet harmonies. Some Santana-like Latino chop rhythms and the sister on keyboards was something else. Very strong.

KOAHLITION - Two sets. Sweet and juicy as Koah oranges. The Rusch Mob and Friends laying down their special NQ brand of laid-back reggae. The line up is looking very Jamaican these days, with two dreadlocked gentlemen in the best Reggae tradition. Tracy and Rohan exchanging crisp vocals just like an old married couple. Funny that. Better than ever...

DOUBLE D. INFINITEE - More incredible local talent. Danny the clown's Son Davey on lead and vocals with a real wild tiger on drums and another 16 year old laying down the bass. Rock-reggae, plenty of attitude. A great original song "Strong Winds at the Bus Stop", and a wonderful reconstituted version of "Sweet Home Alabama" done in autobiographical style as "Sweet Home Kuranda".

Autobio's at 16? Yes absolutely. Go guys.
PAD BOYZ - Back again. Pad Men now. Kuranda elders of tribal roots Reggae Rock. Stirring stuff. Didge-driven Murri Reggae at its best. Welcome back to the Amphi Boyz. We missed ya.

GUDJU GUDJU - Michael Quinn back on board adding the Celtic flute. Djapuki stories and music. Leah a living descendant of the Kelly Gang, in full flame and the girls singing and harmonizing sweet as ever.

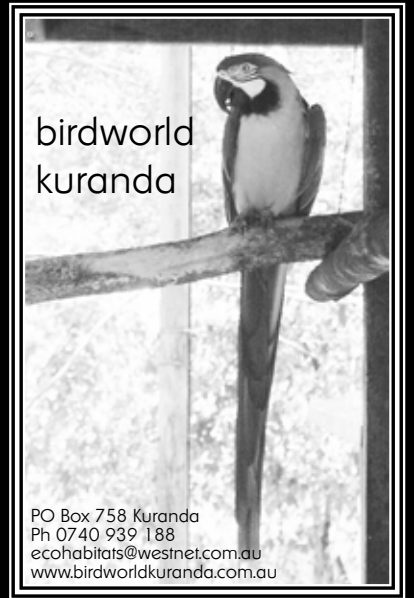


Tahlia & Sol, kisses on arrival - by seren

Thankyou Jacki Turner of BirdWorld Kuranda for the opportunity to meet close up and photograph these beautiful feathered friends.



Does anyone speak pigeon? - by Bob



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birdworld kuranda - by seren

Next shoot: Davies Creek, for some nature shots. If you've never been there, you'll be amazed. It's beautiful! Date: Saturday 5th December. Time: 3:45 pm. (NOTE new time) Place: Meet at the first stop-ping area along Davies Creek Rd. (at new time, 3:45, to give our hard-working Kurandans a go).



Hey, what about me? - by Saddhen



Saddhen makes a new friend - by Bob



Parrots feeding on a tourist - by Bob



Yes, Polly is indeed partial to crackers - by Bob



Not a worry cassowary - by Saddhen

For enquiries, or if you get lost, call: Zananda 4093 0365, or Seren 0409 499 168

Next meeting: Date: Tuesday 15th. December. Time: 7:30 pm. Place: SPEEWAH TAVERN. Club meeting and exhibiting photos in our gallery at the Tavern.

"Black Yellow and Red" was a standout - pounding tribal rhythms with Rocky on drums and Leah on conga. Michael's ethereal flute over the top. Great sound. More please.

M.C. DIGGIS and M.C. JUSTIZ - Kuranda Hip Hop. And how tough was it! More outstanding local talent. Hard core Rap, Hip Hop - unrelenting. The next generation's "Livin in Kuranda". The free stylin' just kept flowing hard as nails and the two boys worked off each other to perfection. World-class Guys. Get

recording - you deserve respect and recognition.

ZENNITH - The benchmark for Kuranda music these days. Brimful of awesome talent, experience and expertise. Another world-class act. Hip Hop, Reggae, Roxy and again fully home-grown. Zennith just keeps getting tighter, stronger and more powerful. How lucky we are in this little Village - a never-ending stream of amazing musical talent and the Amphitheatre to enjoy it in, Kuranda rocks!

The Boogie Brothers



Helicopters buzz shopper, inside the shop! Down the Honey-House end of Therwine St, I heard the sounds of excitement coming from Ivor's Wine Cellar. No, no-one was drunk, but I got excited too when I saw tiny little, and some not-so-little, helicopters flying about inside the shop! I was intrigued and, seeing other strange and wonderous "toys", I asked the proprietor, Ivor, how he got involved in all this, and this is what he told me...



Ivor flying



"I was a Tiler before the GFC cut short my work. I answered a position to sell tropical fruit wines in Kuranda in March and have been coming to work here since. It dawned upon me that the markets are largely female-orientated & so I decided to research what the boys would like. Being an avid R/C aeromodeller since my teens & always fascinated with helicopters it seemed logical to concentrate my efforts there & here I am trying, buying, flying and selling my personally selected range of QUALITY R/C indoor & outdoor helicopters alongside the fruit wines. Being a

one man show without huge overheads I import from the factory direct and cut out the middle-man. It's hard to imagine only 10 years ago you still couldn't get into R/C Heli's for less than \$1000 and now you can get awesome quality, performance & loose change out of a \$100!! I want to share the experience with everyone interested and invite all to my cellar door at Pacific Blue Winery. Therwine St. Kuranda (next to the Honey House), for a demo. Prices start between \$50 & \$70 for ages 10 up and with Xmas so close, the skies the limit... Literally!!"
Merry Xmas from Ivor.



The Beasleys Blended

IN THIS ISSUE we are profiling a blend of **Ruth and John Beasley** of Speewah, married since 1974 and both teachers by profession. They met in Papua New Guinea while John was a volunteer teacher and later a principal at a church school there and where Ruth was also teaching. Ruth was born in Northern Ireland and had a long teaching career there and then in Nigeria. She was forced to leave Nigeria in 1967 because of the Biafran war, causing her to take a teaching position in PNG. Their combined commitments to Protestantism and teaching brought them together in PNG. Ruth has continued her Church commitment to the present day, now being on the Uniting Church synod for Queensland and chairperson of the Mareeba congregation. John has moved on to a commitment to human rights and environmental issues, among many other interests which Ruth also supports.

In 1979 they moved to Aurukun. John was the principal of the government school and Ruth did voluntary work in the library. Just after that they found a nice block in Speewah which they purchased for their future home which John designed. They started to build as owner-builders. It incorporates a number of environmentally friendly features.

In 1983 John became principal at Dimbulah school and Ruth did some relief teaching. John resigned from teaching in 1989 to take up a long standing and self taught interest he had in sculpting wood and marble. Working from his new home, he has since sold about 500 sculptures, some quite large and on public display, and has won over 50 local and regional awards. He has published many articles on his work and has had nine overseas apprentices.

Ruth has followed her interest in music. She originally acquired a Diploma in piano and then taught the piano. For some time she has been with the Community Choir based in Mareeba and has written four cantatas with her sister which the



choir has performed publically.

John and Ruth have a long history of community involvement since leaving teaching. They are both active members of Envirocare, of which John was president for three years. John was the founding president of the Speewah District Residents Association. He was an organiser of the Peoples Team seeking greater Council representation for the area. He is a trained Gestalt therapist and qualified mediator. He was involved in Community Building Programs on the Tablelands based on the ideas of Scott Peck. He was briefly on CANEC, now the Environment Centre, and also on the Wet Tropics Management Authority committee for this area. He is a leading authority on the work of Pirsig (of "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" fame) and has written several essays on this. He takes a keen interest in tropical botany and has published two books – *A Walkers Guide to Plants (Cairns-Kuranda)* and *Plants of Tropical North Queensland: The Compact Guide*, and his third book, *Plants of Cape York*, will be launched in Cooktown at the Botanic Gardens on 5 December at 11 am by Pat Morrish. The public are invited. He has an interest in a wide range of subjects, such as psychology, philosophy, religion, science, the environment, self help, community planning, the arts, people's rights, hiking and exercise, etc., and describes himself as a generalist, pointing to the continuing value of generalists in an era of specialisation. John has a B.Ed from Queensland University. He has just received the Cassowary Award for community conservation from the Wet Tropics Authority.

We are blessed to have both of them in our community.

Graham Nicholson



The Diocese of North Queensland

The Venerable Christopher Wright
Archdeacon of North Queensland



Anglican Church of Australia

The Anglican Diocese of North Queensland is to proceed to the next phase of the Welcome Pocket Aged Care Project at Myola near Kuranda.

The Anglican Archdeacon of North Queensland, Father Chris Wright said "It is clear that while this is a significant undertaking by the Diocese, there are established drivers to support the start of the preparation of a Development Application to Council at this time.

The decision comes after the Diocese received an interim business plan from its consultants which highlights that an immediate need exists from both within the Kuranda, as well as broader Tablelands and Cairns communities, for appropriate accommodation options for older residents.

Speaking to a meeting of the Friends of Welcome Pocket, Fr Chris thanked TRC Mayor Tom Gilmore and Member for Barron River Steve Wettenhall for their efforts in having the Welcome Pocket site included in the FNQ 2031 plan as part of the urban footprint.

"It is envisaged that the Residential Aged Care Facility (predominantly High Care, however, with Low Care also) will have 140 beds when fully completed.

"The opportunity to provide a wide range of accommodation and care options for the region's elderly is considered achievable at the 33.3ha Welcome Pocket site," Fr Wright said.

He welcomed the initiative by the Tablelands Regional Council, Tablelands Futures Corporation and Advance Cairns to become more involved in fully identifying the needs of the elderly and infirm on the Tablelands.

"Providing adequate care for the elderly, infirm and brain damaged younger people can no longer be ignored and given second priority. It is an urgent and pressing need for our community" he said.

For further information:

Please contact P.O. Box 581 Kuranda Q 4881

Kuranda Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

November saw the departure from Kuranda of two excellent supporters of the Chamber and the community as a whole. Steve Caught resigned as Executive Officer of Tourism Kuranda to take up a tourism marketing position based in Charters Towers. Constable Tom Hess has been offered a new challenge, which has required that he and his family relocate to Brisbane. We are sad to see these two gentlemen depart as they have bought so much to the Village in the Rainforest during their relative tenures. The Chamber, and I'm sure the entire community would like to wish Steve and Tom all the very best in their new opportunities.

Here we are almost at the end of another year and Christmas is just around the corner. Our December social meeting will be our annual Christmas Party.



Tuesday 8th December
Cedar Park Resort
6.00 for 6.30pm

We have organized a set menu at a cost of \$35.00 per head including a vegetarian dish. Bar service is also available for everyone to imbibe a little Christmas cheer.

All members and friends are welcome and we would request that everyone bring a small gift as these will be used as prizes for the Christmas draw.

Bookings are essential especially those requiring the vegetarian menu as this will be specially prepared for the night so please call **Mike** on **4093 9304** to confirm your reservation.

In addition, Cedar Park are offering a special B&B price for anyone who would like to stay the night. Please call **Rosy** direct on **4093 7892** for more details.

The Executive Committee wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you at the party.

Mike Took, Vice President.





Astrology Stars in December

Rob Hart



Lots of smiling around town after the Melbourne Cup. The Astro clues last month proved to be spot on, with Shocking being the obvious choice. Well done, all those who got on board. If you doubted the accuracy of Astrology before this result may make you a little less sceptical.

How can the position of the planets around the solar system pick one winner from 23 horses in one race? The simple answer is in the ancient wisdom: "As above, so below". The rest is just hack-work.

December gets off to a sensational start. At almost the same time: just after sunrise on 2nd December, Venus moves into Sagittarius and Uranus becomes stationary and begins forward motion in sextiles to the Moon. A bit of a mouthful, but basically it opens doors. Suddenly, surprisingly, offering the opportunity for abundance, love, happy journeys and creative inspiration. Not a bad start!

With Saturn still hard-squaring Pluto in the cardinal signs, any areas of life that are still a bit constipated are being purged and this could be a little painful, but keep pushing it through. Shit happens and it couldn't happen at a better time. Once the channels are cleared love, beauty and inspiration will flow.

Mercury moves into Capricorn on the 6th, an excellent time for establishing communication on business matters, dealing with the bureaucracy and getting documents signed and processed. Get in before the silly season takes hold.

With Venus on a run through Sagittarius, for most of the month holidays should be good fun, exciting and run smoothly.

As we approach the summer solstice, Mars goes retrograde just before midnight on the 20th, Jupiter joins Neptune on the 21st and the Sun reaches the zero degrees Capricorn solstice point in the early hours of the 22nd. Then on the 25th, Christmas, the Sun joins Pluto. Venus crosses the solstice point on the 26th and joins Pluto on the 28th.

"Lots happening there", you would think. And you'd be right. With a Jupiter Neptune conjunction in Aquarius, while there's so much action around the solstice point and Pluto, it seems that some very idealistic, if not dreamy things, will be getting their roots into the ground. Lay the foundations to establish your dreams. Mars is retrograde in Leo so those "in control" may have the brakes applied and the dreamers can run a little more freely. Expect some highly desirable outcomes and opportunities to unfold around this Christmas season.. Practical gifts that can begin beautiful projects sound like the way to go.

The New Year begins with a full moon lunar eclipse just before sunrise/moon set. The moon will be in Cancer: it's ruling sign. So we can take it as an omen that the New Year will bring a focus on nurturing, family, home and tribal values. Call your mum. Happy holiday season. See you in the stars in 2010

Rob Hart.



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OBITUARY

Raymond William Mullins



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AGED 64 YEARS

Ray passed away peacefully at home, after a 4-year battle with leukaemia (CLL). He went into remission twice after chemotherapy but the most recent onset with untreatable. His last days were spent "chewing the cud" with friends and family – reminiscing on old times. There was laughter and there were tears.

He was especially proud of his boys and their achievements.

Ray was a well-known identity of Kuranda and wore many hats in his life. He was a plumber, drainer, gasfitter by trade and spent his early working life in PNG. He was also a farmer, builder, second-hand-store owner, real estate agent and councillor amongst other things.

*Gone from our sight, but never our memories.
Gone from our touch, but never our hearts.*

We miss him.

Melody, Ashley and Darryn & Family

NGOONBI SPORTS

CAIRNS ALL BLACKS Jack Ahmat Memorial Shield

Four Kuranda Teams entered the **Jack Ahmat Memorial Shield** competition on 17 & 18 October including 2 Open Mens' Teams, 1 Womens' Side and a U/18s. Elvin Hobbler together with Cindy Quarry, and Nolan Lawson together with Lorraine Brim, each managed 2 teams.

Elvin Hobbler, manager of the Bulwai Bamas said, "It was a privilege to enter the Mens' and Ladies' sides and while neither team made the finals a good time and good memories were had by all." He said with teams coming from as far north as Badu Island and Cherbourg in the south, it was always going to be tough for locals who have just joined together as teams for the weekend." A total of 32 Mens' teams and 7 Womens' teams battled it out for the Shield. Magun Warriors (Badu Island) won the Men's Open 42-38 against Cherbourg Hornets and the Cairns Maidens defeated the Murri Gumas in the Womens battle 20-16.

Elvin and Nolan, on behalf of their teams, would like to thank their local supporters including Alf Richards and Kuranda Sport & Rec and major sponsor PCYC Indigenous Business unit.

Kuranda Sport & Rec sought over \$6500 sponsorship for the Kuranda Cassowaries and Bulwai Bama teams from PCYC Indigenous Business Unit to help with nominations and jerseys.

The team jerseys were very deadly and with current progress towards the development of Junior Rugby League, the future for a Kuranda Rugby League Club is close!

Hoops "Kuranda Style" After school Basketball Program

On Monday (16/11/09) Kuranda Sport & Rec. team along with Kuranda State District College and Cairns Hoop Dreaming Project ran our first Hoops "Kuranda Style" afterschool basketball program. It was good to see a number of kids attending to have fun. This will be ongoing for the next three weeks for anyone between the ages of 12 – 20 years old. You can hang out with the Cairns Taipan players while listening to some good R n B music and also a barbeque will be on sale too.

Anyone interested should contact Jane, Bert or Dameon at Ngoonbi Co-Operative Society on: 4093 7177



Christmas Carols

It has long been customary for people on Christmas Eve to gather around a Christmas tree and sing joyous songs with religious or festive themes, or serenade the local neighbourhood. Lighter than hymns, most carols belong in the category of folk songs. Carols may have been sung as early as the 13th century when St Francis of Assisi arranged a manger scene in Italy and visitors to the scene sang carols that told the Nativity story. In England, in the 15th century, people sang carols to raise money for the needy. Eventually, carollers sang in the streets simply for entertainment.

Christmas Pudding

Many superstitions have surrounded Christmas pudding. One states that the pudding should be made by the 25th Sunday after Trinity, prepared with 13 ingredients to represent Christ and His disciples, and that every member of the family must take a turn at stirring the pudding with a wooden spoon from east to west in honour of the three Kings.



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A Visit to Bonadio's Mabi Wildlife Reserve

by Marie Boswarva, Kuranda Information Centre Volunteer

NOT FAR from the strawberry farm near Yungaburra is an attraction that has operating for the last 13 years, but little has been known about it by many tourist operators. This beautiful, interesting, exciting place has only been seen by the privileged Japanese tourist before. Now at last, the owners have decided to give the local and the touring public worldwide the opportunity to be able to visit this special place.

To make it easy for all to visit there are two options: one it to be picked up for the 'Gone Wild' tour in Cairns and driven out to the property, the other is to self-drive to the 'Bonadio's Mabi Wildlife Reserve' on the Gillies Highway. Volunteers from various local Information Centres in the area chose to do the self-drive tour. This business, like many here in North Queensland, is family run by the Grandmother, Arduda, and her sons Alan, and his wife Allerina, and Ron and his wife Vanna.

At 5pm Mark, the Birds of Prey man, demonstrates the remarkable feats of a variety of his birds, from the cheeky magpie helping to keep the environment clean by picking up and putting the rubbish in the bin, to the magnificent bird of prey with its sharp eyesight catching prey in the air, to the near blind owl who sits comfortably eating out of everyone's hand. The last animal shown was not a bird at all but something I'd never seen before, our only meat eating mammal, a quoll. How beautiful it looked with its colourful spots as it sat delicately eating using both paws just like hands.

Next a guided walk along the river to spot a platypus. What a lot of interesting information we learnt about them. The stroll along the river is in itself delightful and although there are quite a few platypi in the river, they are a shy, quick moving animals, and catching a look at a platypus is like watching whales, you have to be looking in the right spot at the right time to get a good view, I can think of nothing more pleasurable than sitting quietly next to the river waiting to see the platypui catching and eating their dinner.

At dusk dinner for the humans was arranged close to the bush, next to where a smorgasbord of fruit and other exciting tidbits was set up on a low table for the nocturnal animals. Quickly a possum mother with its tiny baby on its back came in to eat, and a pademelon soon followed. Several bandicoots searched around

the ground looking for the delicacies especially dropped for them. Like many people who live in our area and have gardens, a nightly visit from bandicoots is a common occurrence, but I'd never been able to see these timid animals before, only the evidence of their visit by the many dying roots of the plants they had dug up as they looked for worms. But here they were not two feet away, happily eating whilst the noisy visitors watched, talked or moved around.

Whilst waiting for our BBQ to cook there were plates of cut up vegies, biscuits and dips to keep us going, and a chance for people to try our local kangaroo and crocodile steaks. Having no fat on these meats, these products are easily turned tough from overcooking, but on this occasion the light browning and delicate cooking had been done to perfection.

Back down to near the river. This time people not so confident of their footing in the dark were driven in a bus to see the glow worms in their unique, specially built house.

Although it was impossible to see the shape of the person ahead of you once all the torches were turned off [nothing is as black as the country without lights and no moon], it was perfect for the glow worms. Once in the glow worm house the longer we waited and the more our eyes adjusted to the dark, the brighter the glow worms glowed.

And they were everywhere, some only young and tiny, whilst others fully grown and at their brightest. With them all glowing it was like being surrounded by millions of tiny distant stars. Although they are also like many of our nocturnal animals only coming out at night, Alan

and Ron, with their knowledge about the glow worms habits, hope to be able to establish worms which will glow during the day for the delight of the daytime visitors.

Back at the dining room everyone grabbed a torch to search for animals in the bush, but I stayed to enjoy the company of the owners, learning even more about their property and its animals than that which they had shared with us all during the walks.

North Queensland people are laid-back people, inviting and looking after visitors to their businesses just like they would a visit from a friend, and a trip to 'Bonadio's Mabi Wildlife Reserve' is just like that, but with the greatly added attraction of seeing things that you would never see anywhere else.



Christmas: North Queensland Style

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SET UP THE JUICE EXTRACTOR...CHILL SOME SPARKLING WINE (CHAMPAGNE), SEVERAL BOTTLES, VERY CHEAP BY WINE STANDARDS.

FEED THE MACHINE WITH A WHOLE SLICED PINEAPPLE. (That's the magic of this gadget; it doesn't even expect you to peel the fruit..just slice the pine into approximately chunk size and feed into the hole provided. You could presume that as a result you'll be enjoying all the benefits of every vitamin captured alive in nature...we're always told that the skin contains the best.)

LET THE JUICER ALSO CONSUME AN ORANGE OR TWO, PERHAPS A LEMON. (The skin of the citrus will give the drink a tangy sharpness...some will hate it...for them, prepare iced tea and VoVoes.)

POUR THE FRUIT JUICE INTO A LARGE PUNCH BOWL, OR PLASTIC BUCKET...THROW IN A STACK OF ICE AND TOP OFF WITH SEVERAL BOTTLES OF CHAMPAGNE OR SPARKLING AUSSIE WINE TO BE POLITICALLY CORRECT.

(Most ladies will now be forced to labour for useless hours, chopping garbage bits into the bowl...slices of lemon and orange...sprigs of mint...all that rubbish... none of which does a thing for the drink and will be left languishing in the slops after the vultures have drained the pot. If you cannot resist a bit of tizzing, try soaking maraschino cherries in your favourite liqueur...KIRSCH...and pour them into the bowl...they make delightful chewing...and will at least contribute to both colour and flavour...to say nothing of after effects.)

CHRISTMAS FEAST – ENTRÉE - AVOCADO DELIGHT

AVOCADO IS SUCH A BLISSFUL JOY IT DOES NOT NEED ANY BUT THE SIMPLEST DOCTORING OF ITS NATURAL WONDER.

Several light touches can enhance the charm of the inherent taste.

TO SERVE WHOLE.....

Slice the fruit in two....ease out the seed. (Please wait for the fruit to ripen to the tender-to-touch phase.)

Fill the seed cavity with French dressing and sprinkle on top fresh ground black pepper....or some seasoned pepper.

The fruit will appreciate some time to sit and enjoy the beauty treatment before

the feast begins.

On the side you could offer some fresh prawns, curled eschallots and walnuts. This minimum preparation will make an entrée admired by your guests as the champagne or (to be politically correct), Australian sparkling wine will be flowing around.

CHRISTMAS FEAST – MAIN COURSE:

BEEF WELLINGTON

Throw away all your recipe guides and follow me. The poor duke would return to rampage again at this lazy way!

Take a fillet of beef....at room temperature. Sprinkle with seasoned pepper. Lay aside on an oven to table platter....For an hour or two.

Roast for 15 minutes at 250c then reduce the heat to 170c and complete the cooking at about 10 minutes per kilo, for some of your guests who are determined to ruin the meat throw a steak on the barbie till well done!

Cool on the same pan then refrigerate for a day or two.

On the last day thaw some puff pastry. (always use the professional pre-packed stuff....

You'll never do as well yourself.) Now we go to work!

Roll out the pastry to a size big enough to cover the file. Lay on some pate. Mount the file. On top of the file place some tinned mushrooms with a sprinkling of chopped chives.

Roll out the pastry and seal together, a little water or milk will take care of this. Dress the outside as tizzily as your ART COMMANDS.

BAKE ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO BROWN THE PASTRY.

CHRISTMAS FEAST – DESSERT

On Christmas morning thaw a packet of frozen berries. Strawberries, blueberries or any that you fancy. Pour over a suitable liqueur i.e. Kirsch, Cherry Herring or whatever is your favourite.

Place in the Refrigerator till you are ready to serve. Pop in a dessert bowl two scoops of vanilla ice cream, then drown them with the berries and liqueur.

Serve immediately.

Your guests will be ready for the coffee, and will go away impressed with your hosting and culinary skills.



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA, ST SAVIOUR'S KURANDA
Invites you to Worship – SERVICES December 2009

SUNDAY
 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Sung Eucharist
 9.30am Sunday school
 5.00pm Afternoon Worship
 Holy Communion 6th
 Evening Prayer 13th
 Carol Service 20th (6.00pm)
 Evening Prayer 27th

7.30pm Carols by Candlelight
 for Children, Mum and Dad too,
 10.30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist
 (Please note early time)
CHRISTMAS DAY – Friday 25th
 8.30am Christmas Family
 Communion

POSSUM CORNER OP SHOP
 Now Open
 Tuesday Thursday Friday and
 Saturday
 9.00am until after 1.00pm
 Closed 19 Dec reopens Jan 5 2010

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES
 Sunday 20th December
 6.00pm Carol Service and Supper
CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday 24th

ACTIVITIES
 Home Groups
 Alpha
 A Life Worth Living
 Sunday School

A THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

There was a guy on the radio the other day telling his listeners how his little niece was in her school nativity play. The teacher wanted to give every child a part, so invented some which are not in the bible. The speaker asked his niece, 'Is it true that you have a part in a play?' 'Yeah', she said 'and what's the play about?' 'Well, it's all about this inn-keeper's wife'.

The inn-keeper's wife isn't mentioned in the Bible; nor is the innkeeper, though it's quite justifiable to invent them for the purposes of a nativity play. In fact Bethlehem may have been too small even to have an inn. The word usually translated as 'inn' means the room in a house where you put up your visitors; the same room is translated 'guestroom' when Jesus asks his disciples, "Where's the guestroom where I may eat the Passover?" The houses in Bethlehem were so full of visitors coming to register for the census that none of them had space for Mary and Joseph, and they had to settle down in a stable. Bethlehem is built on a slope, so the stable could easily have been a cave hollowed out underneath the house. There was nowhere to put him in the stable except for the manger, the animals' feeding trough.

It was not a beautiful hygienic

stable like we see on the Christmas cards, and it probably smelled pretty ripe, but that was the only place where the Son of God could be born, because there was no room anywhere else. Jesus was born in a stable. The Son of God didn't come to earth to enjoy a cushioned, protected life. Jesus himself said that those who wear soft robes and fine clothing are only found in kings' palaces. He didn't come to earth to share in luxury. He came to identify himself with the poor and the underprivileged, for whom nothing ever seems to go right.

For it was those people he'd come to save. Even though wise people did come to him later, the first to greet him and welcome him to share their life on earth were humble shepherds. Many of us devote a lot of time and energy to the attempt to become wealthy. We want luxury and a sense of our own importance. But Jesus, who had all the glory and wealth of heaven and earth, was born in a stable. No longer is God far away.

On Christmas Day, God became one of us, one of the powerless and unimportant people in the world. There's no room for Jesus in the materialistic plans of the wealthy. So he was born in a smelly stable and laid in the hay of the animals manger.

His wasn't a privileged upbringing. There is room in my heart, Lord Jesus. Jesus will only go where he's welcome. Joseph and Mary welcomed him; the animals welcomed him; the shepherds welcomed him. Are we willing to welcome him?

There was no room for Jesus in the inn or the guestrooms of Bethlehem; is there room for him in your heart? Mind you, he'll cause some disruption if you let him in. Out will have to go all your plans for luxury, if you let the humble poor Jesus into your heart. Out will go your selfishness and your self-righteousness if you let the Friend of Sinners into your heart.

There's a hymn which we sing all through the year, but the first two verses are particularly appropriate at Christmas time; Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown, when thou camest to earth for me; but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for thy holy nativity... Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming thy royal decree; but in lowly birth didst thou come to earth, and in great humility: o come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for thee. o come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for thee.

Thought of the Month from The Baha'i Faith

"It was on September 23, 1893, a little over a year after Bahá'u'lláh's ascension that, in a paper written by Rev. Henry H. Jessup, D.D., at the [first] World Parliament of Religions, held in Chicago, in connection with the Columbian Exposition, it was announced that 'a famous Persian sage, the Babi Saint, [a reference to Bahá'u'lláh] had died recently in Akka, [then in Palestine, now in Israel] and that two years previous to His ascension 'a Cambridge scholar' [Prof. Edward G. Brown] had visited Him, to whom He had expressed 'sentiments so noble, so Christ-like' that the author of the paper, in his closing words, wished to share them with his audience."

— Shogi Effendi, *God Passes By*, p. 256, referring to the first public mention of the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh in the West at the first World Parliament of Religions in Chicago, just one year after the passing of Bahá'u'lláh in the Holy Land.

Spiritual Meditations/Reflections

on writings from the great religions, every Wednesday, 7.00 pm, Baha'i Information Centre, bottom of Therwine Street, Kuranda.

World Parliament of Religions

Melbourne, 3–9 December 2009

The Tableland Baha'i Community is a strong supporter of this momentous world event, bringing together all the great religions of the world every five years or so in a mass meeting of thousands in the quest for religious tolerance, understanding and harmony worldwide – see separate article reporting on the third interfaith gathering in Kuranda recently. A further interfaith gathering will be held on the Tablelands on World Religion Day early next year.

Commemoration Ascension of Abdul'l-Baha

(son of Founder and His successor)

evening of Saturday 28 November at a local home. All Welcome

United Nations Human Rights Day

Thursday 10 December

Morning Prayers

each Tuesday 8.30am, park in the centre of Kuranda Village

Study Circles and Devotional Meetings – by arrangement

United Nations Human Rights Day –Thursday 10 December

Other events at Cairns, Malanda and Atherton. Please enquire.

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

Telephone 4093 7120 / 4093 9571

From the Baha'is of the Tablelands

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

NEWS FROM ST SAVIOURS

On Sunday the first of November, All Saint's Day, St Saviour's congregation celebrated ten years as an independent parish. The two Sunday congregations combined to worship together on this very important day in the life of the parish. After the service, a special luncheon was held at the 'Bottom Pub'. This too, was a special time for everyone enjoying the delicious lunch.



Christmas is coming and there are lots of preparations coming on at St Saviour's for the Christmas Services. On Sunday the 20th December we are holding our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.00 pm. On Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th, there will be Carols by Candlelight for children mums and dads at 7.30pm and at 10.30pm the Christmas Eve Eucharist. On Christmas Day, Friday the 25th, there will be the Christmas Day family service at 8.30am.

Once again this year St Saviour's participated in Operation Christmas Child providing Christmas gifts to disadvantaged children overseas. This year's appeal was a fantastic result and 17 boxes were been donated. Many thanks to Lee for coordinating the appeal again this year.

*St Christopher's Catholic
 Church
 Barang St*

Our Sunday Mass will be held at 6 pm

1st Wednesday of each month
 Mass 7.00 pm

**Kuranda
 Seventh-day Adventist
 Church**



Wirramoo St.

Sabbath School (all ages) - 9.30 am
 Divine Service - 11 am

Services held every Saturday.
ALL WELCOME !!!

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



LETTERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Dear Kuranda Paper,

On behalf of Judy, Roderigo, Sarah and myself, I'd like to thank all those kind people who extended their best wishes to us following our Gold, Silver, Bronze and Overall Champion Award at the recent Melbourne Fine Foods Awards.

It is refreshing to see the amount of support within Kuranda and beyond and justifies Judy's and my decision to move here to follow our dreams. There have been numerous hurdles over the years but we doggedly stuck to our ideals and principles which have resulted in these rewards. However, this could not have been achieved without good and loyal staff – the most important part of any successful business.

We were determined from the beginning to present the best product we could by using the best ingredients we could source in Australia. The results are obvious and speak for themselves.

Once again, thank you to everyone, and we'd like to extend our best wishes for a happy Christmas and an even better New Year.

Ross Breadsell, Kuranda Candy Kitchen

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Suffering nervous tension, stress or anxiety then I recommend the therapy of Mollie's Pottery Course.

A much cheaper alternative at \$135 for four 3 hour classes than \$185 per hour for a psychologist or \$225+ per hour for a psychiatrist. While attending rehab at Mollie's studio, I have not taken serapax, valium or mogadon, flogged the missus or kicked the dog.

As I have, you may even make something beautiful, useful or at least a talking point and with the rejects, solve that problem of gifts.

Bruce Skilbeck, Kuranda
– a now much more sane pupil.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

The Kuranda Film Society wishes to thank the Manager of the Kuranda Resort for the use of the Resort's conference room for our Film Festival on Sunday 1st November. The Resort's generous support of this community event provided us with a venue for the festival.

The Film Festival proved popular with the local community, with good attendances at the daytime sessions, 35, 34 and 32 people respectively and an excellent attendance of 89 at the evening screening. A small number came from Cairns and the Tableland and 5 people were from interstate and overseas.

May we commend the Resort staff. They were unfailingly polite, friendly and helpful at all times during the planning stages, the setting up and the festival day itself. We appreciated the courteous manner in which the Manager and staff checked on our progress and possible needs. We wish them every success in their venture.

Margaret Zehntner,
Secretary, Kuranda Film Society

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Could someone please tell me what happened to the recommendations in the second Le Page Report?

Ruby Bradshaw, Speewah

Dear Kuranda Paper:

October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month and a "Girls Night In" fundraiser was held in Kuranda to raise money for the Queensland Cancer Council, which isn't government funded. No, it was not a tuppaware party! There were many laughs and raised eyebrows at the array of adult toys that did all sort of things! 10% of these sales were donated to Breast Cancer Awareness. Thanks heaps to Kieran from Liberated for jumping on board to hold the party at a moment's notice (after being let down by another business with only a few days to go). As a rule he doesn't usually hold private parties. However, as this was a charity event he helped out. Thank you so much. You are awesome!

A raffle was held and a total of \$670 was raised. The raffle was drawn on 6 November at the Top Pub by our lovely Kat (best dressed in Kuranda). Thanks. There were four great prizes and the winners were: 1st Kez, 2nd Anna, 3rd Annetta, 4th Mikaela. Congratulations to you lucky ladies who get to enjoy food, jewellery, alcohol, gift vouchers, art, soap, etc.

Thank you kindly to the following local businesses for donating over \$400 worth of raffle prizes: Fitzpatrick Tavern, Foodworks, Tantrika, Kuranda Videos, Bath Shop, Chrissy Summer, Silver Chain, Ian Stephens, Sugarworks Fudge Bar, Just Gorgeous, Village Vibe, Gifts From Kuranda, Golden Pride Wineries, Dumpster Diva, Honey House and Kuranda Meats.

Also, thanks for the beautiful food that was brought along to share. Fun, food and laughs while fundraising for a worthy cause are all the ingredients for a feel-good evening. Thank you all for coming and to all who donated.

I was inspired to get involved in this cause because of my strong family history: Nanna (deceased, breast cancer), Auntie (deceased, ovarian cancer), Mum (breast cancer survivor), Sister (breast cancer survivor).

Remember, ladies, prevention is better than cure. Check your breasts regularly. If something feels weird or not right or sore, have it checked by a doctor without delay. Your life could depend on it. Be breast cancer aware.

The money raised from hosting a "Girls Night In" will be used to fund more research and provide crucial services that benefit women with breast or gynaecological cancers cross Queensland.

There were many men who asked if they could come if they dressed as a girl. Sorry, this one was girls only. Maybe next year. Anyway, most guys love breasts, right? And this is all about prevention, early detection and hopefully a cure, so breasts don't have to be removed. So, if you are a 'booby' man, support/donate to "Girls Night In". It's an awesome cause.

If I can raise \$670 and collect \$400 worth of raffle prizes on my own, imagine what could be raised if others joined in and it was made into a big event with bands etc. Or combine it with an existing event like the Motorcycle Expo where breasts are a highlight of the evening!

Jodie

Dear Kuranda Paper,

May we congratulate the 2 Kuranda residents who won prestigious Cassowary Awards on Saturday 7th November at the Wet Tropics Management Authority Awards Night. The awards recognize many years of volunteer contribution to preserving our precious environment and the animals which depend upon it.

The Unsung Hero Award went to Pam Tully for her tireless work with injured and sick flying foxes over many years. Pam's Batreach hospital has rehabilitated hundreds of otherwise doomed animals and continues to educate visitors, volunteers and locals in protecting and caring for our wildlife.

The Community Conservation Award went to John Beasley, author of two plant identification books with a third to be launched on the 5th December. As a long time member and executive member of Kuranda EnviroCare, John has planted and maintained thousands of trees and worked consistently towards habitat and wildlife corridor protection.

Pam and John, through their commitment to environmental work, inspire, educate and encourage others to join the conservation effort.

Marg Zehntner,

Secretary, Kuranda EnviroCare Inc

Dear Kuranda Paper,

CONGRATULATIONS! To the new Management and Staff of the Kuranda Resort on their wonderful Melbourne Cup Lunch. The warm and friendly welcome was very much appreciated. The new Chef excelled with his sit down Menu, (not stand in line buffet). His world class entrée and a main course of three choices was one of the best it has been my pleasure to enjoy at the Resort.

The fashions paraded by some of the most attractive girls, (here in the North we have some of the best in Australia), were of an excellent standard. Thank you to the designer and models who gave unselfishly of their time and effort for our enjoyment.

Viewing the race was also a delight with two screens so the entire Restaurant could see our world famous Melbourne Cup, where people who have never placed a bet before in their life, try their luck.

To the locals residents who booked and did not turn up, or even had the courtesy to make a simple phone call to apologize we say....YOUR LOSS! When someone books a table and is expecting your company it is very disappointing that you did not think them worthy of a

phone call.

This is one local resident who will be supporting this beautiful and unique venue right at our back door, with ample free car parking and new and enthusiastic staff, with ideas for us to enjoy.

Thank Heaven we live in this wonderful part of the world.

It is so easy to live by the three C's, CARE for one another, we only pass this way once, COURTESY to all, treat your fellow resident as you would like to be treated, and COMMON SENSE in everything we do.

Thank you Kuranda Resort for being there and giving residents a world class venue to enjoy all year round.

Mrs Valarie J. Birchall
Proud to be a Kuranda Resident.

QCWA NEWSLETTER November 2009

Here we are once again – at the end of another QCWA year! With so much going on in 2009, we are all ready to kick off our running shoes for a few weeks.

Most Branch, Division and Regional meetings are now behind us. The Great Train Ride is over and, despite a few light showers of rain, all seemed to go home well fed with Rotary's steaks, sausages and salads plus all the baked goodies, tea and coffee from our well laden tables of cakes, biscuits, slices and marshmallows (little and big kids seemed to enjoy these).

For our crafty ladies, Novembers lesson day with Red Work Embroidery and Twisted Log Cabin Patchwork was well attended. Several Mossman CWA members joined us on the day and we thank Anne Maitland from Babinda Branch for coming up to teach the patchwork lesson. Raffle tickets for the Butterfly Quilt have been selling well. The raffle will be drawn at our last branch meeting for 2009 on Wednesday 9th December.

Apart from a Craft Weekend at Kurrimine in early February that some of our members will attend; the Kuranda Branch will be in holiday recess until February 10, 2010. However, our hall is still available for bookings over the holiday period.

Congratulations to the recipients of our **QCWA 2009 School Bursaries:**

- Kuranda State Primary School
– Isobel Bryce
- Kuranda State High School
– Miki Kohama

We would like to thank those within the community who have assisted and supported our branch over the past year and wish all a peaceful and joyful Festive Season. See you in the New Year!

Hall bookings: please contact

4093 7599 or 4093 9437

**For other information, please contact
the Secretary on 4093 7016.**

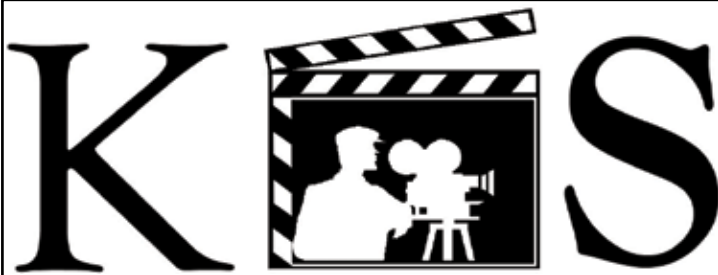


QCWA Kuranda Branch Members
Rotary Dream Train Kuranda.



Christine Ritchie and Yvonne Dighton at the
craft stall at Cairns Leukemia Foundation.





Kuranda Film Society at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Rd.

Sunday December 6 at 4 pm at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Rd.

Bring a plate to share.

Subscriptions for 2010 is \$20 per year, Commencing February, or \$5 for a 1 day membership.

For more information ring Hans at 4093 8393

Travellers and Magicians

A young government official named Dondup (played by Tshewang Dendup) who is smitten with America (he even has a denim gho) dreams of escaping there while stuck in a beautiful but isolated village. He hopes to connect in the U.S. with a visa out of the country. He misses the one bus out of town to Thimphu, however, and is forced to hitchhike and walk along the Lateral Road to the west, accompanied by an apple seller, a Buddhist monk with his ornate, dragon-headed dromedary heading to Thimphu, a drunk, a widowed rice paper maker and his daughter Sonam (played by Sonam Lham). To pass the time, the monk tells the tale of Tashi, a restless farmboy who, like Dondup, dreams of escaping village life. Tashi rides a horse that goes into a forest. He immediately becomes lost in remote mountains and finds his life entwined with that of an elderly hermit woodcutter and his beautiful young wife. Tashi's wish of escape granted, he finds himself caught in a web of lust and jealousy, enchanted by the beautiful and yielding wife, but fearing the woodsman and his axe. Tashi finally tries to murder the woodcutter, aided by his wife who is pregnant by Tashi. He runs away, however, while the old man is near death, burdened by his guilt. Deki, the woodcutter's wife calls and runs after him, but probably falls into a mountain river while giving pursuit. Tashi's adventures finally turn out to be hallucinations induced by chhaang, a home-brewed liquor. The monk's tale merely parallels Dondup's growing attraction to Sonam. During a dilemma similar to Tashi's, Dondup manages to hitch a ride to Thimphu. The film ends without showing the final outcome of Dondup's journey - his visa interview and his trip abroad. The audience is left to wonder whether the trip changed his attitude toward the village and Bhutan, and if he returned to the village.



TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Kuranda Festive Spirit 09 – 4 December 2009

Notice is hereby given under the Provisions of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 that:

- **Therwine Street, between Coondoo St and Thoree St, will be closed to vehicular traffic between the hours of 5.30pm and 8pm on 4 December 2009** for the purpose of conducting Kuranda Festive Spirit 09.
- **Rob Veivers Drive will be closed between Barang St to the intersection with Therwine St from 6pm until 6.30pm.**
- **Thoree St will be closed between Therwine St and Thongon St from 6pm until 6.30pm.**
- **Thongon St will be closed Thoree St between Coondoo St from 6pm until 6.30pm.**
- **Coondoo St will be closed between Thongon St and Barang St from 6pm until 6.30pm.**

For further information contact Gwen Fyfe on 4043 4112.

Ian Church
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
www.trc.qld.gov.au



Diarmuid Houston

Would like to thank you for your support during 2009

and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I'm currently in need of many more listings and have specific buyers looking for

horse properties and houses under \$500,000

Contact me 0412 116 578



Professionals
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Jobs Training Project Trebles its Target

A regional employment and training initiative which started in September has almost trebled its initial target by providing an amazing \$2,971,302.20 in jobs and training across the greater Far North Queensland region.

The "Let's look after our own back yard - Keep FNQ working" regional employment and training initiative which was instigated by Tableland based Q.I.T.E. and supported by Cairns based Centacare Employment initially set down a \$1 million target in provision of jobs and skills improvement training over a three month period from September 1.

Covering the region from Mossman in the north to Cardwell in the south and westwards to the Tablelands and Cairns and adjacent areas the "Let's look after our own back yard - Keep FNQ working" has far surpassed the expectations of its instigators and has provided direct employment and training for over 480 Far Northern residents.

Ms Bertola said that the outcomes to date are something for all Far Northerners to take particular pride in, given that unemployment woes have had a devastating effect on many people.

"This project was, and continues to be very much community driven from participating job seekers through to those employers who are seeking to employ staff and workers and our own collective staff who have put amazing support behind the "Let's look after our own back yard - Keep FNQ working" initiative. "This outcome

is all the more important, given the current economic factors that are affecting the region," Ms Bertola said.

A breakdown of the \$2,971,302.20 total to date is:

SEPTEMBER

EMPLOYMENT - \$1,446,789.80

TRAINING - \$285,726.60

TOTAL - \$1,732,516.40

- 94 placed into work - 57 potentially long term employment. The positions are in a variety of industries including hospitality, community services (child care and aged care, retail and administration).

- 172 training places - both internally (e.g. Cert III in Aged Care and Cert III in Children's Services) and externally. 80 were accredited training and included Cert I in IT, Traffic Controllers and White Card, First Aid, Chainsaw and Driving Lessons.

- The remaining were non accredited and included topics that would assist job seekers successfully move into employment.

OCTOBER

EMPLOYMENT - \$1,171,404

TRAINING - \$67,381.80

TOTAL - \$1,238,785.80

- 102 placed into work - 79 potentially long term. Industries include construction, hospitality and community services

- 116 Training Places - both accredited and non-accredited including Cert III in Child Services, White Card and Traffic Controllers, First Aid Chainsaw.

- Non accredited include computer courses, Road Rules refresher and other work readiness type employment.



Kuranda Pool News - VACATION PROGRAMS FOR LEARN TO SWIM SCHOOL

This Summer holidays the Swim School at the Kuranda public swimming pool will offer a number of variations on their normal lessons to allow the learn to swim children a chance to reinforce their basic skills in swimming and water safety. For the babies and toddlers, classes will continue to be one day a week. Lessons for these littlies will be on Thursdays and/or Friday mornings.

For children aged between 4 and 7 years old we will offer intensive 5 day programs where students attend everyday at the same time and build up their skills for swimming, games and aquatic safety. These sessions will be predominantly in the afternoons. The first of these intensives will be held the first week of the holidays from the 14th to the 18th of December, while 2 other weeks will come up toward the middle of January (see advertisement this edition for details).

Our stronger swimmers from Stroke Correction and Squads will also be given the opportunity to keep fit and active in sessions that will be offered at 5.00pm to 6.00pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The water temperature (around 30 degrees) and conditions are at their most favourable at this time of year and it is a logical step to give the kids more chance to hone their skills and improve water awareness principles.

A huge thanks to the local band Zennith for playing the fundraiser on the 1st of November in the late afternoon into the evening. Although the weather was against us, a great time was had by the masses that turned up and the support was strong and highly appreciative of this quality world class act. Some healthy funds were raised to assist with the development of family friendly facilities and the kitty will grow to the stage where B.B.Q and shelter areas can be constructed.

Our swim club membership got underway last month. A core group of adults have started meeting twice a week to develop their training. Thanks to Hamish Jenkins and Debbie Cesari for coordinating the group's training. Come along from 6.00pm to 7.00pm Thursday evenings or 2.00pm to 3.00pm Saturdays to jump into some guided training, you do not have to be a great swimmer as beginner, intermediate and advanced levels can be catered to equally well. As the need arises for the children, the club can get serious and affiliate to the appropriate State and National bodies and be eligible to compete at meets. Until such time it is great to setup with adults who can mentor the skills and training to run the club on a professional level.

The group will use the incorporation of the Kuranda Recreation Centre to host their meetings and any fundraising events and thanks to the club for the wisdom of taking in this group to simplify the process of being incorporated and insured for activities and allowing them to get straight into the business of supporting our up and coming swimmers, and believe me they are out there.

What a dream to see our first young Kuranda swimmer representing on the big stage. As Zennith has already shown, the sky's the limit when Kuranda people get the opportunity to excel.

Cheers Gary and Linda Davis (Lessees of the Pool)



**Kuranda
Aquatic Centre
Public Swimming Pool
All Welcome
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No sore eyes No green hair
Soft to the skin Crystal clear water
Light refreshments available
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VACATION PROGRAM

LEARN-TO-SWIM

INTENSIVES FOR 4 TO 7's
weeks commencing

14th December 2009

11th January 2010

18th January 2010

10.45am, 2.30pm and 3.30pm

5 days per week / 45 minutes

Enrol for 1, 2 or 3 weeks

LEARNING STROKES

WATER SAFETY

AQUATIC GAMES

CLASSES

for Under 4's

will be held on

Thursdays & Fridays

at 9.00am and 9.45am

in weeks commencing:

14th December 2009

4th January 2010

11th January 2010

18th January 2010

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**TERM 1 recommences:
Monday 25th January 2010**



Preserving Aboriginal Rock Art

OUR LOCAL ABORIGINAL TRIBE is **Bulwai**, which is part of the Djabugai clan. While the Djabugai lived in the rainforest country around Kuranda which is World Heritage today, the Bulwai lived mostly in the open forest country just to the west, namely the Clohesy river, the Davies creek and Emerald creek areas.

Bulwai country includes the 'Bare Hill' rock art site, which was dated by James Cook University scientists to be at least 3500 years old, as old as the pyramids in Egypt.

The central figure on the main rock face is Ganandoran. According to Bulwai legends Ganandoran was badly burned by two women and he came here to die. Since the burning was accidental, Bulwai women decided to give birth at this rock. Some of the images on the rock are of women giving birth, but most of these have been lost or are badly faded. The rock seat where Aboriginal mothers have given birth for thousands of years is still clearly visible and just above it it has the best image of a woman giving birth.

Bare Hill is not just one of the few sites where birth is depicted, but it is also the only known rock art site depicting kangaroos with an open mouth.

Sadly some of the rock art has been lost and most of it is threatened, which is mainly due to moisture causing several problems.

The most obvious is the growth of algae which is stimulated by

preserve the artwork.

Willie previously asked the Australian government for help, but to no avail.

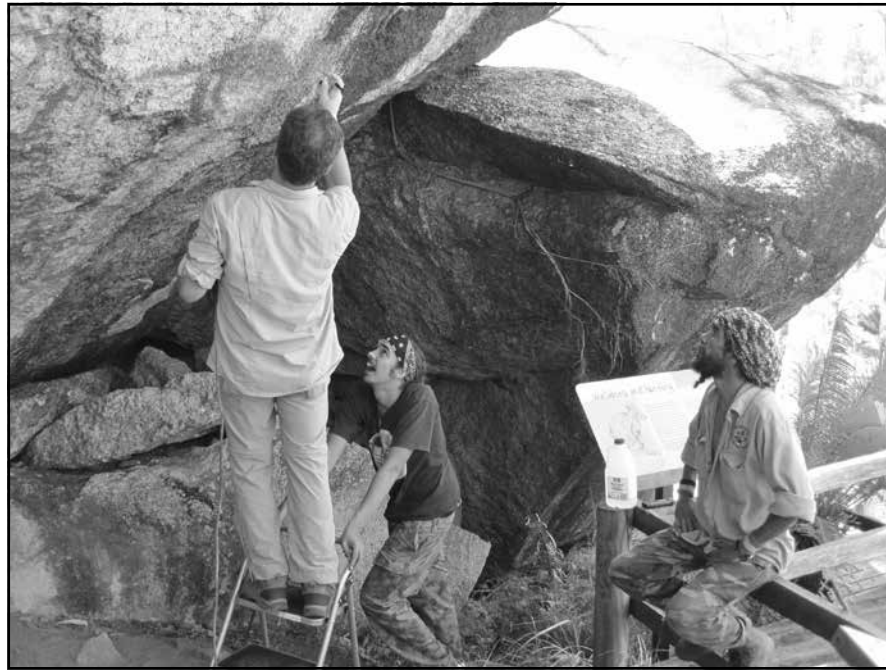
Luckily another friend of Ferdinand, Jürgen Steiner has a business in Austria to restore rock floors in castles and churches which are affected by moisture. Jürgen agreed to come to Australia and have a look at the threatened rock art to see what he can do.

After over three years of analysis and preparation, a plan was finalised and in October 2009 Jürgen Steiner used an airbrush to blow low-molecular silicic acid dissolved in alcohol onto the rock. This mix is able to penetrate the rock to a depth of about 5-7 cm, filling minute cracks in the rock, thus binding and stabilising the rock.

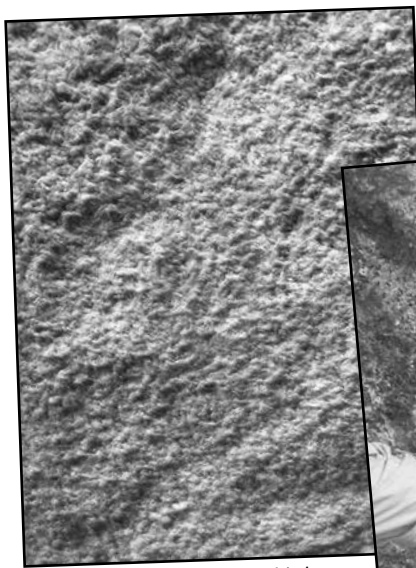
Since the ochre used by Aboriginal people is thousands of years old, it is so dry and hardened that it does not react with the alcohol. So the rock is stabilised without any loss of ochre. Jürgen was even able to wipe over the ochre immediately after application

without any smearing or any ochre wiping off.

Jürgen is confident that this treatment will preserve the rock art for many decades and initial measurement are very promising. The humidity in the rock has decreased from about 50% to about 15% within the first two weeks. As you can see from the images, Jürgen



Willie and Aden Brim watch Jürgen Steiner airbrushing



Woman giving birth



Jürgen Steiner pointing to a red kangaroo head with open mouth, a larger white roo head is over his arm



Ganandoran



Jürgen Steiner measuring rock moisture

moisture. As you can see clearly on the image on the right wherever water is running down the rock face black algae growth is so prolific that it has covered any Aboriginal paintings which might have been in those sections. But even where there is no water running down the rock face, moisture from the air is allowing algae to grow on the rock face.

The less obvious issue is that moisture is actually penetrating the rock. This moisture in the rock expands and contracts as the rock heats up under the sun and then cools again at night. This constant change widens tiny cracks which allows more moisture in and so on. Ultimately the top layer of rock will flake off (typically about 3-10mm thick). This means the permanent loss of any ochre art on top of that particular flake.

This is where Willie Brim, Gaby Schierenbeck, Ferdinand Karl and Jürgen Steiner come into the story.

In 2006 Gaby introduced filmmaker Ferdinand Karl to local elder Willie Brim. Ferdinand shot some footage for his "Australian Diary" with Willie at the 'Bare Hill' site. On this footage, Willie pointed out the poor state of the ancient rock art and asked for someone to help to

also cleaned away the black algae from some areas and on the right hand side of the main site this exposed the previously hidden head of a kangaroo.

It is wonderful that this significant site has been saved from the ravages of time and water.

This is probably the first ever such effort to preserve Aboriginal art in Australia and I wish to thank Willie, Ferdinand, Gaby and especially Jürgen for volunteering their time and making this happen.

Jürgen Steiner and everyone else involved in this project have worked for free and have even covered the significant expenses out of their own pockets, but they obviously cannot keep doing this.

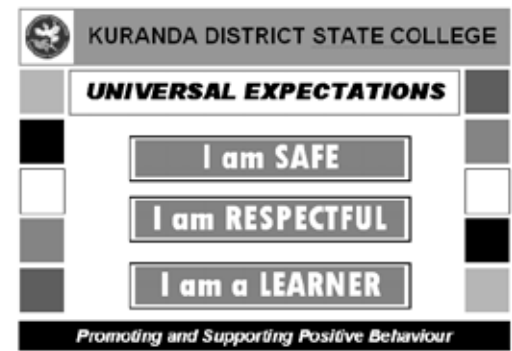
However there are many more important art sites, not just in this area but all over Australia. Jürgen would be happy to teach others his knowledge about how to preserve Aboriginal rock art, but what is really needed is a sponsor or some government money or maybe a university to continue this important work. If you can help in any way, please contact us.

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KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE AWARDS NIGHT 2009

Monday 16th November was an important milestone for KDSC. The Annual awards night, held at the college was a celebration of successes for many students. Awards were given to students who excelled in learning, in community, cultural, positive behaviour and sport.

New to the awards this year was the introduction of Bursaries – made possible by the generosity of local businesses and organisations. This will assist students to achieve their goals for learning while attending school at KDSC during 2010.

Some of the highlights for the evening included the first public performance of the Kuranda College School Anthem by a choir of students from the junior school campus. The lyrics were written by Helen Adams, and the music composed by our own Mr Ekkehart Mundana who conducted the choir.



KURANDA COLLEGE SCHOOL ANTHEM

Lyrics: Helen Adams
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- Enrolments accepted for all year levels – Prep to Year 12
- Enquiries and interviews contact:
 - Mr Gary Toshach – Principal
 - Ms Kylie Jones (Head of Junior School years P – 6)
 - Mr Shane Curley (Head of Middle School, years 7 – 9)
 - Mr Kerry Hardy (Head of Senior School, years 10 – 12)
 - PH 40855333 /40855344

PCYC AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS

Thanks to all who responded to our survey regarding Outside of School Hours Care. PCYC and Kuranda District State College are pleased to announce that Outside of School Hours Care and Vacation Care will commence during 2010. Enquiries please contact Mr Gary Toshach

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday 11th December
:Last day of school: P – 9
:School office closed
Monday 18th January:
School office open for enquiries
Tuesday 26th January
Public Holiday (school closed)
Wednesday 27th January:
School Commences.

JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN DAY:

- Friday 4th December
- 9.30 – 11.00am
- For: Prep and all new students.
- Enrolment packages and booklists available on this day
- For more information please contact:
- Kylie Jones Ph 40855344 / kjone106@eq.edu.au

Kuranda District State College wishes to thank the community for their support in 2009 and wishes everyone a safe holiday season.



Sports Summit to focus on club needs

Sport and recreation clubs across the Tablelands will be centre stage at a Sports Summit being hosted by the Tablelands Regional Council.

Topics to be covered in the workshop include:

- Optimising your committee
- Club volunteers and officials – catch and keep 'em
- Club planning for a purpose

The summit will be held on Saturday 5 December at Tinaroo Recreation Camp, Tinaroo Falls Road, from 9am–1pm.

Anyone wishing to attend should email trcsportrec@strategicleisure.com.au or call 4055 6250 or 1300 734 626 by Friday 27 November.

Various items from Malanda Council meeting (4 November 2009)

Council objects to proposed Queensland Heritage listing for Tablelands sites

Tablelands Regional Council has objected to an application to list a parcel of land on a Mareeba property on the Queensland Heritage Register.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management asked for Council's advice in relation to the proposed listing of the former Mareeba Airfield and HAA Gun Stations which are now located on private property.

Council resolved to object to the application, citing the fact that the items listed were on private property, and that conditions placed on development approvals for the land in the past six years were put in place to protect the heritage value of the area.

Council also objected to the proposed listing of the Bones Knob Radar Station near Tolga. The station is one of four surviving examples of the British Advanced Chain Overseas (ACO) radar stations in Queensland.

Council objected on the grounds that the station was located on private property and therefore it was not appropriate for Council to support the application.

Regional Community Survey results revealed

Tablelands residents relish their natural surroundings, relaxed rural lifestyle and sense of community and want the region to retain that into the future, a region-wide community survey has found.

The results of the first-ever regional community survey, which attracted 646 responses, were unveiled to Tablelands Regional Council this week.

The aim of the survey was to capture the community's broad values, concerns and aspirations for the future of the Tablelands region over the next 20 years in order to provide community input into the strategic directions of both the draft Planning Scheme and the long term Community Plan.

It also aimed to gather the views of the community on how best to manage population growth, in order to inform the string of policies that will be developed in the new Planning Scheme to manage land use and development.

Key Survey Findings

What we value most about the Tablelands

- When it came to what residents valued most about the Tablelands, a "Rural Relaxed Lifestyle" (76.2%) and "Natural Environment" (56.8%) were the two top responses in all age groups. "Good to raise children" (35.3%) was ranked third overall, thanks to the responses by the 25-44 age group.
- There were also differences between the male and female responses taken overall. "Good to raise children" was the third most popular choice among women, whereas it was fourth amongst men after "Sense of Community".
- An example of the variation between town based responses is in Mareeba more people chose

"Good to raise children" (43%) than "Natural Environment" (38%). In Kuranda, "Natural Environment" was chosen by the greatest number of people (90%).

What could be Improved in the Tablelands Region?

- Improvement of roads was the most frequently mentioned issue, followed by parks and gardens and bike or footpaths. Improvement of roads was mentioned most in Atherton (32) and Malanda (18). For Mareeba respondents a frequently mentioned issue was heavy traffic going through the main street of town.

Our Vision for the Future

- The survey showed that the Tablelands community enjoys and values its current environment and way of life and most people did not want it to change much over the next 20 years.
- Respondents want the Tablelands to remain an open, friendly welcoming rural place with its economy based predominantly on farming and value added farm products, produced in an environmentally sustainable way.
- Residents want to make the most of our local resources without damaging our highly valued natural environment.
- Many people would like the Tablelands to have better infrastructure and services.

How Can We Achieve that Vision for the Future?

- The main areas of focus were on regulations to protect good quality agricultural land (19.2%), "good" planning and looking ahead (13.6%), effective local governance by Council (20.8%) and strong lobbying of state and federal government for funds for infrastructure and services (15.6%).
- 15% of responses were concerned that more emphasis be placed on planning for an environmentally sustainable region with incentives being used to encourage more eco-friendly practices.
- Those who want the Tablelands to become a more vibrant and resilient economy focussed on actions such as promoting the Tablelands region worldwide as a good place to invest, providing incentives for business, supporting small business especially those involved in value added farm products and food tourism.
- Another area of focus was on achieving a strong, safe, family orientated community. Actions suggested included creating more family-friendly recreation areas, providing more community support, enforcing stricter alcohol policies and becoming more tolerant of community diversity.

Managing Population Growth on the Tablelands

- The majority of responses to the question "How can we best manage population growth on the Tablelands?" were about how to manage the density and spread of new housing for a growing population (67%). Also of concern was planning ahead for infrastructure and services by all levels of government.
- 26% of respondents stated that urban sprawl and fragmentation of the rural landscape should be prevented to protect existing farmland, natural areas and small rural town character.
- 10% of respondents believed that population growth should be contained by having a larger minimum lot size or not reducing minimum lot size any further in or around towns. Others (6%) believe in allowing smaller lot size and higher density within the larger towns. This could be to consolidate growth within existing towns in order to prevent urban sprawl.
- Some people (5%) commented that housing development should be encouraged within the smaller towns and villages across the Tablelands to keep those smaller communities alive and increase the likelihood of services being provided.
- 4% thought that rural residential subdivision should be allowed.

The full results of the survey will be published on Council's website at www.trc.qld.gov.au.

Rainforest Birds of Australia's "Wet Tropics"



with Jack Leighton

100 Birds • 100 Calls

Here is a suggested Christmas present for you or for your friends: those who have visited Kuranda or those who have yet to do so. This DVD is available for \$50 from its author and producer, Jack Leighton, at birdsbarra@tinaroowaters.com.au. It is a beautifully presented DVD of 100 rainforest birds – images of them going about their avian business and their calls.

Those who have tried to identify a birdcall from a written description will know how difficult it is and also how difficult discriminating between a white-headed pigeon, say, and a pied imperial pigeon in the canopy can be, especially when you haven't seen either of them before. Marrying the images with the calls is a brilliant idea and we can't recommend the disk highly enough, even if only to be viewed as a documentary.



Belinda, Leon and the team at the Village Vibe would like to wish all our valued customers and friends a safe and happy festive season.

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2010 AUSTRALIA DAY

TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Tuesday, 26 January 2010

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Council will host a regional event at the Tepon Equestrian Centre at Wondecla that will include fun family activities, a Citizenship Ceremony and the announcement of the Regional Australia Day Awards.

Groups or organisations that may wish to host an Australia Day event in their town or community are encouraged to contact Council which will provide some financial and/or in-kind support to the event organisers. Submissions should be given to Council by 30 November

To express your interest email Stacey@trc.qld.gov.au

2010 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

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| Citizen of the Year | Coach/Administrator Sports |
| Young Citizen of the Year | Junior Cultural Award |
| Senior Sports | Senior Cultural Award |
| Junior Sports | Quiet Achievers Award |
| Community Event | |
| Junior Community Service | |
| Senior Community Service | |
| Development of Commerce and Industry | |
| Environmental Excellence Award | |



Nomination forms are available from:

Council Offices - Atherton, Herberton, Malanda and Mareeba, Council Libraries, Mt Molloy Post Office, Irvinebank School of Arts & Progress Association, Julatten and Mt Molloy Association of Residents and Rate Payers Inc. Tablelands Regional Council website www.trc.qld.gov.au

AWARD APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 13 JANUARY 2010

Mail to: Events Coordinator, PO Box 154 Mareeba, 4880
Fax to: 4092 3323



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SES and Cyclone Ready

Kuranda residents are fortunate to have a dedicated crew of SES volunteers at the ready in case of emergencies. Their services are often needed in extreme weather conditions over the coming months. On behalf of the community I would like to thank the 20 members of the Kuranda SES Unit for all their hard work during the year and for the months ahead. You can help reduce the demand on the SES by preparing thoroughly for the cyclone season. But, if you do require assistance from the SES, call **132 500**. To find out more about the SES, visit www.emergency.qld.gov.au/ses/default.asp

Awards for School

Best wishes to all our local school leavers whether you are going on to further study, vocational training, employment or just taking a well earned break. Many will move away from Kuranda but I am sure all will carry with them fond memories of their high school years. Congratulations to the school this year for winning the Regional Showcase C.Y. Science Award (in conjunction with Woree State High School) for teaching inspiring science and showing excellence in middle school learning.

In closing, may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy holiday season and I look forward to catching up again in 2010.

– Steve Wettenhall MP

Light up your region for Christmas

All the sights and sounds of Christmas will be coming to a street near you, with all Tablelanders urged to light up their houses and businesses this festive season. Tablelands Regional Council, in partnership with a number of businesses, is offering great prizes for the Light Up for Christmas Competition.

The competition includes five categories:

- Best Residence (sponsored by Adrian Kipps Electrical)
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- Best Street (sponsored by Ergon Energy)
- Best Rural (sponsored by Tableland Pumps and Pipes and Mareeba Auto Electrics), and
- Kid's Choice (sponsored by Tablelands Family Daycare Scheme).

Prizes will be awarded in both Northern and Southern zones of the Tablelands Regional Council area. Entry forms are available at all Council service centres, at the Kuranda library, and by going to www.trc.qld.gov.au. **Entries close at 12 noon on Friday, 11 December, with judging to be conducted on 14-15 December.**

Last chance for 2010 Australia Day events

Towns and communities throughout the tablelands that wish to host an Australia day event have only until 30 November to submit their ideas to Tablelands Regional Council. Council will host a regional event at the Tepon Equestrian Centre at Wondecla to mark the day that will include fun family activities, a Citizenship Ceremony, a special guest speaker, and the announcement of the Regional Australia Day Awards. More information will be made available as the plans take shape.

Groups or organisations that may wish to host an Australia Day event in their town or community are encouraged to contact Council which will provide some financial and /or in-kind support to the event organisers.

Inquiries or interest in hosting an event should be emailed to: stacey@trc.qld.gov.au by 30 November.

Residents are also reminded about that nominations are also open for the 2010 Australia Day Awards. Tablelands Regional Council wants to hear about people in your community that give their own time and energy for the benefit of the community – it could be someone who donates their time to a local charity, is heavily involved in improving the environment or has been the driving force behind initiatives in your community. This year, Council will announce only regional winners in all categories, with towns and communities able to hold their own localised awards if they desire.

Nominations can be made in the following categories: Citizen Award, Young Citizen, Community Event, Coach/Sport Administrator, Senior Sports, Junior Sports, Senior Cultural, Junior Cultural, Senior Community Service, Junior Community Service, Commerce & Industry, Environmental Excellence, and Quiet Achievers Award.

Nomination forms are available from the Council offices at Atherton, Mareeba, Malanda and Herberton, or at www.trc.qld.gov.au. Nominations close on 13 January 2010.

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Sally raised her hand. She said, 'My family went to see Rock City and I was 'fascinated.' The teacher said, 'Well, that was good Sally, but I wanted you to

use the word 'fascinate.'

Little Johnny raised his hand. The teacher hesitated because he had been burned by Little Johnny before.

She finally decided there was no way he could damage the word 'fascinate', so he called on him. Johnny said, 'My aunt Gina has a sweater with ten buttons, but her tits are so big she can only fasten eight.'

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The "Other Kuranda"

Peter Ryle

WHETHER the Australasian United Steam Navigation Company Limited (AUSN) named its new coastal steamer after "our" Kuranda in 1901 is not known. However, the fact that the ship was to operate on the North Queensland coast, and that "our" Kuranda was the only place with that name, leads me to think that the ship was named after our little village at the top of the range.

AUSN commissioned Gourlay Bros Co. Ltd. of Scotland to construct the vessel specifically to operate on the run between Townsville and Cooktown. The 928 ton "S.S. Kuranda" was 200 feet (60 m) long, had a beam of 32 feet (9.6 m), and had a top speed of 10 knots. "Kuranda" was commissioned in 1901 and carried mail, passengers and cargo. In 1904 she was transferred to South Australia to serve the Spencer Gulf trade until 1906. After this she returned to the Townsville to Cooktown run. For some years "Kuranda" was the only ship on this run. Until the railway line to Cairns was completed in 1923 this ship was the only regular link with the south, picking up cargo and passengers carried by rail from Brisbane to Townsville. The arrival of the railway heralded the end for the "Kuranda", as the shipping line couldn't compete with the subsidized railway. In 1924 she was withdrawn from the run and was eventually purchased by an Asian company. "Kuranda" was broken up in Singapore in 1936.

The timetable of the "Kuranda" shows that she had little down-time each week:

Leave Townsville	Monday 9 a.m.
Leave Palm Island	Monday 1 p.m.
Arrive Lucinda	Monday 4 p.m.
Leave Lucinda	Monday 9.40 p.m.
Arrive Mourilyan	Tuesday 5.30 a.m.
Leave Mourilyan	Tuesday 6 a.m.
Arrive Cairns	Tuesday 1.30 p.m.
Leave Cairns	Tuesday 4 p.m.
Arrive Port Douglas	Tuesday 8.30 p.m.
Leave Port Douglas	Wednesday 3.30 a.m.
Arrive Cooktown	Wednesday 11 a.m.
Leave Cooktown	Wednesday 4 p.m.
Arrive Port Douglas	Midnight
Arrive Cairns	Thursday 4.30 a.m.
Leave Cairns	Thursday Noon
Arrive Mourilyan	Thursday 7 p.m.
Leave Mourilyan	Thursday 7.30 p.m.
Arrive Lucinda	Friday 4 a.m.
Leave Lucinda	Friday 4.30 a.m.
Arrive Townsville	Friday 11.30 a.m.

However, reports in the local papers from the period show that despite the impressive time-table things did not always go to plan. The Cairns Post of 25 March 1915 reported that the "Kuranda" had run aground at Port Douglas at 4.00 a.m. on Wednesday. This prevented the ship "Mourilyan" from entering the port when it arrived at 6.00 a.m. It was hoped to float the "Kuranda" on the high tide on Thursday morning.

Another problem that plagued the "Kuranda" was the unreliability of some of the crew. On several occasions The Cairns Post reported that the ship was delayed when the firemen absented themselves at Townsville. It would appear that some of the pubs in Townsville were a bit too close to the wharf for the firemen to resist temptation.

As was to be expected on a shipping run along the Queensland coast during the cyclone season, the "Kuranda" was sometimes subjected to inclement weather and heavy seas. The Cairns Post reported on 5 April 1911 under the heading "ALARMED PASSENGERS":

"On the last trip of the Kuranda from Cairns to Townsville, when at Mourilyan, Capt. Bartlett, received the following petition from about 30 saloon passengers:- "Captain Bartlett:- Dear Sir, - We, the undersigned passengers beg to enter a protest against you leaving the harbour on account of the prevailing bad weather." "I have got that petition in my cabin now," remarked Captain Bartlett humorously yesterday, "and I hope to keep it as a memento of the trip." The Captain did not share the fears of his passengers, and he pursued his voyage."

One interesting occurrence while the "Kuranda" was at Cairns on one trip appears to have had no resolution. The Cairns Post of 14 July 1910 carried the story under the heading "STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE"

"Yesterday morning it was reported that the chief officer of the "Kuranda", Mr. Connors, was missing, and on inquiries being made it was learned that he was last seen on Tuesday night aboard the vessel. It was alleged that he asked the watchman to place a rope over the side as he intended taking a dip. Since then he has not been seen and there are no marks on the side of the vessel to indicate that he went over the side. A thorough search was made of the "Kuranda" yesterday and up to the time of the vessel's departure there was no sign of the officer. The whole affair is a mysterious one." There were no further references to this matter in the paper, so we don't know the outcome.

One interesting widespread practice in the early part of the twentieth century was to hold fundraising functions on both commercial and naval ships. One such function was reported in The Cairns Post of 13 October 1909:

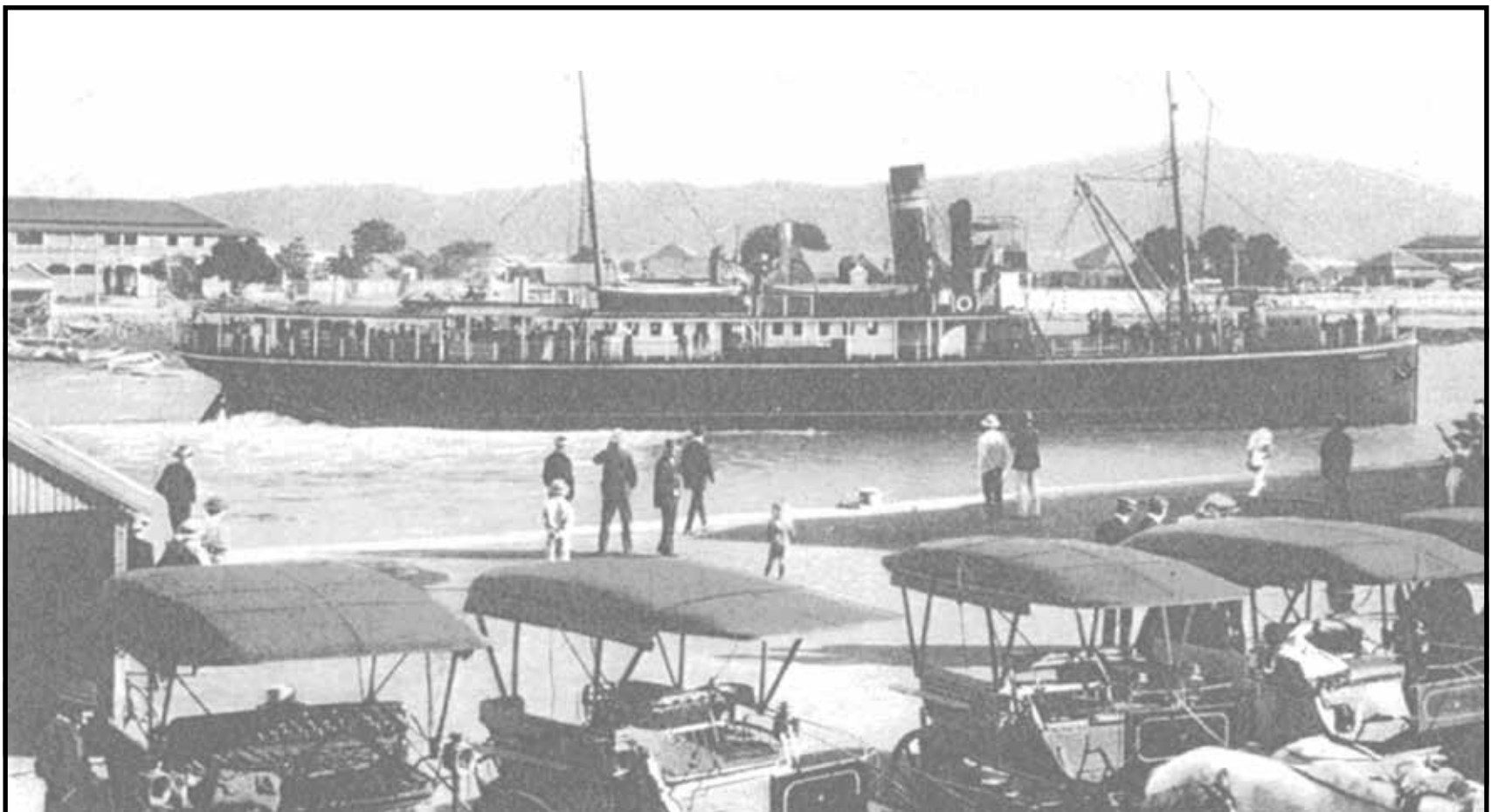
"CONCERT ON KURANDA"

Mr. W. Massie, purser of the Kuranda, supplies the following information: An impromptu concert was given by the Pollard Merry Midgets Company, assisted by other passengers on Monday evening in aid of the Townsville Hospital. The amount raised by voluntary subscription was £2/3/-. The singing and dancing of the members of the Company was very much appreciated by the passengers, and the Manager, Mr. Schatz, was not sparing of his thanks to the other contributors for their assistance. Apart from all else, if the performance shown under such disadvantage as existed, by the Midgets, can be taken as any criterion of their excellence, the public of North Queensland may expect a real treat, described by the manager of the Co., as a musical mélange."

Another practice of the time has had a beneficial effect for people who are now trying to trace family history. The newspapers of the time regularly reported the names of saloon passengers on ships arriving and leaving ports. For instance, The Cairns Post of 30 July 1920 gave the names of saloon passengers departing on the "Kuranda":

"Kuranda", Capt., Raven, for Mourilyan Harbour, Lucinda Point and Townsville.

Passengers:- Mesdames Barron, Barney, Sampson, Helion, Meikeljohn, Hopkins; Misses Boyd and Hopkins; Messrs Barr-Smith, Barker, Hepburn, Biles, Higham, Ward, Richards, Sampson, Helion, Meikeljohn, Redmond, Scheett and son, Powderley, and Drs. Brown and Pope." Needless to say the steerage passengers were not named.



S.S. Kuranda at Townsville. Photo courtesy Cairns Historical Society.



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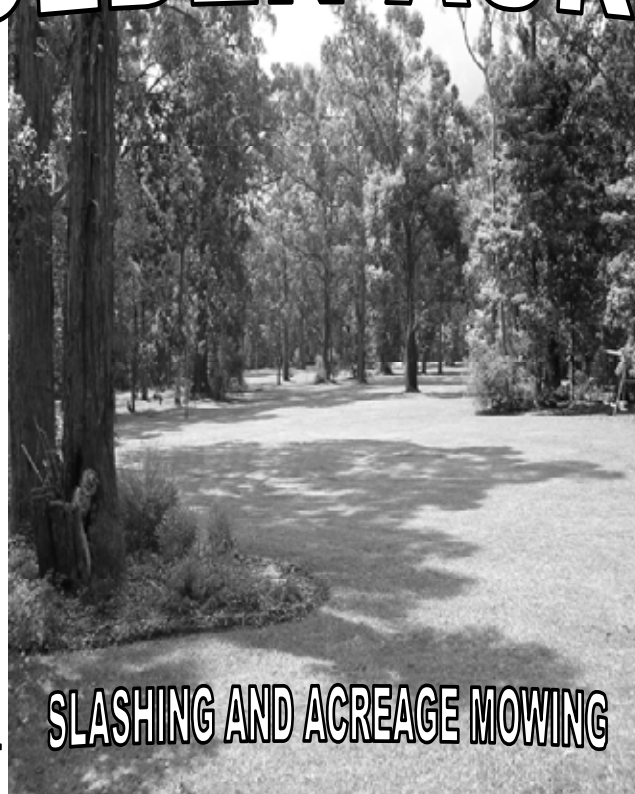
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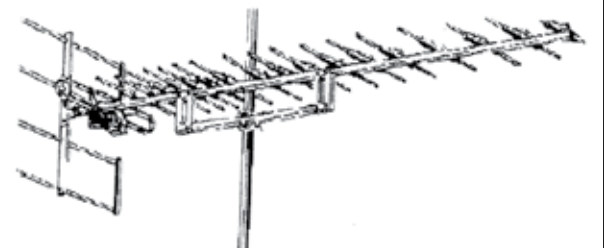
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Geoff Thomas is leaving Kuranda to go and live in Malanda.

So what some may say! The bastard had far too much to do with the black people, was trying to save the world – we think it is fine – pushed all that renewable energy baloney and even had something to do with that Steiner stuff.

Also he planted trees with Kuranda Conservation, bored us shitless with the Spring Fair, rode around on a bicycle with a PINK backback, drank far too much, and was always bare-footed.

Now he has started to be successful, he is moving away – good riddance, I never met him.

Geoff says "Others had business dealings – mainly better than normal, I think, with me, though never perfect, found new ideas, never intrusive, enjoyed social interactions, never fulsome, as I am shy, experienced me as an organiser, although always behind, never demanding the centre stage, even when I was with the amphitheatre. Still, don't know just how I helped or hindered Kuranda – a passionate defender of rainforest, hater of the 4-lane boat ramp (aka highway), involved in local groups, however moving on, like many, still doing my business: – renewable energy system design

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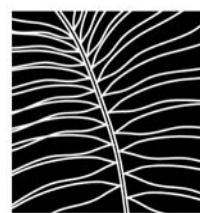
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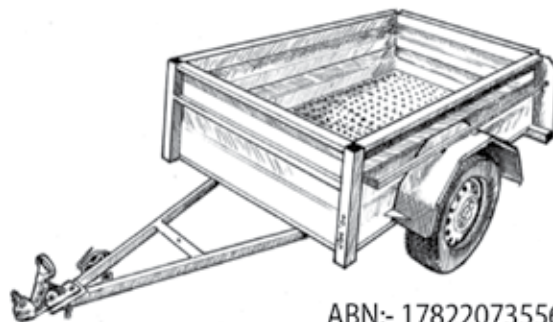
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Congratulations: to Steve Caught (Executive Officer for Tourism Kuranda) who was recently farewelled as he moves to a position with Charters Towers Regional Council after eight years of tireless service to the promotion and marketing of Kuranda and the local tourism community. Also to Ross Breadsell and Judy Fitzgerald from Kuranda Candy Kitchen on their recent national awards and to Gary Toshach and the Kuranda District College on their excellent Awards evening.

Divisional Representation: Should we have "undivided" or "divided" representation? The Tablelands Regional Council is a "divided" Council area with eight Councillors who each represent a local Division. Division 8 includes all of the Kuranda district as well as the eastern side of Mareeba and Bilwon. However, some Councils in other parts of the state are "undivided" with Councillors elected from the whole region and not a Division. Currently the State Government is considering whether all Councils should be undivided Council areas. Last week the TRC resolved to write to Desley Boyle, Minister for Local Government, to advise that the TRC would prefer to retain local Divisions. However, it is important to note that this matter will be decided by the State Government, not by local Councils.

Road Works: The Owens Creek bridge is almost finished and this will greatly improve the safety and access for residents in the Myola/ Oakforest area. The average daily use of this road is approximately 1100 vehicle movements, so it will certainly be a benefit for all those road users. Council has also recently considered improvements to the intersection of Morton Street and Rob Veivers Drive and is currently seeking residents' opinions on these proposals. Council is also considering roadworks priorities for the region for the next three years. As nearly every resident in this district uses one of the main "collector roads" (Myola Rd, Speewah Rd, Rob Veivers Dr, Koah Rd, Fallon Rd, Saddle Mt Rd) to reach the highway, I have suggested that these "collector roads" are the priority for residents

in this district. Other roads will also hopefully be listed in the priority list.

Additional Commonwealth Funding: Council has recently been allocated an additional \$550,000 from the Commonwealth Government for community infrastructure projects. A list of projects for the Tablelands region will be submitted and advice on approval is expected by January. The TRC proposal includes two projects in the Kuranda area: an additional \$50,000 for the further upgrading of Block C at the Old Primary School and approximately \$90,000 for recreation facilities at the Ros Common Park at Speewah.

Youth Summit: Council's "Youth Summit" was a great success with young people (including 10 from the Kuranda area) meeting to discuss youth projects for this region. Each area has been allocated \$1000 to run youth activities in their local community and the Kuranda group are planning a youth event in this area. More details early next year.

Coondoo St. Figs: With the lengthy dry weather, the fig trees in Coondoo St are suffering. These are the "icons" of the Kuranda Village and Council is currently working with the Kuranda Garden Group and specialists to find some cost effective solutions and improved irrigation systems.

Sport and Rec Plan Consultation: Thanks to those who attended the Kuranda public meeting to talk about their ideas for the new TRC Sport and Recreation Plan. A follow-up "Sports Summit" will be held at Tinaroo Recreation Centre on Saturday 5th December (9am to 1pm) for any interested clubs and groups. Details are available from Penny Curran at Council on 4043 4100.

Seniors' Housing: Council staff are working to secure more seniors housing in the Tablelands region. Over the next month, a number of community meetings will be held in various locations. Anyone in the Kuranda area who is interested in the provision of seniors' housing is invited to attend a meeting at the CWA on Thursday 10th December at 10.30am. The aim of these meetings

is to have an informal discussion over morning tea around issues such as the difficulties seniors may have in accessing health or support services or their need to move into more suitable housing.

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Old Primary School: The Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly and is working towards some areas being available for community use in the new year. Guidelines will be developed for use of the area and more information will be available in early 2010.

New TRC Planning Scheme: Council has developed a preliminary draft Statement of Proposals from the information received following the Community Consultation meetings across the region. Anyone interested in further details can contact the TRC Planning department (Sarah Rizvi Ph: 40434300 or sarahr@trc.qld.gov.au).

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Council Meetings: Council Meetings in December will be held on Wednesday December 2nd at Mareeba and Wednesday December 16th in Atherton. Residents are welcome to attend Council meetings.

Happy Christmas! I would like to wish every resident a happy, relaxing and safe Christmas. I am looking forward to a great 2010 for the Kuranda area.



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Range Road stabilisation works into December

Work has begun on new embankment stabilisation works on the range road. A soil nail gun – one of just three in the world – was specially flown in from New Zealand. Known as 'shot-rods', the machine is being used on a section near the Henry Ross Lookout. The shot-rod technology uses a high-pressure cannon to shoot soil nails in a single fire action, improving stability of the embankment. The cannon, attached to a 20 tonne excavator, uses compressed air to fire the galvanised 6-metre-long nails into the embankment shoulder. The works are scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2009, weather permitting. A single lane closure is required to undertake the works, and I thank motorists for their patience and cooperation while these important safety works are underway

Free Range Road SMS service

As the wet season approaches, don't forget to register

for the free text message service which alerts you about delays on the range road. To register, simply phone the Department of Main Roads on 4050 5425. Already, 640 people, including me, are registered users.

Holiday and Wet Season Road Safety

40 people have already died in road crashes this year in our region. This is 40 too many. As the holiday season and wet weather approaches, please make a conscious decision to drive safely and according to the conditions. This is particularly important on the Range road. The recent Road Safety Summit I initiated has generated a lot of discussion in the community about road safety issues. Now, we have to convert all the good ideas into action and the best place to start is behind the wheel or in the saddle. Speed has been a proven factor in 7 fatalities so far in 2009, and it has contributed to almost one in every four deaths on Queensland roads this year. That is why Transport Minister Rachel Nolan, chose to launch the State Government's new *Slow Down Stupid* campaign in Cairns at the Road Safety Summit. A new television commercial, 'Faces', will be

screened reminding us of the impact on families who have lost loved ones in speed crashes.

New school Playground

Kuranda District College year 4, 5 and 6 students will enjoy a new playground thanks to a grant from the State Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Work is also complete on the new multi-purpose hall and resource centre-library thanks to the Building the Education Revolution project.

Housing News

I have been working closely with housing agencies and community organisations to try and put Kuranda on the radar for new funding for improved social housing options in the area. I am therefore very pleased that Tablelands Regional Council has received over \$330,000 for two Kuranda dwellings under the social housing initiative from the Australian Government's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan.

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Caring for Kuranda's Environment



Box 494, Kuranda 4881 email: secretary@envirocare.org.au
www.envirocare.org.au

Nursery: 19 Kullaroo Close, Kuranda Phone: 4093 8989/4093 8393

ON-GRID SOLAR SYSTEMS AND THE NEW SOLAR CREDITS DISCOUNT

You may know that the Federal rebate scheme that offered a straight forward discount for installing on-grid solar power systems has ended. This was the \$8000 rebate for a 1KW set-up that feeds directly into the power grid and energy generated counts as a credit against your normal power usage. What's replacing it? Well it's a scheme which provides up to \$7000 rebate on installation of a 1.5KW set-up. It provides a certain number of solar credits for each installation, depending on size of system and location. These solar credits are based on renewable energy certificates (REC's) which have a "market value" and can be used to get a discount on the installation of a solar power set-up. Confused?? Hmm...Due to the changing market value of the REC's (relating to the governments target for renewable power generation) it's definitely worth shopping around for a deal or you can pay full price and keep the REC's, just like you keep shares. Different installers are offering different discounts for installation, depending on the value of REC's they've secured previously. Some also offer a choice of solar panel technology and inverters so there is a bit to consider.

For more information you could start by checking out these websites: www.orer.gov.au/recs, www.solarchoice.net.au, www.energymatters.com.au

SALE – SALE – SALE "Plants on the Move"

EnviroCare nursery plants are on the move to a new location at the Kuranda District State College at Myola. This is part of our new collaboration in the school senior education delivery of pathways to the future

To "celebrate" we are holding a plant sale of our native rainforest garden friendly low growers and also our revegetation trees for larger blocks and creek banks. There will be some "lucky dip" give-aways as well.

We are at the nursery on Monday and Thursday mornings 9am to 1pm and Saturday and Sunday 1pm to 4pm. Other times ring 40 939926 to make sure we're there to assist you.

NURSERY IS AT 19 KULLAROO CLOSE.

DATE CLAIMERS

Pre Flooding Clean Up @ Big Sands Sat.28 Nov. from 8am

As you know, all the rubbish, especially plastics, along our waterways gets washed down the Barron in our wet season and ends up at the Great Barrier Reef. This represents a major hazard to marine life such as fish and turtles.

We are holding a clean up at Big Sands on Sat. 28th Nov. as part of our community service and in lieu of the Clean Up Australia event. We already have volunteers to do any nasties pickup but there's lots of other litter to be removed. We'll provide rubbish bags, buckets and trailers to move the rubbish to the Kuranda tip. All we need is an hour of your time!

Bring a hat, water, closed-in footwear and a pair of sturdy gloves if you have them, we can provide a few pairs. Morning tea at 9am.

TROPICAL TREE PLANTING DAY SAT 12 DEC. 7am

It's on again! Come and join us for a community planting to celebrate Tropical tree planting day, under powerlines at the Kuranda lights. We'll be planting approved native tree species from the Plant Smart List. Holes already dug and then we'll blanket mulch the area. This will help suppress weeds and pioneer species which are definitely not under power lines friendly! This planting is being done with materials assistance from Ergon Energy and the Tablelands Regional Council. Safe parking is available in the Kuranda Resort carpark and then walk along the walkway from the Resort.

Bring a hat, water, closed-in footwear, a pair of gloves and a trowel if you have them, we can provide a few trowels and gloves. As always a scrumptious morning tea between 8 and 8.30am.

DECEMBER /JANUARY SATURDAY MORNING WORKING BEES

START 7am

Watch for signs on Myola road for locations or ring Margaret on 40 938393 for more information and/or if you need a lift.

MULCHING HAY

We have mulching hay available at the nursery at cost price (\$4) to members and at a small premium to others. We will deliver free around the village or you can use a free trailer to take it home.

BIG SANDS SAT 12TH DECEMBER 4 PM

COME AND CELEBRATE THE END OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S PLANTING. WE'VE PLANTED OVER 13,000 TREES THIS YEAR SO THAT'S SOMETHING TO REALLY CELEBRATE! BRING A PLATE AND SOMETHING TO DRINK AND A CHAIR



KURANDA

conservation

COMMUNITY NURSERY Inc

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

innovation in conservation
"Innovators are leaders, not followers"

You know how you feel inspired to get outdoors and plant trees when we get a good downpour? **KCons** wants to be right beside you at that magic moment with free trees **BUT** you'll have to wait for the rain – the real rain! January / February will probably be the time.

Feel rain ... think KCons Community Nursery...Come and Get Free Trees

2009 Cassowary Awards

Once again Trinity Anglican College's young singers and dancers, under the direction of our treasurer, Di Daniels, danced the Plight of the Cassowary story for the Cassowary Awards audience at Skyrail/Tjapukai centre on Saturday night AND won all sorts of prizes for their efforts.



Thanks Di Daniels for taking the time and giving us all the benefit of your skills and energy to not only write the wise words of the play and produce it, but for encouraging the children to take the message to the broader community in such a delightful way.

LEFT: TAC Assistant Principal and KCons treasurer Dianne Daniels with performers Erin Leishman and Shelley Griffiths accept their award.

Congratulations to John Beasley for his award for his excellent books on tree identification.

The Plight of the Cassowary – Hard Reality

Unfortunately, it's not all good news. A Cassowary chick was killed on the Kuranda Range Road in November by a motorist travelling too fast. This occurred soon after a thoughtful woman saw an adult bird standing by the side of the road looking as if it wanted to cross. She stopped the traffic long enough for the big bird to cross. When the traffic was moving again, a chick came out from the trees to follow its father and was hit. QPWS officers collected the chick and took it to the vet but it could not be saved.

KCons is responsible for putting up the "Be Aware – Recent Crossing" Cassowary signs on the side of the road when we are alerted that a bird has been spotted. First one sign was knocked over – only the post with the sign on it was flattened – then a week or so later, another sign, again the only post with a sign. It's hard not to conclude that someone is deliberately damaging the signs that might save a Cassowary's life.



Maybe they think that once all the Cassowaries are killed, there'll be no tiresome interruptions to their journeys up and down the range road.

Thanks to Kuranda's **Gary Wilson** of the Qld Herbarium who shared a fascinating discussion with us on the history of botanical nomenclature over one of our recent Saturday morning cuppa teas.

The **FERAL PIGS** must know that smoked ham is on the menu for Christmas dinner so they're keeping a low profile. However, a big boar was eliminated in Speewah recently so that should have some impact on future numbers. With the weather changing, you can expect some more activity. Call 4093 8834.

We're always on the lookout for fruit and seeds of the forest especially Cassowary food. If you find interesting things, please share them with us – 1 Pademelon Lane. Consider doing **something different** over the coming holidays – enjoy some restful potting or weeding in the nursery – bring the kids.

OUR FRESH, BRIGHT WEB SITE is at www.kurandaconservation.org

Christmas carols 4 Dec 5.30pm Coondoo Street parade and arrival of Santa followed by carols in Centenary Park.

Thanks to Carol Day and Betty Timmins for organising this event for the community

CONNECTING COMMUNITY and the ENVIRONMENT through CONSERVATION



Kuranda Recreation Centre
FALLON ROAD KURANDA

**JUNIOR SOCCER INTERESTED PARENTS PLEASE CONTACT ROBYN 4093 9087
POOL TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE RECREATION CENTRE. INTERESTED? Ring Gerald
Hobbler at 4085 5333 (Day).**

Keen to join a Kuranda community group? Check out what's happening at the Recreation Centre.
Membership enquiries? Contact Arch 4093 7511.
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	Open for suggestions	Open for suggestions	Open for suggestions
Tuesday	Tai Chi classes	Every Tuesday 6pm to 7.30pm	Ring My Summer 4092 5998
Tuesday	Pool Competition	Most Tuesdays 7.30pm to 10.15pm	Ring Gerald Hobbler 4085 5333
Wednesday	Free For Bookings		
Thursday	Biodanza	Every Thursday from 6.00-7.30pm from 3/9	Catherine Borgeaud 4057 8549
Friday	Social night BBQ.	Every Friday 6pm to 10pm Bar Open. Bare Foot Bowls, Pool Tables, Darts, Mah Jong	Ring Sandra on 4093 7393 by Wednesday for booking
Saturday	Easy Yoga	10am to 11.30am	Ring Aileen on 4093 7401
Sunday	Film Club	First Sunday of every month 4pm to 8pm.	Ring Margaret or Hans on 4093 8393

WANTED CARAVAN FOR CARETAKER USE: Telephone 4093 7511 OR 4093 8399



COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Opening Times
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Saturday 8am-12pm • Sunday 1pm-5pm

Kuranda Branch Library and Council Office

4-12 Thoree Street • Phone 4093 9185
www.library.muc.qld.gov.au
Monday Closed Thursday 11am-5pm
Tuesday 11am-6pm Friday 9am-12noon
Wednesday 11am-5pm Saturday 9am-12noon
NO COUNCIL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY

Kuranda Aquatic Centre

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OPENING HOURS

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Saturday 8.00am - 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm
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262 Myola Road, Kuranda

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FNQ VOLUNTEERS INC. is looking to recruit interested community members to volunteer in supporting the facilitation of the **'Get Back - Skilling over 45s'** employability training package within rural and remote communities from Cardwell to Mossman. FNQ Volunteers Inc. offers 'Connected Community Champions' training, ongoing support and resources to recruit and deliver the 'Get Back' program effectively within their local community.

If you **want to be involved** and have a couple of hours a week to spare please contact **FNQ Volunteers Inc.** with your expression of interest on **(07) 4041 7400** or email:

projects@fnqvolunteers.org
This project has received funding from the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations
Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative

CAIRNS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The Cairns Museum has displays and collections which include local history, Aboriginal history and Chinese history. Operated by volunteers of the Cairns Historical Society, the Museum and Historical Society are housed in the city's historic School of Arts building, corner Lake and Shields.

Open Monday to Saturday 10 am - 3 pm. Research facilities available. Monthly meetings of the Society are on second Thursday of each month. Become a member now. The Historical Society is always seeking historic photographs, documents and artefacts.
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Local Rainforest Trees: available at Nursery 19 Kullaroo Close (off Barron Falls Road). Donations to support land care work. Kuranda Envirocare 4093 9926.

Speewah Country Market: every Sunday 8.00am-2.00pm. Local produce, country prices. Have a stall \$5. Enquiries 4093 0361.

Land for sale: Greenhills Road. www.owner.com.au ID 46787.

Pottery Classes: Learn, Relax, Create. Lessons based on individual projects in small classes, hand building and wheel throwing. Beginners and experienced welcome. Fully equipped Kuranda studio. Wednesday 9.30-12.30pm. Flexible 4-week sessions. Information & bookings phone Mollie 4093 9063.

Kuranda Visitor Information Centre: is looking for enthusiastic volunteers willing to join our team at the Centre as Tourism Information Providers! Currently we have two vacancies on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided, as well as shirt, badge, real coffee and biscuits. Please call Cathy on 4093 9311 or 0407 748 645, or drop into the Centre and talk to us there.

Kuranda Tribal Belly Dance: Funky grooves and curvy moves. Come check out our tribal circle! Beginner course resumes soon. Contact Lisa for details: 0458 182 489.

Louisa the Squeeza is coming to Kuranda. Watch her perform her amazing squeezing techniques on Koah's juiciest oranges and mandarins. Also performing will be the Big Banana. His creamy frozen banana and coconut will tempt your taste buds anytime. Watch out for this extravaganza at the Kuranda Village Centre (next to the Kuranda Kandy Kitchen). You'll be amazed. Unlimited seats. Don't miss out.

Dressmaking, repairs, alterations. Reasonable prices. Phone Teresa 4085 0040, 0409 212 628 or at Stall 1, Original Markets.

Koah Community Tree Planting Day: Sunday 11 April 9.00am - 4.00pm, Koah rivers junction. All welcome!

For sale: Front Load LG washing machine. Excellent condition. Near new. \$300. Phone 4093 7131.

Plumber & Drainer: all areas. Quality work. Great rates. New installations, renovations, rain water tanks, roof & gutter. All maintenance and reports. For a free quote call Jeff 0410 58 35 44. "The Proof is in the Plumbing."

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Home wanted: affordable, long term rent, share, buy. Kuranda, Speewah, Koah. Non-smoking female, enjoy gardening, have aviary for wildlife rescue. Please ph: 4093 0413.

Carpenter/Handyman: Arek, ph: 4093 7464. 0409 692 391.

Wanted: Kuranda SES is looking for a 20ft container. Any condition will be considered. Please contact Jim on 0427 037 054.

More New Words for 2010

PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCE: The fine art of whacking the crap out of an electronic device to get it to work again.

OH-NO SECOND: That minuscule fraction of time in which you realize that you've just made a BIG mistake (e.g. you've hit 'Reply All').

GREYHOUND; A very short skirt, only an inch from the hare.

MILLENNIUM DOMES: The contents of a Wonderbra, i.e. extremely impressive when viewed from the outside, but there's actually bugger all in there worth seeing.

MONKEY BATH: A bath so hot that, when lowering yourself in, you go 'Oo! Oo! Oo! Aa! Aa! Aa!'

PICASSO BUM; A woman whose knickers are too small for her, so she looks like she's got 4 buttocks.

Recycle - Swap - Exchange

The Kuranda Paper as a service to its readers and in the interests of conserving resources is happy to accept

Free Adverts for goods/services To give/swap or exchange.

Rather than dumping that old machine, building materials, spare plants, etc. somebody else may give them a new life

or happily swap their time/skills with you

Maximum size Advert 30 words including contact details.

Forms available Video Shop

koah rivers junction community tree-planting day



(chemical-free site)
WHEN - sunday 18th of april, 9am - 4pm
WHERE - at the 'junction', of the barron and clohesy rivers, koah village, all the way down koah rd, turn right at the 'T', go 50mtrs - see railway bridge, there we are...



bring your friends and family everybody welcome!



from our hearts, with our hands, for the earth, you and me and all the world together planting trees to heal environment and community

activities include

- the guinea-grass stomp - fun!, (to make some space around the trees for mulching),
- digging out guinea-grass around trees,
- mulching around trees
- putting in the naming-sign for the bushfood area
- planting new trees (including a grove for helen), more bushfood trees, and sponsored 'carbon offset trees' from 'kuranda-villas',
 - watering
- music, bar-b-que, fun!

what you can bring yourself!

- hat, garden-gloves, sunscreen, shoes or boots,
- tools such as whipper-snipper, mattock, hoe,
- cardboard/ newspapers for mulching
- some food to share,
- musical instruments, friends and family, and especially - yourself!

~ SEE YOU THERE ~

KURANDA SES NEEDS YOU!

Kuranda SES is currently looking for new volunteer members. If you have some spare time, enjoy the outdoors plus learning new skills then the SES is for you. Experience being a part of an enthusiastic team whilst training for the challenges of helping others in need.

Training is every second Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm plus the occasional Saturday. For further information please call Jim on 0427 037 054

Free Lifeline Counselling in Kuranda

A Lifeline Counsellor is coming to Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre each Thursday to see Kuranda people.

There are up to 6 free sessions available with no obligation to have ongoing counselling. If you think this may meet your need or you want to know more, you can ring either Ceri or Marg or you can contact Lifeline directly on

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All contact with KNC or Lifeline staff is strictly confidential.

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

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Meetings:
 For meeting information contact Diane
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Community Calendar

- Every Sat** **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting , phone 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
Tai Chi Chuan 9:30 am **Tai Chun Kung Fu** 10:30 am CWA Hall. Not on public holidays.
Kuranda Tennis Club Junior lessons 8.30am beg, 9.15am intermediate. Fallon Road. Court hire avail. Ph 40937666
- 1st Sat** **Kuranda Camera Club - Photo Shoot** 2:30 pm, (see Art Pages for this months location)
Garden Group 2 pm Phone David or Graham 4093 9492
- 3rd Sat** **Music Jam at the Nevermind Cafe**
 All musicians, singers and music lovers welcome !
- Every Sun** **A.A.** CWA Hall 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599
Speewah Country Market 8am to 2pm 4093 0361
- 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
- Every Mon** **Al-Anon Family Groups** 8 pm Phone Diane 4093 0462
Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm – 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Salsa dancing. Kuranda Recreation Centre 6:30 -8:00 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
- 1st Mon** **Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30 pm Mantaka
Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- 2nd Mon** **Kuranda Camera Club - Meeting and showing**
 The 2nd. Monday AFTER the 1st. Sat. meet at Speewah Tavern 7:00 pm for tech talk and display of photos at our Tavern Gallery.
- 3rd Mon** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933
- Every Tue** **Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults** 7.00 pm QCWA hall Ph 4093 8682
Tai Chi Kuranda Recreation Centre 5:30 pm Ph My Sumner 4092 5998
8 Ball 7.00 pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537
Belly Dance at Amphitheatre Understage. Have fun and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393
The KCCT meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel.
- 1st Tue** **Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St. Saviour's Church.
- 2nd Tue** **Kuranda SES Training**, Commencing 1st. September. 7.30 pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642
- Every Wed** **Craft and Social Morning** at QCWA hall 9 am
Kuranda Playgroup – 9:30 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre - New families please RSVP 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
- 1st Wed** **Kuranda Interagency Network Mtng** 2.00 pm at KNC
- 2nd Wed** **QCWA meeting** 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
- Every Thur** **Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206
Tae kwon do & Self Defence 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682
Women's Acapella Choir Smithfield Neighbour Centre Stanton Road 7-9pm Thursdays
- 2nd Thur** **Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road
- Every Fri** **Barefoot bowls and BBQ.** Kuranda Recreation Centre 6pm-10pm Ph Lorraine 4093 9583 or Sylvia 4093 7124 by Wed prior for catering purposes.

PLEASE CHECK THAT INFORMATION IS CORRECT

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FIRE or other emergencies – please phone **000**
SES Flood or Storm emergencies – please phone **132 500**
 Enquiries – phone **Betty Timmins 4093 8981**

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE CONTACTS

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

Kuranda Transfer Station Opening Times

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

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Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
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CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	6.47am	8.32am	11.32am	1.32pm	3.02pm
CAIRNS (Central)	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.10pm
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.15pm	2.15pm	4.05pm

KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

Departures	Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.20am	9.55am	1.10pm	2.55pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.25am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm
CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)	8.32am	10.02am	1.17pm	3.02pm	4.55pm

7.30am Shuttle via SKYRAIL, CARAVONICA, TAFE, CAIRNS HIGH
 3.00pm Shuttle via CAIRNS HIGH, TAFE, CARAVONICA

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
ATHERTON	6.15am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.15am	9.00am	9.00am
MAREEBA	6.45am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.45am	9.30am	9.30am
KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.30pm	7.30am	10.05am	10.05am
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.15am	11.20am	5.20pm	8.15am	11.20am	11.20am
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	11.25am	5.35pm	8.35am	11.25am	11.25am

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.30am	3.15pm	5.30pm	8.30am	3.15pm	3.15pm
CAIRNS (Central)	8.35am	3.20pm	5.35pm	8.35am	3.20pm	3.20pm
KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.10pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.40pm	9.45am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON	10.20am	5.10pm	7.15pm	10.20am	5.10pm	5.10pm

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