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**T** O OUR FAITHFUL READERS: we offer our profound thanks for your interest and feedback throughout the year. The team wishes each and every one of you a joyous and happy festive season, and look forward to your readership in the new year.

To our valued advertisers: we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support. Without you this publication would not exist. We hope that you have had positive results from our readership for your business throughout the year, and hope to welcome your support again in 2009. We sincerely wish you and yours, and your employees, the very best for a prosperous new year.

*The Kuranda Paper* would be a pretty sparse publication without the jottings of our contributors, and the typing, artwork, folding and delivery efforts of our long-suffering and often overworked volunteers. We thank you so much for your valuable input.

And finally, as a result of the continuing support of our beloved advertisers and our unpaid staff, we find ourselves in the joyful position of having a very healthy bank balance that we are itching to get rid of. We considered having an all-expenses paid holiday to Bali for the management team, but on reflection thought that as a community publication we should give back to the community instead. If you know of any small community-based project that you consider worthy of one-off financial support or have any ideas for a community contest for which we can provide prizes, please contact the committee for their consideration.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
to one and all!*

## COMMUNITY LETTERS

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**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

I am writing to update patients on the recent developments at Kuranda Medical Service. Many things have happened in the past few months. The most significant has been the sale of the practice management rights to a company called IPN – Independent Practitioner Network. IPN run approximately 120 medical practices around Australia, now including Kuranda & Redlynch. They have responsibility for administration & business services, leaving patient care to the doctors. The four senior doctors at the practice; Drs Dave Cuming, Charles McCaldin, Julia Watters & Helen Pedgrift plan to remain at the practice, Dr Cuming has recently signed a contract with IPN to remain at the practice for another five years.

Dr Aileen Underhill, our much loved GP Registrar, will finish her allotted twelve month attachment in January and be replaced from Jan to July 2009 by a Dr. Sian Edwards who in turn will be replaced July 2009 to Jan 2010 by Dr. Anna Seth. These doctors are all completing a GP training program and Kuranda Medical Practice, as an approved training practice, is privileged to have them work here.

Dr. Manju Bhargava left permanently earlier in the year to move closer to her family in Melbourne with Dr. Helen Pedgrift moving from the UK to take her place. Dr. Helen has been a fantastic addition to our team of GPs and I believe that the practice is now settling in to its most stable period in the eight years I have worked in Kuranda.

We are considering a building extension to accommodate a larger indigenous health unit but this is presently only in the planning stage.

Many thanks to all our patients for their ongoing support.

**Dr Dave Cuming**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Despite Tom Gilmore's claims in the last Kuranda paper, in the Mareeba area – including Kuranda- plastic, aluminium, steel and glass from kerbside collections end up in landfill. These are not recycled.

According to the environment officer Lee of the CEC Resource Recovery Facility in Portsmith, the recycling plant there will extract as much glass and metal as possible. But the materials are then contaminated because they are mixed with one another, which means that no recycling company will touch them. So they still end up in landfill.

The solution appears to be separating those materials before they reach Portsmith. But due to our low population density in FNQ, most recycling is transported to Brisbane and worse then much of it on to China for processing.

Also very few companies can process broken glass and any glass we separate out for recycling is likely to be broken by the time it reaches Brisbane. So glass also goes into landfill whether it is collected separately or not.

So how environmental is recycling up in FNQ when you offset reclaiming the materials against the energy of transporting them to the place where they are finally processed?

My conclusion is to avoid buying packaged stuff as much as possible and reuse containers before

retiring them. Stockpiling them here as a future investment, until they can be processed in the north is a thought too.

**Nadine O'Brien, Kuranda**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Earlier this month there was an article in the Tablelander Newspaper about the "Coming Out Ball" for one of the Tableland Schools. It was a delight to see the youth of today in their ball gowns. The point that interested us was one of the dances they did as a demonstration, it was the Pride of Erin Waltz. Some of you may know that this comes from the days of Old Thyme Dancing of which there are many dances to choose from.

Are there in the Kuranda Community a number of people interested in starting Old Thyme Dancing one evening during the week or weekend? If there are give Brenda and I a call on 0419488382, or send us an E.Mail to bbreeves@hotmail.com, or drop a note in at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre addressed to us.

Should there be enough locals interested, we shall be able to enjoy dancing in the way our parents did.

Looking forward to your interest.

**Brenda & Brian Reeves.**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

The Kuranda Community, once again a BIG thank you to the people who have helped me mostly throughout the year. Especially the Kuranda Village Coffee Shop, thank you to Ron and staff, also Patrick and staff from German Tucker. Thank you to the Anglican Church for the cool, shady position from which I operate. Many shop owners complain about rising costs and other overheads, my overheads are nice and cool, thank you.

It was my unexpected privilege to help take part in the opening of our local community swimming pool. Thank you all for supporting our ongoing fundraising efforts towards building up our town.

Our coming year's effort will mainly go to helping our Welcome Pocket Community Nursing Home, the Kuranda Pool and many other worthy causes. Our present Christmas raffles are for Welcome Pocket and Kuranda Ambulance. Also available Lions Christmas Cakes are selling fast.

My own new book "Far from Heaven" would also make a great family gift at \$5, special at Christmas. Please feel welcome to ask me about joining our Kuranda Lions Club.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON

Thanks and love y'all.

**Col Jeanes - Kuranda**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

I'm not a political person. I'm not big on "race" issues. I'm not even Australian. I'm simply a traveller with a basic sensitivity to my surroundings. I am writing to the good people of Kuranda, the few of you I've found. The kind people who stop to chat even though I don't have an Aussie accent. The shopkeeper who smiles

even when I'm not buying anything. The volunteers who give their time to various noble causes but still find time for travellers like me.

Good people, Kuranda has worn me out. I've been here a while and will leave sooner than later, but before I go you need to hear this message: there is something rotten in Kuranda, and it's going to be the end of your small town. Once a hippie enclave, there are no longer any signs of peace, love and harmony here, just the leftover dreadlocks and bare feet. I won't remember Kuranda as a beautiful place, I will remember it with a bitter taste because of all the negative experiences I have had with the locals.

People like me who are doing more than just passing through are telling other travellers not to come to Kuranda; the Internet is a powerful medium and I use it, as do millions of others looking for places to spend their money. I have already posted notes on numerous travel sites about the rudeness I've experienced from many of the shopkeepers here. I've told everyone who will listen about the temper tantrum a coffee vendor launched at me when I committed the criminal act of not saying 'good morning'. I have ceased shopping at 99% of local stores after being treated like dirt time after time. And I will continue to discourage fellow wanderers to waste their time on a town that doesn't want them here anyway.

Kuranda is like an Easter egg that's been sitting in the sun too long: pretty, colorful, with fresh paint on the outside, but the rotting stench of misery behind the scenes. The used needles in the park, the drunks stumbling around in broad daylight, the invisible police force, the fighting amongst vendors, the rubbish along the walking trails, the fact that you can't wander around safely after dark... sadly these pale in comparison to how badly tourists like me are treated.

Good people, please tell your cousin the cashier, your in-law the artisan and your uncle the clerk that without tourists they will have no jobs. Let them know that tourists aren't stupid, we see and hear them complaining about us while making our sandwiches. Urge them not to take their bad moods out on someone they assume they'll never see again. Tell them about the value of being polite, of answering a question, of seeing travellers as more than walking wallets. Explain to them that there is more beauty in a genuine smile than in any amount of pretty paint or landscaping. Spread the goodness, save your town.

**Phillip R.  
Leeds, England**

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# Robberies on the Railway

**By Peter Ryle**

There would be no place more unlikely to expect a robbery than on a train or railmotor travelling up the Kuranda Range Railway. However, this is exactly what happened. And it didn't happen just once – there have been two “train” robberies on the Kuranda Range Railway over the years. Even more intriguing is that the two robberies occurred at almost the same time of the year, but forty years apart. Queensland Railways has also been robbed of payrolls in the Cairns district on three other occasions over the years.

The first robbery on the Kuranda Range Railway occurred on the night of 16 November 1933. On this occasion thieves broke into three boxcars by wrecking the padlocks on the doors. They ransacked 45 mailbags, tipping the contents onto the floor. Authorities had difficulties in establishing what was taken because the mail from all bags was mixed together. The thieves were probably looking for registered articles and envelopes containing money. It was established that the robbers looted the wagons between Redlynch and Stony Creek. The robbery was discovered at Stony Creek when the guard noticed that the locks on the wagon doors were broken. One passenger told police that he saw two men board a timber wagon as the train left Redlynch. The robbery has never been solved.

Forty years later, on 6 December 1973, two armed men robbed a railway payroll from the Cairns – Ravenshoe railmotor. The railmotor was proceeding up the range when the driver, Ron Barter, saw a large rock in the middle of the track near number six tunnel. He also saw a chain padlocked around the line. When Clive Aaby, the guard, left the motor to check the blockage, two men confronted him. They were both

dressed in black with black crash helmets and dark glasses.

One of the robbers entered the railmotor and told the paymaster to give him the paybox. The paymaster obeyed, throwing the paybox out of the door. The robber left the motor but soon returned. He pointed a shotgun at the paymaster and demanded the second paybox, which was chained to the handbrake in the rear luggage compartment. When the robber asked for the key he was told that there was none on the railmotor. He then shot the padlock off with three blasts from the shotgun. Another shot was fired through the bulkhead between the luggage compartment and the passenger compartment. Presumably this was to frighten the passengers into submission and deter any retaliation.

While the robbery was in progress the other bandit padlocked a chain around some wheels of the railmotor. The robbers then took the boxes and disappeared down a drain and into the forest. Railway officials said one box contained \$6,255.29, and the other \$1,075.67. The money was for wages for railway workers between Cairns and Tolga.

The driver had to walk two miles to Stony Creek to raise the alarm. Police immediately set up roadblocks and checked possible escape routes, such as the airport. They suspected that the perpetrators were professionals. “They knew what to do, how to do it, and when to do it”. Like the previous range robbery, the thieves were never caught.

Another two railway payroll robberies occurred on the same day in 1978, although there was no connection between the two incidents. The first occurred at about 10.00 a.m. when two railway workers picked up a \$17,489 payroll from the Commonwealth

Bank in Mareeba. As they entered the railway yards they were held up by two men wearing crash helmets and armed with a sawn-off rifle. The robbers grabbed the payroll and escaped on a motorcycle. The motorcycle was later found abandoned near Walkamin. Police said the vehicle was stolen from Townsville. This time the police were more successful with the investigation, and the perpetrators were caught and convicted.

At the same time as this robbery occurred a train carrying another payroll was on its way to Forsyth. When the train reached Almaden the stationmaster took the pay for that area out of a steel box chained to the floor. The box also held the pays for railway workers further up the line. There was a long wait at Almaden while the line ahead was repaired. When the train reached Bullock Creek the lock could not be opened to pay the workers there. The train went on to Fossilbrook, where a cold chisel was used to open the box. The payroll of \$12,000 was gone. Again no perpetrator was found.

The Railway Department suffered another loss on the Forsyth line in August 1981. When the weekly train reached Almaden the stationmaster went into the train to retrieve the pay box, which was now carried in a different wagon each trip for safety. When he was checking through the mailbags he found the pay box with the lock smashed off. The \$28,000 payroll was missing.

Railway officials stated that they had their suspicions about the identity of the thieves on the Forsyth line. However, with insufficient evidence to bring charges they were reluctant to make their suspicions public. The evidence pointed to “inside knowledge”, but the robberies still remain unsolved.

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**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

It is always a shock to find that someone you knew well and held in high regard has died, and caught you unawares. Such is the case with the passing of Marjorie Spear. While we might feel the urge to demonstrate homage befitting of her status in the community, we should take a moment to consider why such little fuss was made of her passing.

It may have been her own wish or that of her family that she slip out without ceremony. If this is the case, then it would be disrespectful of us to indulge our sorrow or celebrate her life publicly. So, in respect for Marjorie and her family, I'll keep my memories of her to myself.

**Jax Bergersen, Pademelon Lane, Kuranda.**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Congratulations to the Kuranda Paper team. As founding members of the Kuranda Paper, Querida and I were very pleased to see how well the paper is going. I am now seriously ill with my lung problems and I am a resident of the Good Shepherd Home in Townsville. I try to make the best of it but most of the other residents are much older than I am and it is difficult.

I miss my beloved Kuranda. Querida is doing well and we both send our best wishes to our friends and to the Kuranda community, for a very happy Christmas. My email address is kloftes@hotmail.com and I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me.

Best wishes and may peace be with you

**Kay and Querida Loftes**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

What an asset the new Kuranda swimming pool is, and what a number of other assets came with the official opening. Great food, great music by Coalition, and the inaugural performance by Kuranda's a Capella choir “The Birds of Paradise”. This line up was a magnet for politicians too. They all came out of the woodwork. A very pleasant way to spend an afternoon. Good on you Kuranda community.

**Ruby Bradshaw, Speewah**

## DOUGLAS TRACK RE-OPENS

On the 4th of November, Barron River MP Steve Wettenhall officially reopened the popular Douglas Track walking trail linking Kamerunga to Speewah through Barron Gorge National Park following completion of a rail overpass and elevated stairway providing safe crossing of the Kuranda rail line.

“The project has been a commendable cooperative effort between EPA and Queensland Rail and has had to be designed, engineered and constructed to overcome steep and unstable slopes” said Mr Wettenhall.

The track was closed in 2001 following safety concerns after several near miss incidents between walkers and railway service vehicles where it crossed the Kuranda rail line. Negotiation between Q Rail and EPA identified the need to provide appropriate safety for both walkers and trains as the risk of slope instability became an added consideration.

The \$190,000 project included construction of an overpass bridge to cross the rail line, an elevated stairway to connect the bridge to the track over unstable ground, and an upgrade to the track itself. It was undertaken as a joint venture between EPA and QRail and was completed in September this year.

Mr Wettenhall said “the Douglas track is a popular recreational facility as it is close to Cairns and links into a network of walking tracks in Barron Gorge NP. It is a 7 kilometre walk from Kamerunga at the bottom of the range to Speewah Conservation Park on top of the range behind Kuranda, passing through Barron Gorge NP for most of its length”.

“Expanding opportunities for people, whether locals or tourists, to experience our parks is one of my priorities so I am delighted this major track infrastructure project has been completed” said Mr Wettenhall.



From left - Linden Henry, Steve Wettenhall MP member for Barron River, Melvin Hunter and Wolf Sievers from Queensland Parks and Wildlife.



## Neighbourhood Centre News December 2008



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### Kuranda Youth Project:

There is now a Youth Committee that will be working on a 3 Year Youth Plan for Kuranda. If you want to find out more or input into this plan, please contact the Neighbourhood Centre.

### Volunteer Update:

Marie Boswarva – our reliable Thursday afternoon vullie had a nasty fall a few weeks ago and broke her hip. We wish Marie a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back at KNC soon.

### NILS:

No interest loan scheme – this program is currently in the accreditation phase and we hope that our NILS program will be starting in the new year. If you want to know more about this program, please contact Cathy or Marg at KNC.

### Centre/Facilities Use:

After having been at this new building for 12 months (on the 12<sup>th</sup> November), we reviewed how people access the Centre and our facilities. KNC aims to provide transparent and equitable access under a set of principles that ensure work and activities taking place at the Centre aim at benefiting the whole community. A new Centre Use Application/Contract process is being implemented which is linked to our Centre Use Guidelines. This process ensures everyone who uses the Centre understands the standards, guidelines and principles that will support continuing access of the Centre. KNC does not receive adequate funding to operate full time and currently has a deficit budget. We rely on donations and generating a small amount of income to subsidize our expenses. Our costs for copying, internet, room hire is not changing, however we will require evidence from groups or individuals who apply for a waiver on fees.

### Mental Health First Aid:

There is training being conducted on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December at KNC – if you are interested in finding out more, please ring Marg.

### Kuranda Interagency Network:

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

**Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator**

## Forest Forum – The Fossils

Well, 2008 almost over and a New Year stands at the threshold – with promise, full of good intentions and hopes to be realized.

This past year, like the curate's egg, has been great in places – the official openings of the Kuranda District State College, Kuranda Aquatic Centre, the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre and the rejuvenation of the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Also up and in the picture is the Kuranda Camera Club and the Kuranda Riverlinks Greencorp Team branching out. A lot of hard work, time and energies expended by staff and volunteers has seen these projects come to fruition, bringing new facilities, services and opportunities to resident and visitor alike. Old faithfuls - The Amphitheatre, Focus Theatre, Kuranda Film Society, Kuranda Garden Group, Envirocare, CWA, Kuranda Myola Rural Fire Brigade, Kuranda District State College P & C, Possum Op Shop, the Visitors Information Centre and the Playgroup in their new home, continue their invaluable contributions to the tapestry of our community, again supported by the ongoing commitment of dedicated volunteers.

Also very positive has been the tender (ad)ministrations of our Councillor Jenny Jensen to area needs and the prompt responses of the Tablelands Regional Council to things requiring attention. At State level, Steve Wettenhall has gone into bat for the area making some good runs.

A little less encouraging has been the Spring Festival's failure to blossom this year, the ongoing and seemingly endless fraca and bad feelings regarding the courtesy bus with this sad saga accruing unwanted negative publicity, and the difficult times being experienced by our business community as wash from the global financial crisis continues. Also on hold is progress on the Welcome Pocket project.

2009 already promises some more exciting initiatives that again will require time, energy and commitment to bring them to fruition – a proposed recycling project for the town, the Kuranda Youth project and planning for and development of the old Primary School facilities.

Hopefully, 2009 might also see more attention to Village street-scape and plantings - all looking a little tired and run-down, a monthly report on activities from our local constabulary and commencement of work on the proposed Supermarket.

2008 has seen the passing of a number of veteran stalwarts who gave so much of their time and energies to the area and its activities – they are remembered gratefully. Meantimes, much praise and thanks for the many volunteers who continue to give so much of themselves to our community.

As newcomers continue to make Kuranda their home, it is important that every effort is made to make them welcome and become part of our community, sharing when settled their knowledge, skills, time and energies with all. Just as vital, in hard times, is to make tourists and visitors feel welcome for any bad experience has the unfortunate propensity to run faster than good news about the Village.

In closing, the words of John Collingwood in his letter to the Kuranda Paper aptly sum up hopes for 2009 in the Village: '... I dare to dream that Kuranda is maturing towards a fair/democratic/united front to promote a green, clean, friendly Kuranda "not just a Village in the Rainforest".'

## QCWA NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2008

Our final newsletter for the year. Now that the State Conference, Handcraft School, and Country Woman of the Year Quest are over, things should start to settle down at last.

In the craft area, congratulations are due to Kerry Angel, Christine Ritchie, and Yvonne Dighton for taking top places in the Handcraft Finals at State Conference with entries in Scrapbooking, Traditional Rag Doll, Parchment Embossing, Beading, and Bead Novelty.

Congratulations also go to Yvonne for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the State Country Woman of the Year Quest. This contest goes from Branch to Division, on to Region and finally to State Finals. With around 90 entrants throughout the State at Branch contests, it ends up with between 7- 9 entrants for the judging at State Level. Interviews are held at each level with questions on QCWA/ACWW/Younger Sets activities etc., Commonsense and General Knowledge. One spends quite a lot of time cramming info into an overloaded brain and then being disappointed when the questions you think will be asked – are not!

The branch members have been busy with catering, Division meetings, and Christmas craft lessons. The Christmas card project turned out some very pretty cards and November's craft lesson morning produced a batch of very lovely Christmas Wreaths made from material and decorated with nuts, bows, and glitter. How nice they will look hanging up for the Festive season.

Our Branch will take a well-deserved break after the next meeting on December 10. Craft mornings will begin again on the first Wednesday in February 2009.

President, Marion Hubbard, and members thank our Hall rentees and the community for their ongoing support. We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Hall bookings: over November, December and January,**

**please contact 4093 7599 or 4093 9437**

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

## NEWS FROM KURANDA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The year has just sped by and now Christmas is coming up a bit too fast! We need to know from local businesses what their trading hours are likely to be as we are already getting enquiries from people planning their trip to Kuranda over December and January.

I am sure the local businesses will have the opportunity to say thank you to the volunteers that have worked hard to promote the village to around 50,000 visitors to the Visitor Information Centre each year and who also help the local community with daily questions about bus times, phone numbers and directions!

The Visitor Information Centre will be open every day from 10am - 4pm except for Christmas Day. As usual it will be staffed by our dedicated volunteers.

With the recent amalgamation of councils, the centre has joined forces with five other information centres within the Tableland Regional Council - Mareeba, Atherton, Malanda, Herberton and Ravenshoe. This has resulted in better communication and information updates as we can now hold joint familiarisations of the region with these other centres. We hope to invite Tableland volunteers to come to Kuranda one day early in the new year (after the rain) to see what we have to offer.

**We wish everyone in Kuranda a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year**

**From Cathy, Lyle, Pat, Peter A, Beverley A, Kornelia, Christel, Marie, Erica, James, Beverley H, Julie, Aleisha, Tom, Stephen, Deborah, Peter N, Gaby, Beth, Krissi, Frank, Barbara, Carla, Jazman, Sue, Robyn, Cheryl, Ken, Mo, Cathy and Ros.**

## Cairns Region Could Become a Model for Sustainability

**CAST** (Cairns Action for Sustainable Transport) is a small community group from diverse backgrounds which has formed earlier this year to do something about the lack of public and sustainable transport in our region.

CAST has made a major submission to the 20 billion Infrastructure Australia fund asking for significant funding to turn the Cairns region into a model for sustainability, which was well supported by local politicians.

Cast has asked Infrastructure Australia for funding towards the 120MW Archer Point windfarm, a 100 to 500MW solar thermal base-load power station on the western Tablelands, a Cairns sustainable public transport system based on tram trains, the Cairns Southern Rail Tunnel to Mareeba and an Australia wide very fast electric rail network powered by renewable energy. The last two projects would use regenerative braking and allow vehicles and even B-doubles to drive on/off.

To read the full submission, and support letters from local politicians, see [www.takesteps.org/cast](http://www.takesteps.org/cast).

If you would like to join CAST or help our campaign, please call Jonathan on 40532340 or 0431 683 088.



## Garden Jottings - Alectura



December here and another year ends with the blaze and glory of flowering trees and the first of the storms, heralds to the Wet, upon us. The ready gardener, like the wise virgins, laying in not oil but mulches will be preparing their gardens to prevent soil compaction and washouts. Time to make the garden and surrounds safe during the cyclone season, removing old palm fronds and taking down or out branches and trees threatening structures and property egress in a big blow.

Check water features for mosquito larvae – ideally stock with native fish species - but the humble guppy will also do – making sure that these cannot be carried into streams with any overflow. Note what garden features such as hanging baskets, furniture and such may become airborne and plan to secure.

The large Ginger family and Heliconias may be divided and planted out to secure maximum growth in the increasing hot and humid conditions. Remember that many Heliconias resent poor drainage, quickly rotting off from small divisions. Remember too that several of the Heliconias, particularly the dwarf “Jamaican Red” are delicacies to Bush turkeys so protection may be necessary.



### Plant of the Month: *Medinilla magnifica*. (Melastomataceae)

One of the gems of this large family with over 400 species ranging from Africa, South East Asia, China through to the Phillipines. With its long panicles of neon pink bracts and flowers, this is a most desirable shrub and, when well grown, is a stunner. With its large deep green leaves with prominent white centre rib, it may reach to 2m+. There appears some confusion between *M. magnifica* and *M. myriantha*, the latter readily available and sometimes passed off as *magnifica*. *M. myriantha* has a smaller leaf with less prominent rib and bears numerous hanging pink flowers but without the stunning bracts. Many *Medinilla*s are semi to fully epiphytic giving clue to *M. magnifica*'s need for partial shade and very open, humus rich and well drained soil conditions, although moisture must be present. It also makes a great potted feature plant. An increasing number of *Medinilla*s are becoming available. *Medinilla Scortechinii*, with upright coral flowering spikes, is frequently offered at the Flecker plant sales and other treasures available at specialist growers. Many of the epiphytic species make excellent hanging baskets while a number have semi-climbing habit. Certainly a family of plants that should be snapped up when available as many have flowers of exquisite beauty. (Photographs on Page 18)

**Dear Brenda,** The brown frond forwarded for identification is the sterile frond of a “basket fern” probably *Drynaria rigidula*, fairly common in the area and the spore has probably blown in on the wind, germinating in your palm tree. The Basket Fern grows in a large clump, and has two quite different frond types. The lower ‘nest’ fronds, are short, papery, brown and shaped like an oak-leaf. The green, more erect fronds may be up to 2 m in length and are segmented into many blunt-toothed leaflets on short stalks. Of the easiest cultivation, reduced to bare basket over winter and putting out their green fertile fronds with the return of warmer weather and rains. These ferns can make very large baskets with several large specimens on branches in the figs, Coondoo Street.

**Dear Clarke,** The tree in flower outside the Fire Station is *Brachychiton acerifolia*. In good years the entire tree is covered with its clusters of red bells on bare branches while other years, flowering is sporadic. To 10m+, young plants respond well to frequent deep watering and while preferring partial shade will tolerate full sun. A very memorable native tree suitable for most gardens.

**Dear Pauline,** The very tall, single trunk feathered crowned trees with yellow flowers growing north of Cairns on the main highway are probably *Schizolobium parahybum* (*S. excelsum*). Hailing from tropical Mexico, these extremely fast growing trees to 30m+ are grown from seed. Very handsome when small, caution should be exercised in placement as they are extremely brittle, easily breaking in strong winds and fallen leaf stems and seed pods are a nuisance.

**Dear David,** The stunning pale blue flowered plant seen at a recent open garden is *Calathea burle-marxii* ‘Blue Ice’ (*Marantaceae*). Of easy cultivation, coming from tropical South America, the plant requires dappled light, although will take some early morning sun. To 1m, it requires good moisture and will easily flag on hot dry days. Easily propagated in sand from the “knee” joints where flower spikes have died off.



**To all readers, the joys and blessings of the Season and may 2009 see all your hopes and dreams blossom and grow and may the Bush Turkey, Orange Footed Scrub Fowl, Bandicoot, and other sundry chewers, nibblers and spoilers leave relatively unspoilt the fruits of your toil.**



### DECEMBER STARS

Did anyone pick the Melbourne Cup winner from the astro-clues? No? Me neither. The most obvious clue was the winner: all planets were above the horizon at race time. Therefore all visible i.e. able to be “viewed”! Duh. And this wise and mature guiding hand? Obviously the trainer Bart Cummings, and the owner had the foreign name: Dato Tan Chin Nam. As for the rest? Clutter and astro-junk. Oh well... next year.

Now for December: with Pluto, the planet of transformation and regeneration, sitting on the world point at zero degrees Capricorn, global restructuring is well and truly underway. Economically and politically, that's obvious and apparently there is major movement happening in the earth's crust and underlying magma. Very Plutonion. During this month the sun, moon, Mercury and Mars also cross this zero point adding energy, feeling, communication and action to the global restructuring. On a personal level this is all about sense of ethics and honourable actions. The rest is getting blown away.

Venus moves into Aquarius on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Lots of Christmas spending on gadgetry, funky new technology and unusual objects of beauty. The Moon and Mercury both align over the Solstice points on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Very nuturing and good news for children and parents. Kev and Wayne certainly were tuned into the astro-energies on that one.

As the sun aligns with Pluto and the Solstice points on 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> Decemebr, the great transformation begins: personal, local, global and galactic. No need to wait for December 20<sup>th</sup>, the shift is happening now. If it's not too trippy to contemplate, we are now beginning to access the causal dimensions and integrate with galactic consciousness. Just a few more things to tidy up at home first....

And here comes the crunch. On 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> December Mars joins Pluto in one of the more dangerous of combinations, symbolizing ruthless, aggressive use of power and brute force. This one has a real destructive, demolition feel about it. Totally ineffective last-ditch stands. “get out of our way” sums it up. So if you really need to go for it and take no prisoners then this is the time. Laying waste the old structures to prepare for the laying of new foundations.

Sounds like an interesting way to end the year – in a blaze of glory.

Let's do it!

**Rob Hart**



### KURANDA and DISTRICT GARDEN GROUP

invite all who have attended this year to a Christmas lunch at the home of

**Hugh and Maryrose Crowther**  
3 Butler Drive, Kuranda

12 noon  
Saturday 6 December

Please bring food and drink to share

After lunch enjoy a Fun Gardening Quiz

Phone David or Graham 4093 9492  
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### Basic Plant Requirements

#### Will that new plant thrive in my garden?

Many factors determine whether or not a plant will perform well with each kind of plant having its own needs and requirements. Some plants are tolerant of a wide variety of conditions, while others have very exacting requirements. Here are some of the basic environmental factors that influence plant growth:

**Daylength** is one of the most critical factor regulating vegetative growth, flower initiation and development and the induction of dormancy. Plants utilize daylength as a cue to promote their growth in spring and prepare for the cold weather. Many plants require specific daylength conditions to initiate flowers.

**Light** is the energy source for plants. Cloudy, rainy days or the shade cast can significantly reduce the amount of light available. Shade adapted plants cannot tolerate the bright light of full sun. Plants survive only where the amount is within their toleration range.

**Plants grow best within an optimum range of temperatures** and the range may be wide for some species, narrow for others. Plants survive only where temperatures allow them to carry on life-sustaining chemical reactions.

**Plants differ in their ability to survive cold temperatures.** Some tropical plants are injured by temperatures below 15°C. Arctic species can tolerate temperatures well below zero. The ability of a plant to withstand cold is a function of the degree of dormancy present in the plant, its water status, and general health. Exposure to wind and bright sunlight or rapidly changing temperatures can also compromise a plant's cold tolerance.

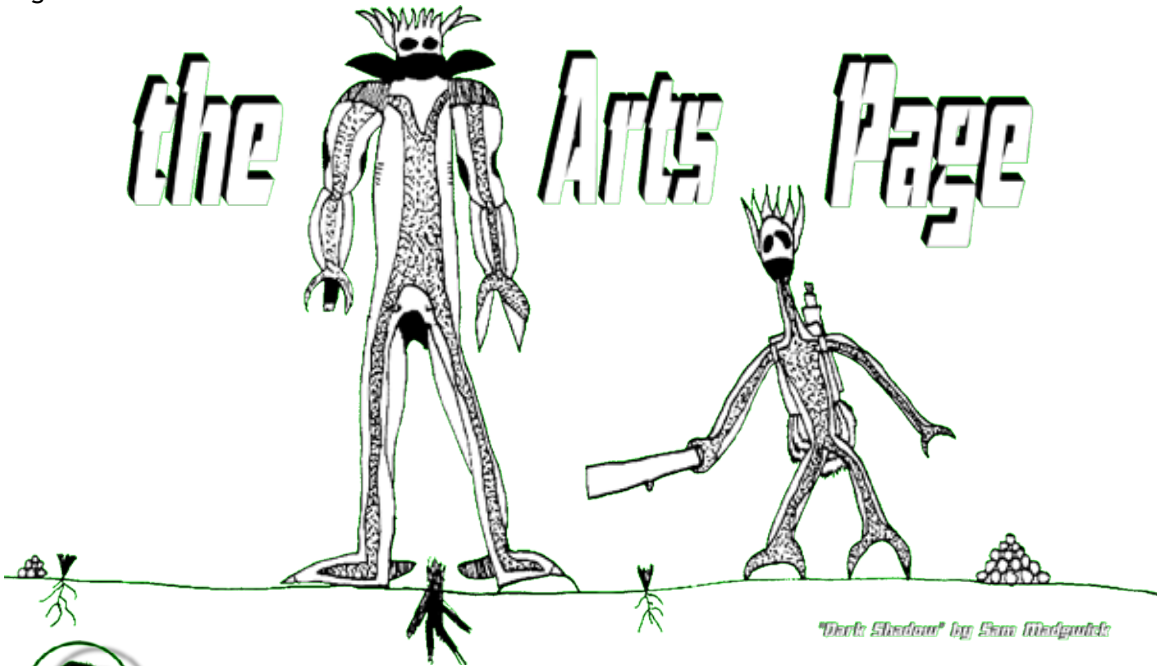
**Heat tolerance varies widely from species to species.** Many plants that naturally grow in arid tropical regions are naturally very heat tolerant, while subarctic plants and alpine plants show very little tolerance for heat. High night temperatures are often the most limiting factor for many plants.

**Different plants have different water needs.** Some tolerate drought during the summer but need winter rains. Others need a consistent supply of moisture to grow well. Careful attention to the need for supplemental water can help select plants that need a minimum of water to perform well. With poorly drained, chronically wet soil select plants that naturally grow in bogs and other wet places.

**The ability of plant roots to take up certain nutrients depends on the pH,** which is a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of your soil. Most plants grow best in soils that have a pH near 7.0. Most ericaceous plants such as azaleas need acid soils with pH below 6.0 to grow well. Lime can be used to raise pH and materials containing sulfates such as aluminum sulfate and iron sulfate to lower pH. The solubility of many trace elements is controlled by pH, and only the soluble forms of these important micronutrients can be used by plants. Iron is not very soluble at high pH and iron chlorosis is often present in high-pH soils.



# the Arts Page



"Dark Shadow" by Sam Madgwick



"Dark Shadow" - drawn by Sam Madgwick. Eight year old Sam is in Grade 3 at Kuranda District State College and is showing enormous artistic talent. The Kuranda Paper is looking forward to Sam's first masthead for the Paper.



Well. Here I am, writing for the December issue of our great local paper. Focus Theatre would like to thank the Kuranda Media Association,

particularly Seren, (who reminds me each month that I'm close to the deadline!) for their ongoing support for our small group. I have had some much needed time out from attending Focus the last couple of Wednesday nights, but the troops reassure me that they are getting on with play readings, mainly Janice Stark's plays, and Morgan is writing a biting satirical short play.

It's all about creativity, and again, if you would like to check out how we drink masses of coffee and laugh a lot, then turn up at the Kuranda Amphitheatre's Understage between 7 and 9pm, Weds. All welcome! Focus Theatre wishes a Very Happy Christmas to one and all in our community, and May There Be Peace on Earth soon,  
Yours in Theatre, *Diana*

## Cup Day Fashion

"We would like to thank everyone who helped put on the Melbourne Cup Fashion Show at the Kuranda Resort and Spa this year. The Resort created the race day mood by providing a turf eat walk, flanked by white picket fence and hay bales. The Theme was 'Green is the New Black' and the outfits featured organic hemp and recycled fabrics. From casual wear to corsets and special occasion gowns,

earlier next time! To our wonderful models we really appreciate you coming along and showcasing the clothing, you brought the clothes to life with your wonderful spirit! To the people who came and supported the event, thank you! There were some wonderful outfits and hats! A huge thank you as well to Zananda of Creative Chic for taking the beautiful photos, especially at such short notice!

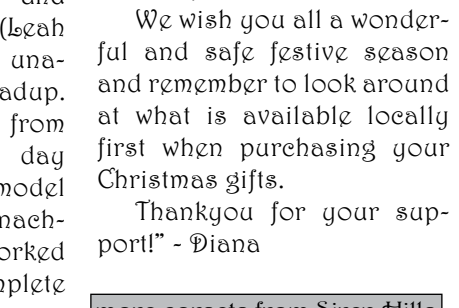


Danelle & sirens from Siren Hills



Earth Connections - hair, hemp, hats, jewelry & models, all looking great.

And special thanks to the designers the beautiful and talented Leah Kelly (Leah Kelly Designs) who was unable to be here for the leadup. Leah had just returned from an interstate trip that day and still managed to model as well! Danelle Maehonaehie (Siren Hills) who worked around the clock to complete some new corsets to show. And Catz Laws (Pik-A-Pocket Belts) who kindly made some stunning pieces for the day, which were complimented by Abbey Rose Designs' Seed Jewellery.



more corsets from Siren Hills

our local designers showed just how much talent we have at our fingertips in Kuranda. Patrick, Hannah, Dwayne and Clive created just the right 'mood' with their music and added a tropical feel to the atmosphere. Jojo of Kuranda Hair and Body did wonders with the models' hair which made such a difference to the overall presentation of the outfits, especially as many of them were complimented by Ricardo's beautifully crafted fascinators. (available at the Original Kuranda Markets). Lisa, thanks for doing the leaflets, we'll get it together

We hope to have



# KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

"A room hung with pictures is a room hung with thoughts."

A number of the Co-op's artists have recently returned from their 'sabbaticals' and new inspirations and influences are already appearing in works currently showing in the gallery.

Judith Corrighan, print maker, returned from the most incredible tour of many of the major cities and museums in Greece. She is now better acquainted with Greek mythology and its archetypes. Judith received instruction on the evolving sculptural styles of representing the human body from Archaic times to 5th century BCE. As an architect Judith was most interested in the current styles of living, including buildings, sculptures, handicrafts, and exquisite jewellery and embroideries. Judith said that generally, in Greece, the artist enjoys the clarity of the atmospheric light, and the shades of silver grey of the rocky landscape, but above all was the colour of the sea, ranging from clear sapphire to the densest inky indigo. Judith's new prints are going to be hugely influenced by these colours and designs.

Toni Rogers, fibre artist, attended Fibres Aotearoa at Whitireia College on the Kapiti Coast of New Zealand. Using a variety of new weaving techniques Toni was able to explore woven, stitched, pieced and assembled craft pieces with wires, linens and soft fibres. Toni stuck to her usual 'found objects', many from the seashore, as both altered art and the base for woven forms. Rocks, pods, bark, and small sticks became an intricate part of Toni's work encouraging creativity, process and a new individual direction. There are some new pieces in the Co-op gallery now.

Mollie Bosworth, ceramicist, certainly expanded her knowledge during her recent visit to China. She was disappointed, however, to see many of the old traditions were dying out and that the huge dragon kilns traditionally used by Chinese artisans could no longer be sustained and were proving to no longer be efficient. Mollie also visited a number of formal Chinese gardens, taking in the artistic use of rocks, bonsai and pebble paths. Mollie has recommenced her very popular pottery classes in her studio on Wednesdays. Call the Co-op gallery if you are interested in joining in next year.



Cathie Phoeda has produced a display of Christmas angels in a range of colours, sizes and very affordable prices. These angels are already being purchased as long lasting Christmas decorations and gifts. Don't miss out on your angel.

"Art is in the head, craft is in the hand and the connecting rod is in the heart."

The Management Committee and members of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative send the very best seasonal wishes to our community. We thank you for your continued support for our local artists.

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



### Seasons Greetings to all art lovers.

I hope you have enjoyed reading the Arts Pages as much as I have in getting them together. Thanks to all our wonderful contributors. The featured artists, and our tireless regulars: Toni Rogers & friends - the Arts Co-op, Diana Monaghan - Focus Theatre, Di Russo - Earth Connections, Zananda - Camera Club, - Amphitheatre, and Ken Saville - column. Ken also works with Peter, Garth and me on production. Take care over the festive season. Be kind to yourselves and those close to you, and Peace will be yours.

See you all in Feb. 2009!

Love always

seren starlight



# the Arts page

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"At the Botanical Gardens" by...



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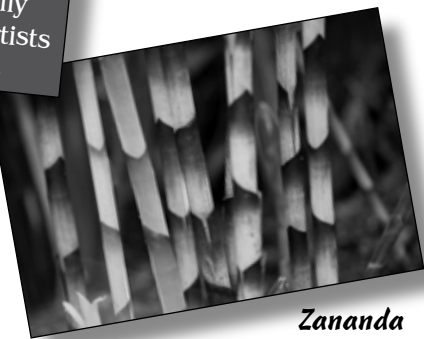
Seren

Next shoot: "Architecture" Meet outside Cairns Casino at 2:00 pm. Sat. 6th. Dec.



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Next meet: "Xmas Party" Speewah Tavern 7:00 pm. Mon. 15th. Dec. ALL are welcome! bring the whole family Come and meet the artists \$5 don. for supper.



Zananda

As you can imagine, we all had loads of fun at the Gardens. More pictures can be seen on the walls of the Speewah Tavern.

At the previous meeting, our first committee was finally elected. Here are the results:  
 President - Seren Starlight  
 Treasure - Grant Hynes  
 Secretary - Zananda Foord  
 and two committee members - Rob Macaulay - very Handyman  
 Ross Pine - Technical wizard

Enquiries: Zananda 4093 0365, or Seren 0409 499 168

We hope to see all you aspiring camera freaks at the Casino on Sat.6, and don't forget our Xmas Party at the Speewah Tavern on Mon. 15. Love, Peace & Joy to all for the festive season. Take care - seren.

...and there's more

One of our members, Tahlia, who has been busy having a baby, has sent us these images from the Human Mandala at the recent Yungaburra Festival. Thanks Tahlia, of "Jayde Images".



Left: 3 of the "Seven Sisters" at Yungaburra. Digital art by Tahlia.

## The New Artists

by Ken Saville

An avalanche of new artists has dropped in on us almost unnoticed, in Australia that is, elsewhere the creative industries are the leaders in job creation. No longer are artists merely stoned shadows creating when and if they feel like it ~ now they permeate all things new and groovy.

Your ipod was created by a member of the creative industries, the stamp you put on that letter to Aunty Ivy was designed by a creative artist, the bowl you ate your cereal from this morning was created by an artist. The kid next door owns a skateboard adorned with a work of art created by a member of the creative industries.

In fact skateboard illustration design has brought into being a whole sub-culture of designers much in the same way that record album covers did in the 1970's and 80's. And it is not only skulls and cross bones that

much appeal. The walls are down and the bird has flown, isn't it good, Norwegian Wood, shades of the mid Nineteenth Century ~ Beatles ~ Apple Corp. Let the bells ring out the glad tidings. Outsider art is in vogue.

Everything old is new again; French artist ~ Artus de Lavil-lèon, currently working in China (the new big art front) unites a kind of garden variety philosophy with social observation and comment. Like others in the new creative industries Artus seeks a closer liaison with the rugged rags of truth. "In Art, as in life, we need truth not sincerity!"

One of the oldest professions known to man is the art of the tattoo. Mike Giant's

recent exhibition at the White Walls Gallery in San Francisco California shows a Tex~Mex influence and is reminiscent the 1963 Rick Griffin Graphic novel "Omo Bob Rides South". Giant's work contains a mixture of sacred and profane imagery; a primeval snake looks hungrily at a marijuana tree, just above is a pair of praying hands surrounded by a mystical aura, skulls abound in mask form and in the form of the decorated candy skulls given to children for the 'Day of the Dead' festival. Spiders, Switchblades and roses complete the collation of images completely covering the "Valley Girl" from one of his pictures.



sell skateboards and designer track shoes, soft cuddly Manga inspired images of furry animals and moppet children and even totally abstract art has just as

[www.whitewallssf.com]

Kris Kuski is a whole other piece of work, formerly a childhood Lego freak, this guy was made for As-semblage



Sculpture. His 3-D works are constructed from pieces collected by trawling flea markets and show just what you can do with those broken toys after Christmas. Although he began as a two dimensional painter,



the yearning to build something surfaced and he began creating whole scenarios from the flotsam and jetsam of a journey through the flea markets from Germany to Singapore. His first exhibition sold out almost overnight and every piece he cre-

ates sells. Kris tags the works as simply mixed media-assembly with no desire to specify them as "post-cataclysmic landscapes in 3-D". While he still paints he admits that he enjoys his creative "Lego" legacy.

As the year closes and Christmas approaches let us give a thought to the children that never grew up and get them a plush vinyl creation from Rotofugi.com or Rocketworld.com or Itokin-park.com ~ "Ave a good one!"

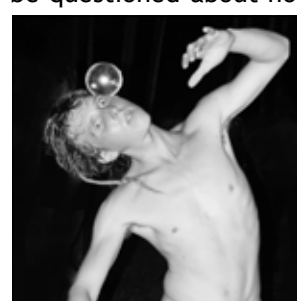


Merry Xmas to one and to all, especially little Tim - Ken.



Huge thankyou to all who helped at the weekend for Xavier Rudd. The rain stayed away, and we had a fantastic turnout: it's wonderful that our last mainstage gig for the year was such a success.

You may have noticed a group of very inquisitive people asking questions during the evening. That was Bill Cummings and his crew, they have now completed the canvassing of audience members for the Amp's economic impact study. The study is far from complete however. It still remains for local (and not so local) businesses to be questioned about how the Amp affects their trade. We are hopeful that the results of this study will illustrate to council the effect our events have on the surrounding community. This in turn will lend credence to any future application for funds



Simon entertains the crowd before the show.

(think power upgrade!). I was hoping to be able to give everyone a date for our next General Meeting.



Xavier Rudd at the Amphi

We have, I think, 2 more to go this year then another AGM. Unfortunately we cannot set a date. The accounts are still with the accountant in Cairns (I think maybe he has died and we just haven't found out yet). Obviously presenting our accounts forms an important part of the meeting, hence we are forced to wait until they return. And no, they are not getting an hourly rate.

We have our last members' night for the year on the 13th December. Nikki Doll will be returning (remember her? She was really good!) along with some of our local talent as a supporting band. We will also have Tommy See Poy and miscellaneous other enchanting entertainment!



Watch out for posters around town. Left: The show begins as usual with music and dance by the traditional owners.



## A Thought for Christmas

Three children playing the part of the wise men in the Christmas story brought their gifts. The first walked up to the crib and said loudly – ‘Here is a bag of gold.’ The second one said, ‘There’s some myrrh for you.’ The third one said, ‘And Frank sent this.’

The Christmas story is one which all of us, whether young or old, only ever understand a little. Christmas is meant to be enjoyed. It is a time of good news. It is about God showing us how much we loved as human beings. It is a time for us to show to others how much we love them. And when we do this, in some small way we show something of how we love God.

Christmas is God’s way of showing us that he loves us without conditions. Yet in a funny kind of way we think that the only way we can be loved by God is if we please God in some way or another. I like the story of the angel walking down the street carrying a burning torch of fire in one hand, and a bucket of water in the other. A woman asked, ‘What are you going to do with the torch and the bucket?’ The angel said, ‘With the torch, I’m going to burn down mansions of heaven, and with the bucket I am going to put out the fires of hell. Then we shall really see who loves God.’

What God offers us is the free gift of love. This is sometimes called grace. Grace demands nothing of us, and makes no conditions at all. But when we discover how to receive grace, it empowers people who really love and trust God. If we choose not to receive grace, God’s love, we are really missing something.

Earlier this year a friend of mine died. She loved singing, but she was tone deaf. At her funeral it was said, that when we get to heaven, we will not notice how she sings out of tune. Her singing will not have changed; it will be our hearing, for we will hear the song that God has heard her singing all the time.

Christianity is not about singing in tune. It is not even about getting it right, or winning or losing. It is hearing the sweetest song you have ever heard, like tasting the best food you have ever had; or smelling the sweetest fragrance. It is about hearing God say ‘I love you’, and saying ‘Yes’- I want some more of that.’

Christmas is God’s way of showing us that he loves us

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5.00pm Afternoon Worship  
Holy Communion 7<sup>th</sup>  
Evening Prayer 14<sup>th</sup>  
Carol Service 21<sup>st</sup> (6.00pm)  
Evening Prayer 28<sup>th</sup>

### CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
6.00pm Carol Service and Supper

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
7.30pm Carols by Candlelight  
for Children, Mum and Dad to,

10.30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist  
(Please note early time)

**CHRISTMAS DAY – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)  
9.30am Christmas Family Communion

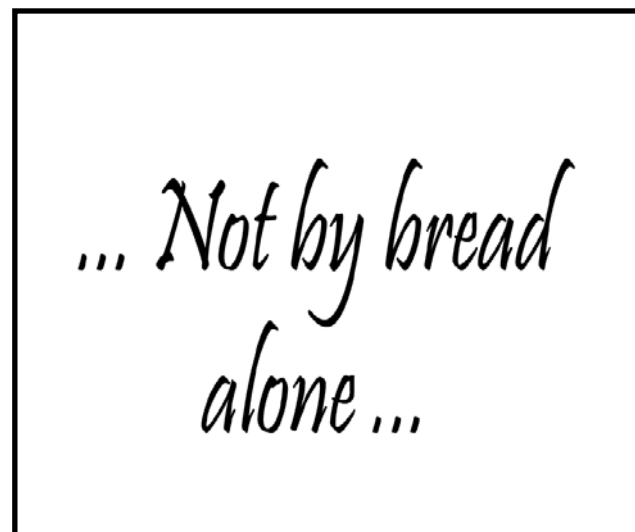
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### THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

*"The West has always received spiritual enlightenment from the East. The Song of the Kingdom is first heard in the East, but in the West the greater volume of sound bursts upon the listening ears. The Lord Christ arose as a bright Star in the Eastern sky, but the light of His Teaching shone more perfectly in the West, where His influence has taken root more firmly and His Cause has spread to a greater degree than in the land of His birth."*

*(Abdu'l-Baha, Paris Talks, p. 33, also illustrating the circumstance that no Prophet is accepted in the country of the Prophet's birth. This applies likewise to Baha'u'llah, the Founder of the Baha'i Faith and father of Abdu'l-Baha)*

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**From the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the Tablelands**

# Best to book early for Kuranda

Intending Christmas-New Year holiday visitors are being urged to book early in order to avoid disappointment, Tourism Kuranda President Fr Chris Wright said. "For many Far Northerners wishing to spend the Festive Season away from the coastal heat, Kuranda is fast becoming the more preferred holiday vacation with a very popular and active accommodation sector with all styles of accommodation from backpackers to secluded resorts on offer.

"Along with increasing numbers in day travellers, including local, national and international visitors, the holiday experience of recent years has provided a marked influx in the number of visitors who want to extend and enjoy their stay in our unique locale. Because of this continued resurgence in numbers of people who want to experience our unique tropical rainforest scenery and attractions during the Christmas New Year period, it would be a good idea for intending visitors to secure their itinerary and accommodation with bookings sooner rather than later," Fr Wright said.

He said that people visited Kuranda for a host of reasons. "Some come to Kuranda and environs as it is the ideal location to sit down with a coffee or cold drink and take time out from the heavy pressures of everyday life that those of us who live in Kuranda generally do not have to endure."

"Kuranda artisans have world wide reputation for arts and crafts and they also attract many thousands of visitors and shoppers."

"Other visitors come to enjoy the cooler weather conditions, the variety of shopping and affordability, wonderful fashion outlets, magnificent galleries, and of course, there are the dining and scenic aspects as well."

"For these reasons, this is a much valued and highly popular destination so bookings best serve any extended holiday stay," Fr Wright said.

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## Kuranda Christmas Party

### Saturday 21st December

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Meditation is nectar for the mind as good as food is nourishment in the body. Meditation strengthens positive qualities of compassion, patience, and wisdom and frees us of conflicting emotions and erroneous beliefs. It calls for the strongest kind of self-discipline and is an essential ingredient in developing true inner beauty; the deep inner glow that shines stronger as the years go by.

## CHRISTMAS NORTH QUEENSLAND STYLE. BAKED SCHNAPPER: YOU'LL NEED:

One large schnapper.....some cooked rice flavoured with turmeric....an attractive oven to table platter.  
A lemon or two, chopped  
Some chives or spring onions, chopped.  
While the rice is cooking perform the following ritual:  
BATHE the fish in the juice of one lemon.  
CHOP the lemon rind, with all the flesh.  
CHOP the chives or spring onions.  
NOW.....drain and wash the rice.  
MIX into the rice the lemon pieces and the chives or spring onions.  
Lemon Pepper adds a most appreciated lift at this moment, be lavish with it.  
SPOON SOME OF THE RICE INTO THE BODY OF THE FISH.  
You'll have to use nature's specially provided tool.....the hand. Be firm with the stuffing, forcing it into place.  
USE THE LEFT OVER RICE TO MAKE A BED ON THE PLATTER. HERE'S THE HARD PART!  
PLACE THE HAND OVER THE FISH'S STUFFED CAVITY AND WITH THE OTHER CARRY HIM ONTO THE LAID OUT BED, SITTING HIM ERECT ON HIS TUMMY.  
Oops!!! You've discovered a rather terrifying overhang. Well....now is the time to call in a chiropractor or to develop muscles yourself....you'll have to discipline the fish to curve about to fit the platter on which he sits.

TAKE A FIRM GRIP ON HIS TAIL, AND GRIPPING THE BODY FOR LEVERAGE, FORCE THE TAIL TO CURVE WITHIN THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PLATTER. HOLD A MOMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BACKBONE HAS YIELDED.  
No fats or oils are in the stuffing, nor do you have to sit by the stove constantly basting the fish. Just before inserting the monster in the oven, give him a final bathing of lemon juice, and then LEAVE HIM ALONE.  
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 A small child  
 For whom no angels sing.





# BatReach news



On behalf of my fellow orphaned and injured native creatures who have been cared for at BatReach throughout a busy 2008, I would like to thank:

- **Kuranda Visitors Information Centre**
- **The Kuranda Paper**
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Below is a reminder of how tiny my brother Oliver and I were when we arrived in August after our mother was killed by a cat. Without the support of everyone involved at BatReach we would not have survived.

Our very best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

– *Lucy the Sugar Glider*



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#### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

It has been a real pleasure to visit Kuranda in the last few weeks as the newly pre-selected candidate for the LNP for the Barron River electorate. I am definitely enjoying the process of hearing 'the latest' on the issues and needs of this unique area and look forward to more visits soon. Kuranda has always been a very special part of my life, as I grew up in Cairns and used to travel by train to Mareeba with my Gran for visits to extended family. The journey in the steam train and the stopover at Kuranda station were the highlights of the trip. Since then Kuranda has changed in some ways, but fortunately, its essential charm has been preserved. Like many parts of Far North Queensland however, it is faced with the challenge of balancing the needs of residents with tourists, and the environment with development. This is a task I look forward to sharing with you in the future.

#### GIVING KURANDA A VOICE

With the new boundary redistribution of the Barron River electorate taking in all of the outlying areas of Kuranda, we now have a chance to view Kuranda as a whole when it comes to state matters. This means Kuranda can have a stronger voice – one that I aim to ensure **IS** heard. Kuranda and the surrounding areas represent something very different from the rest of the Barron River electorate - a more tranquil lifestyle amongst the rainforest and bushland and an emphasis on creativity. Its special way of life and needs must be given active representation.

#### MORE ABOUT WENDY

I conduct a private practice in Speech Pathology in Cairns and on the Tablelands, with a strong interest in literacy skills and the important area of Early Childhood Education. I also own and operate a small ecotourism venture and farm with the help of one of my adult sons. My family were pioneers, who have passed on to me their love of this very special region and a strong sense of responsibility for seeing it is properly cared.

#### THE ROLE OF DEVELOPMENT

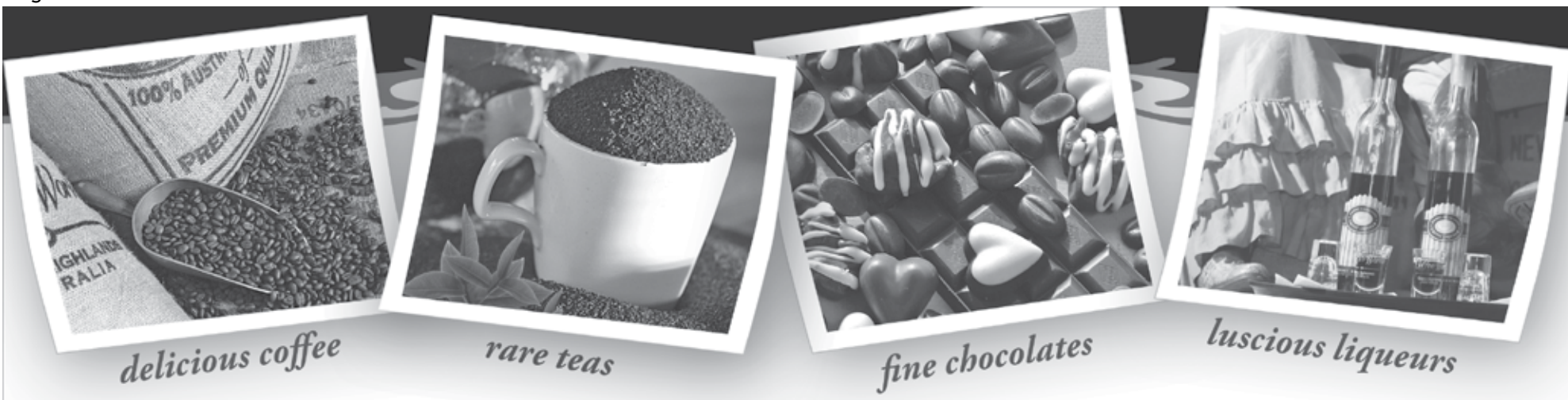
I understand the importance of development, but as someone who has a biological and health science background, I am also aware of the growing consciousness about environmental issues amongst us all. I have a strong sense of the role that the environment plays in the psychological as well as physical well being of a community and I'm sure that Kuranda residents do too. Together, citizens, environmentalists, planners, governments and developers, need to work with integrity and commitment to what will provide the best habitat for us all. In particular, I am keen to see that legislation reflects community attitudes, but that it also does not stifle or impede *appropriate* development.

#### EMBRACE THE CHANGE

Right across the western world there is a growing realization of a need for positive change. The need for innovative thinking across the issues is an exciting challenge for us all – one I invite you to join me in. Please contact me with your thoughts and ideas. Be part of the change! Last week saw a visit to the electorate by David Gibson, the Shadow Minister for Sustainable Environment and Climate Change as well as Shadow Minister for Clean Energy Strategy. David is typical of the invigorated, committed members of the new LNP – a party that is seeking new ways for new times.

#### IN CLOSING

I cannot stress too deeply my belief of the inter-connectedness of people with the environment and the fine balance we must achieve. In the coming weeks, I'm looking forward to listening to residents of the Kuranda area, and strongly speaking up for them on all the issues, so that we move ahead as a society in the best way for all concerned. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the festive season and for a safe and prosperous new year.



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# RATS AREN'T ALL BAD

By Gabriela Eiris

Most people come to the Atherton Tablelands for its climate and spectacular scenery. I came here to study rats, Giant White-tailed Rats that is. Most of you are probably wondering why. The truth is: I have always

loved rats! I've had rats as pets and found them to be incredibly smart animals. I became a biologist and studying rodents seemed to come naturally and I became aware of their incredibly important role in the health of most ecosystems on Earth. The Giant White-tailed Rat is a very good example of this, as it plays a crucial role in the dynamics of the rainforests in the Wet Tropics.

As some of you probably know from experience, the Giant White-tailed Rat is one of Australia's largest rodents, weighing up to 900 g. It is considered mainly an inhabitant of tropical rainforests and closed sclerophyll forests from just south of Townsville to the tip of Cape York. It is a generalist feeder with very good climbing skills, allowing it to forage on trees as well as on the ground. Its diet includes fruits, nuts, fungi, insects, small reptiles, amphibians, crustaceans and bird eggs. It possesses extremely strong jaws and has a powerful bite-force that enable it to chew through tin cans and coconuts, or cars, as some of you have had the misfortune of discovering. Being both an important predator and prey, and its ability to disperse large seeds in the rainforest too big for other animals to carry, make it a key player in the functioning of our



Gabriela and friend

rainforests.

To study them I have to go out and trap them. I have several sites that I go to on a regular basis and there I have developed a very special relationship with the rainforest and its inhabitants. I know most of the White-tailed Rats that live there, and I get to see the forest in a way very few people do. I see its daily and seasonal cycles, I get to know those who live there and experience the true beauty of the rainforest.

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For even the hardest of travellers the journey up the mountain by rail or motorcar was an immense joy in itself, and then to arrive in the verdant jungle town, smaller than a city suburb, infested by market stalls and bazaars from end to end, offering the plunder that journeyers revel in, was a fantastic experience. It was as far removed from normality as the dreams of a hashish fiend are from the clear light of truth in the golden dawn.

Set among high forested hills, its small size belied the impact it delivered. The green foliage of the tropical rainforest glistening in the early morning sun under wispy cotton clouds or shrouded in the early morning mist was a splendid background to the arrangement of cafes and markets and parkland. Colourful butterflies and birds of all colours and sizes darted through the greenery in the early hours finding sustenance in the rich humidity and disappearing into the shadows as the sun rose.

Strange and exotic species of humans inhabited the surrounds. Secreted in the forest in pole homes and clinging to the hills like jungle vines or the giant ficus that grew for a thousand years. Some like Hobbit Homes that had grown organically over many years. Some of bright metal resisting the mighty jaws of the termite and some traditional farm dwellings surrounded by ponds and dams; all combining to create a generic heartland reminding travellers of their own childhood or that of their grandparents or just some long lost dream.

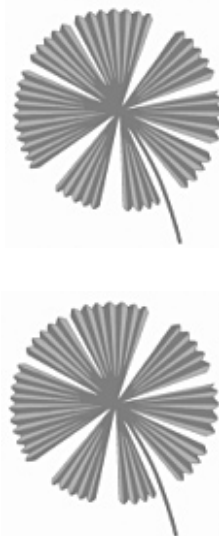
As the first visitors arrived for the day, just before the madding crowd spilled from the train that climbed along the precipitous slopes and serpentine track up the mountain gorge, past the waterfalls and ancient forest, the shops threw open their shutters and the smell of fresh baked goods and the aroma of coffee and cakes and candy spilled onto the streets.

All these elements combined to overload the jaded senses of the seekers who had travelled across the world on the promise of a place that might be in some way different from their ordinary existence. And now with the feast calling who would not imbibe of the sumptuous offerings of food and souvenirs, of memories to be consumed and repeated at a later date to folks back home?

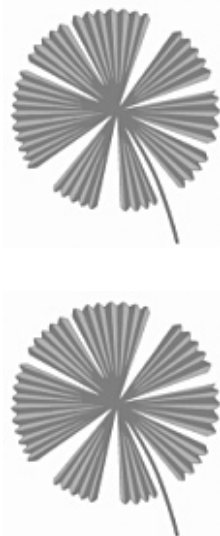
"The station was a biological museum, an archive of tropical splendiferous plantlife, ferns, fronds and flowers flourishing among philedendrons in fertile soil from the forest creating a flowing mass of foliage that few had seen before and fewer knew the names of, but everyone wanted to photograph".

The streets were like the streets of villages aged by milleniums of visitors, voyagers, and travellers, "There were saints and sinners, freaks and ferals, artists and environmentalists, bankers and lawyers, chemists and architects, players and drifters, losers and winners all kinds of folks you might like to meet". It was, for a few hours each day, a snapshot of humanity, an artist's delight for images to be painted, sculptured or written about in some fashion. And they were there to experience the joy and pleasure of the unique environment as if the site were sacred or a place where the thin veil between the real world and the 'other' was so thin that glimpses might somehow seep through.

Through the day the miracle happened, the hungry were fed, the weary were invigorated, the senses were appeased, spontaneous laughter splashed the streets, bargains were sought and found, children were lost and recovered, strange items were wrapped for cartage to distant shores and weary legs carried their sated passengers back to their coaches, cars, trains, bikes and balloons to be carried off to other destinations, seeking, seeking, seeking. *To be continued...*



**Nature**  
A beautiful, spiritual thing,  
To be treated with great respect  
**Except**  
when we really do need  
to buy  
a Sport Utility Vehicle,  
air conditioning,  
an overseas holiday,  
bottled water.  
**But**  
Nature will understand!



## NEWS FROM KURANDA 8 BALL

2008 has been a great year of competition for Kuranda 8 Ball. There have been two seasons, with approximately ten teams competing each season. The Pre Season was won by Backpacker Joeys as was the Summer Season, after a close Finals with Roscommon Repellers in second place and Far Cues in third place.

The Grand Finals were held on 8th November at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, followed by a Christmas lunch and drinks for all the members. A great day was had by all, as the finals were fought out right to the last round. The Top Male Player for the Season was Robbie Munster, Top Female Player, Janet Hoye and Best & Fairest Player was Dawn Cifuentes.

Nick Djeric, the 2008 President gave a wonderful report, scattered with quotes and jokes. He thanked his committee members and commented on the loss of Jo Lawlor during the year. Her absence was felt by everyone.

The newly elected committee members are, President – Tim Riley, Vice President – Aaron Baker. Secretary – Janet Hoye and Treasurer – Tony Camilleri remain in office.

The Finals of the Intercity Competition is being held in Babinda over the weekend of the 22nd & 23rd November. Kuranda, Innisfail, Cairns and the Tablelands compete in a Round Robin format. This is a full weekend of pool always enjoyed by the Kuranda 8 Ball Representative players.

Robbie Munster and Christine Murphy represented Kuranda in the State Trials in Townsville and Atherton during the year. They both played very well, with Robbie going on to play in Brisbane.

Thanks to Bob Moule and Lily & John Goss for volunteering their time to run the bar at the RSL. Bob is having treatment, we wish him all the best, hope to see him behind the bar again soon.

Thank you to all the venues, Kuranda Recreation Centre, Kuranda Backpackers, and the Fitzpatrick Tavern for providing great snacks on Tuesday nights and the use of their tables.

Competition begins again in February 2009, with dates still to be finalised. This year will commence with a new Singles format for the Pre Season, details will be forthcoming.

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**Dave Horton plays a shot at the Finals, 2008**

# Tablelands Regional Council

## News Briefs

**Tablelands Regional Councillors are working on a list of infrastructure** that could be improved under the Federal Government's \$300 million program to build local community infrastructure. The Council received \$1.3 million under the program, announced by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd at this week's inaugural meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said the grant was a welcome boost to the region which would share in the difficult times being experienced nation-wide due to the global market downturn. "The Council thanks the Rudd Labor Government for taking this action to further boost our capacity to meet urgent needs in our communities and create long-term infrastructure," Cr Gilmore said.

Cr Gilmore said the Councillors had been asked to develop possible projects. "We are working to a very short timeframe, with projects to be delivered by September next year, so we need to move as quickly as possible," Cr Gilmore said. He said it was premature to highlight specific projects that would be funded under the grant until the Council had an opportunity to consider it at a meeting.

**The Tablelands Regional Council will celebrate tree planting day** across the region on 7 December. Mayor Tom Gilmore said the Council had decided to move the region's celebration of National Tree Planting Day from July to a more appropriate date later in the year to take advantage of the wet season.

"Council has resolved to invite the public to a tree-planting day at Platypus Park near Atherton which is a site that has been identified as in need of some attention," Cr Gilmore said. "The community is welcome to come along and plant a tree which will be sourced from the Council's revegetation unit at Malanda and private nurseries, if required. Some councillors will also use the opportunity to plant individual trees at sites in their divisions."

**Aged housing on the Tablelands** will be targeted under a funding submission to the State Government. Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Tom Gilmore said the Council would seek funding to provide additional one-bedroom units in high need locations across the region. "There is currently a high demand for affordable accommodation for seniors in the region, with residents looking for more Council

managed aged accommodation," Cr Gilmore said. "If funding is approved we will look at specific locations where suitable Council land is available."

**Tablelands Regional Council has offered a lifeline to the region's peak tourism body.** Tropical Tablelands Tourism (TTT) asked the Council to provide more funding to help the organisation continue to operate.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said the Council agreed to provide an additional \$17,500 to the organisation. "This brings the Council's contributions to TTT in line with the total contributions of the former shires," Cr Gilmore said. "It is addition to the \$36,000 in funding the Council provided to TTT in the 2008-09 Budget."

Cr Gilmore said the Council was a strong supporter of tourism on the Tablelands. "Council funds a network of visitor information centres to the tune of \$500,000, and these play a vital role in attracting visitors to our region," Cr Gilmore said. "Council recognises the important role the industry plays in the overall economic development of the region and is looking forward to building a stronger partnership with TTT."

**Tablelands Regional Council has signed off on more than \$27,000 in financial and in-kind support to various community groups and organisation.** Mayor Tom Gilmore said the applications made for the period from 22 October to 11 November included sporting groups wanting assistance to upgrade facilities, to assist with the staging of Christmas celebrations and events and revegetation work.

**Tablelands Regional Council has reaffirmed its commitment to work towards using the old Kuranda Primary School site** as a community centre by establishing an advisory committee. Division 8 Cr Jenny Jensen said the Council had received a good cross section of interest from the community for membership of the committee which would advise Council on the future use of the site.

"Council has endorsed the make-up of the committee which will comprise Linda Snart, Ken Harley, Chris Martin and Gerald Hobbler," Cr Jensen said.

The former Mareeba Shire Council purchased the site earlier this year to provide community facilities in the Kuranda area. In early October, the Council held a public meeting in Kuranda to update the community on the status of the site and receive feedback on its

future use.

At this week's Council meeting, the Council was presented with a proposal by the Candlenut Steiner School to purchase the site.

Cr Jensen said it was premature for Council to consider any proposals for the long-term use of the site until further consultation was carried out with the advisory committee.

**More than 12,000 people walked through the doors of the Tablelands Regional Council-funded visitor information centres during October.** The figure (12373 total) is more than that for the same time last year.

Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Tom Gilmore said the Council funded its network of VICs to the tune of \$500,000. "Many of them have a dual role, in that they are also museums and heritage centres, and also have a large involvement with various community groups," Cr Gilmore said.

The year-to-date figures show 119,338 people have visited the VICs in 2008.

**A new skills-based committee will be established in Kuranda to advise the Tablelands Regional Council** on how monies raised from an infrastructure levy will be spent. The Kuranda Tourist Infrastructure Levy is collected from tourists, through Kuranda Rail and Skyrail, and used to maintain the character of Kuranda and conserve its natural environment predominantly for the benefit of tourists.

Division 8 Councillor Jenny Jensen said the new committee would include a broader representation of skills from the tourism, business, professional and community sectors as well as traditional owners and specific urban/streetscape design skills.

"Council acknowledges the efforts of past committee members and thanks them for the time and resources they offered," Cr Jensen said.

Cr Jensen said several infrastructure projects previously identified to be funded would now be able to be progressed following final endorsement by the State Government.

These include Stage One of the upgrade of Therwine Street, from Coondoo Street to Thoree Street; Stage Two of the Thoree Street to Honey House Markets; an upgrade to the new toilet block at Barron Falls carpark; an upgrade of Wright's Lookout; construction of a walking track by Barron Falls Road and improvements to lighting in Coondoo Street.

## Jensen's Jottings Continued from Page 28.

**Sport and Recreation:** In late September Council agreed to a review of the Sport and Recreation needs of the region and the development of a new Sport and Rec Plan for the TRC. Community consultation is expected to begin early next year.

**Grants for Community Groups:** As mentioned in previous articles, Council sponsors small grants of financial and in-kind support to clubs and organisations within our local communities throughout the region. If your club or organisation is an incorporated body, you are eligible to apply for a grant from TRC. Council has set aside a healthy budget allocation to assist community groups and I encourage groups to make application. Each grant is not large, but can certainly assist clubs and groups. Information is available by contacting Council or me.

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Yvonne Dighton of the Kuranda QCWA who recently placed second in the State Finals of the QCWA Country Woman of the Year competition. Also to Kuranda Envirocare and the recent launch of the Riverlinks Greencorps Team project which will involve various community groups - Kowrowa community, Kuranda District College, Green Corridor, Chamber of Commerce, Council weed control and QPWS.

**Christmas Closure of TRC Council Offices:** During the period from Christmas to New Year, Council services will be reduced due to Christmas closure. However, waste collection services will still operate and staff will be available for emergency repairs etc. Please look for the ads in the Tablelands Papers as the full details will be outlined a little closer to the time.

**Meetings this month:** During December, Council Meetings will be held at Mareeba (Dec 3rd) and Atherton (Dec 17th). These meetings are open to the public and agendas and minutes are available on the TRC website [www.trc.qld.gov.au](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au).

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## Dining and Wining in India

Alongside the road, sometimes in the middle of nowhere it seems, there is a man and his home, under a tree, surrounded by all his possessions. His charpoy bed, a stack of banana leaves, an area where buffalo dung is drying in the sun and his clay stove. Buffalo pats are burning under his stove giving off a quite pleasant musty sweet smell, and combined with this is the delicious smell of chapati and dhal that the man is cooking on top of the stove. When cooled, this is dished up on a banana leaf and I sit on the charpoy bed and with fingers of my right hand I break and tear off pieces of the chapatti and fold them, one at a time, into small triangular cups which I scoop into the dhal and eat them. Delicious! When finished my banana leaf is given to a buffalo.

The wining is completely different. To begin with it is definitely not wine! This is in the back streets of Bombay. No street lights and very dark. The setting is an isosceles triangle. The base of the triangle is a dirty brick wall, and the two equal sides are formed by two large trucks that have backed up to the brick wall. They have left just enough room at the apex for a single person to pass through. The gap is guarded by two burly Indians. I'm let through and walk to the brick wall to join groups of Indians standing in groups. I join a group and glasses are placed in our hands. Later a man arrives with a toy balloon full of liquid which he pours into our glasses, half filling them, and then quickly stuffs the empty balloon into his pocket. Our glasses are then topped up with Pepsi-Cola. And we drink!

**Robin Dods**



# Swimming Pool “Officially Opened”

The end of the month of October saw the Kuranda District Swimming Pool officially opened by Queensland Minister for Corrective Services and Sport, Judy Spence. Along with other ministers, the Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Tom Gilmore, Councillors, Division 8 Councillor Jenny Jensen and President of the local Lions Club, Col Jeanes, the speeches were made, people thanked and plaque unveiled. Remarks about the beautiful setting were complimented by a wonderful afternoon of entertainment from the ladies of the a'Capella choir, Birds of Paradise and local band Koahlition that left everyone relaxed and in good spirits. Catering by Rosie and the crew from Cedar Park was superb and well served with assistance of catering students from the Kuranda District State College. Well done to all involved in setting up from the Council organisation, particularly Stacey Maisel & Crew and CEO Ian Church for the smooth running of the event.

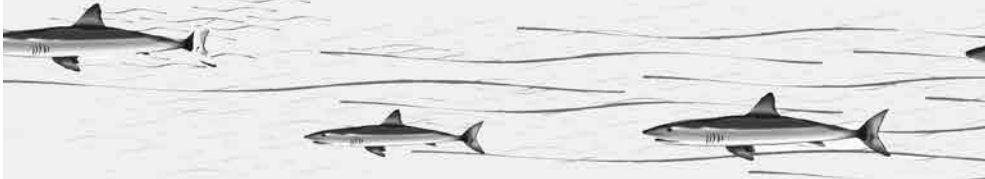
**What the pool has provided in the first 2 months of operations:**

- A regular weekly swim program for close to 200 primary school students
- Changed the health and fitness of many regular lap swimmers who have either re-discovered swimming or relocated from further afield, saving time and money
- Improved the health and wellbeing of some regular river users who were getting sick and suffering ear problems
- Provided Learn to Swim lessons to over 80 local children from babies to teenagers
- Stroke development and Squad training to over 25 young lifesavers and swimmers
- Water based Aquafitness classes for over 30 ladies and gents of the district
- Group bookings for alternative school programs and the Home and Community Care program
- Retired couples a place to quietly and safely complete active recreation
- A place for mums, dads, babies to play, learn and be safe around water
- Set routines in the community's lifestyle that will still be here next month, year, decade
- Opened pathways with State government departments to support exercise, rehabilitation, disability and aging services in our District
- Work experience opportunities for High School students
- A place to meet, relax, and have fun
- A big increase in interest in the Aquatic and fitness lifestyle
- Short Term missions and additions
- Shade provision- sails and structures in critical areas
- Pace Clock
- Extra signage for safety
- A public notice board
- Signs on the Highway
- Brochures out in the district to advertise classes, times
- Learn to swim slots,



Left to right: Carol Jeanes, Councillor Gilmore, Minister Spence, Col Jeanes, Steve Wettenhall MP and Gary Davis

- Squad times
- A storage shed for equipment
- Extending the fenced area to take in B.B.Q and Pergola areas
- Seating and benches
- Swim Club
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## KURANDA SES NOTES- DECEMBER 2008



**FLOOD STORM  
EMERGENCY  
132 500**

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE KURANDA COMMUNITY**

*Please do your best to keep yourselves safe- see below*

### **CYCLONE PREPARATIONS**

The Kuranda Tourist Information Centre, Neighbourhood Centre, and Branch Library and Council Office have available for you, copies of a Cyclone Tracking Map, a brochure Preparing for Cyclones and fridge magnets Flood Storm Emergency 132 500. Just so you are aware, if after hours, water is flooding down your street from a burst main, or your local road is blocked by a fallen tree, the Tablelands Regional Council, Mareeba Regional Office, After Hours Emergency number 0408 770 171 should be your first call. Both the Cyclone Tracking Map and the brochure Preparing for Cyclones provide excellent advice, but ultimately Everyone is responsible for their own safety.

If you know that your home could be unsafe in strong winds, you need to identify a safe place to evacuate to (a friend or relative's home perhaps) and you need to move there before the winds are too strong. Evacuations are only ordered if storm surge or flooding is likely and to my knowledge not in sparsely populated river valleys such as our area. Residents likely to be threatened by flooding need to make use of local knowledge and evacuate to higher ground (by previous arrangement to homes with family or friends) before their lives are threatened.

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE ADVICE ON THE MAP AND BROCHURE TO MINIMIZE LOSS OF LIFE, INJURY AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY!**

### **KURANDA SES LOCAL CONTROLLER**

The change in structure of Units/Groups has resulted in the creation of a position of Local Controller for each group. The position of volunteer (unpaid) Local Controller more or less replaces the current Group Leader position. I applied for, and after interview, was appointed to the position on 29 October.

In the future, applications will be called for the position of Group Leader.

When that position is filled it is likely that the Local Controller (LC) will be responsible for Planning and Logistics and the Group Leader for Operations and Training.

### **OPERATION RUDOLF**

**On Friday afternoon, 12 Dec**, local Emergency Service vehicles will tour parts of our community distributing Christmas goodies provided thanks to the generosity of local businesses and organisations. The convoy will leave from Speewah Road at 5.00pm and arrive at the Fallon Road Recreation Centre at about 6.15pm. A more detailed itinerary is provided elsewhere in this newspaper.

### **TRAINING**

Recently, we've had members attend regional training courses for Community Member, Flood boat, Team Leader, Chainsaw and Emergency Operations Centre. At our training nights members have completed Ladders and are now working on Ropes, Knots and Holdfasts. We've also had a session on Casualty Handling. At the time I'm writing this, Mattheus is using his Working Safely at Heights and Chainsaw skills in the Brisbane disaster area.

**Our next training night (and last for the year) is on Tuesday, 9 Dec at 1930. We'll recommence fortnightly training on Tuesday, 13 January 2009.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GROUPS OFFICIAL DUTY PHONE IS 0427 037 054**

## News Flash - Blazing Saddles Competition?

Recently, a respected local identity, Napoleon Blownapart, was lucky to escape with only severe burns to his leg when his ride-on mower exploded. A case of spontaneous combustion or a wrong arson the mower? One neighbour claims it's the biggest bang the identity has had for a long time. Joking aside – we wish you a speedy recovery!



**For sale: One part worn mower. Tyres may need some work**

## The Return of the “Bloody” Red Barron

In North Queensland the storms are rattling around  
They are patchy and monsoonal fed,  
The air is so hot, and sticky, and thick  
And the Barron is running blood red.

It's wet season time on the Atherton Tablelands  
Following two years of sweet bugger all,  
Out come the tractors, and in go the seeds  
With prayers PLEASE for gentle rain falls.

The rich basalt soils, provide good gains for toil  
Many crops here are grown with the rains,  
Like peanuts and corn, grass seed and beans  
However, seasons are never the same.

It's a window of chance with variable risk  
That the farmers take year after year,  
If the gamble pays off, they'll get a good crop  
But soil stealing flood rains - they fear.

Now Jack, like many more Tableland growers  
had been watching the storms dance around,  
With a good inch last week, and potential for more  
He decided to plough up his ground.

All night and all day, he toiled away  
The lines of fresh soil turned so well,  
And he'd hardly finished, when down came the rain  
Little soil smashing hammers from hell.

The first inch that fell came straight from the well  
Of benevolent Thor – God of Storms,  
The second inch too, was a bonus that's true  
A farm saving act being performed.

But still the rain fell, and his feelings of glee  
Transformed into gut squeezing dread,  
As the farm shifted into the creek, and beyond  
With its tell tale tomato sauce “red”.

Nearby roads - just graded - by shire operators  
Became gurgling torrents of mud,  
And they grew as they flew to join bigger systems  
Altogether creating a flood.

Oh the shame and the blame and the knowledge of loss,  
For the damage to farmland and river,  
“If I'd just ploughed tomorrow or the storm had not stayed  
Then this year I'd have come out a winner”.

Who'd be a farmer – who'd take the risk?  
And if no one did – who'd feed us all?  
There's a message in this for the whole Aussie nation  
Without farmers, we could all hit the wall.

For what it is worth, cheap food costs the Earth  
Desperate people act desperately,  
If we don't pay fair prices, so farmers have choices  
Our farms could end up on the reef.

To understand better, go down to the river  
And contemplate what you perceive,  
Do you like what you see – or what could be done  
By you, or by them. or by me?

**By Helen Adams 8/1/04  
(written in response to many calls about the poor old river)**



## Community thanks Cairns Port Authority

On Friday, November 14, Barron Catchment Care joined with its project partners to celebrate the three year anniversary of the Green Corridor Project, and to thank what was formerly the Cairns Port Authority for its generous support over the last three years.

The Cairns Port Authority (now divided into Cairns Ports and Cairns Airport in the lead up to the airport sale) has contributed \$750,000 in cash to this project since its inception in November 2005. This has enabled significant progress to be made towards its goal of rehabilitating the entire length of the Barron River and represents historic corporate investment in the health and well-being of our Wet Tropics environment.

To date, 55 hectares have been rehabilitated along the Barron, and almost 65,000 trees planted and maintained. Thousands of volunteers have participated in plantings, and around a dozen local community members have received employment in natural resources through their involvement in Green Corp and TAFE partnership programs. As well as enhancing water quality and the health of the Great Barrier Reef, riparian rehabilitation has provided habitat corridors for native wildlife. The project is very well regarded, and boasts a high level of community support, with community planting days attracting large numbers.

The Green Corridor project is built on strategic partnerships with organizations such as Conservation Volunteers Australia, Terrain NRM, local community groups, local councils, government agencies and the community in general. Friday's celebration was held at the Green Corridor site in Myola – an impressive 6 hectare site which displays phenomenal growth rates. Plantings less than two years old contain trees which are already 4-5 metres in height.

These extraordinary and visually striking results, achieved through a cost-effective partnership model, make the Green Corridor a very attractive 'green' investment opportunity for corporate and government entities alike. This is evidenced by the major cash and in-kind contributions it has secured from other corporate entities, local and state government and the community.

BRICMA presented a gift to Chief Executive Officer of Cairns Ports Ltd, Neil Quinn, as an expression of thanks in the lead up to the airport sale. In addition, the celebration at Myola included the ceremonial planting of five trees by Member for Barron Steve Wettenhall, Mayor Tom Gilmore, Neil Quinn and other special guests.

Lunch was provided and a guided walk was conducted through the rehabilitated site.



**Medinilla magnifica (from Page 5.)**





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The class of 2008 Year 12 students have graduated from the College. The graduation formal held last Saturday night at the Kuranda Resort and Spa was enjoyed by all. I wish the students every success in their future endeavours.

The planning for the development of the Sport's Field adjacent to the P-6 campus is well underway with the Tablelands Regional Council. I expect that the site preparation work will commence by the end of the year.

Education Queensland has advised that the new Year 6 classrooms are currently being manufactured and will be located at the College over the Christmas vacation for the start of the 2009 school year.

It has been an action packed year at the College with a vast range of educational activities experienced by our students. I have listed some of the most outstanding activities for the year:

- National Literacy and Numeracy Week where students from the older grades spent time reading to the younger students.
- Premier's Reading Challenge where students recorded how many books they read between May and September. Some of the College students received awards for reading over 100 books!
- The P - 6 swimming lessons this term in the new swimming complex. Having the pool next to the College has been sensational. Thanks, Gary, for all your support.
- Tamera Hunter being selected in the Peninsula squad to compete in the State athletics carnival.
- Italian School's project where some of our students recorded and illustrated Djabugay stories into a book in English, Djabugay and Italian languages. The book will be published next year in Australia and Italy.
- The national testing results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 numeracy being above the State mean.
- The Year 10 Education and Training Plan process culminating in work experience to allow students to test their future career choices.

Planning is well under way to make 2009 an even better year. Expanded VET programs will be delivered through the upgrade of the College farm and the establishment of industry standard hospitality and manual arts training areas. A major literacy in-service program for all College teachers will ensure that every student will receive the very best literacy teaching possible. There is a planned upgrade to the technology platform in the College. Additional teacher support will be available for Middle School students.

I would like to thank the community for the support shown to the College in 2008 and wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Ken Maclean

College Principal

*Visiting Japanese students enjoyed participating in an hour of physics and chemistry experiments on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October.*



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Fabian Hudson and Max Lacour experimented with the transfer and loss of kinetic energy.



*Crazy Hair day* at the P-6 Campus was a great success on Friday 14/11/08. Isobell Price and Abbey Yandell, 2 students from year 4, 5, 6 B, were inspired to create a fundraising activity with the P-6 campus to raise money so they could buy plants for the gardens near their classrooms. Around 30 native, low growing plants were purchased from Yuruga Nursery and were planted by the students on Monday. Jax has also offered native plants from the Kuranda Conservation Nursery for other areas around the school. Crazy days with a purpose are FUN!



**NUMERACY GROUPS** have been a new initiative trialled in Term 4 at the P-6 Campus. Teacher-aides supported class teachers and students by working with small groups of students on explicit maths concepts. Some groups worked on number facts, others worked with money and tuckshop lists. Shopping catalogues were used, dominoes and clocks for time work. Lots of hands on activities and reading become an integral part of the sessions. Teachers modelled successful strategies for teacher-aides to use with students. The Go-Maths program used by teachers to deliver maths concepts was also used to help students consolidate knowledge. The Evenstart Tutor, Lisa Macdonald also supported students in Y 6 with 1 to 1 tutoring in many math concepts. Well Done!



## CONGRATULATIONS

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

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Year 3 girls enjoying reading a book together at lunch time.



Year3 have been learning about Earth and the moon and if it is possible for humans to live on the moon. Here is a 3d model of the earth they created.



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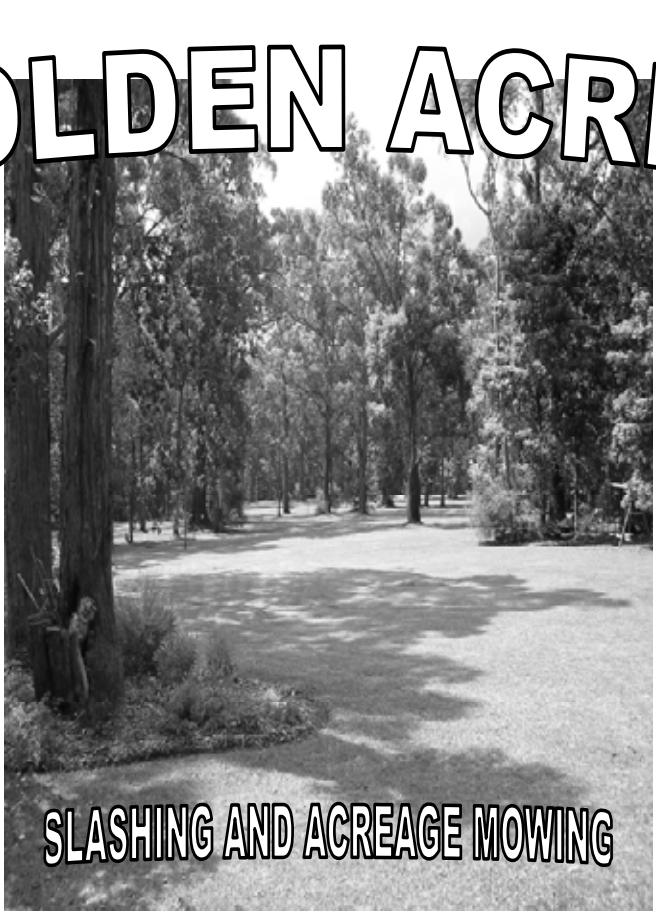
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**DEFG, FGHI, HIJK, MNOP,  
QRST, RSTU, XYX.**



### Answers to Wordplay:

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Fighting,  
Hijack,  
Monopoly,  
Queerest,  
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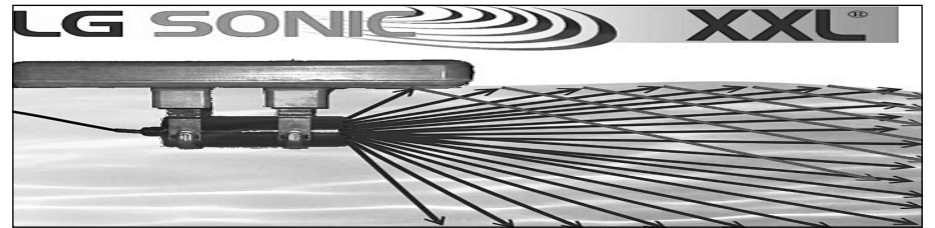
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## Answers to Dressing Up



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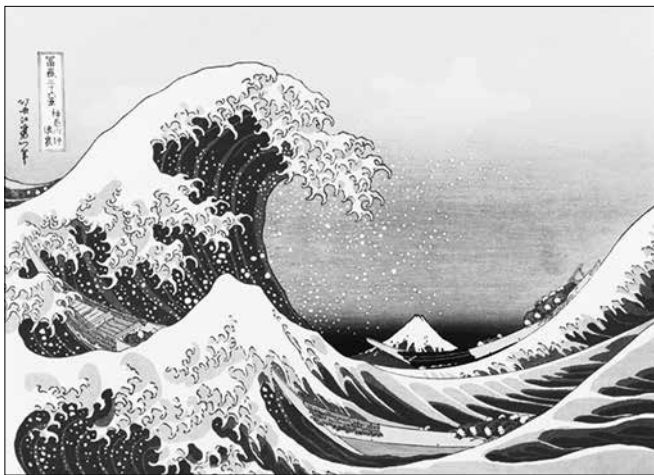


**Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee**  
**Expressions of Interest for New Committee Members**

Tablelands Regional Council has resolved to dissolve the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee established by the former Mareeba Shire Council. Council acknowledges the efforts of past committee members. Council is establishing a new committee to broaden the skill-based representation in the areas of tourism, business, professional, community, traditional owner and urban/streetscape design. The existing local and state government representatives will remain as members of the committee. The committee advises the Council on the tourist infrastructure services and facilities in Kuranda and its environs. Nomination forms are available at the Council service centres in Atherton, Mareeba, Malanda, Herberton and Kuranda or at [www.trc.qld.gov.au](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au) Nominations close on Friday 12 December 2008. For more information, contact Carol Parnell on 4043 4102.

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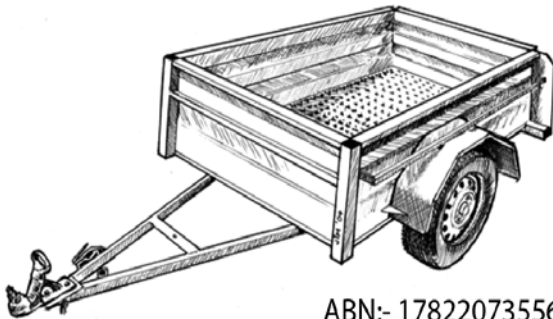
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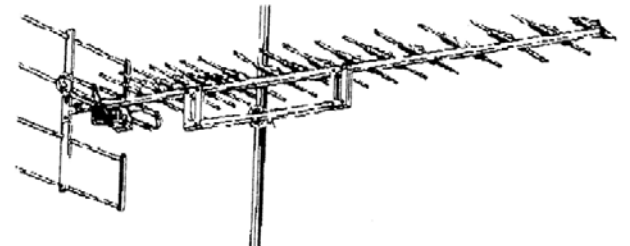
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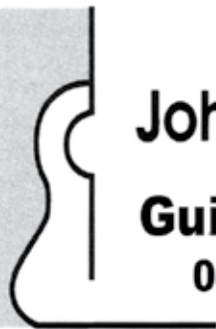


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### "Coconuts" Look Up and Live!!!!

**By Kenneth Maxwell**

**To my much loved neighbours of Kuranda.**

The coconut trees on my property have now reached maturity, and as I wish to retain the fruit I thought it wise to warn myself and others of the danger that hangs silently over head,. So I placed two signs on my trees with the appropriate wording LOOK UP AND LIVE. As it turns out, I now find myself habitually avoiding the drop zone, so potentially saving my own life. It's a fact, signs do influence us to take a safer path. Now bible prophecy is all about such signs that warn us of dangers that are ripening and must soon fall. Please don't tune me out just yet. I believe that bible prophecy has been put in the too hard basket for much too long. Current world events are forcing Christians, universally to take a long hard look at the prophetic teachings of Jesus.

Let's not hide the fact, that the grand event, Christians world wide are looking for with great expectation, is the prophesied return to planet earth of Jesus the Messiah as King of Kings and Lord of Lords to judge wickedness and restore righteous government to our harassed world. Now the events that precede the second coming of Jesus are graphically detailed in scripture and are worryingly similar to the troubles that are plaguing many nations, even Australia, this very hour. Could it possibly be true that we are the generation that will witness this awesome event. So staggeringly accurate were the prophecies of the first coming of Jesus, His virgin birth, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension that I am compelled to believe that His second coming will be no different. To some this will sound like a scene from Harry Potter but it is the writer's opinion that it would be a grave mistake not to have at least a cursory look at the prophetic scriptures that surround this earth-shattering event. The signs are there for all to read, maybe you are not a Christian and your curiosity has been raised and you have a bible laying around the house someplace, can I encourage you to dig it out, dust it off and have a read. Reading all of Matthew, Chapter 24, Mark, Chapter 13, and Luke, Chapter 21 should help you to get a sense of what Jesus is warning us about and preparing us for. You may or may not understand much of these chapters but you will get a gut feeling about the truth that Jesus is trying to convey. Matching some of these scriptures with your knowledge of world events will at least provoke you to ask some probing questions. I offer this information not to scare you but to prepare you. My motivation for writing this exhortation comes from the last verse in Mark 13 Verse 37. "And what I [Jesus] say to you I say to all ; WATCH !"

Now it goes without saying that Bible prophecy is as delicate as it is dramatic and will need to be prayerfully studied. With that in mind, I would like to invite you to join me in a bible study in my home, starting in the new year. If you are interested in the study or would just like to contact me in regard to what I have spoken about today, **please ring me on 40937028**. I would love to chat. Please remember the story about the coconuts and have a read. It will only take you 20 minutes. Let your gentleness be known to all men . The LORD is at hand. Philippians 4 verse 5. Could it possibly be true? It's worth a look.

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# Town Talk

Community News



## Wettenhall Watch

### Christmas message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Kuranda-ites a happy Christmas and New Year.

As Christmas time also heralds the storm season, don't forget to check your insurance is up to date and your valuations are realistic. Now is the time to get yourself and your family prepared in the event of a cyclone.

While you're at it, do you have an elderly or disabled neighbour? Why not check to see if they need a hand preparing for the storm season.

### Gaming grants

Congratulations to the Kuranda Arts Co-operative Ltd for gaining \$2,654 for computers and lighting upgrades from Queensland Government's Reef Hotel Casino Community Benefit Fund.

### Month 3 of Carbon Challenge

This month's challenge is to shed some carbon from your home by replacing incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent lights (CFL). It's a simple way to cut energy consumption with CFL lasting longer and using 80 per cent less energy than incandescent light bulbs. Using CFL in rooms where lights are on for at least four hours a day can save 90 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> annually per bulb. So if you were to replace eight light bulbs – the greenhouse gas emission savings

would be around 720 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> each year.

### Parliament in Cairns

Ministers busied themselves with lots of official openings during the historic sitting of the Queensland parliament in Cairns. Kuranda didn't miss out with the official opening of the Kuranda Pool. Over 5000 people visited the parliament, including a group of Kuranda District State College Students.

### Redevelopment of Cairns Heritage Wharf

The Cairns Cruise Ship Terminal will receive a \$11.2 million upgrade as part of the State Government's efforts to support tourism in the Far North Region. The re-development, to be completed in late 2009, will give cruise ship tourists a quicker and more comfortable experience when they arrive and depart Cairns by ship. Facilities will be moved to a redeveloped Wharf Shed No 3 at Trinity Inlet while Wharf Shed No 2, where the terminal is currently based, will be refurbished. All the historical and heritage elements of the wharf such as the old clock tower will be retained. Sections of the terminal will now be air-conditioned for the first time. There will also be new check in areas and bus and taxi drop off areas with covered links and a new gangway ramp. The terminal upgrade is an important step in meeting the expected increase in cruise ship visitations to Cairns over the next 15 years.

### \$50 mill reef water quality improvement

Premier Anna Bligh further recognized the danger chemicals posed to the Great Barrier Reef and outlined new legislation to tackle the problem. Following the Reef Summit, the Hon Anna Bligh announced \$50 million over five years to support regulation to prevent agricultural water pollution in Great Barrier Reef catchments. On top of existing commitments, this means a total of \$175 million has been committed over five years to tackle this problem.

### Volunteer and reap the benefits

International Volunteer Day is celebrated on December 5 – a time to realise you can make new friends, get job-ready, make a difference, develop new skills and reach out. For more information on how you can experience volunteering visit [www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au](http://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au) or phone Volunteering Queensland on (07) 3002 7600.

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone at the Kuranda Paper for keeping the community informed and entertained for another year... you've done a great job.

**Steve Wettenhall MP State Member for Barron River**



### Happy Christmas and New Year to all residents.

**Mayor's Christmas Appeal:** With Christmas just around the corner, the Mayor's Christmas Appeal is now in full swing. This appeal supports the provision of Christmas hampers for needy families in our communities around the region. If you are able to assist, financial donations can be made at the Kuranda Library. The Christmas hampers will be arranged by the Salvation Army and will be delivered on Christmas Eve. Marg Yandell at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre is assisting with arrangements for families in the Kuranda District.

**Australia Day Awards:** Nominations for the Australia Day Awards are now open.

Closing date is **January 16<sup>th</sup>**. There are many people in this district who would be very deserving of such awards and it would certainly be great to see some nominations (and hopefully some winners) from the Kuranda district. There are a number of categories including Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year. Nomination forms are available from the Kuranda Library (or you can contact me).

**Federal Government Funds:** Last week all Local Government Mayors met with the Prime Minister in Canberra. All Councils have received additional funds for local infrastructure projects such as halls, parks and gardens, community facilities. The Tablelands Regional Council has been allocated 1.34million from

## JENSEN JOTTINGS

the fund and Council is currently looking at a range of projects and how best to spend the money in our region.

**Changes to the Local Government Act:** A new Local Government Act was recently introduced into State parliament and it is expected that the Act will be passed in March next year. There are a number of changes to the current Act. The state government will also be introducing a new Electoral Act for Local Government which may include changes to Divisions under the Tablelands Regional Council area. If you would like more information, please contact me or check with the Dept of Local Govt.

**Old Primary School:** Thank you to all who attended the delegations sessions in early November and to all who nominated for the Advisory Committee. Last week Council finalised the membership of the committee and the group will meet in December to commence the task of advising Council on the various options and arrangements for the Old Primary School site. Community representatives on the Committee are Linda Snart, Ken Harley, Gerald Hobbler and Chris Martin. Along with myself and Matt Hyde (General Manager: Community Services TRC), the group will be working on a strategic plan and costing for the development of the site. Again, I have to say that it will take some time and money, but we will eventually have a community facility for the Kuranda community.

**Civic Reception for Georgia Bruce:** The Mayor will host the first ever Civic Reception for the new TRC for Georgia Bruce from Speewah. Council will honour Georgia's outstanding success at the Paralympics where she won two Bronze Medals. Georgia's Civic Reception will be held in Kuranda on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Congratulations Georgia!

**Civil Works and Roads:** During the past month, our road crews have been focussing on drainage works to ensure road drains are cleaned in preparation for the wet season. Ongoing maintenance works have been undertaken plus some new signage.

**New Playing Field at Junior School:** This month Council works crews will be finalising work on the Playing Field at the Junior School Campus at the Kuranda District College. In a joint agreement between the School, the Education Dept and the Tablelands Regional Council the field will be completed by the start of the 2009 school year and prove a great asset to the school children as well as the community. The facility

will be available to the community and will be administered by a Management Committee.

### Land Protection and Pest

**Management:** Council has recently adopted a Land Protection Management Action Plan 2008-2012. This plan prioritises weeds and animal pests and will be used as the basis for the control, containment and eradication of various pest, weed and animal species. The Plan will be advertised for public inspection and submissions. Council will also establish a Pest Advisory Committee and is seeking expressions of interest from individuals and groups within the local community who are interested in being involved. Further details are available from Tim O'Brien (Manager: Health and Environment) at 40434100 or email [tim.obrien@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:tim.obrien@trc.qld.gov.au)

**Tourism matters:** For some years, Council has received funds via the state government to fund tourism related infrastructure in the central Kuranda Village area. A Special Agreement in 1994 (updated in 1997) ensures that funding is available to provide additional infrastructure to cater for the large number of tourists who visit Kuranda. This funding comes from two sources; \$1 per Kuranda Scenic Rail passenger and contributions from Skyrail. Under the terms of the Agreement the funds are provided to Council and can only be expended on tourist infrastructure services and facilities and require input from the local community. An advisory committee (known as the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee or KIAC) has operated for some years. Council has recently conducted a review and will soon be calling for Expressions of Interest for skills based representatives on the next KIAC. The skills areas sought are: Community (2) Traditional Owner (1) Business/Professional Services (2) Tourism (1) Urban/ Streetscape Design (1). Nomination Forms for this Advisory Committee are available from Council or by contacting me. Nominations close on **December 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**Sewerage:** Council is currently engaged in discussions with all relevant state government departments regarding the construction of a sewer rising main from Top Kowrowa to the Kuranda Sewerage Treatment Plant. Final funding estimates are being prepared. This matter has been an issue of concern for some years and it is hoped that it will now be progressed further.

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Many thanks to the new proprietors of Fronds nursery, Ben and Cassie, who have donated us a collection of the local fan palm, *Licuala ramsyii*. These particular specimens have a clumping habit, not suitable for sale, rather a curiosity, and so Cassie and Ben have very generously donated them. Slow growing, they'll make lovely potted specimens until large enough to plant out, if you have a moist shady spot.

**Our disappearing frogs**

Frogs remained the topic of the month with a special talk by frog researcher Dr. Conrad Hoskins last Monday night. He spoke on frogs of the rainforest, their special place in the ecosystem and of the local Myola frog. Conrad mentioned that rainforest frogs have specific water quality requirements to ensure their survival. He pointed to the development in the Redlynch valley where he has found rainforest frogs have not survived that development. Only open forest species exist there now, where there was once rainforest species. A sobering thought for any future development of the Myola area. We have a few copies of Conrad's new book on frogs, available for those who

missed the opportunity to get one (\$16 ).  
**A successful launch – 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

The Kuranda Greencorp team invited various community members and councillors to their official launch and morning tea at the riverside on Jum Run Creek walkway. It was a glorious day, a beautiful setting and a great deal of hope and support was offered to the young team members. It was good to see how well they worked together in organising the celebration. Thanks to those individuals who spoke encouragingly to the team members, it really does make a difference.

**A celebration on the way to restoring ecosystems**

A very successful bbq and field walk and talk was held at the Myola planting site to celebrate the BRICMA Green Corridor project success over the past 3 years. To date - 65,000 trees planted and 55ha under maintenance. The Myola site is looking great with maintainance by CVA and was planted out by many volunteers including CVA, Greencorp, Better Earth international teams and Kuranda community members. A credit to all involved and we wish the sponsors and the project continued success in their aim to revegetate the length of the Barron River and ultimately restore the river to a healthy ecosystem.

**Volunteer for a special rainforest experience**

Giant white tailed rats are important as predator and prey. Their ability to disperse large seeds in the rainforest, which are too big for other animals to carry, make them a key player in the functioning of our rainforests. Gabrielle Eiris Phd student from Sth America is here studying them. There are several sites that she visits regularly to inspect her traps and has developed a very special relationship with the surrounding rainforest and its inhabitants. She gets to see the forest in a way very few people do. "I see its daily and seasonal cycles, I get to know those who live there and experience the true beauty of the rainforest". She'd love to share this experience with others and you would also be assisting in the research.

Please call (07) 4093 9119 or 0448 695 550 if you would like to join her on a trapping session or if you would simply like more information.

**Flowering this Month**

Black Bean (*Castanospermum australe*)

The bright yellow, turning to red, flowers of the Black Bean tree are clustered on the larger branches, partly hidden amongst the dense foliage of this attractive North Queensland tree. Ranging from Iron Range to near Lismore in Northern NSW, and also found in Vanuatu, the Black Bean is well known as a shade and ornamental tree. Some have been planted beside the pensioners' cottages on the way in to Kuranda. The large seeds were eaten by Aboriginal Australians after roasting and leaching, as they are poisonous prior to treatment, and have been known to kill livestock. Today the alkaloids they contain are researched for their anti-cancer and HIV properties. The flowers attract many insects and birds, and at least four species of flying fox which are the tree's main pollinators.



**WHAT'S COMING UP**  
**Community Tropical Tree Planting day.**

**Sat. Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Let's plant 1000 seedlings!**


Come and join our Kuranda Greencorp team for a community tree planting Sat. morning behind the Kuranda State school oval, a good end to the year. This site is part of the BRICMA Green Corridor project and will be maintained by the Greencorp team and Kuranda Envirocare after it's been planted out.

Bring your hat, water bottle and gloves, and a trowel if possible. We'll start at 8am, no holes to dig, they'll be done already. Just tap the seedling from its pot, place in the hole, backfill with soil, firm in and move to the next one. The Greencorp team will do the watering in.

We'll have 1000 trees planted in plenty of time for a scrumptious morning tea at 9:30am. Access via roadway between Primary and Secondary campus. Watch for signs in school carpark.

**Envirocare Xmas Picnic**  
**6<sup>th</sup> April 5pm Big Sands**

Celebrate with us another year well planted. We've put 6,500 trees in 2 Ha, sequestering around 20 tonnes of carbon per year (1 car emits about 4 tonnes per year), and maintained another 5ha from previous years. Bring gear for a relaxing river swim, folding chair and a plate to share. We'll have some drinks available. RSVP Marg 4093 8393.



**KURANDA conservation COMMUNITY NURSERY Inc**  
 1 Pademelon Lane, Kuranda (off Fallon Road). Ph: 4093 8834

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**FAT WORMS ON THE JOB**  
**Construction of our 8-bay worm farm is underway.**  
 Under the guidance of Willy Hill, professional concreter and block layer, we now have the formwork in place, ready to pour the concrete floor. We feed the worms volumes of native animal poo, which they just love, and they produce the best soil for our potting mix. Native animals eating native vegetation and making native soil for our native plants - what recycling perfection! The chemical mix and consistency is right so we don't have to add any fertilizers. Mission Australia is funding the project.  
 If you want worms for fishing, we have the biggest, yummiest worms for you - FREE. Please get your worms from us rather than digging away at the river bank, which causes erosion and undermines the trees. It'll give you more time for fishing. You know where we are.

**ARE YOU POISONING WALLABIES?**  
**Putting out scraps for the wildlife could be killing them. You might mean well, but feeding them food they are not able to digest could be giving them pain, making them sick and even killing them.**  
 Bread is a particular problem mainly because of its yeast content. Processed yeast is not a naturally occurring food for our wildlife. It may grow fungi (mould) which the animal cannot cope with.  
 It is illegal to feed wildlife for good scientific reasons. You can become more environmentally responsible if you think twice about whether your discarded scraps contain matters which is foreign to this environment.

**FERAL PIGS**  
 While you might feel that not enough is being done to manage the feral pig problem, we are taking on the challenge by fabricating our own traps for you to use.  
 Catching the animals is only part of the problem. Once caught they have to be "despatched" humanly and swiftly. We are working in league with our local pig exterminators to this end. But that's not the end of it either - then the carcass has to be disposed of. You can bury it if you have the energy to dig a big hole in tough soil or you can call in a backhoe at some cost.  
 To rev up the government, we are collecting signatures on a petition to get more help.

**MONEY FROM PLASTIC BAGS**  
**Congratulations** to Colinda and Ray at FOODWORKS for biting the bullet on plastic bags. You'll now pay for the plastic bags you use. Colinda reports that more and more people are getting the habit to bring their reusable bags with them.  
 Charging for plastic bags when shoppers have taken them for granted is a brave move. There are the odd one or two who have been slow to take responsibility for their own shopping bags and vented their misguided abuse.  
 It may make it better (or more wrathful) for them to know that the money raised by sale of the plastic bags will be donated to worthy Kuranda causes.

**AGM and celebratory lunch at KCons nursery on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November.**  
**GET A FREE "CASSOWARY COUNTRY" SIGN** from K-Cons. These signs on your gate or fence let others know the value you place on your property and ask them to respect it accordingly.  
**HIRE A TRAILER FOR THAT ODD JOB** from K-Cons at 1 Pademelon Lane. Ph: 4093 8834



**Green seed pods of the Black Bean.**

## KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE, FALLON ROAD

"Your Club". Open for new and existing members. Looking for something to do Friday nights with your family or friends?

**Keen to join a Kuranda community group?** Check out what's happening at Kuranda Recreation Centre.

**Membership enquiries?** Contact Rebecca 4093 8460.

**Need a venue** for a private function? A business function? Or a community group meeting place?

Contact Arch on 4093 7511 or Gary on 4093 8399.

Weekday	Activity	When?	Contact?
Tuesday	Tai Chi classes	5.30pm	Les Anwyl on 4093 8276
Wednesday	Salsa Dancing Lessons	Every Wednesday 6.30pm till 7.30pm	Kevin on 0414 364 965.
Friday	Bare Foot Bowls and BBQ	Every Friday 6pm - 10pm. Extra activities for everyone: Pool tables, darts, Mah Jong, cards, open bar, music and sports TV available. Kids can bring their own board games and sporting equipment if they want. <b>New members welcome!</b>	Lorraine on 4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124
Saturday	Car Boot sale - come along as a buyer or seller	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. 8am till 11am Kuranda Recreation Centre car park, Fallon Road.	Interested sellers? Contact Gary on 4093 8399
Sunday	The Film Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. 4pm till 8pm.	Margaret or Hans on 4093 8393.

**FNQ Wildlife Rescue** is a non-profit volunteer organisation which cares for orphaned, sick and injured native wildlife. We are in need of volunteers to help out in our centre in Manunda. If you can help please phone Renee 40382436 or 0439 743 993

**Cantata Choir to Sing Again**  
The popular Cantata Choir will be reforming in January 2009. Rehearsals will start on Tuesday, January 13th, in the Uniting Church, Mareeba from 7.30 - 9.30pm. There are no auditions. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome. The Cantata, "God Moments, the Crossroads of Life" will be performed in Kuranda, Atherton, Cairns and Mareeba over the weekend of April 3,4,5. Anyone interested may contact Ruth for further information. phone 4093 0303.

### Cairns to Kuranda Shuttle

Departures	Daily
Cairns (Spence st)	6:45 AM 8:30 AM 11:30 PM 1:30 PM 3:00 PM
Cairns (Central)	6:50 AM 8:35 AM 11:35 PM 1:35 PM 3:15 PM
Kuranda	7:30 AM 9:15 AM 12:15 PM 2:15 PM 4:00 PM

### Kuranda to Cairns Shuttle

Departures	Daily
Kuranda	7:30 AM 9:15 AM 12:30 PM 2:15 PM 4:15 PM
Cairns (Central)	8:10 AM 9:55 AM 1:10 PM 2:55 PM 4:55 PM
Cairns (Spence st)	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:15 PM 3:00 PM 5:00 PM

### CAIRNS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

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

Open Monday to Saturday 10 am - 3 pm. Research facilities available.

Monthly meetings of the Society are on second Thursday of each month. Become a member now. The Historical Society is always seeking historic photographs, documents and artefacts.

Ph. 0740515582.



**DATES for PREP OPEN DAYS**  
COME AND VISIT PREP IN TERM 4  
WEEK 3 - FRI 24/10/08 - KINDY & COMMUNITY  
WEEK 5 - MON 3/11 - FAFT group  
TUES 4/11 - FAFT group  
WED 5/11 - FAFT group  
WEEK 8 - FRI 28/11/08 - KINDY/COMMUNITY

### Kuranda Recreation Centre First Annual General Meeting

Will be held at the Kuranda Recreation Centre Fallon Road, Kuranda at

**3pm on Saturday 29 November 2008.**

Business on notice will be the presentation of the financial report and the election of a management committee. Members and interested members of the community are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by 20 November to any of 4093 7511, 4093 7109, 4093 8222 or 4093 9583.

## KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE UPDATE

**The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Centre, Fallon Road at 3pm on 29 November 2008.**

Les, the Tai Chi instructor who holds classes at the Centre on Tuesdays has provided this article on the benefits of TAI CHI:

Tai chi comes from ancient China and the full name is *Tai chi chuan* which can be translated as 'Ultimate energy boxing'. This gives away its origins and original purpose as a martial art. Original Tai chi is one of the so called 'soft' or internal styles of Kung fu. Mostly these days it is practiced for its ability to heal rather than to harm and most modern forms have deleted the explosive or 'fa-jing' moves, making it suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

The healing aspects are based on the principles of traditional Chinese medicine and its study of the flow of energy or life force around the body. Deep breathing techniques are combined with gentle stretching and smooth relaxed movements designed to build, circulate and balance energy around the body. It is a wholistic approach to exercise which includes exercise of the mind as well, since considerable concentration and awareness is required to complete a long set of movements or 'form'.

'Chi kung' is usually practiced as a supplement to Tai chi, these breathing and stretching exercises are great to build strength, balance and invigorate body and mind. Many benefits, physical and mental have been well established with scientific studies of Tai chi and Chi Kung, but like everything, you only get out proportional to what you put in!

Classes are held every Tuesday night at the sports club.

**Fee is \$10 per lesson for club members.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Tablelands Regional Council**

**Kuranda Transfer Station Opening Times**  
Monday & Friday 7am - 10am Wednesday 3pm - 6pm  
Saturday 8am - 12pm Sunday 1pm - 5pm

Kuranda Branch Library and Council Office

www.library.msc.qld.gov.au

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	11am - 6pm	4-12 Thooree Street
<b>Wednesday</b>	11am - 5pm	Phone 4093 9185
<b>Thursday</b>	11am - 5pm	
<b>Friday</b>	9am - 12noon	No council services are available on Saturday
<b>Saturday</b>	9am - 12noon	

# KIS

The Kuranda Film Society will cease activities for the Christmas season and re-commence on the first Sunday in February. Details will be in the February edition of this paper

## Kuranda Aquatic Centre

*Public Swimming Pool*

Est. September 2008

### OPENING HOURS

1<sup>st</sup> September - 30<sup>th</sup> June

Monday	12 noon - 6.00pm
Tues - Fri	6.00am - 6.00pm
Saturday	8.00am - 6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am - 5.00pm

Closed Christmas Day & Good Friday

### ADMISSION PRICES

Adults (17 yrs +)	\$3.50
Concession (3 yrs +)	\$2.50
Spectators	\$1.50
Family (2A + 2C)	\$9.50
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**Managers Gary & Linda Davis**

Ph: 40937109 Mob: 0437255229  
262 Myola Road, Kuranda

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 Donations to support land care work.

Kuranda Envirocare 4093 9926

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Land for Wildlife: This great program continues to be run by Kuranda Envirocare with an experienced officer trained to do assessments. If you want recognition for your property's wildlife habitat value, have it registered as Land for Wildlife.

Phone Margaret on 4093 8393 or Andrew on 4093 8223

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**SPEEWAH COUNTRY MARKET**

Every Sunday 8.00am – 2.00pm

Local Produce – Country Prices

Have a stall \$2.00

Enquiries 4093 0361

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**TRIBAL STYLE BELLYDANCE**

Next six week beginner course commencing 15 Jan 2009

Please contact Lisa for details

kurandatribal@gmail.com

or phone 0458 182 489

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**Professional Woman**

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4093 9063

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**KURANDA FRESH WHOLEFOODS**

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**Ice Cream**

**Including Cliff's famous Christmas Plum Pudding Ice Cream**

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Seasons Greetings  
 Thank you for your  
**JUST GORGEOUS**  
 support in 2008

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**QS Sleepmaker Mattress/Base \$140**

**Double Sleepmaker mattress \$60**

**Single Sealy Posturepedic mattress \$40**

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**Daytime bed cushions \$8**

**Café tables from \$25**

**Phone: 4093 0773**

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**Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 104**

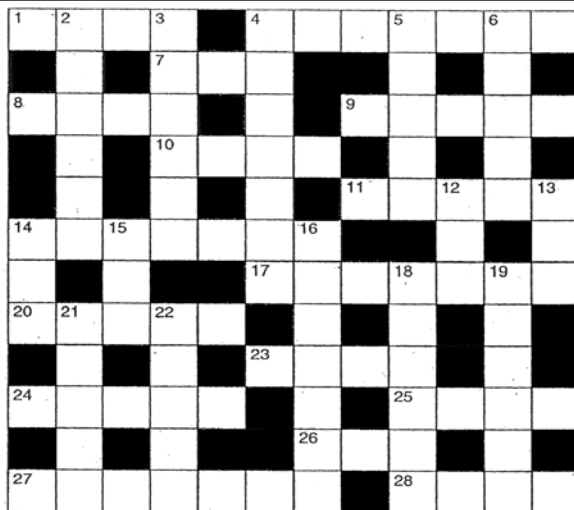
Compiled by John Brooksbank

**Across**

1. Who substituted it for gin?
- 4& 6 down. Centre point for Anzac Day parades & public conveniences. (7,5)
- 7 Skater heads off early reggae music.
8. Droppings begone!
9. What you expect to be after visiting Dr. Cuming – a miracle.
10. Eager to return a prima donna.
11. Swoon when in fat company.
14. Tip up pea coat in your shoe. (1,3,3)
17. When no ordinary version exists look to your first unusual thing.
20. Track becomes a test.
23. Stake in the Antenna Guy.
24. Tapes up a mixture for poor jewellery.
25. Nascent branches consumed by Americans?
26. You and I become flightless.
27. Spear a label.
28. Wise herb from Foodworks.

**Down**

2. Pass in front of the magical.
3. Steve Dominicovics' is real.
4. St. Christopher's home base?
5. She's found further north on the Cape.
6. See 4 across.
12. What you are before 9 down.
13. Play with half an iconic Japanese product.
14. Almost silly at the back of the Coondoo Street Ark.
15. I boil it up and belt it in Japan.
16. Found in Caroline's Dog House – one trip for grooming in Speewah on Mondays.
18. Eastern picture story takes one through the gates of hell.
19. Good PT for ace canine, another one for Caroline!. (3,3)
21. Respond to perform again at the Amphitheatre perhaps.
22. Cat around it at the top of the house.



Answers No. 105



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

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Meetings:  
 For meeting information contact Diane  
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# Community Calendar

**Every Sat** **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting bee, phone 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au  
**Kuranda Tennis Club** Junior lessons 8.30am beg, 9.15am intermediate. Fallon Road. Court hire avail. Ph 40937666

**1st Sat** **Car Boot Sale** Recreation Centre carpark Fallon Road 8 am - 11 am Phone Gary Davis 4093 8399

**Every Sun** **Garden Group** 2 pm Phone David or Graham 4093 9492  
**A.A. CWA Hall** 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599  
**Kuranda Bowls Club** Please contact Lorraine on 4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124  
**Speewah Country Market** 8am to 2pm 4093 0361

**1st Sun** **R.S.L.** 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.  
**Kuranda Film Society** 4 pm - 8pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393

**Every Mon** **Al-Anon Family Groups** 8 pm Phone Diane 4093 0462  
**Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm – 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Pilates classes** at Speewah Studio 6.30 pm Phone 4093 0732  
**H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span)** Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9:00 start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617

**1st Mon** **Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30 pm Mantaka  
**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30 pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026

**3rd Mon** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933

**Every Tue** **Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults** 7.00 pm QCWA hall Ph 4093 8682  
**Tai Chi** Kuranda Recreation Centre 5:30 pm Ph Les Anwyl 4093 8276  
**8 Ball** 7.00 pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537  
**Belly Dance** at Amphitheatre Understage. Have fun and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393  
**The KCCT** meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel.  
**Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St. Saviour's Church.  
**Spring Festival meeting.** 5:00pm. 1 Pademelon Ln, Kuranda 4093 8834. All Welcome.

**1st Tue**  
**2nd Tue**  
**3rd Tue**

**Every Wed** **Craft and social** morning at QCWA hall 9 am  
**Kuranda Playgroup** – 9:30 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre - New families please RSVP Lisa ph 4093 0038 or Michelle ph 4093 9851  
**Baha'i "Spirit of the Forest"** 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St.  
**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm – 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Yoga** at CWA  
**Kuranda Bowls Club** Kuranda Recreation Centre contact Lorraine on 4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124  
**Salsa dancing.** Kuranda Recreation Centre 6:30 -7:30 pm Ph Kevin 0414 364 965

**1st Wed** **Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** at 2.00 pm at KNC

**2nd Wed** **QCWA meeting** 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016  
**Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group** – 10 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

**Every Thur** **Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682  
**Women's Acapella Choir** 7 pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New voices welcome

**2nd Thur** **Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road  
**Every Fri** **H.A.L.S.** Stretch Yoga. 4.45pm for 5pm start at QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617 or 4093 7401  
**Barefoot bowls and BBQ.** Kuranda Recreation Centre 6pm-10pm Ph Lorraine 4093 9583 or Sylvia 4093 7124 by Wed prior for catering purposes.

PLEASE CHECK THAT INFORMATION IS CORRECT

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

**FIRE** or other emergencies – please phone 000  
**SES Flood or Storm emergencies** – please phone 132 500  
**Kuranda SES phone** Bob on 4093 9143 or 0408 939 143  
**Rural Fire Brigade Contacts .**

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

## Kuranda Transfer Station Opening Times

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

## JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

To :-	SPEEWAH	0900	0900	1000
	KOAH		1300	
		*1530	*1530	
		1750	1750	1630
EX:-	KOAH	#0705	#0705	#0815
		#1315	#1315	
		*1550	*1550	
EX:-	SPEEWAH	#0710	#0710	#0820
		#1320	#1320	
		*1540	*1540	

\* SCHOOL DAYS ONLY  
 # BOOKING REQUIRED  
**NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & XMAS DAY**  
 TEL JOHN 0418772953

## JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

	MON&TUES	WEDtoFRI	P/HOL & SAT/SUN	
DEPARTS	#0725	#0725	0830	(SCHOOL DAYS ONLY)
KURANDA	1330	0900	1500	W/CRT 1450
	1530	1130		REDLYNCH 1455
		1330		CARAVONICA 1505
		1530		SMITHFIELD 1510
DEPARTS	**0825	0825	0930	ALL SERVICES EXCEPT
CAIRNS	1715	1000	**1600	1000 GO TO SPEEWAH & KOAH IF REQUIRED.
		1230		
		1715		

\*\* ATHERTON & MAREEBA  
 # VIA CARAVONICA, RAINTREES, W/CRT, TAFE, CAIRNS CITY.  
**NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY XMAS DAY.**  
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## Local Bus Timetables



### ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS BUS TIMETABLE

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

### CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS BUS TIMETABLE

Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday	Sunday
CAIRNS	8.30 am	3.15 pm	5.30 pm	9.30 am	1.00 pm
KURANDA	9.05 am	3.55 pm	6.05 pm	10.05 am	1.40 pm
MAREEBA	9.40 am	4.30 pm	6.40 pm	10.40 am	2.15 pm
ATHERTON (arrive)	10.15 am	5.00 pm	7.15 pm	11.15 am	2.45 pm
ATHERTON (depart)	11.00 am	3.00 pm	5.15 pm		
HERBERTON	11.20 am	3.30 pm	5.35 pm		
RAVENSHOE	Noon	4.05 pm	6.15 pm		

Operated by Kerry's Bus Service  
 0000 School days only  
 Connects with Chillagoe Bus Service Mon / Wed / Fri

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

**Ticket purchases can be made at:**  
 • Phillips News, Atherton;  
 • Mareeba News, Mareeba; or  
 • from the driver as you board the bus.

**The bus stops are located at:**  
 • 46 Spence Street, Cairns,  
 • 15 Therwine Street, Kuranda,  
 • Old Railway Station, Mareeba, and  
 • Phillips News, Atherton.

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

THERE ARE NO SERVICES OPERATING ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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