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SEASON'S GREETINGS



ONCE AGAIN, it's the last edition of the Paper for the year and it's time to wish our readers best wishes for the upcoming festive season and to reflect more or less soberly on the events since we last wrote. We last wished you "all the best" two years ago, in the December edition of 2012, which was our first full colour paper and which we were proud to state had reached a distribution of 3,000 copies and 32 pages. We have now grown to a steady 36 pages and 4,000 copies and are distributed across the Tablelands as well as in Kuranda. We hope we've maintained a balance between relevance for our local readers and items of more general interest.

As a result of our requests for more volunteers being answered we hope to start a couple of new columns in the upcoming year. One, over the byline of a well known local who because of innate modesty wishes for the moment to remain anonymous, which will focus on matters of local interest which require the lights of reason and analysis to be shone upon them, and the other, by a talented local writer, will talk about our pets and what might befall them and their owners in the not always welcoming Far North. We wish the authors well and an absence of writer's block.

We would like to congratulate Mayor Tom Gilmore, Deputy Mayor Jenny Jensen and our Councillors for their promising start to the difficult job of juggling competing issues of income and service levels. We note a higher level of interest in Kuranda by a greater number of Councillors than in living memory and we are sure it is not self serving.

The issue of the Men's Shed may or may not have been finally set to rest – time will certainly tell. In the meantime please write to us and let us know of your concerns. We exist to be a forum, and a forum is a place of debate. We hope we are not being supplanted by Facebook but we fear we may be. Its immediacy and ease of use make it (and Twitter) possibly more relevant. We don't want to be relegated solely to being a medium for club AGM reports and real-estate ads. If we are irrelevant we should cease publication. Please let us know what you think.

As we said in 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, etc: Heartfelt thanks to everyone associated with the Paper, treat each other gently and we'll see you in the New Year.

*Garth Owen
President
Kuranda Media Association*

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To The Volunteers At The Kuranda Visitor Information Centre

AVERYBIGENDOFYEARROUNDOFAPPLAUSEANDTHANKYOU to all of the marvellous, colourful, hardworking and enthusiastic volunteers who have gone well over and above the call of duty this year. After a long cramped wait in the old centre premises we finally moved into our new building on 1st September. With support from all the volunteers as well as the staff at Mareeba Shire Council, we were operating immediately. We now plan to develop our interpretive area further and next year will be able to showcase our Kurandascope Project.

A very happy Christmas to all the volunteers in our community.

Cathy Harvey
 Kuranda Visitor Information Centre



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AGM
 Sunday
 30 November
 10 am
 Nyawarri Estate

A Christmas Past
Peter Ryle

In general the Christmas dinner in North Queensland today is a far different meal than the ones enjoyed in bygone years. For many years the mothers of our community slaved over hot stoves in even hotter summer weather to produce a hot, heavy and sometimes rather greasy meal. Not that we thought it was greasy then – we liked our fat in those days. Now the typical Christmas dinner is more often than not a cold colation of seafoods and cold meats, with plenty of salads, fruit and cold sweets. No more slaving over a hot stove, and much more comfortable stomachs.

The home menu is not the only menu that has changed dramatically for Christmas dinner. Most catering establishments now offer cool, light menus for this annual feast. This is in stark contrast to the “olden times.” This menu for the Hotel Fitzpatrick in Kuranda in 1934 shows how much the catering establishments have altered their fare to suit the present customers. It is difficult to imagine any establishment offering such an extensive range of food at one sitting now.

KIMA Thank you Donna
 Kuranda Media Association Inc

Donna, one of our regular contributors (**Living in Kuranda**) has moved on from Kuranda. We thank her for her efforts over the past few years in contributing to the success and popularity of the paper.

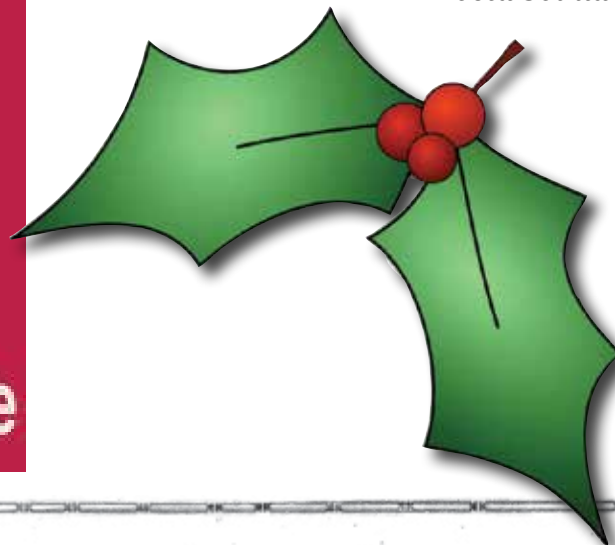
Good Work KDSC Students

I was present as one of the parents at the Kuranda District State College 2014 Awards Night at the Rainforestation on 5th November. I felt proud being a member of this community realising how much potential there is amongst the young students in a wide field of talents. It was good to see that lots of students are trying their best and are achieving great results. One student in particular stood out and that was Holden Molloy, an excellent achievement.

I am sure that he had set up a good bench mark to try to beat. I know that lots of other children who were not recognised on that night are also doing their best and trying to improve in their studies. All the best to them. And of course big thank you goes to the teachers and to all the parents who positively encourage and support their children in learning and independent thinking because no advancement is possible without deviating from the norm.

Very good work all around and let's keep it up.

Iveta Svihla




Hotel Fitzpatrick
 KURANDA, North Queensland

Christmas Dinner

<p>SPANISH OLIVES</p> <p>SOUP</p> <p>CHICKEN BROTH</p> <p>ENTREES</p> <p>SHEEP'S TONGUES IN ASPIC JELLY</p> <p>POULTRY</p> <p>ROAST TURKEY AND EGG SAUCE</p> <p>ROAST CHICKEN AND SEASONING</p> <p>ROAST DUCK AND APPLE SAUCE</p> <p>STRAINED CHICKEN AND PARSLEY SAUCE</p> <p>ROAST JOINTS</p> <p>ROAST SUCKING PIG AND SEASONING</p> <p>ROAST LOIN OF LAMB AND MINT SAUCE</p> <p>ROAST LEG OF PORK AND APPLE SAUCE</p> <p>ROAST SIRLOIN OF BEEF</p> <p>ROAST LEG OF MUTTON AND APPLE JELLY</p> <p>ROAST VEAL AND APPLE JELLY</p> <p>BOILED JOINTS</p> <p>PINEAPPLE HAM CORNED BRISKET</p> <p>PRESSED OX TONGUE</p>	<p>VEGETABLES</p> <p>BAKED POTATOES CABBAGE</p> <p>FRENCH BEANS AND GREEN PEAS</p> <p>SCALLOPED TOMATOES</p> <p>SWEETS</p> <p>PLUM PUDDING AND CUSTARD SAUCE</p> <p>PLUM PUDDING AND BRANDY SAUCE</p> <p>FRUIT SALAD AND CREAM</p> <p>SHERRY SPONGE TRIFLE</p> <p>WINE JELLY AND CREAM</p> <p>BAKED CUSTARD AND PEACHES</p> <p>PINEAPPLE SNOW AND CREAM</p> <p>ANGELS' FOOD AND CREAM</p> <p>CARRINGTON MOULD</p> <p>JELLIED FRUIT AND CREAM</p> <p>CHARLOTTE RUSSE AND CREAM</p> <p>VANILLA ICE CREAM</p> <p>SWEET MINCE</p> <p>SAVOURY</p> <p>ASPARAGUS TIPS AND CHEESE STRAWS</p> <p>FRUITS IN SEASON</p> <p>DATES AND MUSCATELS</p> <p>TEA COFFEE COCOA</p> <p>MINTIES AND MIXED NUTS</p> <p>WINES, ALES AND AERATED WATERS</p>
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Happy 90th Birthday

Emily Matsen

22nd November

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Material Change of Use Kuranda Community Precinct

Council has endorsed the Material Change of Use application submitted by the Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee (KCPAC) in relation to the development of the Kuranda Community Precinct.

Council has also endorsed the engagement of Clarke & Prince and sub-consultants along with the concept plans for the relocation of the Kuranda Library and initial car park, as endorsed by the KCPAC.

Deputy Mayor Cr Jenny Jensen said "The long term development of the Kuranda Community Precinct has been informed by extensive community consultation over many years and finally resulted in significant community support for the facility to be developed. The intention is that relocating the Kuranda Library to the Precinct will bring increased community participation in the Precinct."

"The site is the former Kuranda Primary School which the former Mareeba Shire Council purchased and Council is supporting the long term development of the facility as a multipurpose community precinct," Cr Jensen said.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said "The Committee provides a formal means of community engagement and connection between Council and communities in the Kuranda district to facilitate community input for consideration by Council with respect to decisions about the development of this valuable community asset."

The Kuranda Community Precinct development will accommodate the relocated Kuranda Library as well as a number of indoor meeting/activity rooms and landscaped outdoor meeting/active play areas. The development will utilise a large portion of the former primary school infrastructure, with the remaining having previously been demolished and removed from site.

The proposed development is considered to be logical use of the already built up site; no significant issues have been identified with the development. Also included in the development is an upgrade of the car park, external lighting and minor landscaping, and renovation of the tiled wall as a community managed and funded project.

Earliest possible construction start for the car park is 15 December 2014, which is weather dependent. Advertising for tenders for building works will open on 5 January 2015 and close on 28 January 2015.



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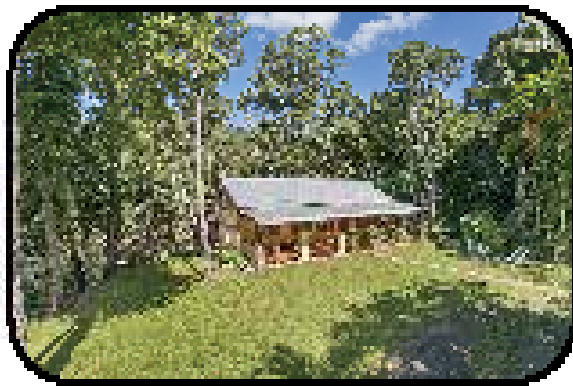
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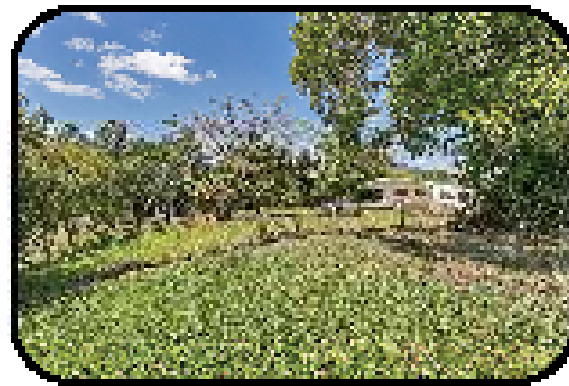
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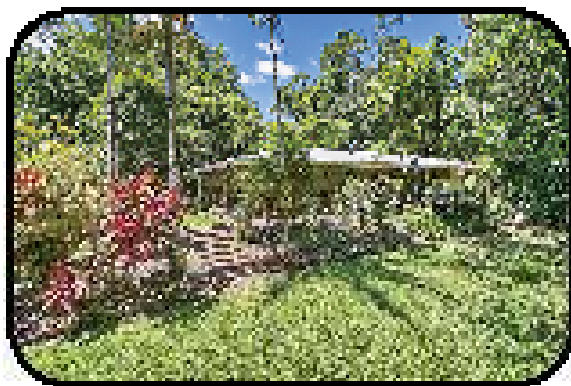
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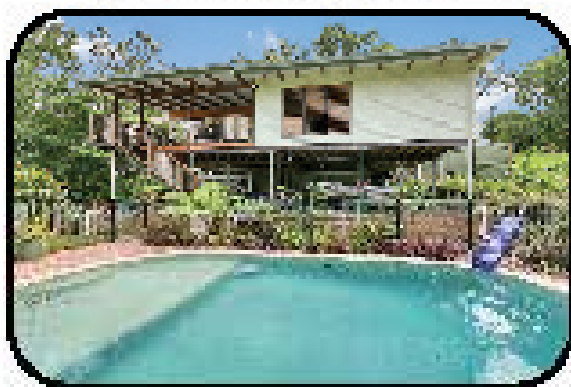
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Kuranda Familiar Faces In The Street...

One of the most familiar faces on Coondoo Street is **Col Jeanes** who has been selling his joke books in Kuranda's main street for the past 25 years to raise money for charity, especially the Kuranda Lions Club which he has belonged to for many years.

His wheelchair is decked out with a large sign so you can't miss him and he likes to have a chat with those dropping money in his collection tin.

His *Best Joke Book for Kids* comes with a money-back guarantee, but with material like: "Why did the egg roll across the road? Because he was no chicken", the kids are sure to get a laugh.

Col says he uses popular jokes and makes some up himself, continually adding to the books when he prints a new edition.

He includes a few tongue teasers and a few funny stories which he says are popular with the tourists.



A plaque was presented to the Kuranda Fudge Shop on Remembrance Day 2014 in appreciation of their ongoing efforts in fund raising for the Kuranda RSL Sub Branch

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KURANDA DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Kuranda & District Chamber of Commerce is committed to promoting business in the Village and encouraging opportunities in and surrounding Kuranda.

Just look at some of the items discussed at the last meeting

- Looking at establishing a free Wi-Fi hub in the Village
- Planning for a workshop in early 2015 to learn about the Digital Enterprise Scheme (If we are getting the NBN – we should maximise its potential!)
- Undertaking a survey about the need for CCTV in the Village
- The chance to go back in time as Queensland Rail celebrates 150 years of rail with a Steam Train running trips between Mareeba and Kuranda for one day on February 16th 2015.
- An exciting extension to the Cyclist Welcome Scheme on the Tablelands to include Kuranda
- “GraffitiSTOP” to be rolled out by Youthlink to tackle vandalism in the Village

How can you not be involved?

For membership enquiries, or further information, please contact the Secretary Linda Snart kurandachamber@gmail.com.

John Robinson

Kuranda District Chamber of Commerce General Meeting

When: Wednesday December 10th

Where: Kuranda Hotel Motel

Time: 4.30pm

Contact details:

Kuranda District Chamber of
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President: John Robinson

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KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

Christmas Greetings and Thanks

Arts Co-op Chairperson, Mollie Bosworth, the Management Committee and the members of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative would like to express festive greetings and thanks to the Kuranda community for their support during 2014.

The Co-op is stronger than ever and has experienced a good year all round. Our artists have demonstrated new and best practices in their fields of artwork.

The sales of our members' artworks have been constant and sustaining. Many of our artists have exhibited widely throughout the year and attended residencies and workshops. A number of Co-op artists have won major national, regional and local awards for their artworks and are to be congratulated.

Co-op members continue to serve voluntarily on shire arts committees and thanks go to these participants for their time and input ensuring the future of the local arts industry.

Arts Co-operative members have had artworks in various exhibitions this month. Buck Richardson has two works in *The Wildlife and Botanical Artists* exhibition in Canberra 24th November to 7th December. These are digital works based on tropical shield bugs.

Peter Brown's sculpture 'Golden Horde' was selected for the Cairns Art Society 67th annual Art Exhibition showing at the Cairns Regional Gallery until the 21st December.

Leiselotte Edwards' work 'Behind the Curtains of Mars', encaustic and mixed media and Toni Rogers' framed fibre and feathers weaving 'The Ceremony' were also selected for the Cairns Art Society Exhibition.

Dorothy Clews has a solo exhibition of her tapestries at an exhibition hosted by the American Tapestry Alliance. The exhibition can be seen at http://americantapestryalliance.org/exhibitions/tex_ata/all-is-in-flux/



Diatomicals
Buck Richardson



Golden Horde
Peter Brown



Antipodean Landscape
Dorothy Clews



Behind the Curtains of Mars
Leiselotte Edwards

Kuranda Arts Co-op will be holding its annual pre-Christmas

SIDEWALK SALE

showing the diversity of artwork by local artists. Artworks will be available for sale on the sidewalk on **Saturday, 13th December, 10am-4pm.**

You can experience Kuranda's flourishing arts scene at any time of the year alive with a refreshed energy for the Festive Season.

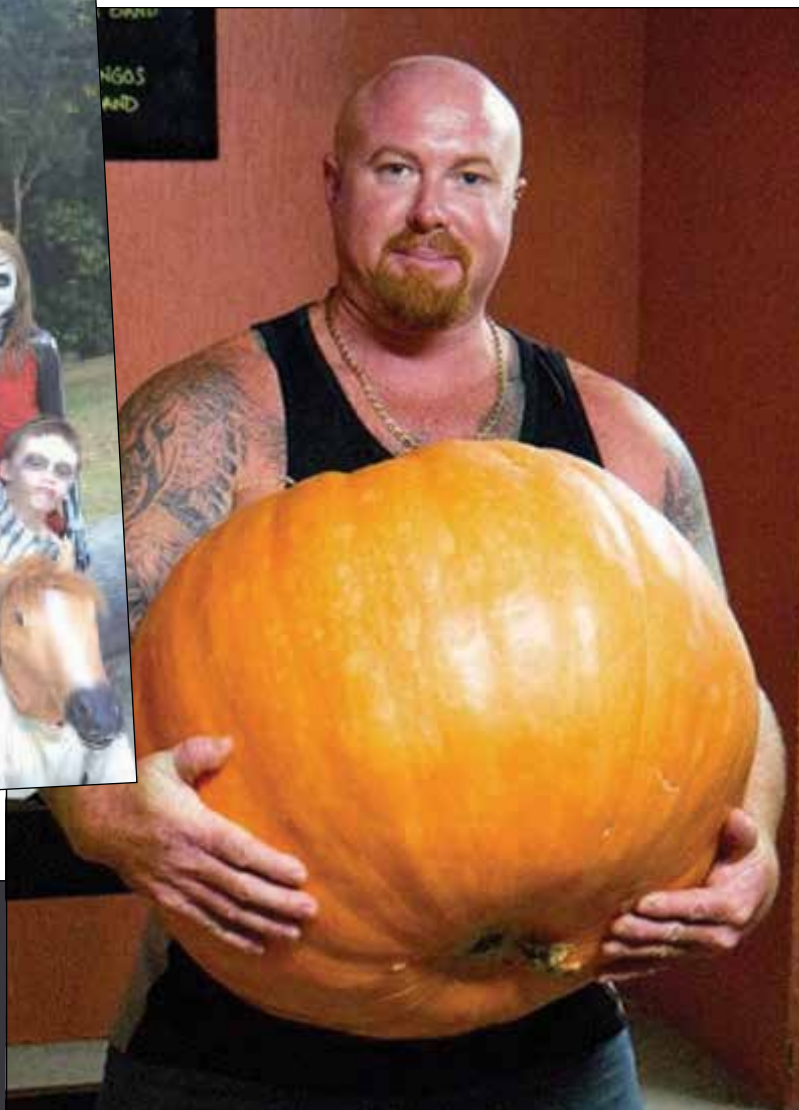
The SIDEWALK SALE is a Kuranda Arts Co-op 'not to be missed' annual experience offering a huge canvas of art at the Co-op Gallery in Coondoo Street.

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Giant Pumpkins Invade Speewah



Speewah Country Tavern held its annual Giant Pumpkin growing competition again this year. The entrants were given two Dills Atlantic Giant seeds in April with the rules that all entries must be weighed in by Halloween. Mick Dowling's winning pumpkin weighed 40.5kg. It was carved out for Halloween festivities. The seeds have been dried and retained for next year.

– Mick Dowling

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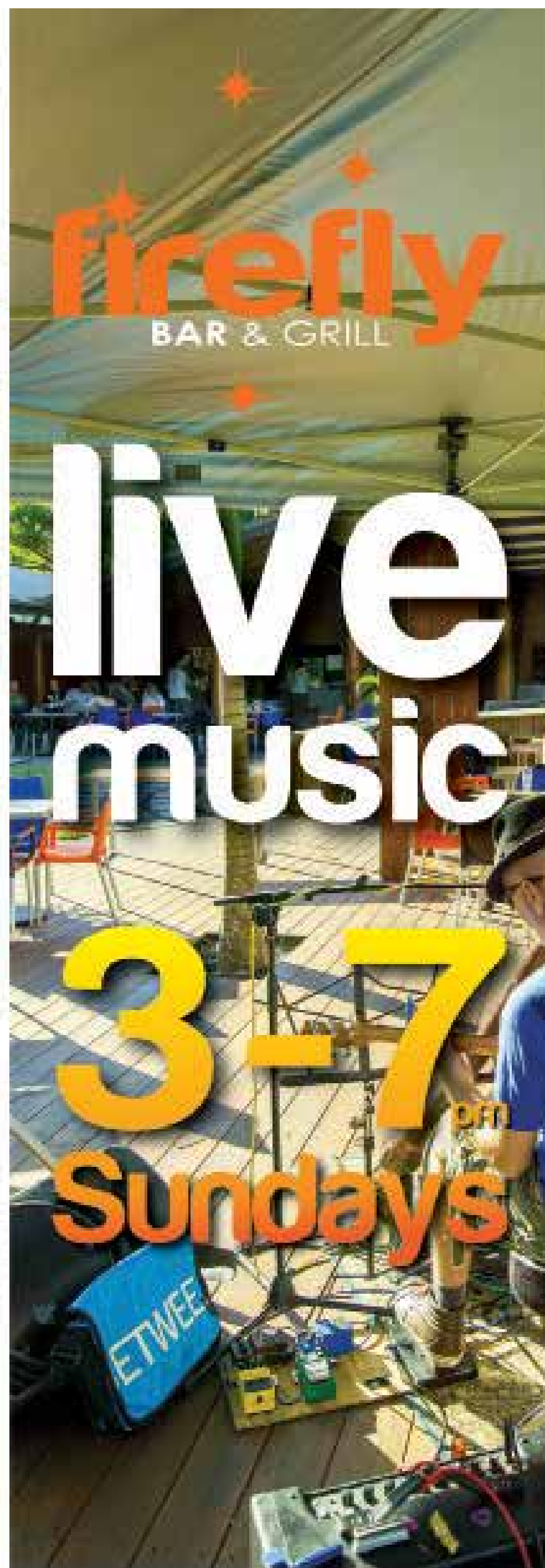
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Gardening in Kuranda with Alectura



DECEMBER and with it the build-up to the Wet. Time to prepare for the Cyclone Season, taking stock of potential hazards in the garden, trees and branches over-hanging buildings and powerlines, dead palm fronds, garden furniture and children's play equipment, hanging baskets – all potentially serving as damaging missiles carried on gale force winds.

Early morning and after the heat of day passing, is the best time to water plants avoiding leaf burn and maximising moisture uptake. Mulching to conserve soil moisture and cool root conditions and weed suppression is a given. Investment in mulching now will also have benefits in the heavy and continued rains of the Wet, preventing run-offs and soil compaction.

Caladiums and Keampferias are now emerging from their winter's sleep, in all their various theatrical leaf forms and colourings and despite the repeated depredations of scrub turkey and golden-footed scrub fowl are rapidly filling gaps in plantings.

Date Claimer: Sunday 7th December, Flecker Botanical Gardens Plant Sale. Your chance to get something different at a good price from the The Friends of the Flecker and other specialist plant stalls.



Kaempferia elegans

Plant of the Month: Kaempferia is a large genus of plants in the *Zingiberaceae* (Ginger) family, commonly referred to as the Peacock plants or Resurrection lily. Natives to China, India, and throughout South-east Asia, many of the near 100 species and hybrids provide excellent and adaptable understory plants, with striking leaf-patterning in tones of greens, pewter and silvery markings and carrying fleeting white through purplish flowers which often emerge before leaf-break. Quickly multiplying

from breaking up of rhizomes as warmer weather comes, and given their mostly low-growing forms, Kaempferias make excellent ground coverings in shady to dappled sun-lit places as well as potted and in-basket specimens. It must be remembered that Kaempferias go dormant as cold weather sets in, coming through again late October/ mid-November so one has bare spots during their dormancy.

Easily propagated and cultivated, requiring only a well-mulched open soil and of average water requirements, the range and diversity of Kaempferia growth and leaf markings make these sometimes overlooked plants, treasures to be collected.

Now that warmer weather is here, plants are freely available or may be begged from a kindly neighbour, although some of the more sought-after forms are harder to find.

For the edible gardening fanatic, *Kaempferia galangal* with its plain green roundish leaves and white two purple spotted flower provides the rhizomes much used in Asian cooking and healing.



Kaempferia pulchra



Kaempferia siamensis

Q&A Dear Graham: Thank for your pic – one of the *Polyschias* – probably *P. fruticosa*. The age of the potted specimen (30 years) and their remarkable hardiness make Polychias a seemingly forgotten standby of the tropical garden. Available from the low tuffet “Snowflake” through cane-like taller shrubs to tall trees, this family gives a wide choice in foliage shapes and colourations and is remarkable in adapting well to pot or garden culture and, once established, to considerable neglect. Plants, particularly finer leaved and dwarf specimens are sometimes sold as “Ming Trees”. By the way, an aside question. Have you yet identified the striking clustered red-bract, white flowered tree off-side, half way down the Range Road? I thought at first it may be the introduced *Triplaris* but closer inspection proved otherwise!



Polyschias

Dear Unknown Questioner at Old Newsagency: Sorry I have not yet completed research on your enquiry re: Red Sandal-wood. It would help if you clarify whether you are enquiring re seeds used as beads and referred to as red sandal wood beads or to the Himalayan forest giant Red Sandalwood famed for its use in Chinese furniture.

Dear Ross: The plant growing on your bank is *Callisia fragrans*, with its long glossy green leaves and is not a bromeliad although similar in its roseate plant form. This hardy plant will sucker along its rhizomes and in season will occasionally produce spikes of scented small white three petaled flowers. A fairly forgiving plant, it will grow more lushly in a more congenial situation and several variegated forms are available.



Callisia fragrans

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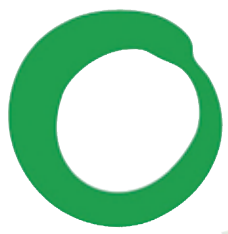
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FoE were closely involved in organising the People's Summit and many talks and events during the G20 in Brisbane

The **climate guardian angels** were particularly impressive with their warning about the dire impact continuing to burn fossil fuels will have on the environment. People were hoping that Tony Abbot and his government would listen to the angels as the government is not willing to listen to scientists about climate change.



PHOTOS JOHN GLEU

The Senate enquiry into Government corruption has just finished taking public submissions

FoE Kuranda Secretary Stacey O'Brien submitted a 15 page submission to the Senate enquiry on corruption which focused on the coal seam gas approvals process at Mt Mulligan. The submission highlights an approval process that was rushed and which was signed with insufficient consultation and which put short term commercial gain above human and environmental considerations. The submission details the well known detrimental impacts CSG that extraction has on the natural, economical and social health of regions.

Due to the intrinsic nature of our total reliance on water for life and the evidence which shows a clear lack of assessment and corruption, the anti-CSG movement believes that the Queensland Government has acted irresponsibly and that there needs to be a moratorium immediately on all aspects of the coal seam gas industry until a proper commission of inquiry has taken place.

The Community Cabinet Meeting will be held at 2pm Mareeba International Club, Vaughan Street on Sunday 30th November

This is a great opportunity to tell the Government what you think about fracking at Mt Mulligan and on Cape York. Even though gas companies promise some jobs and money for a few decades – once the gas extraction and fracking is finished they will just move on and leave the land, waterways and aquifers irredeemably contaminated and polluted for thousands of years over large areas. Be sure to make your voice heard. If anyone would like to help, support or donate to this important campaign against coal seam gas please get in touch. Mareeba Council needs to follow the lead of the Douglas Shire Council which has just declared their shire "Gas field free".

Coal Seam Gas film night Understage at the Amphitheatre 7pm on Wed the 3rd December

This is an opportunity to see two great Australian made films Fractured Country and the short documentary Knitting Nannas against Gas which show the impact of coal seam gas mining in Australia and the formation of the Lock the Gate Alliance movement which was created to fight it. Come and show your support for people and landholders who don't want their properties, farms and livelihoods threatened and their beautiful regions turned into gas fields and toxic industrial estates.

NEXT MEETING & CHRISTMAS SOCIAL



Sunday, 14th December, 3.00pm
Meet near the river cruise landing
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For more information contact
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Ten Warning Signs You May Be A Gardening Addict:

1. You prune your plants more often and with more care than you trim your toenails. You hear yourself often saying, "There's no need for me to bathe. I'll only be dirty again in a few hours."
2. You hide empty plant pots where your friends and family won't see them so that they won't find out how much you are spending on plants and how often you are buying them. You garden alone and don't care what anyone thinks about your habit. You sneak outside and dig in the dirt every chance you get. You start gardening early in the day and continue gardening through every available hour. You think about quitting your job so that you can stay home and garden.
3. You can't restrain yourself from pulling a weed, no matter where it happens to be.
4. You show up at work or for an important appointment and realise you are wearing your garden clogs. Your knees are dirty from a morning garden task you just had to do before leaving home.
5. You avoid anyone that doesn't share your love of plants and gardening. You remain mostly silent and pout if a friendly discussion doesn't include talk about plants. You seek out other gardening addicts because they are the only people that seem to understand you.
6. You scour the nurseries for exotic plants just so you can brag about growing them, while also grabbing any plant that comes your way, even if you already have plenty of it. When you go to a garden centre, you tell yourself that you will buy "just one plant," but then come out of a daze some time later, wondering how all the dozens of potted plants came home with you.
7. You justify pinching and pilfering cuttings from plants that don't belong to you by saying your propagation efforts are in the best interest of the plants.
8. You have masses of plants in nursery pots waiting to be planted, but still bring home more plants that you may not have room in your yard to plant.
9. You can't imagine going on any trip or vacation that doesn't include visiting some gardens. Your vehicle seems to involuntarily turn into the parking lot of plant nurseries and garden centers, regardless of how mightily you resist with white knuckles gripping the steering wheel.
10. When at a garden centre with family, realizing there is not enough room in your vehicle for both your plant purchases and the other people or kids, you pat them on the head and tell them you will return for them (someday). You get so involved with tending to your new plants that you may forget to return for the abandoned family members



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End of Year Charity Party

It's been a busy year for us at the Kuranda Recreation Centre (KRC) with lots going on. We've continually worked on improvements to the building and grounds, and have hosted many classes, activities, dining, sports, meetings, and seminars. Our goal is to continue with our work to keep this great community facility open to the public.

We would like to thank our regular hirers for their ongoing support and we hope to continue the relationship in 2015. We also thank the hundreds of Kuranda locals who have used the KRC this year. This venue is for you—the community—and without your support and membership, we wouldn't be able to maintain this centre.

Over the holiday period, please check with the individual hirers for any changes in activity/class times. Please note that Frogs at the Club will be open on Friday 12 December, then will re-open on 9 January 2015. The last KRC bar opening for 2014 will be Friday 19 December and will re-open on 9 January 2015.

Thank you to Warren at Kuranda Landscape Supplies and Raw Materials for recently donating the soil to replace the old boules green.

Finally thanks to all the volunteers and committee members who help keep the KRC running from the bar to events - your efforts are appreciated.

Please join us in celebrating 2014 at our End of Year Charity Party. See the half page editorial in this paper for more information about the New Hope India charity.



New Hope India

...Merry Christmas!

EVENT DETAILS...

- When:** 5pm Saturday 6 December 2014
Where: Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road, Kuranda
Cost: \$20 Adults / \$5 Children
Cost includes entry, curry meal, amusements, and entertainment
What's On: Giant slide, Inflationable Gladiator Game, Sumo Suits, entertainment by Peter McCabe, Michael Quinn, and Denny the Clown. The bar will be open.
Tickets: Available from Nathan Sutherland at the KRC tennis courts on Friday afternoons from 3.30-6.30pm or Saturday mornings on the KRC oval from 8.30-10.30am

*NOTE pre-payment for this event is required for catering purposes and your ticket/receipt is required for entry. Contact Nathan on 0430 080 090 for more information.

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The Kuranda Amphitheatre

Sunday on the Terraces

Sunday 7th December 2014
Gates Open 11.00am - 7.30pm

Looking for something to do on a Sunday, where the kids can run free, join in some fun activities, while you catch up with friends and enjoy some great live music?

Well, the dedicated volunteers at The Amphitheatre have been working hard all year with venue upgrades and artistic projects; and are happy to invite the community to come along and join them at the Amphi on Sunday 7th December for a fun day of entertainment with local artists showcasing their talents from the Main Stage.

With an absolutely fabulous line up including the incomparable **Zennith Boyz, Mantaka, Koahlition, Black Rising, Bosko & Honey, Diggis, Gudju Gudju, Inonymous, Kindred Spirits, Lunar, Sam Conomo, Peter McCabe** and

The Blackrobats, you won't be disappointed. This will be a rare opportunity to see Mantaka perform live and, as Zennith will be heading down south for the Woodford Folk Festival, this may be their last Kuranda performance for 2014. What a treat! Enjoy the tropical reggae beats of Koahlition, the zany antics and joyful music of Bosko & Honey. Get down with Black Rising, and sing along with Gudju Gudju.

Take a trip down memory lane (from 2-4 pm) in the Understage where you can view photos and films. Childrens' activities will be throughout the afternoon include Face Painting, Lucky Dips, Water Activities and much, much more.

Artists are donating their appearances on the day, to ensure the showcase's success. Support your favourite musicians: CDs and merchandise will be available for purchase on the day (great Christmas presents). Bar and food available.

Bring your picnic blankets and seats, and make yourselves comfortable on the grassy slopes of the terraces. With only a \$5 entry fee for adults, and children under 12 free, this makes for a really affordable day.



Koahlition Gals

See you at the Amphi

KURANDA GIG GUIDE

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

The Kuranda Amphitheatre

** Sunday On The Terraces **

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SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

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FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

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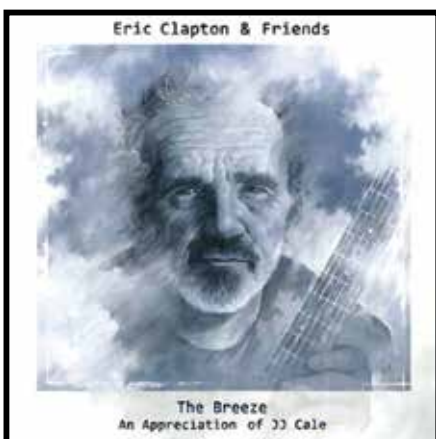
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## THE BOOGIE BROTHERS CD REVIEWS

Eric Clapton & Friends: 'The Breeze'  
An appreciation of J.J. Cale



Ah, this is a must-have. The gently rollicking grooves of J.J. Cale lovingly re-worked by Eric Clapton; Mark Knopfler, John Mayer, Tom Petty, Willy Nelson, Jon White and more. Mark Knopfler of course developed his guitar playing style straight from J.J. and Eric borrowed a lot from it also.

J.J. Cale, the shy, introspective country blues rock groover who wrote such classics as "Call Me The Breeze", "Cajun Moon", "Magnolia", "Lies" and the surprising cosmic "Starbound", all here.

Don White singing "Sensitive Kind" is, alone, worth buying this CD for. And John Mayer brings deliciously delicate guitar lines into "Lies", "Magnolia" and other tracks.

The photos of J.J. Cale from a kid to an old man are beautiful. One with Tom Petty is worth framing and Willy Nelson really earths "Songbird". "Cocaine" with its classic rock riff is a surprising omission. Maybe not P.C.? Never mind.



"Train to Nowhere" defines the final journey with an eerie inevitability. J.J.'s made the journey now and this is the perfect requiem. Naturally...

**Pink Floyd: 'The Endless River'**

The final cut. No more. The survivors have called it quits. Dave Gilmour's unmistakable lead guitar and Rick Wright's hovering keyboard chords flow and evolve. All instrumental up to the final track "Louder than Words", it's not the resounding climax that we might

have hoped for. But Rick Wright's gone now, Roger Waters is out there still riding on the wall, Sid Barrett's long gone and only Dave Gilmour and drummer Nick Mason survive. A gently fade-out, but for those of us who have made the journey from the late 60's experimentation through 'The Dark Side', 'Over the Wall', through to 'The Division Bell' have so much to be grateful for. This album completes the trip and has much to enjoy. But mainly it sends you back to the "Meddle", the incredible "Animals" and, of course the overpowering "The Wall".

Fade-out thank you. Shine on you crazy diamonds. And it's ok to be comfortably numb. Now that was some kind of outro!

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**Christmas Tree Sequence**

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you fall...who cares? Plant yourself back up and start to grow again.

Just as real trees take time to grow, tree pose can also take time to learn. Be patient and gently find your balance. Imagine you have roots that extend from your foot into the ground and leaves on your fingers that may sway a little or a lot. Maybe you are a palm tree moving with the breeze. Maybe you are a really old tree, tall and strong.

There are so many tree pose options with only one rule. Never press your foot into your knee joint. Above or below the knee is perfect. The knee is a hinge joint and if pressure is applied from the side it can create stress and injury.

If this sequence is all too easy, challenge yourself by closing your eyes in each pose. Notice what is happening to your balance and focus when your eyes are closed.

**How To Grow Your (Christmas) Tree Pose**

**Baby Tree:** Place the heel of your foot onto the ankle with toes touching the ground. Press your hands together in namaste position (anjali mudra). This is a great base pose to find your balance in.

**Child Tree:** Shift your weight into the foot that you are standing on. Lift your other foot onto your calf. Rest your foot to your calf keeping hands in anjali mudra. Keeping hands here helps with balance.

**Teen Tree:** Make a 4 with your legs by bringing your foot past your shin or thigh. Keep hands pressed together and slowly extend your arms above your head. Feel the difference in your balance as you raise your arms. You may need to focus harder to maintain balance.

**Adult Tree:** Place your leg in half lotus position with the side of your foot pressed into the top of the thigh. Keep hands above your head and grow your arms longer. If you have trouble keeping your leg in this position use your hand to support it and just raise one arm above your head. With practise you will be able to keep it there without support.

**Elder Tree:** Move your foot to press into the inner thigh of standing leg. Arms grow wide like branches and fingers stretch out like leaves. You now have a fully grown, strong and wise old tree. (Don't forget to practise the sequence standing on the other leg. Often we find one side is easier to balance on. See if you can notice which side is easiest for you.)



Merry Christmas  
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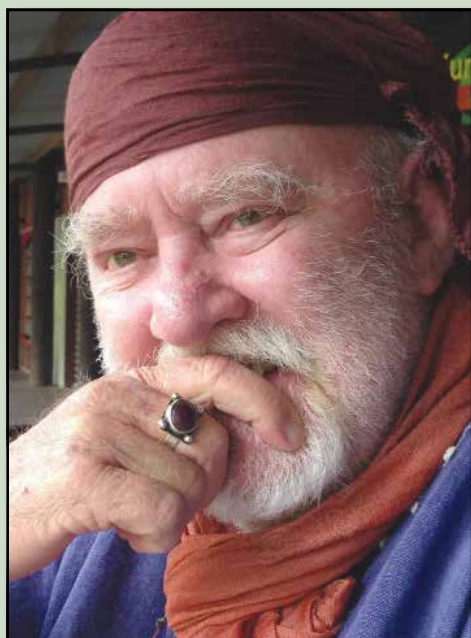
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# Louis Maurice de Lussanet de La Sabloniere

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*"Louie's my name and Satay's my game"*



"Satay Lou" (to Kuranda locals!) was born in Surabaya Indonesia in 1937 and after the war he and his family were forced to leave their beloved Indonesia and set sail for their colonial ruler, The Netherlands. His love for music and obvious talent for playing the drums saw him pursuing his musical studies at The Conservatorium of The Hague and the "Dutch Swing College Band" quickly recruited him to start recording and touring the world.

His long musical career has been documented on YouTube and on the web and in his very old scrapbook I found in his unit, after his passing. So many memories!

Louie and I came to North Queensland in 1994 together after living in New Zealand since 1981. He fell in love instantly and when he moved up to Kuranda I knew he found his "home".

I want to thank the Kuranda Community for embracing him so lovingly and sharing so many cups of coffee and lunches and hugs with him. He loved you dearly and spoke so fondly of you all!

So grateful to all his friends that helped with his Tribute, Le Petit Café for his favourite cakes, Vu and Wendy for his beloved daily Wonton soup, Tracey for your WIFI, IF for his flowers and Brian and Captain DJ for taking us to his beautiful final resting place. Much love to Henk, Riette, Lisa and my Leo for not leaving my side.

We will miss him dearly, the thought of not being able to call him or hug him ever again is slowly becoming reality.

Be free Louie....when the Barron River overflows in the wet season you will once again travel the world as you did so many years ago.

*Love, Voni xx*



## Material Change of Use Tourist Facility

Council has endorsed the Material Change of Use application for a property on Speewah Road.

"The applicants propose the erection of 5 x 1-bedroom eco-style tourist cabins situated towards the rear of the site.

"The proposed cabins will be set amongst existing mature rainforest vegetation and will promote the site's tranquillity and natural landscape," Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

The site is situated at the very end of Speewah Road and the Dinden National Park adjoins the southern and eastern sides of the site, and each cabin will include a single bedroom, living area with kitchenette, bathroom and toilet facilities and an outdoor deck," Cr Gilmore said.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said "Each unit will be connected to a potable water supply, and individual septic system and will be provided with a single gravel sealed car parking space. It is understood the units will be serviced by gas and solar power supply."

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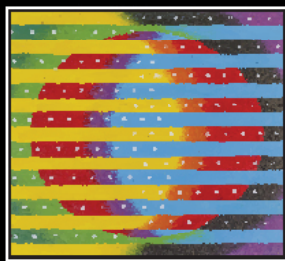
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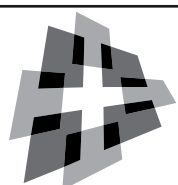
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## KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE Amphitheatre News



**Hello Members and Friends,  
Welcome new to members!**  
November was another great month for entertainment at the Understage. KTown Records had a successful night of short animated films on Friday 21st November. The Zennith Show on Saturday 22nd featured local legends Koahlition, Diggis, and Inonymous. If you didn't get to any of the November events try for December!



**Coming up:**  
Wednesday 3rd December - Understage 7:00 pm  
"Fractured Country: An Unconventional Invasion"  
A short film hosted by Kuranda Envirocare.  
Sunday 7th December - Terraces 11:00am to 7:00pm  
**SUNDAY ON THE TERRACES**  
A COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

This is an Amphitheatre production aimed at providing a space and time for local performing artists to showcase their talents ON THE MAIN STAGE to the wider community, and also for the Amphitheatre to showcase the many upgrades to our community. Thank you in advance to the many people who have committed to volunteer their time for this day. *Koahlition, Inonymous, Diggis, Kindred Spirits, Bosko & Honey, Dave Hart, Pete McCabe, Katie Richardson, Blackrobats* and many more.  
Come along for an afternoon of entertainment spread out on the terraces, and have some fun. Take a trip down Memory Lane in the Understage 2-4 pm. Check out the photos, films etc. Children's activities include Face Painting, Lucky Dips, Water Activities and much much more. Food & Bar available. Gates open 11am to 7:00 pm. \$5



Saturday 13th December - Understage  
**JUSTIN WELLINGTON**  
Saturday 20th December - Understage 2pm to 11pm  
**KTOWN SOLSTICE EVENT SOLFIRE**  
Celebrate the Summer Solstice at the Amphi with huge diverse local talent. (see below)  
Friday 13TH March, 2015 - Main stage  
**JOHN BUTLER TRIO**

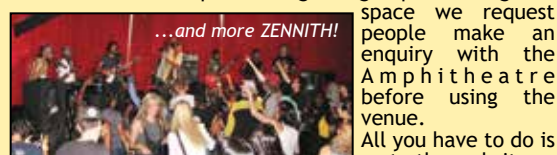
Drop in and say hello on Mondays & Tuesdays and check out KTown Records Inc. This is a dynamic group of people working together to enhance and promote our

local talented musicians and artists. We are delighted KAS can assist with this venture. Many thanks to the KTown Records crew who have completed the installation of the new LED lights, upgraded the lighting/ audio booth & mounted the new data projector in the Understage. You have made a huge difference to the space and it's much appreciated!  
**PROJECTS AND UPGRADES** - Major works are underway at the venue and therefore the Amphitheatre may be closed at certain times. Please be aware of this if entering the venue and keep note of any signage of temporary closure. This will not interfere with regular hirers of the venue.  
**Important WORKING BEE Sunday 30 November in preparation for 7th. Dec - SUNDAY ON THE TERRACES.** We need lots of help to prepare for this event, even an hour is appreciated! Whilst the venue itself looks amazing there are many things needing work. Eg. painting, gardening, assisting with construction projects, basic clean up and tidying, etc. So if you have some time please come along. Amphitheatre volunteers have a great day with lots of laughs, and always a yummy lunch.  
In preparation for JBT and in the interest of public safety some dangerous trees at the Gatehouse entrance have been removed. Therefore we have quite a bit of wood along the driveway which is up for grabs to anyone who needs it (you will need a ute and a couple of strong people!) Whilst the Amphitheatre is a community space, it relies heavily on venue hire fees to pay the bills, and volunteers for the venue maintenance, cleaning etc.



So as not to disrupt the regular groups utilising the space we request people make an enquiry with the Amphitheatre before using the venue. All you have to do is go to the website - [www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org) and click on Contact Us. A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON FROM THE AMPHITHEATRE CREW AND MANY THANKS TO THE KURANDA PAPER FOR PROVIDING SUCH A GREAT SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

...and more ZENNITH!  
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The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s. Volunteering your time and effort ensures its sustainability. You can obtain a Membership Form from: [www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org) or "The Honey House", Therwine Street, Kuranda. For all enquiries and support please go to [www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org) - Contact Us

**envirocare**  
Presents two Short Film Screenings:  
**Fractured Country: An Unconventional Invasion**  
**Knitting Nanas Against CSG**

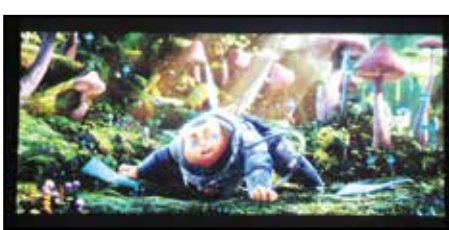
**Wed 3rd December 7-9pm**  
Kuranda Amphitheatre ~The Understage  
Barron Falls Rd Kuranda

A short film about the threats that we face from invasive gas fields. Coal Seam Gas activities have a proven record of upsetting livestock production, poisoning animals and contaminating both underground and surface water supplies.  
A CSG permit is pending over Nguddaboolgan (Mt. Mulligan), 60km NW of Mareeba in the headwaters of the iconic Mitchell River. Mt. Mulligan is a sustainable cattle property, and is a very sacred place it's traditional owners, the Djungan people.

**All welcome!**  
Tea & coffee provided, gold coin don.  
Enquiries: Sylvia Conway 0409 647 714

**ALL IS ART**  
If the GST doesn't get you, the CSG will (see above). Why do we need to use all that energy anyhow? We're already in a state of over-production. We are reproducing a newer, yet at the same time obsolete version of everything, and it's costing us the Earth. Why? Seriously, we must ask ourselves why. The answer is obvious of course, but we must then decide what role we play in this scenario. Are we part of the problem, or could we perhaps be part of the solution. What's all this got to do with art? Well I reckon - make art, not trash. We must think about what we are creating. Is it of any good? Anyhow, think about it over Xmas arties, *seren.*

KTown movie / animation night was a journey into the strange, the funny, the macabre realms of the imagination taking one through an ocean of emotions. Fortunately for us, we were entertained between the films with live music from some of our local talent. We were also privileged to see Bosko & Honey's music video clip (see top 2 stills). Great work guys! The other stills are from fantastic animations. Thanks to all our KTown Krew AND friends for putting together such a great night. And Lunar's pumpkin soup was something to write home about too. The three pics below are some of the "workers", and I include the musicians in that too. Well I just can't wait for the next event. That'll be on the solstice!



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**Kuranda Medical Centre Welcomes  
 Doctor Clint Scott**

Despite hailing from South East Queensland, Clint knows Kuranda quite well. He spent his holidays, while at Medical school, travelling to the Far North to supplement his training at the Kuranda Medical Centre. He also spent his junior years working at the Cairns hospital before further work in Brisbane and NSW, mostly working in Emergency Medicine. Having recently moved back to the Far North, Clint is excited to have been offered a placement in Kuranda Medical and will be here until mid 2015. Clint otherwise enjoys mountain biking, hiking and playing the guitar.

## Cassowary Snacks In Production

Weeping brown pine trees started producing cones along the cableway last month with the female cones first to get underway.

The female cones are fleshy and contain a single exposed green seed. The flesh is blue-green when unripe and turns dark red when it ripens.

Cassowaries seem to be very fond of these fleshy cones. The seed itself is loaded with nerve toxins.

The male cones are small yellow structures which release pollen into the air. Both sexes are represented on the same plant, but not at the same time.

These beautiful trees grow up to 30 metres and have distinctive crowns.

The leaves are long, thin straps which droop noticeably.

New growth is yellowish in colour. Weeping brown pine makes a fine potted plant for indoors.

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Motorists caught doing a U-Turn at traffic lights when there is not a U-Turn Permitted sign can be issued a traffic infringement notice with a penalty of \$91 and two (2) demerit points.

When you are permitted to do a U-turn, you must give way to all other vehicles and pedestrians even if other vehicles are facing a GIVE WAY or STOP sign.

Should there not be a sign permitting you to do a U-Turn at traffic lights, negotiate another route to allow you to turn around legally and safely. It may be as simple as turning right at the next intersection.

#### When making a U-turn you must:

- have a clear view of approaching traffic
- do so without obstructing the free movement of traffic and that includes motorists positioned in traffic behind you
- give way to all vehicles and pedestrians

#### You must not do a U-Turn:

- Across a single or double continuous centre line or a continuous centre line to the left of a broken light.
- Over a painted island in the centre of the road.

It will be holiday time soon; if you are going away please inform a neighbour so they can keep an eye on your home. Generally neighbours don't mind being asked and the favour can always be returned.

Don't leave wheelie bins out on the street and mail not collected from the mail box, these are two ways thieves can tell your home is empty.

Everyone have a safe and happy Christmas.

*Maggie Herbohn*

## My first drink with my son...

I was reading an article last night about fathers and sons, and memories came flooding back of the time I took my son out for his first drink.

Off we went to our local bar, which is only two blocks from the house.

I got him a XXXX. He didn't like it, so I drank it.

Then I got him a Fosters, he didn't like it either, so I drank it.

It was the same with the Cider and the Rum.

By the time we got down to the Irish whiskey, I could hardly push the stroller back home.



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### Christmas Closure Dates:

KNC will be closed for two weeks over the Christmas period from 1.00pm Friday 19th December 2014 and will reopen at 9.00am Monday 5th January 2015. In a crisis please call 000 or Lifeline on 131 114.

### Veggie Seedlings:

The seedlings are back at a bargain price of \$1 per seedling punnet. We get a random supply so it is worth dropping by to see what there is – seedlings will be 50cents in the last week we are open before Christmas.

### Furniture Exchange:

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated furniture over 2014. The standard of furniture was extremely high and we had a steady supply over the year. We were able to assist a number of vulnerable and disadvantaged families and individuals with the generous support of the Kuranda community.

### Kuranda Interagency Network:

This network is comprised of a range of services, agencies and representatives from the local Kuranda service network and outside services who are interested in developing better services or who are funded to deliver to Kuranda. These meetings occur on the first Tuesday of each month at 2pm on a rotating venue arrangement. If you believe you could contribute or are interested in finding out more about the network, please contact Marg on 4093 8933.

### Kuranda Playgroup:

This group is run by local Kuranda parents of little ones, under the umbrella of the Queensland Playgroup Association. The coordinator is a mum who has a young one attending playgroup and when her child moves onto another program or activity the coordination is handed down to another participating parent. Playgroup happens at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am-ish. It costs \$2 per session, with all proceeds going towards replacing toys and other educational resources. For more information, just come along and talk to the other parents.

### Relationships Australia Go Forward For Men


#### Anger Management Program:

From Monday November 24th 2014 there will be an Anger Management program delivered by Jackie from Relationships Australia. This will continue every Monday (except Christmas closure period) ongoing and will include group and individual sessions. All sessions are strictly confidential. Please contact Marg for more information.

#### Salvation Army Financial Counselling:

There will be a financial counsellor from Salvation Army coming on Wednesday mornings to see people who are experiencing financial difficulties with debts, debilitating contracts, high interest loans or other problems that are causing financial stress. Again, all sessions are strictly confidential and appointments can be made by calling KNC on 4093 8933 and asking for Ceri or Marg.

– *The Neighbourhood Centre Team*



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# Bendigo Goes Beyond Banking



## Kindy kids at Kuranda Community Kindergarten will be having more fun in the sun, thanks to a generous donation.

Bendigo Bank's Kuranda branch recently donated 10 sun hats to the kindy to give children who have forgotten their hat the chance to play outside.

A new iPad was also donated to help in the classroom.

"The iPad is a wonderful resource, which the kids will love using," kindergarten teacher Rachel McConnell said.

"It will enable the kids to take photos of their work and retell the story to the class, which will develop recall, memory and oral language skills."

The branch's donation was partly funded with help from Bendigo Bank's Community Sector Banking Community Impact Fund.

Kuranda Branch Manager Leonie Durrant said the Bank was always thinking about what it could do beyond banking to help customers and strengthen the local community.

"A great example of this is the Cairns Community Enterprise," Leonie Durrant said.

"Supported by profits from Bendigo Bank, the enterprise helps local community groups who need financial support for their ongoing projects.

"This means that the more people who bank with us, the more money we have to put back into important local services like the community kindergarten.

"So far the Cairns Community Enterprise has given out more than \$665,000 in community contributions, and we are always on the lookout for more local organisations to get involved."

For more information about the Cairns Community Enterprise, head into Kuranda branch at 19 Coondoo Street, or visit [cairnscurrencyenterprise.com.au](http://cairnscurrencyenterprise.com.au).

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## Indigenous Art @ Kindy!

Artists painting the front of the Kindy

Over the year, the Kuranda Kindy has seen many improvements. The latest is a wonderful mural on the front of the Kindy building that will complement our garden makeover. Artists, Corale Wilson, Tania Hunter and Lizzie Newbury, have been working on the mural and it's almost finished! This work has been made possible thanks to an NADOC grant and the kids LOVE it!

## Thanks Bendigo Bank : 2015 Enrolments

Huge thanks to Leonie and the Bendigo Bank for donating a new iPad to the Kindy. This fantastic resource will be used as an educational learning tool for the kids. The bank also donated a bunch of hats to help keep our kids sun safe!

- If your child is turning 4 years of age before 30 June 2015, they are eligible to attend kindergarten. Contact our Director on 4093 8087 for enrolment details. Secure your child's place today at our beautiful, community-built kindy.

## Safe Holidays

As our Kindy year draws to a close we wish all of our children, their families, our volunteers, and sponsors for 2014 a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

## Kuranda Water Reservoir Project – Myola Road

Mareeba Shire Council would like to inform residents that construction works are proposed to start early December for the Construction of a new Water Reservoir on the existing Myola Road Water Reservoir site. Works are expected to continue until June 2015.

Mareeba Shire Council will have a contractor working on constructing a new water reservoir and upgrading water reticulation networks on a short section of Myola Rd and running a new water reticulation main along Kuranda Heights Rd.

Mareeba Shire Council identified the need for an additional water storage reservoir at Kuranda on Myola Road to meet current and future water storage requirements, in order to achieve required storage and fire reserves. The new reservoir will allow Council to meet its legislative and safety requirements under the "Water Act 2000" and the "Water Supply (Safety Reliability) Act 2008".

The main area of disturbance on the water reservoir site will be kept to a minimum however to enable the construction of the water reservoir several trees will have to be removed. Whilst removal of the trees is regrettable, disturbance of the area will be kept to a minimum.

Please be advised that there could be changed traffic conditions to Myola Road and Kuranda Heights Rd during these works. Please drive to conditions, heed traffic management directions and value the safety of our workers.

Mareeba Shire Council appreciates your patience while the new reservoir is being constructed and the new water main is being laid.

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# An Englishman Comes to the Village

## Brian Reeves

Let me introduce our Profile of the Month – Brian Reeves. He is an Englishman who was born in Stamford Rivers in Essex. His Dad was an estate groundsman. Unfortunately his Mother died when he was quite young, so Brian was brought up by his aunt and her husband in Birmingham. Brian went on to spend most of his life in England, apart from a period overseas with the RAF. We will come to that later. He is, with his family, a comparative late-comer to Kuranda, but has settled in very well. A cheery, generous man, he is easy to get to know. I was moved to profile him, as he and his wife Brenda are marvellous volunteers in the folding of this paper on the last Thursday morning each month. They have taken on more than their fair share of that work. Unfortunately due to family circumstances this has had to be reduced lately and now we need more paper folders. But that is another story.

Brian was educated in Birmingham and then at a Grammar School in Staffordshire. Leaving school, he worked for some brewers for a year and a half before his National Service came up. He was in the RAF for three years. He sailed to Iraq in 1952 and served on protection duty for a while before being put in charge of administration at the Air HQ Unit as a Sergeant. During this time he had an adventure over the Iraq/Turkey border and also attended an amazing funeral in Mosul, places that these days are not really safe.

Returning to England, he joined the City of Birmingham Police Force in 1954 until resigning two years later. Then he worked as a sales manager with various companies, starting with Super Oil Seals and Gaskets. In 1958 he met Brenda at an old time dancing event, but did not get to dance with her until later. They were married in July 1958. They have a son and daughter. In 1962 he tried his hand at his own business by buying a general store, but this was later sold due to pending developments. Brian returned to sales managerial jobs with various companies, working in office supplies and then survey equipment. He had to be conversant with complicated instruments on which he had to offer tuition. He describes some most unusual deliveries and experiences.

Then the family took a break down south when he went on a sailing cruiser for six months. Back to work, he had further sales managerial jobs, involving automatic shut down valves, miniature gas detection equipment and aspirator integrated detection weapons. In 1986 he decided to go into business again for himself with his son in



Bournemouth. He set up as an estate agent, and gradually expanded the business until he had 10 offices. The business was sold in 1991 after his doctor told him to slow down.

During this time he joined the Freemasons for the first time, and has been a member ever since. He has held the office of District Senior Grand Warden, and is currently an Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works. This involves raising money for charities. At one stage in England he helped raise one million pounds for medical equipment, taking on the challenge of pulling a 747 along the runway. He would like to help form a Lodge of Freemasons in Kuranda and is looking for people interested. He says the Freemasons are now much more open.

Brian worked for a stonemason for a while as an area manager and then helped a funeral director open a new business. Then it came time to retire. He and his wife had a world tour, which involved coming to Perth in 2005. They motor-homed the West coast, caught the train eastwards and then motor-homed up to Cairns. They liked it up north, in particular at Kuranda. Returning to England with good news, his daughter came over to Australia to check it out. They decided to all move to North Queensland and look for a caravan park or something similar to buy. But the prices were too high so they brought their present acreage in Kuranda and extended the house. The daughter lives at one end, Brian and Brenda at the other end.

Brian has three grandchildren and one very young great grandchild. Due to a disability, Brian and Brenda have to look after this very young child, leaving little time for anything else. But they have been active in the community. Apart from paper volunteers and Freemasons, they are KNC volunteers and are also active in the Anglican Church. Brian has a Christian outlook on life, endeavouring to help others where he can and to cheer people up. It is a tolerant version of Christianity, respecting the right of others to their own life and thought.

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# What's Christmas Without Beetles?



A Golden Christmas Beetle (*Anoplognathus aureus*).

IMAGES BY ALAN HENDERSON, MINIBEAST WILDLIFE

Summer in Australia is signified by all sorts of occurrences in nature, but one which many people identify with is the appearance of Christmas beetles. These lovers of eucalypt leaves often emerge in early summer, coinciding with Christmas, and are frequently seen together in large numbers, decorating gum trees in their own unique way.

Christmas beetles belong to the scarab family of beetles. We have over thirty species of Christmas beetles living in Australia. Many are found along the east coast, and in some regions have become more abundant where land clearing has provided extra grasslands for them to reproduce in.

The life cycle of these beetles is the same basic cycle as most beetles. In this case, eggs are laid underground in grasslands adjacent to eucalypt trees or forests. The grubs (larvae) feed upon grass roots and their growth is dependant on soil temperature. Those in warmer climates may emerge a year later, whilst those in cooler regions may spend two years underground. The larvae are crescent-shaped with a pale, reddish-brown head and three pairs of legs, but can be quite difficult to distinguish from other beetle larvae.

After pupating, the adults time their emergence with warmer conditions and are also stimulated by rainfall. Different species will emerge at different times throughout the summer; perhaps to avoid direct competition. Other factors can influence the exact timing of their emergence, such as seasonal variations in weather patterns. Most Christmas beetles emerge from November to February, but as we know, many appear in late December.

Christmas beetles are good flyers and can cover distances of several kilometres. Many fly at dusk, but they are often attracted to lights after dark and can end up buzzing around the front porch.

Adult beetles are voracious leaf-feeders and often congregate in groups to feed and find mates in a wide variety of gum trees. Such is their tendency to cluster that hundreds can be found in a single tree, while an identical adjacent tree can be empty. While on occasions these beetles can cause damage to trees, most will usually recover. As is repeatedly the case, the increasing severity of the impact of the beetles on some trees is the result of human ecological disturbance – the depletion of forests and the increase in grasslands as Christmas beetle breeding sites.

Alan Henderson,  
Minibeast Wildlife



A Green Christmas Beetle (*Anoplognathus smaragdinus*).

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# Batreach NEWS

## A Tribute To Tyson



Batreach's longest serving educational bat, Tyson, sadly passed away recently.

Tyson, a Black Flying-fox, was relinquished into Pam's care many years ago. He had been found and raised by a couple in Brisbane who had kept him illegally as a pet for eight years, making him too humanised and unsuitable for release.

Tyson enjoyed a good life at Batreach. He relished his time in the spotlight on open days, winning many hearts and converts. Always sweet and cooperative with his human handlers during demonstrations, he considered himself to be resident alpha male with his fellow flying-foxes.

Many foolhardy contenders for his position were swiftly repelled by Tyson's don't-mess-with-me attitude and impressive repertoire of deafening bat expletives.

As Tyson grew older his victories became less convincing, however in his mind Tyson was top bat to the end. He was 25 years+ when he died.

Pam and Batreach volunteers past and present will miss you Tyson. You were a great character and a fine ambassador for your species.

*Story and Photograph by Helen*

### A Message from USA:

*Tyson was a creature of unrivaled character. He was the first bat I ever got to know, and I feel so lucky to have known such a magnificent creature. With his intelligence, personality, good looks, and ferocity in combat, he was a legend at Pam's for more than twenty-five years. My time at Batreach feels defined by the memories of feeding you, holding you in the sun, and having you scream in my ear. I'll never forget you, Tyson. Rest in peace, big guy.*

*Iain, Batreach Volunteer 2013 & 2014*



PHOTOGRAPH BY HELEN DOUGLAS

## Kuranda Scenic Railway Planned Maintenance Closures 2015

All Kuranda Scenic Railway services are cancelled on the following dates due to planned maintenance on the Kuranda Range:

**Thursday 30th April 2015**

**Friday 1st, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th May 2015**

**Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October 2015**

**Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November 2015**

**Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December 2015**

The 8.30am Cairns-Kuranda and 2.00pm Kuranda-Cairns Kuranda Scenic Railway services are cancelled on the following dates due to planned Skyrail maintenance:

**Thursday 7th, 14th and 21st May 2015**

**Thursday 3rd, 10th and 17th September 2015**

The 9.30am Cairns-Kuranda and 3.30pm Kuranda-Cairns Kuranda Scenic Railway services will run as normal.

All Kuranda Scenic Railway services are cancelled on Christmas Day.

The above dates have been carefully selected with consideration to visitor trends during these months. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Please amend your tour and itinerary planning accordingly in respect of these dates.

Should your organisation hold allocations, or have placed advance bookings for any of the affected services, the Kuranda Scenic Railway Reservations Team will contact your operations department to make alternative arrangements.

# KRC End of Year Charity Party

## New Hope India

The Kuranda Recreation Centre (KRC) will be holding an end of year charity party for the whole Kuranda community on Saturday 6 December from 5pm. Whilst the event is to celebrate the successes of 2014, it is also a charity event for New Hope India. The New Hope Rural Leprosy Trust is a small voluntary organisation that works to eradicate Leprosy in Western Orissa, India and offers custodial care to Leprosy victims in both Orissa and Andhra Pradesh State. New Hope's work covers all aspects of development—from planting trees in rural hill tribal areas, to offering vocational training to 'Street' children, to eye surgery for the cataract blind, and corrective surgery for polio crippled children. Women and children are immunized against disease and women are trained and provided with free safety delivery kits.

On 13 October 2014, Cyclone Hud Hud struck India. The storm killed five people and New Hope had many of their buildings, crops and fruit trees destroyed.

All proceeds of this event will be donated to New Hope India - [www.newhopeindia.org](http://www.newhopeindia.org)

### EVENT DETAILS...

**When:** 5pm - Saturday 6 December 2014  
**Where:** Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road, Kuranda  
**Cost:** \$20 Adults / \$5 Children  
 Cost includes entry, curry meal, amusements, and entertainment  
**What's On:** Giant slide, Inflatables, Gladiator Games, Sumo Suits, entertainment by Peter McCabe, Michael Quinn, and Denny the Clown. The bar will be open.  
**Tickets\*:** Available from Nathan Sutherland at the KRC tennis courts on Friday afternoons from 3.30-6.30pm or Saturday mornings on the KRC oval from 8.30-10.30am

\*NOTE pre-payment for this event is required for catering purposes and your ticket/receipt is required for entry. Contact Nathan on 0430 080 090 for more information.



## How High the Cost?

### TRAGEDIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KURANDA RANGE RAILWAY

Without a doubt the construction of the railway line over the Kuranda Range was a significant engineering feat that would present problems even for modern engineers and today's well equipped construction companies.

The range section, from Redlynch to Myola, was known as the "second section", and involved constructing a line rising over 1,500 feet (323 metres)

in 13.5 miles (21.7 kilometres), with the construction of 15 tunnels and 30 bridges. The fact that this second section of the line was finished in only four years by men using mainly picks, shovels, wheelbarrows, hand drills and basic explosives is testament to the skill and tenacity of the early pioneers.

Unfortunately, the cost of this project in human life and health was significant. *The Cairns Post* of 4 May 1887 carried an advertisement calling for 503 navvies to work on the second section of the line. Wages would range from 7 shillings to 9 shillings per day. Eventually over one thousand men worked on the line at times, and quite a few were killed or maimed.

**The first fatal accident** recorded on this section was on 26 May 1887. Gavin Hamilton, a twenty-three-year-old from Paisley in England, worked as a clearer. His job was to clear the trees and scrub from the route prior to the beginning of the earthworks. He and another man were engaged in burning off the cleared timber near Beard's cutting, and while Hamilton was rolling a log into the fire at the bottom of the gully he lost his balance and fell head first into the fire. His companion was severely burned trying to save him but was unsuccessful.

Other workers rushed to help, but by the time they arrived it was too late. As *The Cairns Post* reported it: "Hamilton was by this time reduced to a cinder."

When an accident such as this happens now the subsequent inquiry can be a lengthy affair, often taking over one year to finalise. In contrast, our ancestors were quick to deal with such matters. Hamilton's body was taken by stretcher to Hart's Hotel at Barronville, "...the proprietor with his usual kindness at once placing a room at the disposal of the contractors."

The accident happened at about 4.00pm, and at 8.00pm a magisterial inquiry was held by M. Meston, J. P., and Gavin Hamilton was buried next day at the Cairns Cemetery.

The construction of the cuttings and tunnels saw an increase in accidents, with faulty explosions and falling rocks. The *Capricornian*, a Rockhampton paper, reported on 30 July 1887 that John Willoughby "met with a sudden and terrible death at the entrance to No. 7 tunnel." While Willoughby was charging a hole for blasting a stone fell into the hole half-way down. This prevented the powder from getting to the bottom of the hole, and Willoughby tried to remove the stone with an iron scraper. The report stated: "The scraper evidently struck a spark from the rock, and the blast exploded, blowing the poor fellow several yards away, burning his body fearfully, and burying a fragment of stone in his breast. He only breathed about ten minutes after the accident."

He died instantly. Ironically, another man usually fired the shots in this gang, but he was absent that day and Stapleton took his place. His body was placed in a coffin and taken to Cairns.

*The Cairns Post* reported that: "When the coffin was being taken from the van, a double line of people formed between the train and the gateway, there being about fifty people present, including a number of navvies, the friends of the deceased."

Stapleton was aged 41, and was from Parsontown, King's County, Ireland. He had been twenty years in Australia, and had worked in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia before coming to Queensland.

Despite the high casualty record on the project, little seems to have been done to rectify the situation. In March 1888 another young man met his death on the line. Thomas Hughes was killed at no. 4 tunnel. His workmates took his body by trolley car to Redlynch, from where it was conveyed to Cairns by train. He was buried in the Cairns Cemetery with the others killed on the line.

In early August 1888 *The Cairns Post* reported that Patrick Tarvey was killed at the Red Bluff on the second section. Tarvey had been working alone on Saturday, which was pay day for the navvies. As he had recently started on the job he had no pay to draw, so elected to work rather than have time off.

He was pressing loose stone from the cutting with a crowbar when the face fell away. He was flung about 400 feet and severely hurt. He was still alive when found and Dr. Mackenzie was summonsed, but nothing could be done for him. Tarvey died within an hour of his fall.

Despite the number of deaths on the line the local press appeared to be content to merely report the incidents without commenting on the tragedy of such a loss of life. Some of the reports in *The Cairns Post* merely recorded the bare facts, without elaboration of the circumstances, and even failed to mention some accidents resulting in fatalities.

However, this apparent disinterest in criticising the poor safety record of the constructing contractors changed on 22 September 1888 when the paper reported: "On Thursday one more victim was added to the list of those who have met their deaths on the second section.

"An Italian ganger, named John Zappa, one of two brothers on the line, fell from a cutting near Camp Oven Creek and rolled several hundred feet into the bed of the Barron.

"He was dead when picked up, and his body was brought into Cairns yesterday by train, being followed by nearly all the Italians on the line."

Less than one week later there were two accidents on the line at almost the same time and about two miles apart.

The most serious accident occurred at No. 77 cutting when Jas. Doyle, a powder monkey, was preparing a hole for blasting. He was working about 70 feet up the slope loading "rackarock" explosive into the hole.

The rackarock stuck as he was pushing it down into the hole, and he used a steel scraper to force it down. The use of iron scrapers for this purpose was banned, and wooden rammers were supplied.

As he withdrew the scraper the charge detonated and a large quantity of rock and earth was thrown down onto the men working below. They tried to flee but three were killed by the falling debris.

They were: John Cull, from Northern Ireland, and Antonio Raffaele and Lisidiai Dunouro, both from Italy.

All were single men and had been employed on the job for some months. Rescuers dug for about ten minutes to extricate the men. Raffaele had a broken back and died instantly. Cull had severe head injuries and lived only about ten minutes after being freed, and Dunouro lived for about one hour before expiring.

The second accident occurred at the Bluff and was also caused by premature explosion. William Rose, who was experienced in explosives, was charging a hole with his workmate, an Italian named Aremegro Citroni.

They were working 30 feet up the embankment when the rackarock stuck in the hole. Rose used a wooden rod to send it down but the charge exploded prematurely.

Both men were knocked some distance down the slope and Rose received a broken leg and other injuries when boulders rolled over him.

Although Citroni fell about 20 feet he was unhurt, and helped other men to carry Rose to safety and treatment.

Rackarock was a new explosive and had been in use on the second section for a short time. The Magisterial inquiry into the accidents concluded that the explosive probably became more unstable with heat, and the working conditions on the site exacerbated the danger.

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Not all casualties were recorded in the local press, and some were reported in more detail than others. Some of the casualties recorded in this report were sourced from southern papers, but appeared to have not been recorded in *The Cairns Post*, the local paper. The reason for this omission is unclear.

On 14 November 1887 two men were killed at No. 4 tunnel when about 10 feet of the face fell in and smothered them.

Martin Brennan, 40 years old, from Ireland, and Alexander Corbett, 25 years old, from Ross-shire in Scotland, died instantly in the accident. Although the doctor was on the scene soon after the accident there was nothing he could do.

The bodies were taken to Dillon's Hotel where suitable clothes were made available for the burial. A special funeral train was sent to take the bodies to Cairns for burial. The train stopped at the McLeod Street Cemetery where both men were interred. Reverend Father J.P. Crane, of the Roman Catholic Church officiated at Martin Brennan's burial, and Reverend R. Newell of the Primitive Methodist Church performed the rites for Alexander Corbett.

From the number of blasting accidents that occurred on the second section of the railway it would appear that the contractors were not employing enough experienced miners. North Queensland was home to many experienced underground miners with expertise in blasting, so the apparent scarcity of competent men on the project seems to indicate that the contractors were not willing to pay for experience. This opinion

is supported by the fact that after many accidents the contractors started to advertise for experienced miners.

Another blasting accident took the life of Patrick Stapleton in February 1888. Stapleton was described as a navvy, which was the term for a railway labourer, so he evidently did not have mining experience.

He was working near Stoney Creek Falls when a shot misfired during blasting operations. Stapleton "jumped out" the hole and was given some dynamite to reload. The hole suddenly exploded, and it was later assumed that there was still some powder in the hole, and it was somehow ignited. Stapleton's head was almost blown off, and his eyes and nose were gone.

Work accidents weren't the only cause of death on the second section, however. *The Cairns Post* of 26 October 1887 reported that Samuel Scalby, a ganger on the line was bitten on the calf of the leg by a black snake. He died within an hour of being bitten.



## How High the Cost?

### TRAGEDIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KURANDA RANGE RAILWAY

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On 3 November 1888 a powder monkey named Walter Cornell, who was about 30 years old, was killed when his head was crushed when he fell.

Just after noon Cornell set four charges on a batter about 50 feet above the formation level. He called out "fire" to warn other workers that an explosion was imminent.

The ganger, Joseph Steele, went in one direction to warn other away while another man, Joseph Piper, was sent in the opposite direction for the same purpose. Steele heard all shots explode and went back to his camp for lunch.

On returning to work at one o'clock the men found Cornell lying dead on the formation level.

It was believed that after he lit the fuse he slipped while getting away from the blast. Apparently he fell 50 feet to the formation and landed on his head. He was born in England, and came direct to Cairns to work on the line.

The accident rate did not improve as the line progressed. On 7 August 1889 *The Cairns Post* reported another fatal accident:

"On Saturday afternoon Surprise Creek was the scene of an accident by which the lives of two men were added to the holocaust of the second section of the Cairns-Herberton railway, while a third lies in the Cairns Hospital in a painful condition.

*"Whether the terrible frequency of accidents is due to a want of proper supervision in the way of blasting and tunnelling operations, or whether a want of knowledge in the use of explosives, or carelessness on the part of the men themselves while at work attended by danger, is to blame is a moot question; public opinion on the line inclining to the latter theory. But whatever the cause, the results are equally deplorable."*

The men were killed by a premature explosion, probably caused when the powder they were loading into a hole was ignited by heat from a previous explosion. William Smith was killed instantly by the blast and W. Sullivan was found about 40 feet from the explosion. He was caught by a rock when his body was flung down the batter, and he lingered for five hours before succumbing to his injuries. P. Haggerty was seriously injured and had damage to one eye.

The bodies of the deceased were carried to Cairns by their friends, and the Railway Department was widely criticised for not supplying a train to transport the bodies.

August 1889 was a bad month for accidents on the line. The Cairns Post reported on 20 August that "An Italian was killed yesterday morning while felling trees on the second section of the Cairns-Herberton railway." The paper failed to give his name or other details. Ten days later another Italian, Citroni Giovanni was injured when a stone was dislodged from above him and struck him on the head.

He rolled 40 feet down the embankment after the impact. He lingered until the next day and died from a fractured skull.

A fractured skull was also the cause of death of John Kehoe on 19 December 1889. He was working at Camp Oven Creek and it was assumed that he fell from a cutting and smashed his head while returning from his work at dinner time. His body was not discovered for many hours.

He was described as a steady, sober man. He had accumulated savings of £600, a small fortune in those days. His friends thought he had been planning a trip to the "old country" soon.

On 18 January 1890 another employee on the line expired from a fractured skull. He was described as "an elderly man named Waters", and it was surmised that a stone fell from above and struck him on the head. He was taken to the Cairns Hospital where he died two days later.

At least one man who should have been a statistic defied the odds and lived to tell the tale. On 14 June 1890 *The Cairns Post* reported: "That it is better to be born lucky than rich, was well exemplified on Monday, when a man named Richard Newbury, a fine young fellow of magnificent physique, slipped off Stoney Creek bridge on the second section, and fell a distance of some 50 feet.

"His mates, seeing the fall, expected to gather up the fragments that remained, but to their utter astonishment found him very little the worse for his disaster. It appears that after dropping 25 feet his fall was broken by a protruding ledge, so that the next drop of 25 feet was not of material importance.

"Dr. Dobie reports no broken bones and no internal injuries, although (says the doctor) by rights he should have dislocated his hip, broken his leg in three places, smashed his sternum, stove in his head, fractured his ribs, and broken his neck."

The construction of the Kuranda Range Railway probably cost many more lives than those recorded here. Apart from the number of accidents recorded there were many suicides in North Queensland in that period. The workforce was predominantly young, single, and many were far from home and family. The extremely hard work in an unfriendly tropical environment, coupled with loneliness and alcohol took its toll on the workers. We will never know how many of these men chose to take their own lives.



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**Class 10 from Candlenut Steiner School** went on a trip to the Tiwi Islands, off Darwin in the Northern Territory. The purpose of our trip was to get to experience a remote community first hand, find out a little about the culture and give altruistically back to the community.

As well as sightseeing, during our trip we were busy helping wherever was needed. We have moved a water tank, helped clean the local pool, helped in the classrooms at the local school and participated in the after school sports programme.

The Tiwi Island art is internationally recognised and our group had the opportunity to learn how to carve a 'tokwanpini' (wooden carved bird) with Edward from Munupi Arts.

When asked about the camp community experience, Jaawan (one of the class 10 students) said, "It's been great to be a part of the school and to experience this."

Ernie (a parent), said, "It's nice that even though we had links to the community, the people opened up to us about the Tiwi life, making us feel welcome."

Lisa (teacher), is immensely proud of how each student has been a mature, responsible and open-hearted ambassador of our Candlenut Steiner School. We all hope that the relationship built between our schools can continue into future years so that other classes can also have this opportunity and so that children from Tiwi Islands can visit our community.



Edward (Munupi Arts), Lisa, Reece, Jaawan and Mischa with their 'tokwanpini'!





# Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

I was first introduced to the artwork of Kuranda artist **David Stacey** about 15 years ago when I stood mesmerised in front of his large colourful paintings in an exhibition in Cairns. David's use of intricately drawn patterns vary to create contrast and also help define the natural pattern of an animal or bird, nests, feathers, stones, fruit, leaves and insects included in the illustration. His added colours are vivid, carefully chosen and true to the colours of our environment. David's limited edition prints are produced by the giclee (pronounced "zhee-klay") printing process. The quality of giclee printing rivals and exceeds that of the traditional printing and is commonly found in museums, art galleries worldwide. Primarily considered a painter, his pen and ink works appear in various publications such as scientific journals and university texts. David Stacey has had over twenty successful solo exhibitions in Australia and Japan. David is an artist of genuine repute, his name is synonymous with the genre of fine art, the work speaks for itself. A visit to his Kuranda art gallery never disappoints.

## Where is your current studio?

At the moment I haven't a permanent studio as I am house sitting. None the less, I have a space to work at night. During the day, when time permits, I can do my artwork in my gallery in Coondoo Street, Kuranda, mainly pen and ink works and preliminary drawings as it is easier to 'stop/start' with pens and pencils unlike painting. Water colours are far harder as the paint dries quickly.

## Do you work alone or with others?

I have always worked alone. It has its advantages such as not being disturbed. The downside is it's a very solitary existence and sometimes makes me think it would be great to work with other artists.

## What are the essential features your studio has to have?

A small drawing table specific for illustrations would be great and an easel for working on stretched canvases. I also need a good light over my left shoulder.

## Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

Erratic at the best of times but I have always found the night to be the optimal time, with no distractions except for my music, which is essential. I sit in a bubble of light, everything else is redundant.

## Describe the works you do in your studio.

I am working on a book and have been for over two years. It is a big project and will take another two years to finish. This takes up most of my time.

## Why is visual art your chosen medium?

Good question! When I was a child my mother introduced me to story books such as Grimm's Fairy Tales. These were first published in 1812 and all editions were extensively illustrated. I was always fascinated by the pen and ink illustrations. The work of Pixie O'Harris, writer and illustrator, comes to mind also. Later in my early teens I got lost in "Caption Good Vibes" a comic book in its time. The illustrations really inspired me. So I guess pen and ink was my first medium to work with, then later came water colours and pen and ink, then acrylics.

## List three things you listen to while working.

Radio national, TripleJ and my own song lists which are varied in style from the classics to rock.

## Your favourite tool?

My illustration pens and the sizes vary from .8mm to .005mm. They are very fine pens that give such great effects when cross thatching and stippling.

## How do you identify your work?

I have been painting and illustrating for about 35 years. In this time I'd hoped there was an original signature to my work. Its all about the natural beauty that surrounds us here in North Queensland. My aim is to capture the quintessential essence of nature. More often, I find myself concentrating on a part of a landscape, that part of a landscape that identifies the whole of it.

## How do you sell your work?

I sell my work mainly from my gallery in Kuranda and from my website [www.davidstacey.com](http://www.davidstacey.com).



## Do you have any other paid or unpaid work?

No, I don't have any other work. My artwork is my life and it sometimes pays but is often unpaid.

## If you could change one thing about your studio what would that be?

Just to have a permanent studio would be a blessing.

## If you were not working with visual art what would you be doing?

I have a deep interest in psychology. I have a fascination in the way the brain works, or on the flip side, when it doesn't work. I have personally lived with mental illness on and off. I would love to learn more about the grey matter that can plunge you into a black hole, then on another day can fill you with joy.



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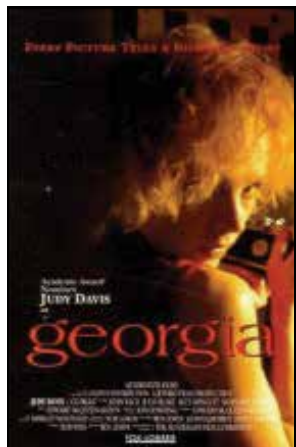


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### Georgia

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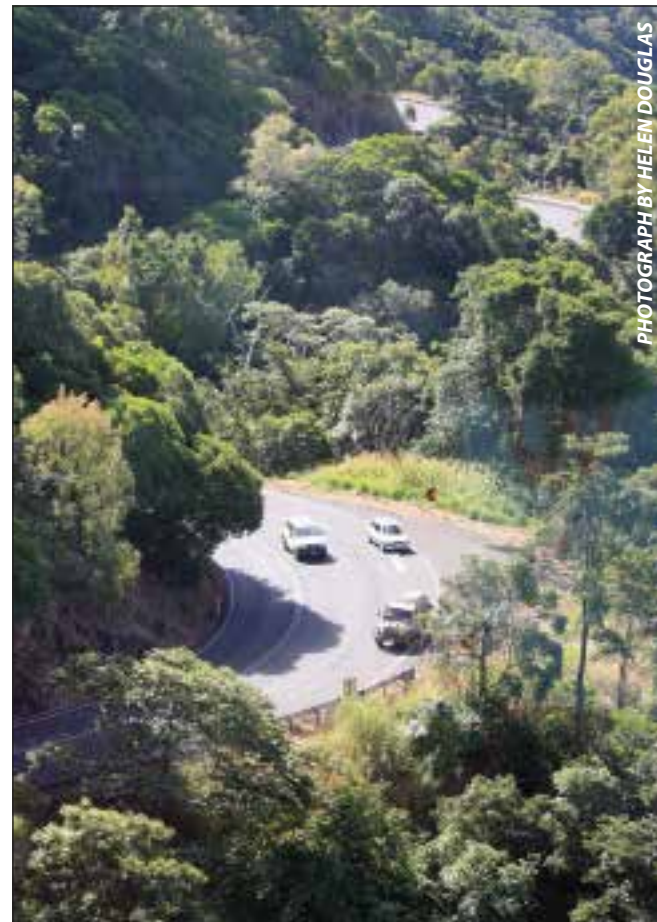
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS Safety Upgrades Continue On Kuranda Range Road



PHOTOGRAPH BY HELEN DOUGLAS

Work to widen the inside of a tight curve at the bottom of Kuranda Range Road has begun.

The widening work will improve safety for road users and is due for completion before Christmas, weather permitting.

With the wet season fast approaching, crews will also be installing soil nails and barriers to reduce the risk and impact of landslips.

Soil nails are steel reinforcement bars used to stabilise areas where landslides might be a problem.

Landslips can close the road for days at a time, which causes huge disruptions for commuters, businesses and tourism and transport operators.

For the safety of workers and road users, changed traffic conditions will be in place for the duration of the project.

The works will require a single lane closure, which will be managed by manually-controlled traffic signals.

Most of the works will be carried out during the day, with some operations at night, if it is safe to do so.

We acknowledge the impact that delays caused by road works can have on road users, and thank motorists for their patience while these important safety improvements are carried out.

## Season's Greetings

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## Yellow Crazy Ant Treatment Update For Russett Park

Russett Park residents in yellow crazy ant treatment areas should see a gradual decline in yellow crazy ant numbers by late November.

The second round of yellow crazy ant treatments for 2014 was completed the week ending 14 November and residents should see a gradual decline in yellow crazy ant numbers by late November and over the three months that follow.

The Russett Park area was treated with Engage P, an insect growth regulator designed to sterilise the yellow crazy ant queens to prevent reproduction. The ants live their normal short life of about three months, then die of old age. Where the worker ants have taken the bait to the nest and fed the queens, ants and queens are not replaced and the nest is eradicated. However, this doesn't always happen and sometimes a new queen is in the pupae stage and is not susceptible. As a result, multiple treatments are required to eliminate infestations.

Wet Tropics Management Authority executive director, Andrew Maclean thanked residents for their cooperation once again.

"The cooperation of residents in infested areas has been excellent, but we ask that you remain vigilant to ensure infestations are not spread further.

"Take all green waste to council waste transfer stations where it is monitored for yellow crazy ants and electric ants. Illegal dumping of green waste, timber and rubbish from around the yard greatly increases the risk of spreading yellow crazy ants.

"If you live in a yellow crazy ant treatment area and are moving house, contact the Authority or Biosecurity Queensland for a free inspection of pot plants, outdoor furniture and other potential risk items," Mr Maclean added.



## Hydroponic Gardening

by JAN COULTER

I went away for a month from September to October but have now replanted and everything is doing fine. I have Tomatoes – Roma – and some special purple cherry tomatoes that are about an inch across.

In summer I just have to go up to the garden to make a salad. I have a variety of lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, herbs, chinese vegetables, beans and carrots. The beans I grow are bush beans which do not require a trellis and you only need about three and keep planting them every few weeks.

### Why Grow Plants Hydroponically?

There are quite a few advantages:

- Space: You don't need a lot of space but you do need natural light. When they are grown indoors you require lights, pumps, extractor fans etc.
- Waist height: Enables people who have bad backs to continue gardening. There is no digging and
- It is easy to pull up weeds from sand.
- Cats and Dogs: Most animals can't reach them. My husband built a frame covered with bird netting to keep the birds off the tomatoes and small seedlings.
- Water Use: Instead of standing with a hose you

only need enough water for the individual plants.

Tomatoes require about one litre each a day. Most plants are capillary fed so they only use what they require. Some people think hydroponic gardening is not natural but most of my formula consists of what is in our bore water. It contains Calcium, Magnesium, iron, boron copper etc.

- Containers: I use mostly recycled containers. The lettuce grow in channels with a lid on and holes cut out for the pots. Tomatoes in 25L containers and

are heavy feeders. I make the nutrient formula up in bulk: it depends on how much you want to grow.

- No contact with the ground: Virtually no weeds and a lot less bugs. Grasshoppers etc don't bother them. Grubs have a bit of trouble climbing up to them too.



herbs in polystyrene boxes which have previously held broccoli. These containers are very useful for most plants.

Cost: Nutrient solutions for small hydroponic systems can often be adequately prepared by adding additional components to standard general fertiliser (Aquasol or Phostogen), five parts Gypsum, one part Epsom Salts, six parts soluble plant food. This mixture can be used at one teaspoon for lettuce and two level teaspoons for tomatoes per five litres of water. Tomatoes

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# Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well, the year has gone by so quickly and our Kuranda team has done and achieved so much over the last year. Here are photos from the last Zone 18 Gymkhana and sporting championships, held over two days in Babinda. On both days all riders won ribbons and trophies over all age groups. Well done. All looked amazing and we are all so proud. You all deserve a good break. All families that attended also enjoyed a good night at the Dinner and Cabaret.



We would also like to welcome our new caretakers, Sue and Fred Higgins. Many thanks for all the work so far. We hope you have a lovely, restful, stay at our grounds.

The last few events for the year are coming soon. Make sure you put these in the diary:

**Final rally/working bee/planning for 2015/bring all your ideas from 8.00am Saturday 6th December.**

**Break up and Trophy presentation is being held at Davies Creek from 10.00am Saturday 13th December.**

**AGM and Sign-on, 2015 Friday 9th January.**

**First Rally for the year, 17th January and 31st January.**

**Lots happening in February/March. We'll keep you all posted.**



So, at this time, our committee and our club members would like to say a huge "Thank you" to all friends, families, sponsors, Council and all involved in helping and supporting the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club in 2014 and wish you all a very happy, healthy, and successful Christmas and 2015. Hope to see you at our club one day. Everyone is welcome to come and see our great riders.

If anyone would like any information about us, we have a Facebook site and also the Zone 18 and PCAQ website with lots of events and information. Or you can contact Di on 0400 930 379 or [paulanddi@bigpond.com](mailto:paulanddi@bigpond.com).

See you all soon. Keep riding.

*Di Curtis, President/Instructor*

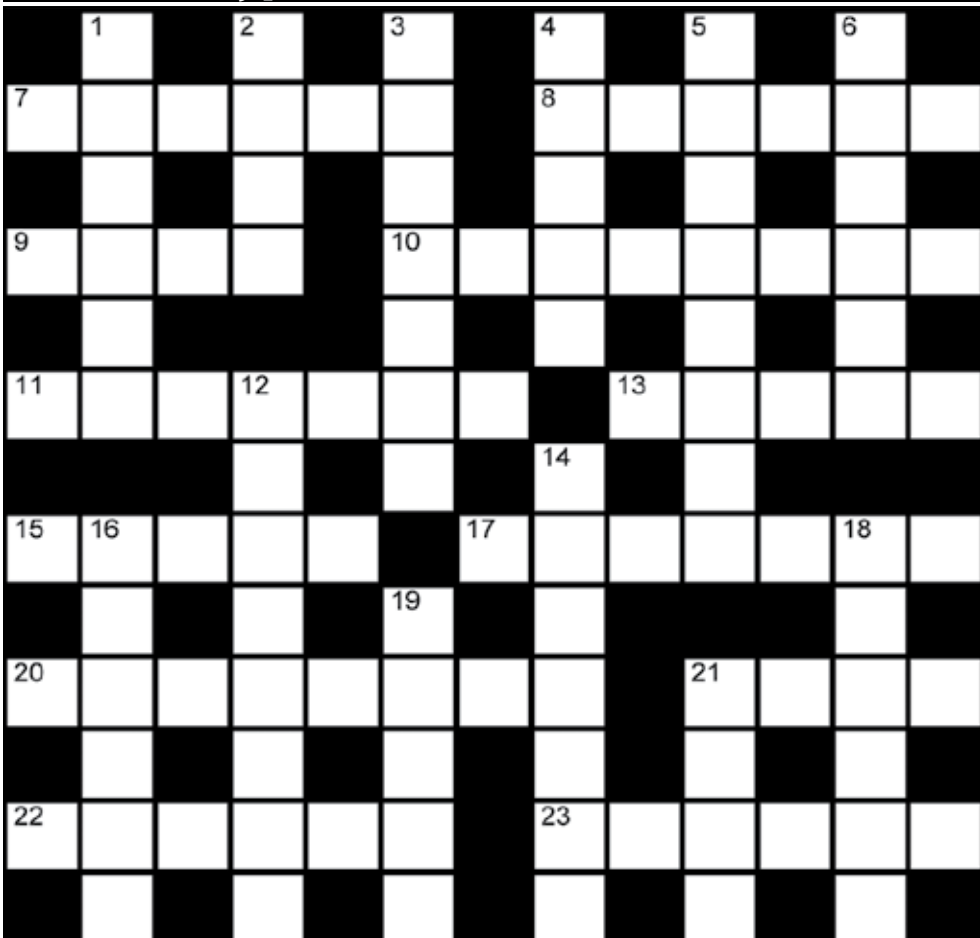
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## Cryptic Crossword #9 BY DAVID



### Across

- 7 Addict going around old city finds loan shark (6)
- 8 Behold upset small parrot flop about (6)
- 9 I have little time for communication (4)
- 10 Bovine runs tongue over tufts (8)
- 11 Rearranged molecules created by I.M. Ross with energy alternative (7)
- 13 Advert to state love (5)
- 15 Dumb rages conceal deep gloominess (5)
- 17 Place where flies might go on the net? (7)
- 20 Small submarine is noisy (8)
- 21 Ethnic person, we are told, used to make cheese, (4)
- 22 Red toe erupts to reveal parasitic worm (6)
- 23 Show drug to man (6)

### Down

- 1 Over time "burdensome" animals become useful possessions (6)
- 2 Maritime embargoes excessive for ship (4)
- 3 Obtain professional remedy (7)
- 4 Lots of swerves (5)
- 5 Stars abused sleep aid (8)
- 6 Nut has breakdown followed by emergency response (6)
- 12 Deviant erotisms lead to receptive openings (8)
- 14 Inject 50 to make dog a stayer (7)
- 16 Dog ahead of queen retrieves grouse (6)
- 18 The ethnic group lacks energy in ancient east European state (6)
- 19 Backache lotion is excessive for slave (5)
- 21 Small, eye-catching feature (4)

**SOLUTION ON PAGE 32**



## Support Your Local Markets!

Christmas is a good time to visit the local markets at Speewah (below) open every Sunday and Mareeba (right) open monthly, not only for the great choice of local fruit and vegs, but also for locally made gifts.



Members of the Kuranda QCWA Branch gathered together on Wednesday 19th November for their Christmas Break-up Brunch. As usual, with everyone bringing a dish or two, the tables were groaning with delicious food – everything from homemade Sausage Rolls to Pavlova.

Talented ladies from the Honey & Spice Ukulele Group entertained us with music and songs including a special rendition of “Happy Birthday” for our two special members with birthdays coming up very soon. Emily Matsen reaches a grand 90 years and Allie Jenkin not far behind turning 85 years old next month. So central to the food table were two cakes, one for the birthday girls, and one for our branch celebrating our 76th birthday on 18th November.

The lovely cakes and cupcakes were produced by Hope and Sheila from the Kuranda Fudge Bar. A Christmas collections was donated to the Kuranda SES.

Only one more job before Christmas and that will be our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on 6th December. All that remains is for us to again thank the local community who support us throughout the year. We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas. See you in the New Year.



## What is Freemasonry?

THAT is a question that cannot be answered in a few words, there is a lot of ground to cover and with the editors permission I would like to undertake several articles which I trust will explain Freemasonry and the help and service it gives. So what is it?

Freemasonry (also known as “The Craft”) is a fraternity of men bound together by vows of morality on public and private life, who believe in God and the rights of members to free choice of religion and political persuasion.

Freemasons meet in buildings plainly identified as Masonic Centres and public announcements of their meetings are often published in daily and community publications. There is no attempt to hide the names of community leaders who are Freemasons.

To convey the messages Freemasonry has to give and for the uniformity of presentation in our ceremonies we use a ritual – an oral tradition of storytelling that has been passed down the generations for hundreds of years. Our ritual is often considered by Freemasons as being the most colourful and interesting method of imparting the lessons and values of The Craft. We employ the tools of the stone mason as symbols of basic moral truths and our Masonic ritual dramatises a philosophy of life based on morality.

The fraternity of Freemasonry encourages self-improvement, promotes patriotism and respect for the rule of law, sanctions equal rights under law, practices good will towards all men, and contributes generously to worthy causes. Masonic Charities are renowned world-wide for work with medical research and other noble purposes.

When masons say world wide, that is what Freemasonry is, when a Freemason visits another country he will be welcomed into their Lodges. He may find variations to the ritual he is used to, but in the main, even if he does not speak the language he will be able to follow the meeting. After the meeting there is usually a festive board, it may be a plain fare of sandwiches and cakes, right through to a full three course meal. It is in this atmosphere of leisure that a raffle may be held to raise money for charitable donations to be made to worthy causes. These are usually included in the local press, watch the Cairns Post but more often you will see wider coverage in the Tableland Newspapers.

It will be my pleasure in future articles to take the interested reader deeper into Freemasonry.

– Brian Reeves



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Council is required to conduct a water meter reading program on a six-monthly basis for the purpose of charging rateable properties the applicable water tariff as adopted by Council as the Water Schedule 2014-2015 under the annual Fees and Charges Schedule 2014-2015.

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**Christmas:** I would like to wish all Kuranda District residents a very Happy Christmas as well as expressing my sincere thanks for your continued support throughout the year. 2014 has certainly been a different year, with plenty of challenges but also plenty of successes. We are almost one year down the track with the new Mareeba Shire and it certainly is a "new" and different MSC.

Enjoy your Christmas and New Year and please stay safe.

**Congratulations To All Community Groups:** Too numerous to mention every community group within the Kuranda District, but thank you all for the tremendous work you do for our community. There is so much passion and genuine contribution within our community: your efforts are often somewhat unseen, but make such a difference to our community.

**Therwine Street Upgrade:** Consultation on the project is about to commence. The project is funded by Infrastructure funds and will provide for the upgrade to Therwine Street, the undergrounding of power lines and improvements to the streetscape.

**Tourism Kuranda:** The Tourism Kuranda Advisory Committee is currently considering their recommendation to Council regarding the Kuranda Benefitted Area Rate for 2015-16. Committee members are seeking feedback from commercial property owners in the Kuranda Village area. The Tourism Kuranda office has now moved to the site of the old Visitors Centre.

**Kuranda Community Precinct:** At a recent Council Meeting, the Development Application to proceed with the first stage of the redevelopment of the Precinct was approved. The Architect plans for the new Library have been approved and works are expected to commence soon. The old PreSchool site has now been sold and all funds will go into a special reserve to fund the further development of the Precinct. Members of the Advisory Committee are now focused on the Master Plan for the future plans for the whole of the Precinct area.

**Get Prepared!** If you have not done so already, it's time to get ready for the cyclone and fire season. Every household needs to have a "plan" and an emergency kit. Know what you will do in the event of an emergency or an evacuation. The time to get ready is now. Council has a comprehensive Disaster Management Plan and staff have been trained in readiness. Really important to remember that there are no official "evacuation centres" and everyone needs to consider where

you would go if your home was not safe or you were asked to leave your home before a cyclone. Have those important phone numbers ready!

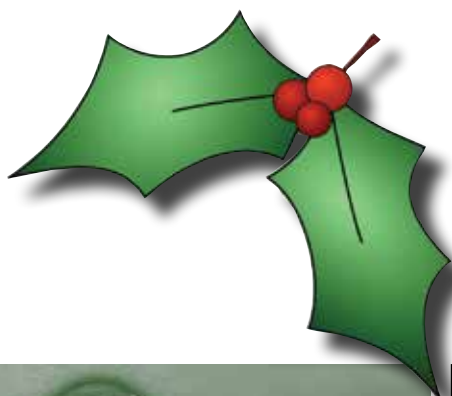
**Construction Work Intersection Rob Veivers Drive & Morton Street:** Construction works at the intersections are now complete and residents are reminded of the new arrangements for traffic exiting and entering Morton St from Rob Veivers Drive. The signage to indicate the changes will be installed soon.

**Nominations For Australia Day Awards:** Nominations for Australia Day Awards are now open. Make the effort to nominate someone from your community. Nominations can be made in the following categories: Citizen Award, Young Citizen, Senior Sports, Junior Sports, Arts & Cultural, Community Service, Environmental Excellence, Quiet Achievers Award. Nomination forms are available from Council offices at Mareeba and Kuranda, or at [www.msc.qld.gov.au/australia-day-awards/](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au/australia-day-awards/). Nominations close Thursday 15th January.

**Mayor's Community Appeal:** As in previous years, the Mayor's Appeal will assist needy families in our community at Christmas time. The Appeal provides funds for Christmas hampers for those in need. Over the next two months, you are invited to donate to the Appeal. Donations are tax deductible and certainly help others in your community. If you would like to apply for a hamper, please see Marg or Ceri at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

**Christmas Lights Competition:** Get into the Christmas spirit this year by lighting up your house or business. Council is offering great prizes for the "Light Up Your Christmas" Competition in four categories: Best Residence, Best Business, Best Street, Best Rural. Entry forms are available at the Kuranda library or on the Council website.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!



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## Library Lines

During the Christmas and New Year holiday, Kuranda Library is offering many different events:

There will be six Christmas craft activities to suit a range of ages: Candle Printing for Ages 8+; a Stained 'Glass' creation for Ages 6+ and Bell Cup Carol Singer for Ages 9+. There are two sessions for each craft and booking is essential, due to limited places. Please check with Kuranda Library staff for dates and times, or access the library website at [www.msc.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au/libraries) and click on 'EVENTS & ACTIVITIES'.

Maker Space projects are being extended so we now have additional experiments on offer over the holidays.

For December, the Maker Spaces experiments continue and will include 'Car and Boat Snap-on' which is a battery-powered project; 'Science Wiz Charge', which uses static electricity; Stunt Buggy – also a battery-powered project, and a Solar Robot kit – powered by a solar cell (let's hope the sun is shining that day!)

Again we only have limited spaces so, to avoid disappointment and if your child is aged between 9 and 16, we encourage you to book your child's place soon.



**This project has received financial assistance from the Queensland Government through State Library of Queensland.**

With the Cyclone season fast approaching, do you have your Emergency Kit prepared? Kuranda Library has a kit on display to give you some idea of what to include: remember to keep batteries and phones charged so your family is ready for action should the need arise.

You are invited to meet author John Barclay, who refers to himself as "The Rambling Poet". He will be at Kuranda Library on 11 December, 2014 at 11 a.m. so please come and join us for a coffee and a chat.

**MEET ME IN THE PUB!** Another Kuranda Library Book Club is in the process of being formed. Book Clubs are a wonderful way to meet new people and expand your reading genres. So why not add this chapter to your book of life, and have fun at the same time! For an informal chat about joining a Mareeba Library Service Book Club please come and join me (Wendy) in the Top Pub from 6.00pm–8.00pm on Wednesday 10th December, 2014.

Our final Storytime session for 2014 will be 12th December and will resume on 6th February, 2015. These sessions are aimed at pre-school children and include a couple of stories with actions, followed by a related craft. If you are new to the Kuranda district, you are very welcome to come and join in.

Please note: Kuranda Library and Council Office will be closing at 2.00pm on the 19th December 2014 to allow all staff to attend a council-wide function in Mareeba.

**Closing dates and times for the Kuranda Library and Council Office, over the Christmas and New Break, are as follows:  
Early closing at Noon on 24th December, 2014 and re-opening  
10.00am Monday 5th January, 2015.**

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## And Now for Something Politically Incorrect...

*How many men does it take to open a beer?*

None. It should be opened when she brings it.

*Why is a Laundromat a really bad place to pick up a woman?*

Because a woman who can't even afford a washing machine will probably never be able to support you.

*Why do women have smaller feet than men?*

It's one of those 'evolutionary things' that allows them to stand closer to the kitchen sink.

*How do you know when a woman is about to say something smart?*

When she starts a sentence with "A man once told me..."

*How do you fix a woman's watch?*

You don't. There is a clock on the oven.

*If your dog is barking at the back door and your wife is yelling at the front door, who do you let in first?*

The dog, of course. He'll shut up once you let him in.

*Scientists have discovered a food that diminishes a woman's sex drive by 90%.*

It's called a Wedding Cake.

*Why do men die before their wives?*

They want to.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.



## Trout On Line

It was an awe inspiring sight to see several hundred passengers ferried smoothly and quickly from the P&O luxury liner, Pacific Dawn, to the Yorkeys Knob foreshore last week, in the beautiful tropical sunshine.

Until now, it has been a major operation to disembark and embark passengers from cruise ships mooring off Yorkeys. A great deal of time was spent waiting at the old small jetty in full sun, to board the tenders ferrying them back to their ships. Swift transfers to and from shore, and more efficient flow of buses means more time for cruise ship passengers to explore further afield than the immediate environs of Yorkeys Knob. This of course means more tourism dollars for Kuranda and more people carrying word back to friends overseas about the magic of your village in the rainforest.

More than \$2.2 million has been spent on the upgrades, a joint venture between Ports North, Yorkeys Knob Boating Club and State Government. I am very proud to have been instrumental in bringing this about.

The upgrades include improving the cruise ship tender operation as well as the public mooring facilities for small craft. The carpark has also been reconfigured with the safety and comfort of users in mind, with a large covered area to protect against the elements, and improvements to facilitate movement of tourist buses.

I am sure there will be some recreational boaties in Kuranda who will enjoy this new facility not too far from the bottom of the range.

Not long now until our Vinnies Community Sleepout. I do encourage you to join me and representatives of St Vincent de Paul Society, and other community members, in sleeping rough for just one night to raise funds for Vinnies, and raise awareness of homelessness. Participants receive a few sheets of cardboard to sleep on, and a bowl of soup, but there will be opportunity to make a donation to Vinnies by auction to secure items to make your night more comfortable. Anyone is welcome to join us from 5pm on 28 November, where we hope to have a couple of brave people relate to us their personal tales of homelessness. We welcome input from anyone who has been in this unenviable situation. Your personal story will help others gain greater understanding and empathy. To register for the event, go to [www.communitysleepout.org.au](http://www.communitysleepout.org.au), or for further information ring Suzy at my office: 4038 2800 or email [barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au).

This week and last week have seen a flurry of Year 12 graduation ceremonies. Unfortunately I missed Kuranda District State College due to my own daughter's school presentation evening – one event I could not miss. We have a great education system now, and the Great Results Guarantee initiative received many accolades at the Principals' Forum I facilitated earlier this year with Minister for Education, John Paul Langbroek.

As they step away from secondary education, our Year 12s are unlikely to be thinking past celebrating, but this is the time when they can be applying for a Tertiary Education Scholarship through the Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund. Initial enquiries regarding eligibility can be made to Debbie Wood at FNQYA on 4051 6590 or by emailing [fnq.youthassist@iig.com.au](mailto:fnq.youthassist@iig.com.au), or visit the website: [www.fnqyaf.org.au](http://www.fnqyaf.org.au).

As this will be the last Trout Online for 2014, I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy New Year. I close with these great words from Oren Arnold:

### **Christmas gift suggestions:**

- To your enemy, forgiveness
- To an opponent, tolerance
- To a friend, your heart
- To a customer, service
- To all, charity
- To every child, a good example
- To yourself, respect.

**Michael Trout MP Member for Barron River**

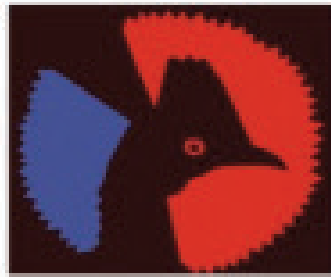
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## RENEWAL – REVITALISATION – REJUVENATION - Expansion

This is what is happening to Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery (KCons), thanks to the great men and women who have come to us through Jobfind. We are fortunate to be the Kuranda base for participants to learn nursery procedures and practices. This necessarily embraces broader conservation matters such as plant identification, seed collection and selecting the right species for the right locations. New nursery benches are being erected to take the increasing number of plants being propagated. Most of our plants have been potted into larger containers allowing the size of our plants to explode. We still have the smaller 52 tube stock but there is now an awesome array of advanced plants – that's new for us!

### Bandicoots bothering you?

They're out and about digging up your vegetable and flower gardens, looking for worms. But there is a remedy:

Lay chicken mesh flat on your garden bed. You can use any old chicken wire and it doesn't have to be strong. A big-hole mesh is very effective in preventing the bandicoots from digging up your plants. If you're preparing a new garden bed, you might consider laying the wire mesh as the finishing touch and planting through the mesh.

If you need to lay the mesh on an established garden, the thin wire is fairly easy to cut around each plant. Yes, it's a bit fussy but it will save your plants. It might also help to pin the mesh down with wire bent like a tent peg, or just weigh it down with some rocks.

BUT, before you start filling up all the holes they've made, use the fact that they've done all the hard work and fill the holes with water. It'll get right to where you want it, at the roots of the plants. Then fill in the holes and lay the mesh.

**Pythons love cats. For the sake of your cat (and precious wildlife), keep it indoors at all times.**

**Snake Removal:** Snakes are fully active now, and will be drawn to your chook house or guinea pig hutch. They love the heat of your ceiling cavity where it's safe and dry to shed their skin. Keeping them out of your ceiling space can be a bit tricky. They'll be looking for any overhanging tree branches to get access to your roof. A 4m python has quite a good reach, so ensure there is no way they can get up there.

Most of the time they just go about their business and are not interested in you at all. It's natural to be fearful but usually unfounded. If you simply can't live with them, call Jax on 4093 8834 to have them relocated. Please don't try to kill them – that's when you might come off second best.



LEFT: Jax and Di met the Federal Commissioner for Threatened Species and Colin the Cassowary at the Australasian Bird Fair in Sydney in October 2014. Colin is a gift to the Wet Tropics from Anne O'Brien of Fiji. This well travelled bird made for interesting luggage on the trip home. Anne O'Brien makes puppets and toys of threatened wildlife then visits schools to promote the need to protect and conserve them. She wanted Colin to be where he belongs.



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## Wildlife Habitat Supporters: THANK YOU!

Thanks all of you who have contacted us to find out how to be assessed for our latest Wildlife friendly property sign.

Hopefully Sylvia or one of our other assessors will get to your property before Christmas. For those of you who haven't contacted us yet, we're happy to book you in for an assessment in the New Year. Read about it on our website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au) and email us on [info@envirocare.org.au](mailto:info@envirocare.org.au)



## Jum Rum Creek Bank Crew Needed

Kuranda Envirocare's small grant offer to help combat soil erosion in Jum Rum is being taken up by quite a few properties and we're looking for additional volunteers to assist with the plantings between now and Xmas. Landholders are committing to yearly follow ups for the plantings, to discuss progress and any assistance needed.

Would you like to secure the creek banks on your property, and create a more secure habitat for the wildlife inhabiting the creeks edge? Gather a few willing neighbours and friends together and give us a call at the nursery on Monday or Thursday 9.00 till 1.00pm or Sylvia on 0409 647 714.



## From the Birders' Diary

Kuranda Envirocare was successful in obtaining a Birds of Australia grant: there was great excitement all around. The grant will allow further analysis and web publication of the natural recovery of rainforest bird species in Envirocare plantings which range from 6 months to 25 plus years in age.



Flocks containing several species of insectivorous rainforest birds like the spectacled monarch (left) and pale yellow robin (right) have been seen in plantings of all ages this year, with some pairs starting to nest. Noted for its late arrival this year, possibly due to the late storm season, is the migrant paradise kingfisher, hopefully returning next month.

## Date Claimers

**Saturday 29 November:** Envirocare Xmas party – pot luck dinner, venue TBA. Please ring Margaret on 4093 8393 for venue/ sweet or savoury

**Wednesday 3 December** 7.00pm Feature movie: "Fractured Country: an unconventional invasion" Special FoEK screening and discussion Amphitheatre Understage on Barron Falls Road Road. All welcome.

**Tropical tree planting day:** Saturday 6th December 7:30am **Community Planting** at Owens creek near Twin Figs. Please bring a hat and water bottle, a smile and a wish for rain. No storms between now and then, we'll postpone to New year

**BOX TRAILER HIRE: Contact Garth 4093 9926**

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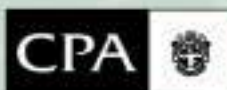
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# Magic



Written by the children of Far North Queensland

## HUGS

Only Magic Club members shall be given the special Birthday Bear Greeting



Jayish Datta  
Ezraa Chahara

**MAGIC MEMBERSHIP DETAILS**

NAME ..... AGE ..... YES MONTHS OF BIRTH .....

TELEPHONE ..... EMAIL ..... SCHOOL .....

*Giggles*

Q: What brings you for sleep with  
A: Santa Claus

Q: What is your favourite Christmas  
A: The Elves

Q: What is your favourite Santa  
A: Santa Claus

**Puzzlet**

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**Puzzlet**

### THE TELEPHONE CODE

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## Yarns Tales

### THANKFUL AND HAPPY — Mini Anissa — 10yrs

Sometimes I imagine I am a butterfly when I'm sad. The butterfly takes me to all the things I love, when I see them I am thankful and feel happy. Yesterday, I became my beautiful butterfly when I fell over and stamped my toe. I grew the most gorgeous blue golden wings and flew to my little black dog, Tiggly. I landed on his wet nose and felt a little golden butterfly print there. I love Tiggly he's so cute, he loves to chase butterflies. The cool wind carried me out on the ocean, I floated above the waves. The ocean water was fast calm and relaxed, just as I was about to fly all the way up to the clouds a big gust picked me up. It pushed me little wings with a burst all the way back to my house. As the sun set, I looked above my family playing Uno, shouting and laughing trying to win. I love playing Uno I try every time, my little brother sometimes cheats. It makes me angry but I'm happy to have so many brothers and sisters to play with. I woke to a beautiful sunset and flew high up into a big mango tree. I love tasting the mango flowers with my long tongue. Feeling tired and waxy I flew home, a big sleepy smile crossed my face. I was myself again, nice and cozy in my pink bed. As I drifted off to a peaceful sleep, I quietly thanked my butterfly.

Here are the Best Essays received this year ... each tell a story, so read you can think you were there. **CONGRATULATIONS & Special Prizes**

### BURNFIRE !! ... by Felicity Jolland ... age 12yrs

Big 1 Dead 1 Blackened trees fell to the ground as the bushfire raged on. Haven't took advantage of the fire alerts of warn on and an easy meal of being animals. The flames kept and jumped taking the trees of the trees. Smoke blackened the sky as the bush animals died away in terror as their homes perished. The once quiet bush has turned into a roar of cracking. The pounding of trees and snapping of branches alone was enough to deafen you. The smell of death and despair hung over the bush as the fire continued, carelessly wrecking the serenity of the mountainous bush land. Trees that had stood for hundreds of years, now lay on the ground with the life seeping out of its trees. The once smooth bark now black and charred was as tough as charcoal.

**Gluten Free**

**Coconut Ice** — *from Cathy Cook*

1/2 cup Heavy Cream Cheese  
1 cup icing sugar  
1/2 cup desiccated coconut  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence  
red food coloring

Drain a flat cake tin, pat to one side. Beat cream cheese slowly add the icing sugar, coconut and vanilla. Stir and knead till smooth. Place 1/2 the mixture in the tin — release the other half — you only need a tiny drop or two — spread it over the first half and pop in the fridge to harden. With a hot knife (knife dipped in hot water) — cut coconut ice into squares, fingers, or triangles. Wrap in cellophane Tin with into a box with a ribbon — *A Wonderful Krisa Gift*

**The Mausey**

**The Lion's Walk**  
by Elizabeth Jones — 8yrs

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**TUESDAY**  
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## A Thought for December

A child is born in Bethlehem! New life here, urgent for growth, demanding our attention, full of promise and hope, surfacing our anxious response. It is so for the birth of any child.

"Peaceful" Bethlehem is a fantasy of romantic poets. Then, as now, it seethed with repressed political and social tension, a complicated symbol for competing dreams.

Not in an idyllic setting, not when everything is tidily in order, but in the very heart of this dis-ease, Jesus the Prince of Peace is born.

"Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

We celebrate the birth of a child born in Bethlehem at Christmas so long ago—Jesus—yet more than a child: God in our midst.

God is everywhere, but we discover him enfleshed in a person, Jesus, so we can see up close what God is truly like.

God can be worshipped anywhere, but we build churches where we can physically gather to worship, or we would soon forget both our need to worship and our need for others to enrich our faith.

God can be served everywhere, but we are given our neighbour to have a specific person in front of us to begin practising our acts of mutual service.

God's love for us is not saved up for some far-off future, but God meets us today in the midst of our muddling dis-ease, to embrace us in his gentle and fierce compassion. This encounter with God will transfigure our lives as we respond in faith and love.

Jesus, God with us, our Saviour, is born then and now.

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child  
be yours this Christmas.

## NEWS FROM ST SAVIOURS

Christmas is coming and there are lots of preparations coming on at St Saviour's for the Christmas Services.

On Sunday the 21st of December we are holding our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.00 pm. On Christmas Eve, Wednesday the 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, Thursday 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 had a fantastic result, with over 35 boxes donated. Many thanks to Lee for coordinating the appeal again this year.



## Baha'i Thought for the Month

"The Heavenly Books, the Bible, the Qur'an, and the other Holy Writings have been given by God as guides into the paths of Divine virtue, love, justice and peace... For the attributes of the people of faith are justice and fair-mindedness; forbearance and compassion and generosity; consideration for others; candor, trustworthiness, and loyalty; love and loving-kindness; devotion and determination and humanity. If therefore an individual is truly righteous, he will avail himself of all those means which will attract the hearts of men, and through the attributes of God he will draw them to the straight path of faith and cause them to drink from the river of everlasting life."

—Abdu'l-Baha

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**Colorado lace up shoes:** ladies size 10, compulsory sky rail uniform, need tlc - \$20 ph: 4093 7450 (msg).

**Helpx/woofer/house/dog sitter** needed for Xmas/New Year period. Suit person(s) who would enjoy quiet rainforest space, willing to cuddle Mr Sparkles (the dog) & feed Clarence (the curlew). Dates neg. Info: 4093 7450 (msg).

**Wanted: Drum Kit Tutor:** to teach 10 y/o how to play drums. Ph 0455 7110 or 0428 175 631.

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**Garage and Plant sale:** having a great clean-up. No junk. All good stuff. Follow signs along Myola Road, Saturday December 6, from 8:00 am.



**A**NOTHER exact square between Uranus and Pluto! This thing has been hovering in and out of exactness since September 2012. And still ain't over... In the cardinal signs, squaring off the forces of revolution, destruction and irreversible transformation. How does it feel? Like a rolling stone! Building up momentum, hurtling down the mountain clearing the path.

This is a very long time for such a powerful transit to stay in action. We won't see its like again, so we can be certain that, since 2012, all the structures are inexorably transforming.

And we have a timeline here. While the Uranus-Pluto square is exact, Saturn finally moves out of Scorpio. Hitting the sting in the tail of the Scorpion right on the 15th December, then out of Scorpio into Sagittarius on the Solstice. So, from the 15 to 24th December, along with a New Moon, also on the Solstice, the rock has rolled to the foot of the mountain and the path has been cleared. A fair bit of collateral damage on the mountainside, but it was basically all decadent, decaying and dying.

So here we are.

Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Pluto all in Capricorn: here are the new foundations being laid, and Mars and Saturn, the tough challenges, in Aquarius and Sagittarius - both high-flying, fast-moving and optimistic signs. So no obstacles can stand in the face of these front-liners.

You might also notice that all the above mentioned planets stand in a trinity of 3 signs, Sagittarius, Capricorn & Aquarius - arcing over the solstice point - in the Christian myth, the festival of light signifying the birth of the Christ, or more traditionally, the return of the light. Quite a celebration this year, it seems.

Jupiter is swinging over 22 degrees Leo. Venus, at 22 degrees Sagittarius, will be making a fire trine to Jupiter on 4-5 December as Mars goes into Aquarius. Let's party! This is a very sparkly fun-filled shower of all things positive and wildly expansive. Grab this golden ring and enjoy the ride. Also a full moon right in the middle of Gemini on 6th December. Still partying? This **is** fun and we are running wild. Join in the dance and let in the light.

We have a perfect parachute pattern now. All the planets arcing in a beautiful rainbow trine between Aries & Sagittarius, with Jupiter forming the grand fire trine from Leo as the Gods descend gently to earth. Or something like that. It's a beautiful pattern; all light and fire and rainbows. Many blessings flow.



**Rob Hart**  
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## Rainfall Last Month

28/10/2014 to 24/11/2014 - **1mm**  
PROVIDED BY ENVIROCARE

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## Justice of the Peace (QUALIFIED)

Please phone for appointment or leave a message, and I will get back to you.

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## Community Calendar

- Every Sat **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)
- 1st Sat **Garden Group** 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
- Every Sun **A.A. CWA Hall** 10.30am Ph 4093 7599  
**Speewah Country Market** 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361  
**Yoga with Aileen** 10.30am Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401
- 3rd Sun **Kuranda Film Society** 4.00pm to 8.00pm, Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Garth 4093 9926
- 2nd Sun **Uniting Church** Recreation Centre 4.30 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
- Every Mon **Kids Aerial Circus** with Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphitheatre 3.30pm, 0424 928 917  
**Yoga – Gentle** 8.15am for 8.30 start. Energise your life with HALS (Health across the Life Span) QCWA Hall, Phone Aileen 4093 7401 or Sheila 4093 7617
- 3rd Mon **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933
- Every Tues, Wed & Fri **Al-Anon Family Groups** 6.00pm Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON  
**Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- Every Tue **Yoga** at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am  
**Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196  
**8 Ball** 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre
- 2nd Tue **Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St Saviour's Church.  
**Kuranda SES Training**, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642
- 2nd & 4th Tue **Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.
- Every Wed **Yoga** 6.00 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401  
**Lifeline Counselling** at KNC (appointment necessary)  
**Craft and Social Morning** at QCWA hall 9.00am  
**Kuranda Playgroup** 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lynda 4093 0891 or 0410 337 932.  
**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Mah Jong** at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome  
**Yoga for kids**. Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283
- 1st Wed **Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** 2.00pm at KNC
- 2nd Wed **Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce** 4.30pm Kuranda Hotel  
**QCWA meeting** 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016  
**Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group** – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
- Every Thur **Tribal Bellydance** at Kuranda Community Precinct. Ph Lisa 0409 367 967.  
**Rotary** 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206  
**Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196  
**Capoeira Training and Roda**. 7-8:30pm. Phone Ole 0468 408 963  
**Kuranda Rangers Soccer**: training 4.00-5.30 Refer to Kuranda Rangers Football Club facebook page for more details.  
**Yoga** at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am
- 2nd Thur **Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

CONTRIBUTORS: PLEASE CHECK DETAILS AND ADVISE CHANGES

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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

### RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS

|              |                          |                    |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Davies Creek | 4093 3181                | Lloyd              |
| Koah         | 4042 5468                | Cairns RFO (temp.) |
| Kuranda      | 0408 077 746             | Nick               |
| Myola        | 4093 7190 / 0408 151 199 | Duncan             |
| Speewah      | 4093 0211                | John               |

### Permits required for ALL fires

## JOHN'S KURANDA BUS "The Local Bus"

| To:                | Monday To Friday        | Sat                     | Sun                     | P/Hol        |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Speewah</b>     |                         |                         |                         |              |
| <b>Koah</b>        | *1530<br>1750           | *1530<br>1750           | *1530<br>1750           | 1645<br>1645 |
| <b>Ex: Koah</b>    | #0705<br>#1315<br>*1550 | #0705<br>#1315<br>*1550 | #0705<br>#1315<br>*1550 | #0705        |
| <b>Ex: Speewah</b> | #0710<br>#1320<br>*1540 | #0710<br>#1320<br>*1540 | #0710<br>#1320<br>*1540 | #0710        |

\*SCHOOL DAYS ONLY # BOOKING REQUIRED  
 NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY & LABOUR DAY

### Departs Bus Stop: Orchid Plaza, Abbott Street, Cairns

| Departs Kuranda       | Monday To Friday      | Sat                   | Sun            | P/Hol        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|
|                       | #0720<br>1330<br>1530 | #0720<br>1330<br>1530 | #0720<br>1530  | 0720<br>1530 |
| <b>Departs Cairns</b> | **0825<br>1645        | 0825<br>1645          | 0825<br>**1615 | 0825<br>1615 |

\*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY

All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required  
 \*\*Mareeba

# Via Caravonica, Redlynch, Raintrees, Westcourt, TAFE, Cairns City  
 NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY & LABOUR DAY

Ph. John 0418 772 953

## Trans North Bus & Coach

### CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE

| Departs From                | Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day) |        |         |        |         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| CAIRNS Central Rail Station | 6.45am                                    | 8.30am | 11.30am | 1.30pm | *3.00pm |
| CAIRNS 79 Abbott Street     | 6.50am                                    | 8.35am | 11.35am | 1.35pm | 3.05pm  |
| SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter      | 7.05am                                    | 8.50am | 11.50am | 1.50pm | 3.30pm  |
| KURANDA                     | 7.25am                                    | 9.10am | 12.10pm | 2.10pm | 3.55pm  |

### KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

| Departs From                | Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day) |         |         |        |        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| KURANDA                     | *7.30am                                   | 9.15am  | 12.30pm | 2.15pm | 4.10pm |
| RAINFORESTATION             | 7.35am                                    | 9.20am  | 12.35pm | 2.20pm | 4.15pm |
| CAIRNS Central Rail Station | 8.30am                                    | 10.00am | 1.15pm  | 3.00pm | 4.55pm |

\*7.30am Shuttle via TAFE, Trinity Bay High, Cairns High - Excluding Sundays & Public Holidays  
 \*3.00pm Shuttle via Cairns High, TAFE, Trinity Bay High - Excluding Sundays & Public Holidays

### ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

| Departs From              | Monday to Friday |         |        | Saturday |         | Sunday  |        |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------|--------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
|                           | 1                | 2       | 3      | 1        | 2       | *1*     | **2**  |
| ATHERTON                  | 6.15am           | 9.00am  | 3.30pm | 6.15am   | 9.00am  | 9.00am  | 3.30pm |
| MAREEBA                   | 6.45am           | 9.30am  | 4.00pm | 6.45am   | 9.30am  | 9.30am  | 4.00pm |
| SPEEWAH                   | 7.10am           | 9.55am  | 4.25pm | 7.10am   | 9.55am  | 9.55am  | 4.25pm |
| KURANDA                   | 7.30am           | 10.05am | 4.35pm | 7.30am   | 10.05am | 10.05am | 4.35pm |
| CAIRNS Service Terminates | 8.30am           | 11.15am | 5.35pm | 8.30am   | 11.15am | 11.15am | 5.35pm |

### CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

| Departs From                | Monday to Friday |        |        | Saturday |        | Sunday |        |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
|                             | 1                | 2      | 3      | 1        | 2      | *1*    | **2**  |
| CAIRNS Central Rail Station | 8.45am           | 3.20pm | 5.45pm | 8.45am   | 3.20pm | 3.20pm | 5.45pm |
| SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter      | 9.00am           | 3.35pm | 6.00pm | 9.00am   | 3.35pm | 3.35pm | 6.00pm |
| KURANDA                     | 9.20am           | 4.05pm | 6.25pm | 9.20am   | 4.05pm | 4.05pm | 6.25pm |
| SPEEWAH                     | 9.25am           | 4.10pm | 6.30pm | 9.25am   | 4.10pm | 4.10pm | 6.30pm |
| MAREEBA                     | 9.55am           | 4.40pm | 6.55pm | 9.55am   | 4.40pm | 4.40pm | 6.55pm |
| ATHERTON Service Terminates | 10.30am          | 5.15pm | 7.30pm | 10.30am  | 5.15pm | 5.15pm | 7.30pm |

Atherton/Cairns Services - No Services on CHRISTMAS DAY or GOOD FRIDAY  
 Sunday Service \*1\* on PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - No Sunday Service \*\*2\*\* on LONG WEEKENDS

For further information please visit  
[www.transnorthbus.com.au](http://www.transnorthbus.com.au)

Trans North - Atherton - Ph 0400 749 476



17.03.2014

## Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother

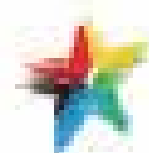


*I stayed up all night to see where the sun went.  
 Then it dawned on me.*





# *Merry Christmas*



**PROFESSIONALS KURANDA** wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas, peace, health, and happiness in the coming New Year. Thank you to all of our clients over the past year and look forward to meeting many more new ones in the coming year.

Michele, John, Jane, Tracey, Saeed, Diarmuid & Louise.



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